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2009 Volvo XC70 T6 AWD ASR

BY KATHLEEN CARR

Stylish wagons like the 2009 Volvo XC70 look pretty good. Based on the front-wheel-drive V70 wagon, the XC70 adds standard all-wheel drive, a raised suspension, skid plates and rough-and-tumble SUV styling cues. The XC70 is sporting a new turbocharged inline-6.

The T6 loses a bit of displacement, from 3.2 liters to 3.0, but gains a formidable 46 horsepower and 59 pound-feet of torque over the base engine. Other T6 AWD features include standard 17-inch alloy wheels, dual exhaust outlets and a unique instrument cluster.

The 2009 Volvo XC70 has a smooth and refined ride befit-



Specifications: 3.0 liter, 6 cylinder Alloy Engine w DOHC; 6 speed automatic transmission; 15 city mpg, 22 highway mpg; \$46985 MSRP

ting its premium status. Don't expect to have any fun, however, the XC70 is markedly smaller than most crossover SUVs, so it feels more maneuverable in tight spots. Acceleration from the base six-cylinder engine is sluggish and rather coarse for a premium brand; the new turbocharged power plant should help matters considerably. The XC70 is one of a

very few vehicles to offer integrated height-adjustable child booster seats, and its exterior and interior styling bear the unmistakable stamp of Swedish sophistication -- with a dash of

off-road toughness thrown in. The big news for the 2009 Volvo XC70 is the addition of the turbocharged T6 model. In other changes, Bluetooth connectivity is now standard and

the new Technology Package includes satellite radio, active bi-xenon headlights with washers, a premium audio system and rear-seat headphone jacks and audio controls.

Rose Quarter Bike Lanes Added at Transit Center

For the first time, bikes are legally allowed to travel through the Rose Quarter Transit Center. TriMet, the city of Portland, the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and the Lloyd District Transportation Management Association have been working together for the past year to make it safe to allow

bikes through the area. Given the proximity of the Eastside Esplanade and the Vancouver/Williams bike corridor, the transit center was a critical barrier for cyclists and the alternative bike route around the transit center was difficult to navigate.

"The Rose Quarter is one of our busiest transit centers with many MAX trains, buses and pedestrians making transfer connections," said TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen. "With a lot of creative thinking by all of our partners, we made changes to the area to allow cyclists to

ride through the transit center while keeping it safe for our operators and riders." BTA Advocate and Educator Michelle Poyourow added, "Making the Rose Quarter work better for cyclists has been one of BTA's top priorities over the past few years."

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Dear Deanna!

I broke up with this girl two years ago. We both moved on but now we've started talking as friends. During this time she had a baby by someone else. I have a girlfriend but I take care of this baby as if it's mine. My ex calls me sometimes and other times she curses me and dogs me out but I don't say anything. I still have feelings for her as if I want to be with her. What should I do? -- Help Me Out; Toledo, Ohio

Ask Deanna!



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ering how she treats you nothing has changed. Therefore son, you need to "man up" and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend hasn't proposed to me yet and I'm tired of waiting. We've been together for 5 years and have 2 kids together. I cook, clean and sacrifice for him and feel I should have the title of wife. I know he has commitment issues, but is it wrong for me to set an ultimatum? --Vita Jones; Queens, N.Y.

Dear Vita:

God didn't put you here to wear the title of "Miss Fool." You

should've given your ultimatum before your first child was born. If he hasn't proposed by now, Valentine's Day won't make a difference. Make your commitment desires known and stress the importance of setting a manly example for his kids. If he doesn't do the right thing after two kids you're stuck in fornication and only you can decide to stay or set yourself free.

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She was born Nov. 22, 1939 and died Oct. 15, 2008 of cancer at age 68.

She was preceded in death by her father, a dear cousin and a grandson. She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Marvin Frison; her mother, Annie McMurrian; six children from her previous marriage to Claude Pierce, Claude Jr, Greg, Georgann, Debbie, William and Pauline; 10 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and a host of friends and loved ones.

She will be well remembered for her great cooking skills and genuine love for all people.



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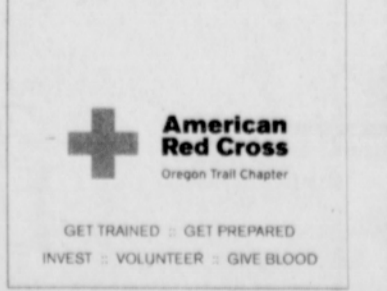
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