



**Great Lakes Chapter – Volvo Club of America / Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 6:00 pm, Virtual Meeting**

President: David Irvine / Secretary: Joyce Webb / Treasurer: David Riedle

The Great Lakes Volvo Club of America (VCOA) is not meeting during the month of January, due to the cold weather and snow. President David Irvine sent notes to regular members who attend monthly meeting for input. Al Bulgrin and Gretta VanBree, David and Jo Lau, Tim and Harriet Cox, Jeff and Gwen Von Holden, David Riedle, Rick Webb, Jim and Joyce Webb, Gary Cooper, Ashton James, and last but not least, John and Janet Mendler.

David Riedle announced that due to heavy work constraints, he is no longer able to be treasurer. His schedule has gotten unbelievably complicated recently, and this will only increase in the foreseeable future. He mentioned it's not fair to the club due to his work constraints and not being able to do club business in a timely fashion. He will be sending you everything to President David Irvine shortly. He asked to be removed from the Comerica account, update the website and the form to renew club membership. Mr. Irvine thanked Mr. Riedle for his efforts over the past year and has helped with details for our last meet, and plaque for the former Treasurers the Northup's. Mr. Jeff VonHolden has agreed to be our new treasurer. Mr. Irvine will contact Comerica to see about making arrangements to be transferred to our club's account.

Mr. Irvine has reported he has the last membership list from October and is finalizing having this updated. He also is working on the financial report for 2018. Mr. Irvine is looking for a treasurer. In the meantime, he has approached member Jeff Von Holden about advising in the interim until we have an official treasurer. There is not much to manage once our annual report is completed, which is 80% done. The discussion around club members is to make the club easier to run and spend our balance down by half and just maintain enough for an occasional event and to pay for the annual web site. We will use social media to come up with more activities that are easier to publicize and cross promote with other automotive events. Mr. Von Holden said that he and his wife Gwen should be able to assist with the advising of the treasury and help keep an eye on the books. As they live 15 minutes from Mr. Irvine, it would be easy for them to periodically meet.

Also, as our treasurer is stepping down, we are looking to shift our meetings closer to the elected board members, which is more in west Michigan. We have some members interested if we meet closer to where they live, but we also have discussed meeting east occasionally. John and Janet Mendler and Bill and Penny Bailey are the "regulars" who live further east, and we would like to keep them active and to occasionally still meet east.

Volvos VIII will be on Saturday, July, 18, 2020.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,783.69 as of 1/23/19. We have received almost the full \$100 to pay for the "Irv Gordon Memorial Brick for the Gilmore." The funds have been secured through additional donations during membership renewal. Mr. Irvine will finalize the wording and drop a check off to the Gilmore by the end of January to meet their deadline for the next order.

A new brochure of our club has been printed but due to the change in treasurer, Mr. Irvine has ordered labels to put over Mr. Riedle's address. They will be arriving any day and will be exchanged with those dealerships who have the current ones. Mr. Irvine has spoke to the Gilmore Car Museum about collecting Volvo artifacts to place in the Gilmore Museum. Further discussions with details are forthcoming.

Our Spring dust-off is planned for the first weekend of May. Mr. Irvine met Mr. David Lau recently to discuss, as Mr. Lau has volunteered to host an event at his house and has some connections on the east side. We discussed the possibility

of the M-1 Cars and Coffee or another event in Ypsilanti. Mr. Irvine discussed contacting Sesi Motors to see if they would be willing to host. Due to the driving, we are looking at focusing on Ann Arbor area and forgoing the M1 this year. but their dates are not on the calendar yet. Sesi Motors was also a possibility. David and Jo Lau have offered to host a cookout / barbecue (BBQ) at their home Saturday afternoon. The tentative" schedule would be:

- Friday, May 3, 2019. Meet at Sesi Motors. Requesting \$100 to supplement for refreshments from our budget and ask if Sesi would like to contribute, match or just offer their dealership as a meeting ground.
- Saturday, May 4, 2019. There is a car collection in Ypsilanti where there are talks by established automotive enthusiasts. Mr. Lau will work on getting the details for this. This is his dialog/input to start planning:
Timing at the Ypsilanti Warehouse would be nominally 10am arrival, talk is at 11am. We usually go for lunch in Depot Town after, 12-1pm. Then you're invited over to our place for socializing, shop/studio tours, bench racing, etc. Good time if someone wanted to give a little presentation on repair, maintenance, detailing, etc. 4pm we'd leave for an hour drive around the lakes of Washtenaw County, and return for hors d'oeuvres and grilling at 6. If people are interested, we can light a bonfire after that.
- Mr. Irvine is requesting \$100 to supplement the BBQ from our budget and the rest of the 'regulars" can supplement mist items and refreshments. This is what Mr. Lau has done with his Miata group and it was very well received.
- Sunday, Mr. Irvine has spoken to Khalil Yassine, one of the main organizers of the Volvo Enthusiasts of Michigan group about either a meet at Ikea south of Detroit on Sunday or at Svenska's Swedish Café in Birmingham north of Detroit. Another option would be to go to the Henry Ford if weather was not cooperative or to Greenfield Village if the weather was good.

The signs were mistakenly left at the Gilmore and were never found. As we get closer to our meet, Al Bulgrin will make a list of those needed and Tim Cox will arrange to have them made. This will be tabled until late 2019 or 2020 when we have a better idea of doing a Volvos at the Gilmore VIII if there is interest.

An event that is being discussed is to have a large group of Volvos drive for 1 mile to set a record. We will work with other clubs to promote joint activities when possible. John and Janet Mendler have reached out to the St. Ignace Visitor's bureau who sound interested and will follow up with them before our face to face March meeting in Lansing.

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Mr. Irvine suggests the March meeting be our last "regular one" in Lansing. In lieu of our spring dust off, we will forgo a May meeting and look at the third Wednesday of July at the Gilmore Dust off for our next face to face board meeting. We will look at a location in West Michigan for September.

Respectfully submitted,

David Irvine, on behalf of our secretary Joyce Webb.

