

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER, VCOA

April, 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Great Lakes Chapter members AND supporters of our club!

I have THREE items to cover.

No. 1. We have had a LOT of people saying they are participating in the Dust Off Weekend, May 5-7, 2017, but very FEW responding to our survey.

We need a headcount.

Naz Sesi has been very GRACIOUS hosting us but needs an approximate count soon. We need to tell him how many classic and contemporary cars we have, so he can figure out food, etc. I'm hopeful we will have 10 classics and 20+ contemporary Volvos. PLEASE respond to this link to tell us if you THINK you can attend:

<http://www.greatlakesvolvoclub.org> The survey link is within the web site.

No. 2. Wisconsin Club News and Calendar.

Below is from Jim Perry, in Wisconsin, who has shared information of various Volvo activities in the Midwest, including our Volvos at the Gilmore 6.5.

Tentative Badgerland Volvo Activities, Summer 2017 **Details on each event will follow as time gets closer. See contact listed for each.**

June

Swedish Days in Northern Illinois-June 16-18. In association with the Chicago-area VSA/VCOA Chapter, Contact Brent Gustafson, Coordinator, mbgustafson@comcast.net. Annual Midsommar Celebration at Haight Village Historical District of Rockford IL. <https://www.swedishhistorical.org/pages/midsommar>

- Friday Evening - Abba Tribute Band Concert
- Saturday - Midsommer Celebration
- Sunday - traditional Swedish Breakfast followed by caravan to Blackhawk Farms Raceway-gather in the Volvo Pavilion with Swedish Iron Racers at VSCDA Father's Day Classic

July

Bay Area Annual Car Show, Ashland WI – Sunday, July 2, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. On the shores of beautiful Lake Superior. Contact Jim Perry, pandbmotorsports@gmail.com. Event website: <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/events/fairs-festivals/bay-area-car-club-car-show-42705>. Volvos will invade the land of American iron in the City of Murals in the trophy-rich event. Many many activities abound for anyone making a weekend (or week!) of it, including Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua, the Carnegie Hal of Tent Shows (www.bigtop.org) and the Cornucopia Annual Fish Fry (<http://cornucopiawisconsin.net/events/united-states/wisconsin/cornucopia/cornucopia-events/71st-annual-cornucopia-fish-fry-july-3-2016/>)

Kettle Moraine Cruise – Saturday, July 22. Contact Jim Perry, pandbmotorsports@gmail.com, [920.694-1337](tel:920.694.1337). Join fellow Volvophiles for a spirited cruise through the beautiful roiling backroads of SE Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine region.

August

Milwaukee Concours (Formerly the Milwaukee Masterpiece) Club Day – Saturday, Aug. 5. Sam Seward Coordinator, srseward@yahoo.com. [414-698-1143](tel:414-698-1143). At Veterans Park on Milwaukee's scenic lakefront. The Concours will provide trophies for each class. If we have dozen or more Volvos they will create a class so that a plaque and two ribbons can be awarded, our judges or theirs. If we only have a few, they would include us in a larger class, for instance, vintage European, but they would still assign our spaces together. Registration details available from Sam Seward.

September

Volvo Car Museum – Saturday, Sept. 23. www.volocars.com/ Joint Event with the Great Lakes Chapter of VCOA and Chicago Area VSA/VCOA. Contact David Irvine, jirvine123@yahoo.com or Brent

Gustafson, mbgustafson@comcast.net

Bonus Event for those who want to travel across Lake Michigan: Saturday, August 5. "Plan now to be part of the **Volvos at the Gilmore 6.5**. The Gilmore Car Museum is having a Red Barn Extravaganza and is asking more car clubs to join them. Volvos can park in a group with advance notice. Registration for the event is at <http://www.kaarc.org/ka/Portals/0/PDF/2017%20Red%20Barns%20Flyer%202%20pages.pdf>
Contact David Irvine, jirvine123@yahoo.com

No. 3. One of our founding members, Gary Hershoren, recently passed away. Gary was extremely involved in our early formation of the Great Lakes Chapter of the Volvo Club of America, and would attend practically every board meeting. Gary was a dedicated car enthusiast who loved MG's, Jaguars, and VOLVOS. His very dear friend Michael Schultz, from the Traverse City area, asked if I would share the following:

Anyone and everyone in the club, especially if you knew Gary is invited to the Celebration of Gary's Life and car show, May 13 12:00 NOON till whenever. It will be held at the Waterford Track near/in Clarkston. You can find it at Facebook under Gary, Mark or Joel.

All they ask is for an RSVP, which you can do on FB. This is what I would like you to send out to the Club. And anyone who asks can say they were invited by me. And let's see if we can have as many Volvos as Jaguars. Any questions, call or write me. [231 5907316](tel:2315907316).

---Michael

God Speed Gary!

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at jirvine123@yahoo.com. If you need a return call to discuss anything, I will call you in the evenings.

All my best,

David Irvine
President, Great Lakes Chapter
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