

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER, VCOA MINUTES OF JANUARY 19 MEETING

Present were David Irvine, Tim Cox, Scott Warren, Jim, Joyce, and Rick Webb, Bill and Penny Bailey, Al Bulgrin, Gretta VanBree, John and Janet Mendler, and John and Nancy Northup.

The meeting was called to order by the new president, David Irvine. The current officers were introduced – John and Nancy Northup as treasurer and Joyce Webb as secretary. There is no current vice-president.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,103.59. Activities since the last report include renewals of dues for a total of \$144.

The revised constitution and by-laws were approved.

Scott Warren was introduced as a visitor who later became our newest member.

David announced that it would be helpful to have a strategic planning committee that would help to promote the club events and help the club to grow. Bill Bailey and Janet Mendler both volunteered to be on it.

The dust-off is our next event to promote. We will be meeting at the Piquette Model T factory in Detroit on April 30 at 10 AM. A tour is available for \$8.00 per person. Lunch will be at Vinsetta's Garage. Parking only by valet was discussed but later it was clarified that we can park our own vehicles before 3 PM. At 2 PM we will tour the Detroit Historical Museum. Dinner will follow at 5 PM at Snugg's Traffic Jam. We will need an estimated count for the restaurants closer to the date and an actual count by 10 am when we meet at the Piquette Model T plant tour.

Janet Mendler reported on an event in London, Ontario. If people hear of other events that we can also get involved with, let others know.

On April 24, David will be presenting a lecture at Gilmore titled "Runabout Renaissance: The Rebirth of the Wooden Pleasure Boat." On August 27, he will be presenting a repeat of the lecture he gave at Gilmore last year, titled "The Great Car Museums", this time at the Algonac Historical Society.

Lists of committees for the Gilmore event on August 13 that need workers were passed around. The Gilmore will charge \$11.00 admission and lunch around \$7.00. People that need to pay by credit card on the day of the event may do so as Penny Bailey has the equipment. Bill Bailey will work on an article and ½ page ad for Rolling Magazine due by February 1. It was approved to spend up to \$100 on a graphics artist as needed. It was approved to have the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Holiday Inn in Grand

Rapids as our hotels. Since Crowne Plaza is across from Betten, maybe trial drives can be arranged. It was approved to have Founders Brewery in Grand Rapids as our place for dinner.

There was discussion about taking part in a multi-day drive in the spring or summer. Let others know if there is one we can join.

The next meeting will be at Clara's on March 15.

We adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Webb

Further notes -

After the meeting, Rick Webb was asked to be vice-president and he agreed to the position.

Crowne Plaza will run a shuttle from the hotel to Founder's Brewery.