

MEETING MINUTES
Great Lakes Chapter, Volvo Club of America (GLC/VCOA), / August 2023
NEWS

Changed to a ZOOM meeting due to inclement Weather.

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 8:00 pm ET
MEETING MINUTES

NOTE: Some items need to be finalized. The items in **YELLOW are coming up in October. The items discussed in **GREEN** is new information after our meeting, and will be discussed/decided at our September board meeting.**

President: David Irvine jirvine123@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Jeff VonHolten jeffvh2000@gmail.com

Secretary: Al Bulgrin vangrin@comcast.net

Webmaster: Paul Fletcher. fletcjp@gmail.com [Regrets in Traverse City](#)

In attendance: Joyce Irvine, Gretta VanBree, Joyce and Rick Webb.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff VonHolten reported that on 7/15/2023, the treasurer's report: PayPal is \$0. Comerica is \$1953.68 with recent deposits from Kersten Towbridge (donation for helping sell her car) and one renewal as income. One expense for the RE Olds Museum for the Spring Dust Off event.

Debrief, on the May Dustoff at RE Olds Museum. It was good. The people who showed us around were very good, lots of questions, and the restaurant was good. Good day.

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

- NOTE: Wednesday September 20, 2023, 6 pm – 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/> March 2024.

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

- Theresa Brade from the West Michigan SAAB group was in touch with the 28th Street Metro Cruise. Brandon, one of the organizers, has secured a spot for both SAAB and VOLVO cars on Friday, August 25th and Saturday, August 26th, 2023. Jeff, Gwen, Theresa Brade and Brandon met to discuss the meet at the Beltline Bar on Tuesday, July 19th, 2023. They discussed the location. Expected to have several food trucks, entertainment, at the cascade end of 28th street. It will be near a sports bar that features Fowling. <http://www.Playfowling.com>. The address is: 6797 Cascade Road, SE, and Jeff Shared a map. WILL INSERT <https://28thstreetmetrocrui.se.org> They would like you to be there the majority of the day but ANYTIME you can come is welcome. Prizes and more offered to participants, and food will be available. We HOPE TO FILL 8 slots on Friday and 16 on Saturday. Share with Volvo Enthusiasts of Michigan. PLEASE email David Irvine jirvine123@yahoo.com AND Jeff VonHolten jeffvh2000@gmail.com if you can confirm you can attend one or both, and list what car(s) you will be bringing. Stay Tuned!
- Fall and future ideas... 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. The group liked this. Hope to do this with the SAAB group. The restaurant is close.
- Motor racing circuit Grattan raceway north of GR and Gingerman near South Haven.
- 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. We will discuss dinner options at the September meeting.
- Lighthouses along the lakeshore
- Dow Gardens in Midland
- Hagerty in Traverse City to see the Car Museum. Jeff suggested that Hagerty may be a good dust-off location.
- 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. Saturday, 10/14/23. NEW: there is a German car show 10/14 at the Gilmore Octoberfest. David has contacted one of the board members of the DeutcheMarques, and they will discuss our group coming on that day (\$20 per car, includes two admission). They suggested we forgo the lunch at Old Mill, leave the cider mill as an option (or have it be the start and forgo Sweetwater), and come have some German food for lunch. The German Car Group met on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 and reviewed our inquiry and voted on the following: "The DeutcheMarques executive committed would like to formally invite a

"Swedish Invasion" the afternoon of our third annual OKTOBERFEST on Saturday, October 14, 2023. It would have been unanimous, but we did not receive Matt's official vote, which he did later responded favorably!"

The group voted to do the two items in yellow above on Saturday, 10/14/23 and Sunday 10/22/23. We will still have to work out these details at the September meeting.

- Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 8 pm – zoom meeting with a guest presenter. Jeff suggested David do a brief presentation on his cross-country tour to Seattle. Other suggestions are still welcome. 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 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.

Jeff went to DeutcheMarques at the Gilmore the second Wednesday of July. They had almost 580 cars. By decades, they have best of 1980s Mercedes, BMW's. etc... Then best in show for each of the major marques. Jeff got BEST IN SHOW for the VW brand.

Joyce Webb is fine. Joyce mentioned the stone from our Volvo club, near a tree, see it every day, that says "Always in our Thoughts / Minds." Joyce's grand daughter came to live with her after she broke her arm. She got permission to drive on March 7. On March 8, hit a deer near Rick's house. Totaled car. Rick bought it back and fixed. Joyce bought an SUV, a 2020 Volvo XC40.

Al was at a VW show in Martin US 131 motorsports. Al sold VW stuff. Opened to European cars. A Volvo 444 showed up. Rat Rod, running. He encouraged the Allegan resident who has the black one to come to our show.

Gretta is keeping her Dodge Dart going, which has a six on the floor (not a three on the tree 😊).

Next meeting: *Wednesday, September 20, 2023*, at 6:30 pm. Papa Vino's, St. Joseph, MI (details above).

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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Not in the meeting, but information to share:

One of our early members, Dick Milleson, passed away last February. Sharing FYI.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/richard-milleson-obituary?id=39849291>

FOR SALE:

Set of 5-spoke GT wheels originally sold on the 75-77 200 series and possibly INSTALLED by owners on the early 70s 1800 E and ES. These are Volvo Part number 283075 (marked 6040 Germany), size is 5.5J x 14 x 20. Tires are P185SR14, in OK condition, but too old to be considered for road use. The wheels have not been used in roughly 20 years. They were sandblasted and powder coated (clear) when I bought them around 1998, and the finish is quite good.

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Asking price is \$350 , including a set of chrome lug nuts. Location is Grand Haven Mich.

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