

Great Lakes Chapter, Volvo Club of America (GLC/VCOA), Bi Monthly meeting, Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 6:00 pm. Knickerbocker, New Holland Brewery, Grand Rapids, MI - <https://www.newhollandbrew.com/location/grand-rapids/>

The GLC/VCOA held their bimonthly meeting in Grand Rapids. The meeting commenced at 6:00 pm. Present were David & Joyce Irvine, Jeff & Gwen VonHolten, Al Bulgrin & Gretta VanBree, Rod & Barb Kuznicki, Tim & Harriet Cox, Roger Snider, and Jim & Joyce Webb. Roger lives in the Grand Rapids area and has had a few late 80s 240 series Volvos. We welcomed him and look forward to seeing him at future meetings/events.

We welcome any nominations for any of our Volvo Club officer positions! If anyone is interested in applying to run for President or Secretary, please send in nominations to jirvine123@yahoo.com. Our treasurer is not due for his two year term until November, 2020. We are including the last revision of our bylaws so members can better understand how we function and what the different roles of the officers are.

Treasurer's Report - Jeff VonHolten reported as of 11/20/19, our Comerica balance is \$1622.14, our PayPal balance is \$22.70. One hundred dollars has been given for a brick honoring Irv Gordon at the Gilmore. Two new memberships have been received – Ken VanGoldman and Ken Prabucki. ***NOTE: Membership dues are a nominal \$12. Consider renewing now!*** Either go to <http://www.greatlakesvolvoclub.org> and pay via paypal, or download our New/Renewal Application here: https://cf53af88-ca41-456c-ab46-909cee36d00f.filesusr.com/ugd/00b32d_6544824468fa4d5cb4edaf1baf564bea.pdf

Mr. Irvine has been sharing cards and our club brochures at various events, including the Volvos at Volo III in late September. Mr. Irvine has completed the task of having Dan Vicary convert the classic DVD's Volvos at the Gilmore I from 2006 to MP4 so they can be archived and streamed online for all to see. Dan created one video but felt it needed to be redigitized. It was a tremendous amount of work on Dan's part. We are holding off on converting the Volvos at the Gilmore II video for now. The approved amount for this was \$100. It will make a nice marketing piece for our club and future Gilmore shows. David is to put it on various social media and have Paul put on the web site. Here is the 1 hour and 18-minute video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHhmRRCQnRE&feature=youtu.be>

Events that have taken place since our last meeting include the 28th Street Metro Cruise in late August at Betten Imports and Volvos at Volo III / 7th Annual P and B Motorsports Garage Party and Car Show.. We had about 24 people come to the Metro Cruise to show off their cars and enjoy some snacks.

John and Janet Mendler were not present to give an update on the Mackinac Car Crossing and will continue to plan for an all Volvo event in the fall of 2021.

We were to welcome a new member Ryan Knowles who acquired Irv's 2002 Volvo C70 Coupe recently but he was unable to come as planned.. Roger Snider, also new, was introduced at this meeting.

Volvos at the Gilmore VIII is scheduled the third Saturday of July, 2020.

- Consider doing everything in beautiful Barry County. There is a Holiday Inn there that some Gilmore Car Clubs have used as a base hotel. 20ish minutes from Gilmore.
- Nice brewery, the Waldorf, with great food too, could be a place for Friday Dinner.
- Saturday, same “meet” we did for Gilmore VII.
- People’s Choice award, but also adding a BEST TRUNK category
- Get sponsorships. All encouraged to find one.
- Promote to all neighboring states, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Ontario.
- Our meet is the weekend before the Ilderton show in Ontario, if they are continuing it. We could promote theirs and they promote ours for those who would do this across two weekends. It looks like they are having their 40th meet next July. Check out our neighboring country to the east and their website/event: <https://canadianvolvoclub.org/>
- Saturday night dinner location? The Legacy in Hastings was recommended. They have a medium size banquet room looking over a golf course that could be a good size.
- Sunday, a lawn party at the Irvine’s house, Fawn Lake, near Gun Lake, about 20 minutes northwest of the Gilmore.

ACTION: Rick Webb was to check about Office 365. UPDATE: David Irvine sent a link to Paul Fletcher to include our video. Rick was not present but was reminded he was to do so a couple days later.

For our next face to face meeting, the group discussed timing. We will skip January and focus on the third Wednesday of March. We are open to different/new location near Grand Rapids. Where shall we have our next one? We need suggestions as while the food and service was fine, it was very noisy and difficult to conduct the meeting. One suggestion is Clara’s in Battle Creek. The group agreed to skip our January meeting and suggest holding off until March for our next meeting. Then have a spring dust off in late April/early May; POSSIBLY even late May/Early June(better weather?). Possible locations could be M1 Motorsport Park, 1 Concoure Drive, Pointiac, MI <https://m1concourse.com/>, Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site <https://packardprovinggrounds.org/> 49965 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby Township, MI, and possible Sunday Car show in Algonac on the St. Clair River in either the City or Algonac State Park north of Town.). To prepare for our Gilmore event, we will have another meeting in June to finalize any details. Only 115 days until spring and the removal of snow tires!

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Webb

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