

**Great Lakes Chapter
Volvo Club of America
Minutes for our Bi-Monthly Board Meeting**
Gilmore Car Museum <http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.com/>

Wednesday, July 23, 2025, 6:00 pm

In Attendance: David (President), Joyce Irvine. Jeff (Treasurer), Gwen Von Holten, Al Bulgrin (Secretary), Paul Fletcher (Webmaster), and Nancy Hourigan.

The meeting commenced at 6:15 pm.

Announcements: None

Treasurer's Report: Jeff reported current balances:

Cash = \$24.00 to be deposited into the checking account

Comerica = \$1117.14

PayPal = \$77.63

I. Recap: The SAAB group / Air-Cooled Group / Great Lakes Volvo Club "Volvos at the Gilmore 10.5" June 14th from 9 am to 4 pm. Those attending reported positively on the 10.5 meeting and the efforts of the Saab group in organizing and conducting it. Jeff reported that around 70 Volvos attended and were neatly parked in the lot at the south end of the site. Doug Morell came with "Tang", his orange ES from St. Louis. There was general agreement to continue associating with the Saab group for future joint events.

* FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING: Look at the old checklist and put it on Google Docs. These are untouched and need to be edited/cleaned up. They should be reconstructed/modified/simplified for Volvos at the Gilmore XI in 2026 planning:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZxFKQijBoPDCIFHt4rYFkmm9-jbLsbjVAmVTz5tkYPE/edit?usp=sharing>

II. "Patriots' Motor Show and Festival 2025 at the Chief Noonday Car Park on Saturday, July 5, 2025. David Irvine and Rod Kuznicki attended.

Still need to verify/fix the Instagram account and check it on the website

www.greatlakesvolvoclub.org The links seem to work, but the Instagram says "log in."

If you ignore it, it still goes to the page. Not sure if anything needs to be fixed.

<https://www.facebook.com/greatlakesvolvoclub/>

<https://www.instagram.com/greatlakesvolvoclub/>

Paul, will insert FB and Instagram links in the brochure.

Click HERE to see our new Chapter Brochure

<https://www.greatlakesvolvoclub.org/>

David mentioned this event in Douglas, in conjunction with FuelFed. This website mentions:

September 20: 9:00 am to 11:00 am. FuelFed Coffee & Classics in Douglas, MI.

<https://fuelfed.wordpress.com/events-calendar/>

David will not be able to attend. If you go, it would be on your own. Other event possibilities were discussed, including a visit to the Meijer Gardens, as our former president, Tim Cox, is a docent there and drives the tram. Tim is looking into a group discount. We are targeting Saturday, October 18, 2025. If we choose to eat out afterwards, please come up with ideas for a restaurant by our

September meeting, or we will focus on staying at the Gardens. Here is the communication that will go out to members with our minutes:

Join us at Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park on Saturday, Oct 18, 2025 at 1:00pm for an afternoon adventure. PLEASE arrive at the main entrance where you pay for tickets promptly at 1 so we can get the group discount. We will begin with a private narrated tram ride hosted by our own Tim Cox. It will last 1/2 hour and give us a good overview of the whole park.

Following the tram ride we will have the afternoon to explore the park on our own. Things like The Japanese Garden, The Shade Garden, The English Perennial Garden, and the Sculpture Garden are all available. After the park closes at 5:00, we will travel to a restaurant (to be determined) and share a meal.

The discounted cost for admission to the Park and the private tram tour is \$26.00 each (normally \$30) We need an informal count, so Please RSVP to David at jirvine123@yahoo.com NO LATER THAN Thursday, October 16, 2025. David will document those who have RSVP'd on this google sheet online:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xkAOhqlg5CZhC5gKuNG_u56_k1UQV3sY6qBtWm2OToo/edit?usp=sharing

Meijer Gardens has been voted #1 Sculpture Park in the US for three years in a row by USA Today. By mid October leaves will be turning, and the place should be lovely. For more information on the Gardens, go to:

<https://www.meijergardens.org/>

September meeting/dates: Wednesday, September 24, 2025. Nancy mentioned Sly's in Paw Paw <https://slysseafoodco.com/> as a possibility, with general agreement. Details to be determined.

David to follow up with Bill Bailey to see if he has the artwork for the GLVCOA logo. We are not renewing our volvoclub.us domain and therefore, need to remove that from the logo.

The meeting concluded at 7:15 pm with a brief chat with the museum director Nick LaCasse, reported general success with the car events and a willingness to work with us going forward. John Hansen, a former antique/classic auto appraiser who presented to our club via Zoom in the past, and the current director of the Classic Car Club of America Museum, a partner museum within the Gilmore Car Museum.

Respectfully submitted by Al Bulgrin, Secretary.

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