

**GREAT LAKES CHAPTER
VOLVO CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2014 MEETING**

The Great Lakes Chapter of the Volvo Club of America met at Clara's Restaurant, Lansing, MI. President Jim Webb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members present included Randy Snyder, Ray Brown, Al Bulgrin, Bob Riggs, Bill Bailey, Nancy and John Northup, Janet and John Mendler, Joyce and Jim Webb, Rick Webb, Bonnie and Daryl Tammen.

Nancy Northup presented the Treasurers Report through May 20, 2014. The Club has a fund balance of \$1,832.65, the highest ever. Nancy reported that since the March meeting, nine members had paid their dues for a total of \$108. Three new members joined the club: Stephen Grassi and Lisa and Daniel Klionsky for a total of \$24 added revenue.

On motion by Rick Webb, supported by Ray Brown, the minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting were approved.

Members present thanked Nancy and John Northup for organizing the Annual Spring Dust-Off at Snook's Dream Cars Garage, which is located near Bowling Green, Ohio. Some members of the Ohio Club also attended. Nancy Northup reported that Horst Gienapp, President of the Ohio Chapter of the Volvo Club, has offered to organize next year's spring dust-off in Dayton, Ohio, for both our chapters. He noted that there are car museums and the United States Air Force Museum in and around Dayton.

President Webb stated that the Volvos at Gilmore V would be discussed. He noted that time is an issue for the planning that is needed. He encouraged all members to volunteer and participate in this important event. He also stated that the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation has built a new building at Gilmore and they are planning to dedicate their new presence on the same date as Volvos at Gilmore, August 9, 2014.

President Jim reported that David Irvine was unable to attend the meeting. He said that David had contacted him to advise him that David was writing an article for the next Rolling magazine to publicize our event.

President Jim reported that Tim Cox was also unable to attend. Tim has volunteered to take care of ordering the tee shirts to be included in the registration packet.

President Jim reported that hotel arrangements have been made with the Holiday Inn, Sprinkle Road, Kalamazoo, for those who travel and need a place to stay for the event. He mentioned that conference room rates are available. The Saturday evening dinner, which is included in the registration, will also be at the Holiday Inn. He asked for volunteers to serve on the menu committee for the dinner. Bonnie and Daryl Tammen will serve on the committee.

Goody bags for the attendees were discussed. President Jim asked members for suggestions of items to be included. The following items were mentioned: maps of Michigan and the western part of the state, local products which are unique to this area and might be contributed by processors, canners, manufacturers, area Travel Bureaus and Chamber of Commerce. Specific suggestions were bottled water, snacks, and items from Michigan Volvo dealers or donations to defray some of the cost. Betten Volvo donated \$250 in 2012.

President Jim discussed raffle items, which can be displayed during the meet. Rick Webb suggested that a bag or box be placed in front of each of the raffle items. Attendees would then place their raffle tickets in the box representing their preferred choice. At a prearranged time, a drawing would be taken from each box to determine the winner of the corresponding item. The idea was well received. All members need to help by suggesting and soliciting raffle items. Daryl Tammen reported that response from some of the main parts suppliers has been timid with only FCP sending gift certificates and a tee shirt.

It was agreed to use the same car categories as the last time since we already have the signs. Al Bulgrin and John Northup volunteered to place signs and direct the cars when they arrive. Gilmore employees will place signs directing the cars to the Volvo parking area.

Plaques and trophies were discussed. These need to be ordered so volunteers are needed especially those members who are familiar with these items from past experience. That also includes lanyards, ID cards for the lanyards, windshield signs for the cars.

President Jim asked for suggestions and ideas for entertainment, videos, or speakers following the Saturday evening dinner. He noted that Irv Gordon has been invited to attend the rally.

Nancy Northup noted that only two Club pins remain of the initial 100. There was discussion about ordering pins with the new logo, to be available for sale at the meet, if possible. Tim Cox had obtained the last pins.

Bill Bailey asked about posting the meeting on Brickboard and other groups of interest to Volvo owners. President Jim said that was a good idea and he encouraged members to use social media to help promote the event.

Anyone who is able to volunteer for any assignments, please contact Jim Webb.

President Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM

Daryl Tammen, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25
6:00 PM
AT THE GILMORE**

**THIS IS CRUZ NITE.
WE ARE HAVING AN IMPORTANT MEETING.
PLEASE ATTEND!!!**