

**GREAT LAKES CHAPTER
VOLVO CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2012 MEETING**

President David Irvine called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM at Clara's Restaurant, Lansing, Michigan. Members present included: David Irvine, President; Daryl Tammen, Secretary; Co-Treasurers John and Nancy Northup, Bonnie Tammen, Robert Riggs, Harriet and Tim Cox, Al Bulgrin, John and Janet Mendler, Jim and Joyce Webb, Rick Webb, Hunter Wright, and Viselle Hugo. President David Irvine welcomed everyone and especially Hunter, who is our youngest member, and his girl friend, Viselle. Hunter recently graduated from High School. He owns two Volkos.

Co-Treasurer Nancy Northup presented the Treasurers report as of June 19, 2012. She stated that the current checking account balance is \$1,601.53. She noted that one new member was added to our rolls since the last meeting, Ray Geesin, and there are a total of 9 registrations for the August 11 Volkos at Gilmore event with 5 added since the last meeting. President David Irvine emphasized that the final sign up date for the Gilmore event is **JULY 27, 2012 and he urged everyone to register as soon as possible.**

Considerable discussion followed about the Gilmore event. On motion by Gary Cooper (via text message) seconded by Tim Cox, the car show categories will be the same as those used at the 2010 National Volvo Rally at the Gilmore. Motion approved unanimously. The plaques and awards will be based on those categories and will permit the use of the existing car model signs we already have.

The following information was added concerning the Gilmore event by various members: There will be no Grand Prize since this is not a national rally; car awards will be people's choice and there will be first and second place awards; Gilmore will provide a scavenger hunt based on their museums which will provide an opportunity for people to see the cars in the museum; and the Gilmore may provide docents to give tours of the museum. Gilmore Museum tours are conducted by docents. There may not be enough volunteer docents to do the tours. After discussion, David Irvine, Tim Cox, and Daryl Tammen volunteered to help with the tours if that is acceptable to the Gilmore and training can be provided. President David Irvine will ask the Gilmore if that is possible and will notify those who offered to help with the tours. Tim Cox mentioned that he had asked Rolling magazine to include an article, a press release, or some other mention of the upcoming Gilmore event. President David Irvine said that the Yarrow Hotel is booked, but he has worked with Discover Kalamazoo for two other hotels. Mention "Volvo Club of America" or "Volvo Car Club" (**not** VCOA) for the booking dates of Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11.

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Tim Cox said that he had talked with Irv Gordon about attending the Gilmore event with his 2.9 million mile P1800 and Irv is tentatively planning to attend. David met with him too and invited him, but that wasn't mentioned at the meeting.

Janet and John Mendler showed the magnetic sign promoting the club that can be attached to the side of a car. John is planning to display the sign on the side of a 544 Volvo in which he will be riding as navigator in the Great Race event which is scheduled to begin this coming Friday. The Great Race begins in Traverse City, Michigan and ends in Dearborn, Michigan. It is an 8-day event that travels around ALL of the Great Lakes. This may be the only Volvo ever entered in the Great Race event.

Volunteer work was discussed at considerable length. Many volunteers are needed to help with the event. President David Irvine encouraged all members to be willing to help with the event. He mentioned the need for prizes and items for the goody bags and suggested that everyone contact businesses and companies in their area that might have promotional items that they could donate, especially Made or Grown in Michigan products. President David Irvine has already received the goody bags from Hagerty Insurance, so we just need items to fill them. PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR THOUGHT AND ATTENTION!

Hunter Wright volunteered to contact SwedeSpeed, John Mendler will contact SnapOn Tools and Auto Value, Al Bulgrin will contact Meguiar's, Tim Cox will contact Swedish Engineering and others, and Daryl Tammen will call IPD and FCP Groton.

David asked that companies ship anything that they donate to his address so the bags can be filled ahead of time. David's address is 5419 FAWN LAKE DRIVE, SHELBYVILLE, MI 49344.

Tim Cox is to order the tee shirts that will be given to everyone who registers and sold during the event as well. Gary Cooper will order the plaques. President David Irvine will contact Paul Fletcher for help in preparing the identification lanyard name tags. President David Irvine will also prepare the windshield identification signs. (In post-meeting correspondence, Paul Fletcher agreed to do both as he did two years ago.)

President David Irvine noted that the Gilmore event will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 4:00 PM. The time for the closing banquet has not been determined at this time, but 5:30 was suggested.

President David Irvine asked for discussion of club events after the August 11 Gilmore event. There was interest in a Fall Tour in the West Michigan area. Hunter Wright volunteered to work on a possible Fall Tour in Traverse City and surrounding area. He will provide information later.

John Northup had suggestions for a 2013 Spring Tour on the East side of the State. He provided information on the following possibilities: Walter P. Chrysler Museum, Auburn Hills; Stahls Automotive Museum, Chesterfield, MI; Meadowbrook Hall, Rochester, MI; and MoTown, Detroit. Following discussion, the group favored the Chrysler and Meadowbrook Hall venues as they are close to each other and each could offer a lunch and dinner as part of the package. John will continue to work on those possibilities.

President David Irvine reminded all members that the final planning meeting for the Gilmore event will be **WEDNESDAY JULY 18 AT 5:30 AT THE GILMORE. ADMISSION IS FREE AFTER 5:00 PM. HE ENCOURAGED ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.** There is a possible vintage car museum tour in the area beginning at 3:00 PM on that date. President David will notify everyone about that. This is not at the Gilmore.

President David Irvine adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.