

**Great Lakes Chapter
Volvo Club of America
Minutes for our Bi-Monthly Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 5:45 PM, Four Roses Café, 663 N. 10th St. Plainwell MI 49080. <https://www.fourrosescafe.com/>.

In Attendance: David (President) and Joyce Irvine, Jeff (Treasurer) and Gwen Von Holten, Paul Fletcher (Webmaster), Nancy Hourigan, Rod and Barb Kuznicki, Joyce and Rick Webb.

Announcements: The club obtained several items from a member from Zeeland that we have sold to make up for the \$75 price for all items. A book, a Volvo owner's manual, and a plaque were sold through our Facebook posting. All costs have been recouped. We have a few items for future events, including the fall color tour (maybe a prize) and our 2026 event, including a handful of matchboxes. Discuss.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff reported we have \$1,264.10 in the Comerica account and \$22.18 in PayPal. Jeff reimbursed our webmaster Paul \$336 for web hosting for the year from Wix.com.

I. **28th St., Metro Cruise - Saturday, August 24, 2024.** Volvo club lead, Jeff Von Holten. West Michigan Saab Club Enthusiast Lead, Theresa Brade – Jeff and Theresa discussed this event. Attendance was not great, and it was a very hot/long day. They recommend we pass on this next year. CLOSED.

II. **National VCOA Meet, Poland Springs, ME – September 20-22, 2024.** Any news from anyone on how the event went? CLOSED

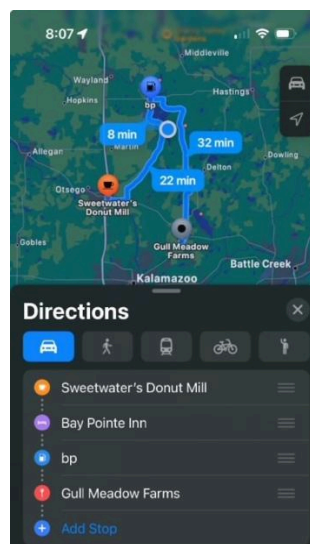
III. **Fall color tour Discussion: Saturday, October 19, 2024 meet at 10 am.** It would be helpful to have a count. For those of you here, how many will be attending? For the rest of the club, please email David Irvine at jirvine123@yahoo.com by COB Wednesday, October 16, 2024. I have some RSVP's. About 8 so far, including the Irvine's but not including you here. The West Michigan SAAB group will not be joining us, as their leaders Theresa and Ian Brade are unavailable. They told us to have fun!

Sweetwater Donut Mill, 554 Allegan Street, Plainwell at 10 am, Volvo club members MUST gather in line at 10:15 am to get in line to get a donut and a drink. Jeff VonHolten will be the last person and pay for club members' bills (estimating \$5 per person, estimating 12 cars and 24 people "estimate". Gather in the parking lot, depart at 10:45 am. David to contact Manager Austin at 269-225-1025 a few days before. No vouchers are available. What about getting

a caraf of coffee and a couple of dozen donuts to avoid having people go through the line?

Drive up to Gun Lake for a color tour, mapped to Bay Pointe, then PB, to direct us around the west side of Gun Lake, then down the east side (no view of the lake) to the Gull Meadow Farms apple orchard, 8544 Gull Road, Richland, MI at 11:45 (participants are welcome to buy apples, cider, more donuts ☺).

Depart at 12:30 to go to Old Mill Brewpub and Grill, 717 E. Bridge Street, Plainwell, MI. Arrive at 1 pm. David is the manager at 269-204-6601 and asked me to call with a count a few days before. David Irvine to ask the manager if we can have a tour of the Mill. Finish at 2ish. A general map showing the 1-hour drive is below:



IV. Looking ahead for 2025, it was noted that the SAAB group will be doing an event with the Air Cooled Group the third Saturday of June. While we do our meet every other year, we may ask permission to just be able to join / meet in an area, but not have an “official” meet. It would be on your own, but allow VCOA/Great Lakes Chapter members to go to the event. We thought we could call this Volvos at the Gilmore Car Museum X.5 or 10.5 ☺.

IV. **Volvo at the Gilmore XI - Saturday, June 20, 2026, 9 am to 4 pm**

* Find old checklist and put it on Google Docs. Includes a checklist such as having walkie-talkies, AI bringing the signs, etc. who does what there is a document we need to find it. David found SIX documents Bill Bailey helped formulate a document from a 2015 National Volvo Club of America list. David has combined all seven into a new document and uploaded to Google Docs. These are untouched and need to be edited/cleaned up. They should be reconstructed/modified/simplified for Volvos at the Gilmore XI in 2026 planning:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZxFKQijBoPDCIFHt4rYFkmm9-jbLsbjVAmVTz5tkYPE/edit?usp=sharing>

Does anyone volunteer wish to review with our group to modify/improve it?

November will be a virtual Zoom meeting at 8:00 pm for one hour. We are looking for a presenter to talk for 15 minutes or so. Possibly the VCOA president? David has emailed Armand Brandao, Taunton, MA at armand@vcoa.org to see if he is interested in joining our meeting, discussing for 10-15 minutes what is happening at the national level, as well as maybe doing a recap of the National event in Maine in September. He said it would be an honor! We will hold elections and promote having people run for office. January, we have no meeting.

We will discuss our March meeting in Texas Corners, west of Portage and Southwest of Kalamazoo. Places mentioned included "Bold" <https://bolddining.com/>, Zeb's Trading Co. <https://www.eatatzebs.net/> or the Texas Corners Brewery. It is in an old church! <https://www.texascornersbrewing.com/>.

David Irvine to start by calling Bold to see if we can get the big round table!

The next meeting will be via ZOOM on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, from 8-9 pm ET. David Irvine is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83661170633?pwd=JXt2aFu62MFGucJHFLvd0tbiHyK3PX.1>

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