

**Great Lakes Chapter, Volvo Club of America (GLC/VCOA), Bi Monthly meeting,
Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 6:00 pm, No admission.**

Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI Cruise In is from 5:00-8:00pm. Come early and get food at the Blue Moon Diner, Join us just south of the Shell Gas station where we will have picnic tables and Volvos (of course). July Board meeting starts at 6:00pm

Meetings are held every 2 months on the Third Wednesdays. The next meetings for this calendar year will occur:

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 6:00 PM – Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. Wednesday Cruise in
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 6:00 PM – Four Roses, Plainwell, MI (north of Kalamazoo)

NOTE: This is the FOURTH Wednesday.

Wednesday, Nov 17, 2021 8:00 PM – Virtual Zoom Meeting, details forthcoming.

The Great Lakes Chapter, Volvo Club of America (VCOA) met on Wednesday, July 21 2021. Joining in were David Irvine, Jeff and Gwen VonHolten (Treasurer), Joyce Webb (Secretary), Jim Webb (Former President), Rod Kuznicki, Gary Van Harn, Melvin Hutchinson, and Andy & Gretchen Dixon. John Hansen (who gave a lecture in March on his auto appraisal business) and Dan & MaryBeth Maley also stopped by to give their greetings and support for our club.

Treasurer's report: Jeff Von Holten reported our Comerica bank balance is \$754.82, with the Paypal at \$252.25. We had a Spring Dust Off XII debrief held last June 5th at Charlton Park in Barry County. Unfortunately, the buildings were not open, but the group of 12+ cars at one time had a good time visiting from 10 am to 3 pm. We had lunch at the pavilion, as well as a 1-hour cruise through Barry County, ice cream at Mooville in Nashville, and dinner at the Walldorf Brewery in Hastings. There was also a Kiss Tribute Concert at the Gilmore Car Museum.

The Vicksburg Old Fashion Car Days was held all day Saturday, June 12, 2021. Club Member Ryan Knowles invited anyone who wished to come. David Irvine and Rod Kuznicki came. Ryan is suggesting doing our spring dust off there in the second week of June, 2022. He purchased Irv Gordon's 2002 Volvo C70.

Photos and videos from both events can be found on our Facebook site:

<https://www.facebook.com/greatlakesvolvoclub>

Andy Dixon's original 1960 Volvo 122 Amazon was featured at the prestigious "Concour D'Elegance" which will be held Sunday, July 25, 2021 at St. John's in Plymouth. David Irvine and David Lau plan to attend to show their support to Andy, Gretchen and the first Volvo at one of the top car shows in the country! There was also the Waterford Hills Vintage Races near Pontiac July 23-25, 2021. Details can be found here: <http://www.waterfordhills.com/events-calendar.html>.



The national meet for VCOA is looking like it will be Labor Day weekend in Gettysburg, PA. There was talk of several ES owners caravanning. David Lau would like to talk with anyone interested. Please email him at: toomanycars@charter.net if you plan on going.

The “Woodward Dream Cruise 2021” is on Saturday, August 21, 2021 in the Detroit Area and the “28th Street Metro Cruise 2021” is in West Michigan/Grand Rapids area Friday August 27th and Saturday, August 28th, 2021. Google the quoted titles for up to date details.

Andy Dixon made mention that Volvo is one of the featured marques at the Put-In-Bay vintage races - September 21st-24th with actual races in the 22/23rd.

There is a “Fuel Fed” cars and coffee on Saturday, October 16, 2021 in Saugatuck. Brent Gustafson may come and it will be proved to be a fun time with interesting cars from all over!

David Lau suggested doing a color tour at the Kensington MetroParks. It was decided that October either Sunday, October 17th or Saturday, October 23, 2021 as a backup for a rain date or if it appears the colors are better a week later. David and Joyce recently stopped at the Kensington Metro Park and felt that would be a good place for east side and west sidiers to meet for an informal picnic and color tour that David Lau and Andy Dixon could map out. The

“work in progress” discussions, that will be finalized at our next bi-monthly meeting September 21st, 2021:

As many people will be coming a distance, this will be a ONE DAY event, from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. David Lau will try to find a picnic area within the Metropark. Option 2 is eat at Baker's of Milford, which is just outside the northern entrance of the park and is a huge cruise in, larger than the Gilmore. <https://www.bakersofmilford.com/sunday-cruise/> They have almost 1000 cars some weeks. David is leaning towards Baker's, especially if we do the Sunday 17 date. If it's still nice weather, there will still be interesting cars showing up and we could be part of the show. David suggests meeting at the I-96 exit that leads to the park (possibly Kent Lake Rd) and spending a couple hours touring the park. David and Andy can plot out some scenic spots for photo ops, and then aim for Baker's at 1pm. Then folks could hang at Baker's if there's a good turnout, or we could head out to tour around the lakes nearby and people can “peel out” as they need to. Our club could use some money from our account for some refreshments. Andy Dixon offered to consult with the “cruise” and partner with David Lau who has done similar cruises with his car clubs in the area. The group agreed to have them work on this. <https://www.metroparks.com/parks/kensington-metropark/>

Another idea is to partner with our Illinois / Wisconsin / Indiana people and meet in New Buffalo. As Brent Gustafson is trying to do a Volvos / Midwest event in September/October northeast of Chicago, our club will promote whatever is decide.

Jeff VonHolten suggested a sticker made with a design with the Great Lakes. Jeff shared an image by a German car club and suggested we do something similar that lists our car club's name, possibly the web site if it works and a FB and Instagram logo. David and Jeff volunteered their sons to do a vector image with layers that can easily be made by a graphics/vinyl company into a sticker.





Joyce Webb mentioned a 1st annual classic car show on Sunday, September 12 from 3-6 PM at 635 Seminole Rd, Norton Shores, MI (This is a suburb of Muskegon) This is for cars and trucks and there is no entry fee. Prize categories are Best Classic, Best Hotrod, Best Stock, Best Muscle, and Best Custom. For more info and to register, call 231-780-4765.

The September meeting will be held north of Kalamazoo in Plainwell at the Four Roses Café, on the FOURTH Wednesday of the month, September 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm. 663 N. 10th Street, Plainwell, MI. Please RSVP to jirvine123@yahoo.com by Monday, September 20th if you wish to attend as he needs to give a count to the restaurant in advance. We will be in a room in the back of the restaurant. NOTE: This is the FOURTH Wednesday. We hope to see you there!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Webb

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