

**Great Lakes Chapter, Volvo Club of America (GLC/VCOA),  
Consent Agenda / Bi Monthly NEWS  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 6 pm, Founders Brewery, Grand Rapids, MI**

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Also in attendance: Joyce Irvine, Gwen VonHolten, Joyce Webb (return performance as Secretary, in Al's absence), Jim Webb (past President), Warren and Marty Fritz, David Webb, Ashton, Kimberly and Opelle James (win the award for the youngest member, 8 months, farthest driven / Saginaw, MI (approximately two hours) and the oldest car (1965 122 Amazon wagon).

Treasurer's report: Jeff VonHolten reported our Comerica bank balance is \$1591.80, with a PayPal balance of \$144.97.



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

Club meets will be as follows:

- Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 6 pm, Founders Brewing Co., 235 Grandville Avenue S.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 <https://foundersbrewing.com/brewery/grand-rapids/>. Those who came early before 6 got a \$1/off a pour .
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 6 pm. Boat Werks in Holland, MI. <http://www.boatwerksrestaurant.com/>. David will call them in March as they only take reservations up to two months in advance.
- Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 6 pm. We will have our meeting at the Gilmore Car Museum Cruise in, that opens at 5. The meeting will start at 6 and food can be obtained at the Blue Moon Diner.
- Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Rod and Barb Kuznicki suggested we travel to Muskegon to the Hearthstone for dinner. <https://www.hearthstonerestaurant.com/>. NOTE: we originally planned this location in March but needed to change due to limited seating.
- Wednesday, November 16, 2022, To be announced.

Unless communicated otherwise, we will hold meetings face to face, with Zoom as backup.

Our next two events are as follows:

1. Volvo Corral at the Vicksburg Old Fashion Car Festival on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Vicksburg is southeast of Kalamazoo. Note you must register in advance for \$12 or the day of for \$15. How much fun can you have for 7 hours for ONLY \$12??? REGISTRATION PDF FORM attached. Print, mail your check for \$12, and be committed/done! There is a facebook group where more details will be posted as we get closer to June. <https://www.facebook.com/vixocf/> Volvo "event" has been posted here and we will give specific details here. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2189085447895924> Any questions can be directed to Ryan Knowles at [Rknow82@gmail.com](mailto:Rknow82@gmail.com) or at 269-720-9787.

2. Volvos At the Gilmore IX - June 18, 2022, from 9 am to 4 pm. The format is the same as the last few years... a simple meet to have FUN. No preregistration required. We will be joining the Air-Cooled Group who graciously will be sharing their weekend with us. DISCUSSION: VOLUNTEER NEEDS, GUEST LECTURER / Q&A, and DASH PLAQUES, PLUS an AD FOR ROLLING

- Volunteer early in the day ARE NEEDED to be near the Cadillac Museum and/or the Pierce Arrow Museum at 9 am to direct cars onto our field which is the large one between the depot and the LARGE barn.
- Setup is at 8 am for the volunteers who sign up in advance to help us set up, and gates open promptly at 9 am. Board Volunteers will be there early (David/Al, and ???)
- Laying of the Field / Signs are with Al or Jim Webb? Al to coordinate.
- Bill and Penny Bailey asked for a volunteer assignment, and David responded to them that he thought they would be PERFECT to handle the registration table! We could use some others to volunteer for this so that they have a chance to go enjoy the show. Many hands make light work. Suggested for the registration table:  
9 am – Penny Bailey/Joyce Irvine  
10 am – Bill Bailey/David Irvine  
11 am – Jim and Joyce Webb
- Barb Kuznicki will handle obtaining five dozen "Sweetwater Donuts" to be placed at the registration table in front of the Shell Station (the Air Cooled Registration table will be across the street, under the tree, so we can "cross pollinate" / help direct people
- Need a volunteer to get coffee at Starbucks or Bigby's.
- 30-minute tour of the museum at 11:00 am and 1:30 pm. Volunteer David Irvine
- Guest Lecturer: 1:00 pm 30-minute Q&A / Guy St. John. Joyce Irvine suggested a proposed title when we had hoped to also have Andy Dixon present. It was to be called "A couple of guys with a bunch of Brits, and one Volvo." However, Andy will be tied up at the Motor Muster at Greenfield Village (an equally fascinating event). Guy St. John has confirmed presenting at 1 pm and the new title is: "A Guy named "Guy" with a bunch of British cars and one Volvo."
- Dash Plaques – Jeff VonHolten has the go to do a design based upon the most recent sticker and will work with David and Al to finalize the design and order. Jeff should have this completed very soon!
- Gretta VanBree will be contacted to see if she can get Swedish Fish for the goody bags.

- David contacted Hagerty to get goody bags, and others to reach out to dealerships for giveaways, (maybe one person per dealership, someone who has a connection with the dealer, David Irvine will contact Naz Sesi at Sesi Motors in Ann Arbor, Randi DeSantis at Maple Hill in Kalamazoo, and Jim Webb will contact Betten Imports in Grand Rapids. Suggested Tim Cox contact places for other goodies, as he has had success with this in the past. McGuire Wax? Others?
- List of other things for goody bag out of our budget, water, donuts in AM. Rod Kuznicki is going to contact Costco regarding microfiber towels and water bottles as a donation. If not, purchase and the treasurer will reimburse
- Joyce Webb to provide lemonade and cookies for a 2 pm refreshments in the Shell Station. Joyce Irvine to assist. She will work with her son Rick to have a donation jar for “Alex’s Lemonade Stand” as a fundraiser for charity.
- Those purchasing items for the event, please keep your receipts and Jeff VonHolten will reimburse.
- Admission will be ONLY \$10 per car and a driver/passenger. If you have kids, they will allow them in FREE. How much fun can you have for 7 hours for ONLY \$10??? Hope to see you there! <https://www.facebook.com/events/974277629841169>
- David shared a windshield card and a ballot that he and Jeff were developing, for further input. Minor modifications were made and are attached. Jeff recommended either getting donated prizes, for People’s Choice, valued at approximately \$50, and Best Trunk, valued at \$25-30, be given. If no donated items are received, the club would absorb that cost.
- David has contacted “Discover Kalamazoo” to work on obtaining information for goody bags/recommended lists of hotels, etc.... The Holiday Inn Express in Hastings, MI, which is close and easily accessible is ALREADY booked. Our recommendation is to find a hotel, Air B&B/VRBO, or friend in the area ASAP! RSVP! S’il Vous Plait!

Ashton and Kimberly James gave a presentation about a fall event. It will take place on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9 am in the Flint area. The fall event will be an automotive “Scavenger Hunt.” There will be a bit of an element of surprise with the exact locations of various places/museums on the way. The first stop will be in Frankenmuth. The second will be a stop in Bay city and lunch, with a third stop in Saginaw. The event will end with a cookout at the home of Ashton & Kimberly James, and children Emmett (whose 5<sup>th</sup> birthday is October 1 when we cruise/have the cookout), Finnley, age 3, and Opelle, age 1. The club will reimburse the James’s between \$100-200 for the food/cookout, depending upon the head count. We will target Thursday, September 15, 2022 to have anyone who is interested in participating RSVP.

David reported that Josh Reynolds, Director of the Gilmore Car Museum, asked if moving forward, our club might consider expanding our reach by including other groups, such as SAAB cars to keep with the Swedish theme. Ashton told David that, although not very active, there is a Michigan SAAB Facebook Group we might consider reaching out to, in order to get the ball rolling. This is something to consider for Volvos at the Gilmore X, tentatively scheduled for June, 2024.

The meeting concluded with a round table from all attendees to share anything of interest to the group. New to our monthly meetings were Warren and Marty Fritz, who just celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary, and have owned 14 Volvos over those 50 years.

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

Rick Webb Office 365 **UPDATE**

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Webb / for Al Bulgrin

**[Click HERE to see our new Chapter Brochure http://www.greatlakesvolvoclub.org](http://www.greatlakesvolvoclub.org)**