

Great Lakes Chapter – Volvo Club of America

Bi-Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – 6:15 PM

Bold, 6915 W. Q. Ave. Kalamazoo/Texas Township, MI

Attending: David (President), Joyce Irvine, Jeff Von Holten (Treasurer), Gwen VonHolten, Bonnie Franz (Secretary), Al Bulgrin (At Large), Gretta Van Bree, Rod Kuznicki.

Regrets: Paul Fletcher (Webmaster), Nancy Hourigan.

Note: Bold seating limit is 8.

Announcements

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Jeff reported balances:

Comerica: \$1,384.40 (3/16/26)

PayPal: \$22.18

Planned expenses: Zoom renewal: Gretta offered to pay the Zoom renewal fee and let the club use the money for that elsewhere. David will talk to Paul – as Paul tells us when the web hosting dues are coming due. But, he doesn't send us a bill for it.

Social Media

Bonnie now has Facebook posting access. She does not use Instagram; David will post there periodically. **Jeff will send Bonnie a pic of the C30 to post that he found.**

Back to the Bricks event. 16th annual promo tour, June 5-10th. If you want to attend this event, details available at www.backtothebricks.org

Spring Dust Off 2026

Discussion included the Vicksburg Old Car Festival and Volvos at Gilmore XI.

Ryan Knowles suggested a Volvo area at **Vicksburg Old Car Festival – Saturday, June 13, 2026**. Jeff suggested having club T-shirts ready for the event. Ryan also proposed an “**Irv Gordon Award**” for the highest-mileage Volvo. **It was discussed that if you want to attend this, just show up 😊. We also discussed getting an extra trophy that would be available for this event when we order trophies for the Gilmore show.**

Volvos at the Gilmore XI

June 20, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | \$25 per car

Event submitted by David to Jan Nystrom for upcoming *Rolling* issues (Mar/Apr and May/Jun 2026).



T-shirt design approved; Jeff is coordinating with Doug Klink on dash plaques. Doug has his new machine and promises to prepare samples. **Jeff will ask Doug for an eta, and we will possibly go a different route if Doug can't get done in time.**

Shirts: Blue; \$21 (S-XL), \$23 (2XL), \$25 (3XL). Orders via Google Sheet [Google Online T-Shirt Spreadsheet](#) ; payment due at the event when participants pick up their shirts at the meet.

David is waiting to hear back from the Gilmore on awards for the Gilmore show. We also discussed ordering extra shirts to be made available.

Bonnie created custom name tags for members.

Ron will get microfiber cloths. Gretta will get the Swedish fish. David has a 10x10 canopy if we need it. David will also ask the Gilmore about us getting the use of the pavilion. Al will lay the signs. Jeff, David and Gwen will provide many of the items on the checklist that was provided at the meeting. We discussed having a Volvo banner and flags this year. We may follow up with Brent regarding this.

Paul has window card templates; board-approved funds for cardstock printing. **We discussed if we should stick with our "Volvo" window cards or use the ones that the Gilmore has. It was decided that we would stick with the Volvo cards, but David will follow up on this.**

Suggested Gilmore registration cutoff: **May 31, 2026** (day-of registration still allowed).

Tentative Schedule

9:00 AM – Registration/museum opens (please plan to show up at 8:00 am) * you can pre-register on the Gilmore's website for our event.

10:00 AM – Tour – **David doing a 30 minute tour in the museum**

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM – Voting closes

2:00–2:30 PM – Awards (Saab & Volvo following other groups)

Possible awards: People’s Choice, Best Trunk, Best Engine Compartment, Best Interior, Furthest Travelled. Prizes to obtain? Sponsorship? Or keep it simple?

David will follow up with sponsorship for goodie bags. Jeff suggested that David could connect with Ohio Volvo groups for sponsorship. Gwen will call Kevin regarding trophies and will do dash cards for the cars that pre-registered.

Event ends at 4:00 PM (the museum is open until 5:00 PM).

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – Location TBD, Bay Pointe at Gun Lake

Meeting adjourned, dinner was great!

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Franz, GLVCOA Secretary