

Minutes
Great Lakes Chapter, Volvo Club of America (GLC/VCOA)

RESCHEDULED: Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 8:00 pm ET
Zoom (link below)

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Treasurer: Jeff VonHolten jeffvh2000@gmail.com

Secretary: Al Bulgrin vangrin@comcast.net

Webmaster: Paul Fletcher. fletcjp@gmail.com, regrets, although he did text with some news below.

In attendance: Rod Kuznicki, with wife Barb within earshot. Also Joyce Irvine was nearby ☺. Arrived at 8:45 ET was James Coburn, a member who lives outside of Chicago.

New member

Treasurer's Report: Jeff VonHolten reported that on 11/15/2023, the treasurer's report: PayPal is \$78.12. Comerica balance is \$1882.43. A few renewals (2 in October) and no new members.

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 VonHolten at Jeffvh2000@gmail.com.

Debrief

- Fall color tour cancelled due to rain. Served flavored scones and coffee at main parking lot of the Gilmore Car Museum on Saturday 10/14/23 at 10:00 am then from the trunk of David's Volvo 1800ES. A few members came, very few Volvos, but a total of 5 Saab's "invaded" the German show which numbered 100+. Music, food, and fun. Nice time despite weather. Lots of attendees visited the museum. The Deutsche Marques group was very nice with us and photos were posted on social media.
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- Frank Lloyd Wright Meyer May house tour and dinner at the Winchester was well received. We had 19 for the tour and 17 for the dinner. Nice job coordinating the tour Al Bulgrin and setting up the dinner reservations Tim.
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0rwW8WO9Nkty4grwn8ZsGugaYF67RbuT6bAcXh7jUdct2J4kf9tjYKjhd8ctm7Snjl&id=100064545590158&mibextid=qC1gEa Thanks Nancy Hourigan for the post/photos!
- Any winter ideas/virtual? The only mention was possibly a group getting together to go to Autorama, Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI which is Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3, 2024.
- Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 8 pm – zoom meeting with a guest presenter. NOTE: Tim Cox will present his trip to Japan in January, 2023 to discuss his bonsai tour and Volvo sightings at a later date. David Irvine did a brief presentation on his cross-country tour to Seattle to deliver a camper that was shipped to Anchorage Alaska. Elections for 2024 – IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN ANY OF OUR POSITIONS, please email jirvine123@yahoo.com before the meeting. Board members reviewed the bylaws in advance, and members had an opportunity to review. No changes were cited as being needed. James Cowen emailed 30 minutes before the meeting and has expressed an interest in running for a position, and asked what was available. and is interested. David will email him the bylaws. If interested in any position, he and anyone else interested in running for President, Secretary or Treasurer, can send an email to: jirvine123@yahoo.com. David will summarize who is running for offices. Anyone interests should to send a biography/background information about themselves, and why they are interested in the position. Members will be emailed in late November/early December and can cast their votes by December 31, 2023.
- Volvos (and Saab's) at the Gilmore "Car Museum", June 15, 2024. Combining biennial Gilmore Car Museum show with Saab-owning friends and group members. David has been in touch with the Gilmore Car Museum and Roger Moffat, the head of the Franklin Car Club and the Air-Cooled Group, welcomes us to return. The cost is \$10 per car! Talked about ideas to improve between now and March. Contact dealers for donations, other sponsors, Jeff suggested dash plaques, etc...

Future meeting to move them around to attract members who live far from West Michigan: Lansing was mentioned as a possibility for a 2024 meeting. A proposed location is the old Clara's Station where our club used to meet regularly:

<https://m.facebook.com/bobcatbonnieslansing/> Shooting for March 13, 2024. May entice some east side people to attend.

David gave a presentation on having a camper purchased in Michigan on behalf of his daughter, with the help of Jeff VonHolten to prepare the camper for a road trip with David's son Spencer and buddy Levi from Chicago to Seattle, via various national parks along the way. The camper adventure started in mid-July and was completed in 7.5 days. The camper was put on a barge in a container and shipped to Whittier, Alaska, and then on a train to Anchorage. The camper arrived

in early August and David went to check on it in late September to see the newly sealed windows, and primer paint job on the 1982 13' Burro.

Checking out the camper/preparing it for the trip

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The trip

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Arrival in Alaska.

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Round table:

Rod Kuznicki mentioned he is interested in purchasing a 1997 Saab 900 manual dark green with 150k miles. He purchased a 1973 Volvo 1800ES with 20k original miles immediately after the Frank Lloyd Wright tour/dinner at Winchester's. He's currently working on the floorboards and will continue to restore this vehicle. He's also working on a 1972 GMC Suburban, 3 door white/blue/white.

Jeff VonHolten discussed the progress on his 1972 Ford F250 "Camper Special with a 390 that is being restored. It is on a stretched Lincoln chassis with coil springs. It will be lowered and repainted with a custom interior. The seats are out of a VW CC.

Al Bulgrin has put his Volvo 122 into storage.

Joining our meeting late was James Colburn who recently purchased a 2021 Volvo V90 in Colorado. James shared an experience where he took pictures of a 1958 Buick station wagon (insert model and more details) and one of the company's he owns makes 1:24 scale car models. He discussed finding his 2021 V90 that may have had as few as 124 produced.

Next meeting: March 20, 2024, 6 pm, at the old Clara's, now called Bobcat Bonnie's. 637 E Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI.

All activities will be updated regularly on our web site by our longtime and talented webmaster. Paul Fletcher. <http://www.greatlakesvolvoclub.org>.

Paul will be posting a recording of this meeting on our web site at the link below.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bulgrin, Secretary.

Click HERE to see our new Chapter Brochure <http://www.greatlakesvolvoclub.org>

