

# **GREAT LAKES CHAPTER, VCOA**

**Saturday Meeting, with visit to the Gilmore Car Museum,**

**Saturday, July 16, 2011**

## **Members present**

Tim Cox, President, Harriet Cox, First Lady

John and Nancy Northup, Co-Treasurers

David Irvine, Secretary

Al Bulgrin

James and Joyce Webb

John and Ellis Hay

Daryl Tammen

Ron Sessions from South Lyon/Brighton area. Has a 1960 544 with a B16. He is interested in the chapter, but can only attend on Saturdays.

Guests:

The group ran into a Volvo couple visiting from Goshen, IN. Kenton and Karen Miller

A visitor showed up. Beth McCroskey from Kalamazoo, MI has a 1989 240. Was interested in gears for odometer.

## **Treasurer's Report**

John and Nancy reported we have \$605.90 in our account. No bills and we are healthy. Membership has not had much activity or anything new since the "pin" promotion. Nancy will send out letters to those who have not renewed.

## **President's Report**

Tim Cox, Report on VCOA National Meet. 85 Cars. 135 people. McPherson College Tour of Auto Restoration 12 miles from Lindsborg was unbelievable. There was a Saturday night Smorgasbord. It was a benefit for the young Swedish singers adults who travel to various places. They sang at the event. Thoroughly enjoyed the car show in the 94 degree heat, renewed friendships with Volvo club members we had met last year. He and Harriet avoided hail storm on the way back.

Tim is going to a Concours in St. Joseph, MI on August 13<sup>th</sup>, as a result of an article in Sports and Exotics. Virgil Exner, Jr. He and his father were involved in design at Chrysler and have a connection with 1800s. Tim will be going to the VSA National West Coast Meet in Malibu around the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

Two things to talk about: Fall event. Better people want us to show up for the Metro Cruise on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Informal, can park in their parking lot. Will support if we did a color tour cruise in Mid October.

It is time for us for the president and secretary to move on, and Tim and David to move on as members. Discussed if we should do a nomination process. **Action item:** board members and members who attend board meetings to actively recruit for new board members. We wish to have people step up so that the club continues to thrive. Next meeting, September 20<sup>th</sup>, downtown Lansing at 6:00 pm at Clara's in Lansing.

Mentioned that there is a discount the Volvo Club of America National Members will get some sort of discount. Similar to a Ford Plan. David to check in Rolling. He found out from the VCOA web site <http://www.vcoa.org/theclub/discounts.php>

The following Volvo dealers and parts suppliers listed in the above link have agreed to furnish VCOA members discounts upon proof of membership. Present your membership card in advance to the parts counter person.

If your local dealer is not listed, ask him if he would be willing to join the program. That's how all these vendors got on the list. The participating businesses receive a complimentary subscription to Rolling.

Volvo would like to hear comments—pro and con—regarding your local dealers, so they may better serve their dealers and you. Volvo Customer Service may be reached at 800-458-1552 or 800-526-4785. **Please Note:** The rate of discount on parts and/or services varies from vendor to vendor, as does what is discounted.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm. The members went to visit the museum and had a great time! .

Photos of the museum:

**You are invited to view David Irvine's photo album:** [July Great Lakes Chapter meeting Gilmore 2011](#)