

Minutes
Great Lakes Chapter, Volvo Club of America (GLC/VCOA)

The Old Goat Tavern
2434 Eastern Ave SE
Grand Rapids MI 49507

<https://oldgoatgr.com>

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm ET

(Moving FORWARD, we are switching to the 1st Tuesday of the month starting May 7, 2024)

President: David Irvine jirvine123@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Jeff VonHolten jeffvh2000@gmail.com, regrets

Secretary: Al Bulgrin vangrin@comcast.net, regrets

Webmaster: Paul Fletcher. fletcjp@gmail.com, regrets/traveling.

In attendance: Rod & Barb Kuznicki, Joyce Irvine, Tim and Harriet Cox, Rick and Joyce Webb.

Partners/Guests: Roger & Lisa Moffat (representing the Franklin Club/Air Cooled Group who is hosting the event on 6/15/24 at the Gilmore), Theresa and Ian Brade (representing the West Michigan SAAB club), Doug and Terri Clink (representing the Air-Cooled Group/T-shirt designers). Jim Laman (Great Lakes Saab Club USA), Peter Knorr (has a Volvo 1800 in Vegas/shipping it here), Lawrence Walker (has a 1961 Volvo 544).

17 in attendance! We scheduled for 16. Thanks to Theresa Brade for finding this restaurant with the upstairs/private seating! Click here for photos of the restaurant, and a recent post to remind people of our event/mention t-shirt orders.

<https://www.facebook.com/100064545590158/posts/834094982085347/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

New members: None, although we have some guests/potential new members!

Treasurer's Report: Jeff VonHolten reported that on 3/12/2024, the treasurer's report: PayPal is \$44.36. Comerica's balance is \$1969.37.

If you'd like more decals, please contact Jeff directly (contact email listed above).



The Treasurer's comments (in his absence) were read to the group in his absence. Jeff has 150 Chapter Window Stickers that should last us through 2024. For Volvo at the Gilmore VIII, for Dash Plaques, we paid \$106 for a quantity of 75. There was discussion from the group on the pros/cons. The cost is reasonable, some (but not all) expect one, and the group voted to proceed. There was a discussion of the club's Zoom License. The group agreed that although it's used minimally, it's there if we need it and agreed to let it renew. If anyone has questions on their renewal status, they can email the Treasurer, Jeff VonHolten at Jeffvh2000@gmail.com. PayPal

is now requesting our TAX-ID number, which we have. Jeff noted that we may need to finish some work on our non-profit documentation.

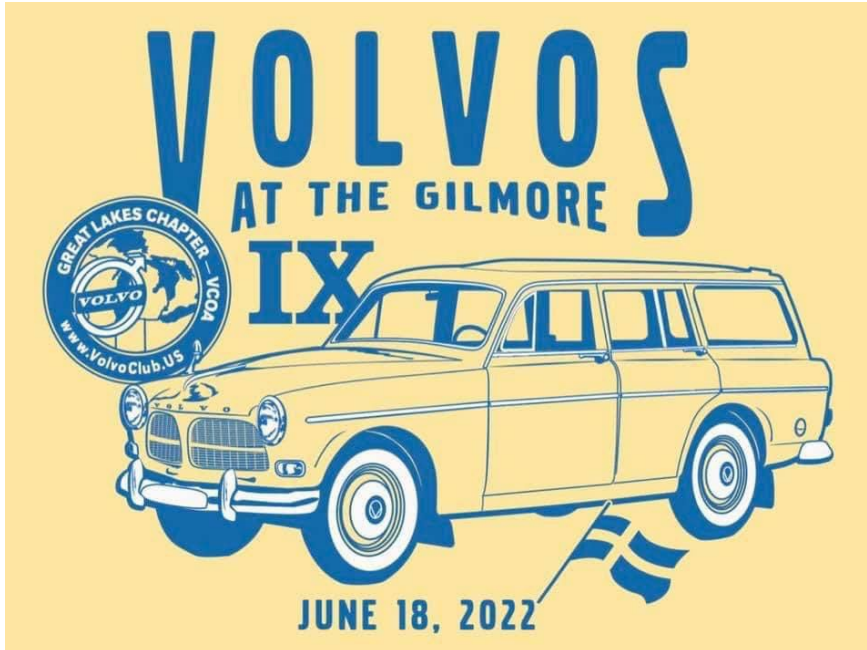
2024 Activities

- Auto Rama, Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI which is Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3, 2024. Rod, Jeff and David took a bus from Kalamazoo to go on Saturday, March 2, 2024. The drag strip Volvo 240 Wagon was there again. David shared our Volvo club card with him and invited him to the Gilmore. David shared some images of the show here: [Auto Rama Cobo Hall Detroit 3-2-24](#)
- Volvos (and Saab's) at the Gilmore "Car Museum", June 15, 2024. Facebook event can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1906830123136852/> REGISTER HERE: <https://gilmorecarmuseum.org/events/volvos-at-the-gilmore-2024>, Invited partners. Theresa and Ian Brade from the West Michigan Saab Club, Roger and Lisa Moffat, lead on the Franklin/Air Cooled Group who is hosting the event at the Gilmore Car Museum and has graciously invited us to join their annual meet. Roger discussed how their group functions, which is VERY low-key. Our partnering / joining their group in 2022 went very smoothly, and we wish to continue the same. The Air-Cooled Group will be across from the diner, the Volvo Group will be south of the G Barn/Shell Station in the same place as 2022. Al Bulgrin will design/lay the field and will consult with Theresa on the SAABs. The SAABs will be between the Cadillac and Pierce Arrow buildings and expecting 25-50 which we believe can be accommodated in that one area. There was discussion of overflow, moving west, and even to the circle/track, which we do not believe will be needed. Our clubs are very grateful to the H.H. Franklin/Air Cooled Group for allowing us to attend their Saturday event. It's truly a win/win. We also invited Doug and Terri Klink from the air-cooled group who designed our t-shirts two years ago. We are combining the biennial Gilmore Car Museum show with Saab-owning friends and group members. David has been keeping in touch with Ken Fischang/staff at the Gilmore Car Museum regarding our meeting. This year, the cost is \$20 per car, which is a great deal! We talked about ideas to improve between now and June. David has contacted six dealers in Michigan, five in Illinois, one in Ohio, and one in Ontario for donations. Suggest other sponsors and break up into volunteers to get goody bags. Theresa contacted Hagerty who will be providing her with bags and will provide the point of contact to David Irvine.
- David has contacted Doug and Terri Clink who made the yellow T-shirts for us in 2022. We had almost 50 made and did a great job of planning sizes in advance... we sold out with only a few left one small and a few XXL ☺. Doug and Terri consulted with the group at our dinner and will provide the design/setup for printing the shirts. The group gave some basic instructions for design and decided to let the designer do the shirts, not the committee ☺. The cost would be approximately \$20 each. There will be a slight upcharge for any 2X or 3X. This is their first design for our Volvos at the Gilmore IX. Theresa Brade is discussing a design for shirts for the SAAB group to discuss options for their own T-shirts.

Link for Volvo T-Shirts

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1n08KsZIHTkhlAQosjWOpmjvOrtGvWXN7_sUGprPrBMW/edit?usp=sharing

Volvo Windshield Card Example (color printer/cardstock) draft attached.



Draft wording “Volvos at the Gilmore Car Museum X / June 15, 2024” (include VCOA Great Lakes Chapter Logo, same as above. The group agreed to the wording, date, logo, Swedish flag, and possibly the prancing moose (vs. a car/cars such as a 544/1800/brick 120 or 240 series) If a car design is to be used, best to minimize so it’s not so busy. Doug and Terri will work on a design with the Volvo Prancing Moose.

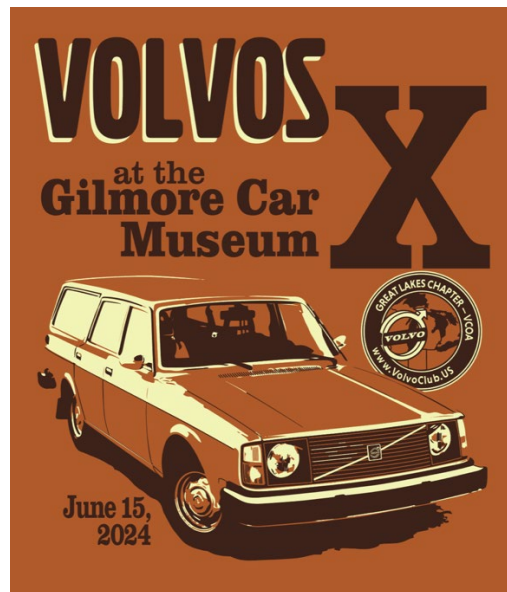


Actionable items:

1. Jeff suggested dash plaques. Approved. Order. Jeff to share vendor information with SAAB owner’s group. COMPLETE
2. Rod has gotten microfiber towels and water bottles (which the club reimbursed). Approved to buy. Ask Rod if he can do this, bring it to the May meeting, and will reimburse you. IN PROCESS / WILL FOLLOW UP

3. Theresa contacted Hagerty for Goody Bags. Will provide contact information to David to follow up for our club. COMPLETE
4. David – order/bring Coffee and pastries etc. from the Local Grind in Delton as in previous years. Scones again, cookies. Approved. IN PROCESS
5. Gretta has gotten “Swedish Fish” in the past. Theresa will also get “Swedish Fish” for her club. IN PROCESS
6. Windshield “cards” to be produced. IN PROCESS
7. Doug to provide a design to the Volvo Group, needs to have approved no later than mid-April. COMPLETE

UPDATE: This is the final design:



Partner with the SAAB group to discuss shared resources.

Link for SAAB T-Shirts should they choose to use.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wt7Pf6M0tEQB8pTxdFa8LzRktgI9ewfjA3y6PjI3AKA/edit#gid=0> PDATE: Theresa/SAAB group are not using the link.

SAAB Windshield Card Example (color printer/cardstock) draft attached.

For our May meeting. Discuss if it’s worth going to Clara’s Station, where our club met in the past: <https://m.facebook.com/bobcatbonnieslansing/> Shooting for FIRST TUESDAY of every other month, May 7, 2024. It may entice some East Side people to attend. The group said while it would be nice, no one from the east side has expressed an interest. Put this on hold and decide on a place for May by mid-April. **UPDATE:** No MAY MEETING.

Round table: All members introduced themselves before dinner and their involvement. We welcomed some new guests and potential members. Should you wish to join our club, go to the link below.

Next meeting: May 7, 2024, 6 pm location TBD / Either restaurant in the Grand Rapids area, or at the old Clara's, now called Bobcat Bonnie's. 637 E Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI. <https://www.facebook.com/bobcatbonnieslansing/> – Just double-checking that the FIRST Tuesday of May is okay. Some of us have had conflicts with the second Tuesday AND Wednesday of the month now. **UPDATE:** No MAY MEETING as we are on track and everything else needed is on track and can be followed up by the board by email/phone. Suggest for the remainder of the year, July, the second or third WEDNESDAY at the Gilmore Cruise-In on the 10th or 17th. Let's shoot for the 10th. Tuesday, September 3 (DAY AFTER LABOR DAY) and Wednesday, November 6, 2024. If any board member has an issue with these dates, please let David Irvine know.

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

Respectfully submitted, Al Bulgrin, Secretary.

Click HERE to see our new Chapter Brochure <http://www.greatlakesvolvoclub.org>

NOT MENTIONED IN MEETING BUT OF FUTURE INTEREST/DISCUSSION: A future activity may be a more desirable/centrally located "pit stop" at the 28th Street Metro Cruise. The points of contact for the Volvo Club will be Jeff VonHolten, Treasurer, Volvo Club and Theresa Brade, West Michigan SAAB Owner's Group. The date is Saturday, August 24, 2024 (no Friday evening event).