

Great Lakes Chapter, Volvo Club of America (GLC/VCOA), Minutes / Bimonthly NEWS
Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 2:00 pm ET
MEETING MINUTES

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Treasurer: Jeff VonHolten jeffvh2000@gmail.com - Regrets

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Webmaster: Paul Fletcher. fletcjp@gmail.com - Regrets

In attendance: Joyce Irvine, Gretta VanBree, David Lau, Jo Lau, Toshi Adair, Michelle Adair.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff VonHolten reported that on 5/4/2023, our PayPal Balance was \$0 and our Comerica Balance was \$1671.68. We had one new member, Joe Hamelman
If you'd like more decals, please contact Jeff directly (contact email listed above).



A separate communication will go out soon specifically to individuals that have not already paid their dues for 2023. If anyone has questions on their renewal status, they can email the Treasurer, Jeff Von Holten at Jeffvh2000@gmail.com

- NOTE: Second Wednesday of September, (suggest one week earlier, as David will be out of town on the third Wednesday for work). Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6 pm – Discussion between two restaurants.... St. Joseph, MI. Papa Vino's, about 3 miles north of exit 27 off I-94. <https://www.papavinositaliankitchen.com/> Good Italian food menu—Small fee for room reservation; Gretta has volunteered to cover that. Jeff, our Treasurer suggested the club cover that but appreciates the offer. The group voted to go to Papa Vino's.
- Future meeting to move them around to attract members who live far from West Michigan: Lansing was mentioned as a possibility of the old Clara's Station where our club used to meet regularly: <https://m.facebook.com/bobcatbonnieslansing/>

Brainstorm about other activities for the fall. IDEAS for future events:

- 28th street metro cruise, Betten Imports, or doesn't Fox have a Saab repair place on Beltline/29th?
- Tour with hints, stops of interest, treasure hunt, diorama with a model railway. Prizes, get together, and if you got so many points, you got a prize.
- Lake Shore trip, microbreweries, and photo op places. Al and Gretta mentioned Lakeside Swedish Bakery I-94 Exit 12 south of Benton Harbor
- Motor racing circuit Grattan raceway north of GR and Gingerman near South Haven.
- Frank Lloyd Wright Meijer May house / Meijer Gardens.
- Lighthouses along the lakeshore
- Dow Gardens in Midland
- Hagerty in Traverse City to see the Car Museum.

- Fall color tour, a turnkey idea is to meet at Sweetwater Donuts in Plainwell at 10 am, drove up to Gun Lake for a color tour, then down to the Gull Meadow Farms apple orchard, then to lunch at the Old Mill in Plainwell.
- Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 8 pm – zoom meeting with a guest presenter. OTHER IDEAS? Feel free to submit to jirvine123@yahoo.com.
- Elections for 2024 will be coming up in November. Also, we will rereview our bylaws.
- Volvos (and Saab's) at the Gilmore "Car Museum", June 22, 2024. Combining biennial Gilmore Car Museum show with Saab-owning friends and group members. David will mention to the new interim / former director Michael Spezia of this. Volvo and the Saab Clubs combining efforts provides a huge opportunity for synergy.
- Jeff mentioned the Carlisle Domestic and import show in the fall.

The meeting concluded with a round table from those present.

Next meeting: *Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 5 pm open gates, 6 pm meeting*, Gilmore Car Museum's Wednesday Cruise In. Note that the Blue Moon Diner will be open and food/dessert/custard will be available!

All activities will be updated regularly on our web site by our longtime and talented webmaster. Paul Fletcher. <http://www.greatlakesvolvoclub.org>

Respectfully submitted, Al Bulgrin.

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NOTE: After the meeting, Theresa Brade from the West Michigan SAAB group was in touch with the 28th Street Metro Cruise. She is working to secure a spot for both SAAB and VOLVO cars on Saturday, August 25th and possibly Sunday, August 26th, 2023 if there is interest. <https://28thstreetmetrocrui.se>

