

Great Lakes Chapter, Volvo Club of America (GLC/VCOA), Minutes / Bimonthly NEWS
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 8:00 pm ET
MEETING MINUTES

For the ZOOM cloud recording, go to our web site and scroll down to the recorded ZOOM meetings and find the March 15, 2023 link.

President: David Irvine jirvine123@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Jeff VonHolten jeffvh2000@gmail.com

Secretary: Al Bulgrin vangrin@comcast.net estimated to arrive at 8:15 pm

Webmaster: Paul Fletcher. fletcjp@gmail.com

In attendance: Joyce Irvine, Gretta VanBree, Joyce Webb (past secretary), Rick Webb, Paul Fletcher, Nancy Hourigan, Toshi Adair, Tim Cox, Jim Perry and David Lau. Guests: Richard Rabbers, Theresa and Ian Brade.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff VonHolten reported that on 3/15/2023, our PayPal Balance was \$124.06 and our Comerica Balance was \$1694.51. We had one recent renewal.

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



A separate communication will go out soon specifically to individuals that have not already paid their dues for 2023. If anyone has questions on their renewal status, they can email the Treasurer, Jeff Von Holten at Jeffvh2000@gmail.com

Our special guest presenter, our own Webmaster, PAUL FLETCHER, talked about the acquisition of a low mileage, 1972 Volvo 1800E. See the 20+ minute presentation above on our web site under the March 15, 2023 recording. Thank you, Paul, for sharing your story!

Meetings for 2023

LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR a SPRING DUST OFF, any idea welcome, then discuss.

- Ikea parking southwest of Detroit with the Volvo Enthusiasts of Michigan, lunch of Swedish meatballs, and poke around Ikea.
- Zingerman's Roadhouse Cars and Coffee (Ann Arbor, ask David Lau). FROM DAVID: Between Guy St. John and I, Volvos fit in nicely and get lots of love there. The bad news: The %^&* Porsche Club clogs much of the parking lot by 7:30. And it's over at 10.
- Ypsilanti Warehouse in Ypsilanti, MI, First Saturday of the month (correct David Lau?)



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- From Toshi Adair: Just running ideas through my head that aren't local to me. I'm not sure where most of our members are located. Thinking of some Southwest locations that might be fun to do.
- **Kalamazoo Air Zoo** (of course I would think of that lol). Not sure how far we want to travel, **Muskegon has a submarine** to tour. An off from the ordinary idea, who is the slowest down the quarter mile!?
- **Milan Racetrack**, with **Cabela's** in Dundee for shopping and yummy food. Maybe we could join up at an airshow?
- May 6, 2023, at the RE Olds Transportation Museum. <https://www.reoldsmuseum.org/> They have a hoods up event from 10 to 4. A friend/license plate Collector Ashley Jones (who sold the America Pickers a 1926 leather license plate for \$1200), is seeing if we can get a group discount. The group voted and have decided to proceed with the RE Olds Museum, with a special group rate of \$7 (regular admission is \$10) and Lunch at 12:30 at the Nut House (walkable, across from the Lug Nuts Minor League Baseball Team). <https://nuthousesportsgrill.com/>
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- **NOTE: after the meeting, the board decided to hold our bi-monthly board meeting at the RE Olds Transportation Museum in the afternoon, AFTER lunch at 2 pm. We will move the dinner suggestion to go to Papa Vino's to September 10th, 2023.** Note that there WILL be a home game playing the Daytona Dragons... time to be determined. <https://www.milb.com/lansing>. Information will be made available for those interested. The group voted and decided the R.E. Olds Museum would be our best choice. The other options may be considered for the future, plus the suggestions made by the West Michigan Saab group members below.



- Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 6:30 pm Bi-monthly meeting has been moved to combine with our cruise in on May 6 (as stated above).
- Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 5 pm open gates, 6 pm meeting, Gilmore Car Museum's Wednesday Cruise In.
- NOTE: Second Wednesday of September, (suggest one week earlier, as David will be out of town on the third Wednesday for work). Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6 pm – Discussion between two restaurants.... Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, MI.
TENATIVE: <https://www.harborshoresresort.com/the-inn/planks-tavern> and 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. Rick Webb shared a link for the facility that took the old Clara's Station where our club used to meet regularly: <https://m.facebook.com/bobcatbonnieslansing/>
- The group brainstormed about other activities for the future. Local SAAB enthusiasts, Theresa and Ian Brade were invited to attend our zoom meeting. Some background....Theresa purchased a 1988 convertible Saab 900 in 2014 and subsequently started the social media based, West Michigan Saab Owners Group which has over 600 members in Michigan and surrounding states. It is not a formal club with a constitution or committee.
- Theresa also referred to the 'Classic Saab 900 1978 - 93' Facebook page which brings together helpful and knowledgeable people from around the world with common interest in the older generation 900 model. Theresa met Ian through this medium and he eventually relocated here from Australia, in 2019. They currently own 2 SAABs and 1 Volvo XC60. Through their enthusiasm they have made friends locally and in neighboring states and have enjoyed seeing an increasing number of young people participating in Saab ownership.
- They (as have we) in the past had a meet at the 28th street metro cruise. Theresa and Ian were invited to participate in the 2022 Mad Dogs and Englishmen processional rally in Kalamazoo. It's a 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. Other

suggestions included a Lake Shore trip, microbreweries, and photo op places. Motor racing circuit Grattan raceway north of GR and Gingerman near South Haven. Theresa and Ian Brade mentioned/ Frank Lloyd Wright. Meijer Gardens. Lighthouses along the lakeshore. Dow Gardens in Midland. Hagerty in Traverse City to see the Car Museum.

- Event in the fall, open to any ideas, then discuss. ONE IDEA: The BMW club met in mid-October 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. They had about 20 cars and was a fun/easy activity. Tabled to discuss more ideas in May after members have thought about this.
- Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 8 pm – zoom meeting with a guest presenter. OTHER IDEAS? 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. We discussed the idea of combining our biennial Gilmore Car Museum show and invited Theresa and Ian to share this suggestion with their Saab-owning friends and group members, as doing some things together between the Volvo and the Saab Clubs provides a huge opportunity for synergy.
- Ian Brade mentioned the import and performance show at Carlisle. It's the second week in May. The idea of a caravan was mentioned as marques are well represented at Carlisle.
- The Brades also mentioned for general interest, that the SAAB Club of North America holds an annual convention which, this year, takes place July 18 - 23 (2023) at the Chicago Hilton/ Oak Brook Hills Resort. (Location changes, year by year)
- <https://saabclub.com/soc-2023-location/>
- There is a swedish community in southwest Michigan. Jeff mentioned the Carlisle Domestic and import show in the fall.

The meeting concluded with a round table from those present.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Tim Cox recently went to Japan with a Bonsai group. He saw some 240s while in Japan. Here is one clean sample!



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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