

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Great Lakes Chapter, Volvo Club of America (GLC/VCOA)**

*Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm ET*

Papa Vinos, 1332 Hilltop Rd, St Joseph, MI · (269) 983-9900  
about 3 miles north of exit 27 off I-94. <https://www.papavinositaliankitchen.com/>  
Good Italian food menu—Small fee for room reservation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**President:** David Irvine [jirvine123@yahoo.com](mailto:jirvine123@yahoo.com)

**Treasurer:** Jeff VonHolten [jeffvh2000@gmail.com](mailto:jeffvh2000@gmail.com)

**Secretary:** Al Bulgrin [vangrin@comcast.net](mailto:vangrin@comcast.net)

**Webmaster:** Paul Fletcher. [fletcjp@gmail.com](mailto:fletcjp@gmail.com) [Regrets in South Dakota](#)

**In attendance:** Joyce Irvine, Gretta VanBree, Tim & Harriet Cox

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff VonHolten reported that on 9/19/2023, the treasurer's report: PayPal is \$33.27 Comerica is \$2001.68. We had several new members join after the 28<sup>th</sup> Street Metro Cruise.

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



If anyone has questions on their renewal status, they can email the Treasurer, Jeff Von Holten at [Jeffvh2000@gmail.com](mailto:Jeffvh2000@gmail.com)

**Debrief**

- 28<sup>th</sup> Street Metro Cruise, success for the Volvo Club, on and off cars came. For the Metro Cruise, the event “pit stop” was not near enough to the action. Recommend that they do this closer to the action.
- Fall color tour, arrive at main parking lot of the Gilmore Car Museum at 10:00 am, donuts, coffee and cider provided, do a loop of Gull Lake for a color tour departing at 10:30, then return to the Gilmore by 11 where the “Swedes will invade Germany” Saturday, 10/14/23. There is a German car show 10/14 at the Gilmore Oktoberfest. David has contacted one of the board members of the Deutsche Marques, and they have agreed to have our cars come on that day (\$20 per car, includes two admission). Arrive at 11, come have some German food for lunch. “The Deutsche Marques executive committed would like to formally invite a “Swedish Invasion” the afternoon of our third annual OKTOBERFEST on Saturday, October 14, 2023.”
- Frank Lloyd Wright Meyer May house tour for 1.45 hours. 10/22/23. Al was able to book up to 20 people at 4 pm. Need to arrive at 3:30 – 3:45 pm at the latest. Dinner will follow at 6 pm at the Winchester, 648 Wealthy St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI. Tentative attendees are: David and Joyce Irvine, Jeff and Gwen Von Holten, Tim & Harriet Cox, Al and

Gretta, Rod and Barb Kuznicki, Paul Fletcher and Nancy Hourigan, and Joyce and Rick Webb (need to confirm). We have openings for 8 more. Please email [vangrin@comcast.net](mailto:vangrin@comcast.net) and [jirvine123@yahoo.com](mailto:jirvine123@yahoo.com) if interested. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

**NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR NEXT MEETING TO ACCOMMODATE ONE OF THE PRESENTERS:**

- Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 8 pm – zoom meeting with a guest presenter. David Irvine will do a brief presentation on his cross-country tour to Seattle to deliver a camper that was shipped to Anchorage Alaska. Tim Cox will present his recent trip to Japan and a few Volvo Sightings. Elections for 2024 will be coming up in November. We will rereview our bylaws. See attached.
- Volvos (and Saab's) at the Gilmore "Car Museum", June 15, 2024. Combining biennial Gilmore Car Museum show with Saab-owning friends and group members. David will mention to the Gilmore Car Museum to ensure it's still on their radar. Volvo and the Saab Clubs combining efforts provides a huge opportunity for synergy. Roger Moffat, the head of the Franklin Car Club and the Air-Cooled Group, welcomes us to return. The cost is \$10 per car!
- Reminder: Carlisle Domestic and import show in the fall.

The meeting concluded with a round table from those present. Al shared various memorabilia/parts/literature on the Volvo 444/544s.

Future meeting to move them around to attract members who live far from West Michigan: Lansing was mentioned as a possibility for a 2024 meeting. A proposed location is the old Clara's Station where our club used to meet regularly:  
<https://m.facebook.com/bobcatbonnieslansing/> Shooting for March 2024.

**Next meeting:** NOTE November's meeting will be the second TUESDAY, instead of our regular third Tuesday. The date and time is: *Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 8:00 pm.*

Great Lakes Volvo Club Zoom Bimonthly Meeting, November 14, 2023 @ 8 pm ET  
Time: Nov 14, 2023 08:00 PM America/Detroit / Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85043148055?pwd=YVZqdkVzM3dWMWY2OGE0cElIRkhyQT09>

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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 Bulgryn.

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



Left to right: Tim Cox, Harriet Cox, Gwen Von Holten, Jeff Von Holten, David Irvine, Joyce Irvine, Al Bulgrin, Gretta Van Bree.



Al Bulgrin's collection of 444/544 memorabilia



Tiramisu!