

Actually, Jeff tells the story pretty well himself, so I'll step aside for a while and let him do just that:

"We started diagnosing his craft and found that the hose on each engine that pressurizes the intercooler had a hole in it, so we ordered two new hoses from VW (the same basic engine that comes in the VW Jetta). That took a few days, and then we noticed that one engine was still setting a code P1556 - Charge Pressure Control; Negative Deviation.

"Not knowing what else to do, I got out the old bottle of soapy water for finding AC leaks and found some other leaks at different joints. After fixing them, and doing other maintenance (like changing engine oil, etc.), we found a problem still existed with this engine. Out with the soap again ... and we found the big leak!

"The intercoolers are bolted to the top of the craft, and they were both leaking air profusely. Bad brazing from England! The radiators and intercoolers are mounted flat on top of the craft,

behind the cabin. The air that's blown under the craft to lift it is sucked down from the top, through them. After removing and dismantling them, he (Robert) spoke to VW, Griffon, and the company that had built them for Griffon, and finally opted to let my friend that owns a radiator shop re-braze them.

"After fixing all that, we finally got him back to the river where he gave many rides to local folks. When they left, he took my two sons and me to Memphis and back; a two-hour round trip."

Jeff did much more than help Robert fix his hovercraft. He also happens to be a musician, and took Robert along when he and some friends participated in a country-music competition (they didn't win). He also took Robert along on a hot-air balloon ride, and to Memphis Motorsports to watch some auto racing. All in all, it sounds that Robert Hodson not only had his hovercraft successfully repaired, but received a mega-dose of southern hospitality

to boot.

Our thanks to Jeff Yarbrough for this interesting anecdote, and a look at something most of us usually don't see. But even greater thanks to Jeff for being the type of "Good Guy" that makes ATRA the solid, professional organization that 50 years of effort has created.



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- Samuel Johnson



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