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NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

I hope this note finds everyone well. We have had a lot of feedback since the *Volvos at the Gilmore VI* event. Comments, suggestions and gratitude have been shared accordingly!

Member survey. Your voice counts.

If you have a moment, we have a survey we'd like you to complete to help us serve you better! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLrUDnqancahJ3Dv3lzaaBk3QyBR3rrtjDCeqnu42ULkB3SA/viewform>

Board activities

Our next board meeting is on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6 p.m. at Tony M's, 3420 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, MI, 48917. Please feel free to join us or send us any suggestions you'd like the board to discuss, jirvine123@yahoo.com

We are beginning to plan our **spring dust off** the first full weekend in May, starting in Ann Arbor on Friday, with a drive south to Toledo for more excitement. Go Mud Hens! Come and be a part of the planning to make this a fantastic event.

New website look

Check out our newly revised web site. A million thanks to webmaster Paul Fletcher. <http://www.greatlakesvolvoclub.org>

Club videos

Dan Vicary is continuing this series of videos from the Gilmore:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_aseuwUkFY&feature=youtu.be

We will have a few more to share over the coming months. Thanks 'Dan the Video Man from Algonac, Michigan.' Our chapter really appreciates that you came such a long way to document our event!

Detroit Car Show

If anyone is interested in meeting on Martin Luther King Day at the North American International Auto Show, please let me know at jirvine123@yahoo.com.

GLVCOA President on the move

I went to visit family in northern California a few weeks ago and carefully timed dropping of my cousin, Caroline, who was visiting from Scotland at the San Francisco airport at 6 a.m., then drove south to see Mike Dudek owner of IRoll Motors. Again I carefully timed my drive using the mapping app WAZE to avoid heavy traffic on the way to Morgan Hill, CA. I got there early, and worked on my laptop until he arrived.

I timed my departure to start at the end of the morning rush hour. You HAVE to do this when in these major metropolitan areas. We had a very nice visit and he showed me many classic Volvos, primarily 1800s. I even came home with a new valve cover for my ES that was carefully packed in my luggage with socks filling the gaps (he suggested it, and I had thought the same thing! Great minds....)

Mike has been a sponsor of our *Volvos at the Gilmore* event and not only has a wealth of experience and information, but has BEAUTIFUL cars and just about any part you could need. Check out his web site! www.irollmotors.com. Here are a few shots....



Shot of Mike Dudek in front of his Duette



Shot of an 1800 shell



Shot of an old 144



Panoramic of various Volvos, primarily 1800s

There is NOTHING like a clean California vintage Volvo. My ES was in northern California from 1979-2005. :0

Mike has a great collection of vintage Volvos and several concours level ones just waiting to be in your garage!

There is an app called Prisma. If you download it you can apply different filters to pictures. This is one I took on the Sunday after *Volvos at the Gilmore* near Founders Brewery just before leaving for the Frederick Meijer Garden.



Prisma shot of the 1800ES in front of Founders

My wife, Joyce, and I had a chance to go to our first VCOA national meet at Elkhart Lake, WI. Racing and a show were held at the historic Road America Track. Several of our members were in attendance. Jim Perry, our Gilmore keynote speaker, helped the national group put on a great race, show and weekend. Jim is now a member of our chapter and we will be working with nearby states to do some other events in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Ohio.



Shot of 1800s at Road America



Shot of Volvo Tent



Shot of down town Elkhart Lake cars..., Note the Nordic shop!



One of MANY incredible views around the 4+ mile track!



Banquet Saturday Night!

Bringing my news back to the homestretch, the tuner group, who are many of our younger members, have been very active in putting together quick events using social media. if you have not had a chance to join the Volvo Enthusiasts of Michigan group on Facebook, or other similar sites, consider it. They are our future!

Autonomous Volvos

Uber and Volvo will soon be deploying autonomous cars in Pittsburgh.

Keep rolling and hope you all take your Volvos for a final color tour. The **spring dust off** will be here soon! Only 240+ days to summer!

All our best,

David Irvine, President,
And the leadership team of the Great Lakes Chapter
Volvo Club of America

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
6 P.M., TONY M'S
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