

Great Lakes Chapter, Volvo Club of America (GLC/VCOA), Bi Monthly meeting, Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 6:00 pm. Gilmore Car Museum – Wednesday night Cruise in - The GLC/VCOA held their bimonthly meeting at the Gilmore Car Museum. NOTE: The meeting was postponed from July 10, 2019.

Treasurer's Report - Jeff VonHolten reported we have \$1698.14 in our bank account with some new renewals. Mr. Irvine probably gets at LEAST four enquiries about our club or connecting people who have specific Volvo needs per month. Mr. Irvine is working on converting the classic DVD's Volvos at the Gilmore I from 2006 and Volvos at the Gilmore II in 2008 to MP4 so they can be archived and streamed online for all to see.

Events that have taken place since our last meeting include a few Volvos at the Motor Muster June 15-16 with David Lau and Eyes on Design with John Northup's 1800S and Brent Gustafson's 1800ES that took SECOND PLACE in the Wagon category. It could be argued he took first place in the Shooting Brake Category.

Joyce and David Irvine met MANY people from Michigan and Ontario who have been in our club since the Volvos at the Gilmore I event in 2006! Yes, the ORIGINAL "Where it all Began" event for our club. More than I can count on one hand. But we met people who have been to Volvos at the Gilmore events on more than I can count on four hands! Volvo people seem to congregate at fun activities. David, Joyce, Kathleen Downie and Andrew Todd volunteered at the Volvo Nationals Vintage Car Race at the Canadian Tire Mosport Auto Racing Park. Other regulars included Corky and Lisa Zaron from Michigan and Stephen Knowles of Ontario. Jim and Joy Perry raced their 1962 Volvo 1800 along with crew David and Suzanne Farrington. It is great that our club has made so many friends over the years from these fun events. Consider going to some in the future. Please check out our posts on Facebook, Instagram and our web site for interesting facts of interest to any Volvophile.

John and Janet Mendler shared information on Mackinac Car Crossing and will continue to plan for an all Volvo event in the fall of 2021. For the record, the bridge is called the "Mackinac" Bridge, the Island is called "Mackinac" and the city is "Mackinaw." Please ensure that you get this correct. SO MANY people in Michigan get this wrong, even people who were BORN HERE! Our club will promote this event with Volvo groups across the country.

Past events

The Gilmore had their Red Barn Spectacular on Saturday, August 3, which often draws between 1200-1600 cars! I was unable to attend but saw some of the event via Facebook LIVE. Also, the Milwaukee Concours Show & Glow took place this past weekend. It featured 13 fabulous cars, from a 1954 PV444 to a 2008 S40 and a 2012 S60. In between, PV544, 122S, 1800S, 1800ES, 142E, and C70 Coupe. They had a beautiful day on Lake Michigan.

Upcoming events include:

- Woodward Dream Cruise the third Saturday in August, and the 28th Street Metro Cruise the fourth Saturday in August in South Grand Rapids.

- Former President Jim Webb has coordinated with Betten Imports to have light refreshments during the 28th Street (Grand Rapids) Metro Cruise from 10 am - 1 pm on Saturday, August 24, 2019. Bring your Volvo to meet with other fellow owners for some food, fun and fantastic cars! Questions, contact Jim Webb at jdwebb@ncats.net.
- The last weekend of September, Brent Gustafson is coordinating "Volvos at Volo III" at the Volo Car Museum, 27582 Volo Village Road, **Volo, IL** on Saturday, September 28, 2019, from 10 am - 2 pm Central time. Volo is about an hour northwest of Chicago. Come for the cars nestled in the wooded grove, peoples' choice awards, the Antique Mall, a great car collection, many of which are for sale, an old style cafe, and riverside / lakeside bars nearby in McHenry, IL. Questions, contact Brent Gustafson at mbgustafson@comcast.net. That same weekend, Jim Perry puts on a Volvo party at his house from 12-4 pm CST in Larsen, Wisconsin. Should you have questions, contact Jim at pandbmotorsports@gmail.com.

If anyone has any suggestions for a fall color tour, or other interesting activity, we welcome your suggestions. Please bring your ideas to discuss and let's make this happen!

Welcome new member Ryan Knowles who is getting into Volvos. His Father started the Vicksburg Old Car Festival which is held around the second weekend of August. They just celebrated their 39th show. A friend of our club, the late Irv Gordon, attended these shows regularly. This year, a memorial table was set up on the regular corner where Irv displayed his car.

Volvos at the Gilmore VIII is scheduled the third Saturday of July, 2020. Many people we met at the Volvo Nationals in Canada said they would come if we held it again. There was mention of not only a People's Choice award, but also adding a BEST TRUNK category.

ACTION: Rick Webb was to check about Office 365. UPDATE: David Irvine sent more photo links to Paul Fletcher who updated our web site. Our website is listed at the bottom of these minutes.

Finally, we have some sad news.... Treasurer extraordinaire, Nancy Northup, passed away this month. A Celebration of Life took place this past Saturday with some of our club members attending. She is survived by her husband John, sons Jeremy and John (Terrance), and grandson Edward Northup. We had a write up in a recent Rolling Magazine honoring the contributions of both John and Nancy Northup who were cornerstones of this club and one of the main reasons we have done so well. We wish John and his family the very best and know that many of us will keep you all in our thoughts. Several members contributed to a flower arrangement that was delivered to the funeral home. We had in excess of \$200 that was sent in Nancy's name to the Humane Society. Should you wish to leave a tribute/note for John and his family, please go here: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/rochester-mi/nancy-northup-8791530>

The group discussed a different/new location near Grand Rapids for the next meeting on the third Wednesday of September, 2019. A decision on where to meet on September 18, 2019 will be decided. With our meeting just happening, and other activities going on, how do you feel about forgoing a meeting in September? A suggestion for wherever our next meeting is that is central to many of our regular attendees, possibly in Caledonia, south of Grand Rapids. Please bring suggestions to the August Cruise in.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Webb

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