

## **GREAT LAKES CHAPTER, VCOA MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING & BRIEF DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Happy Holidays!

Below are the minutes from our November meeting in Lansing.

Also, we are still asking that ALL the people on our distribution list take just a few moments to fill out this survey. We need more input to help us serve you better! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLrUDnqancahJ3Dv3lzaaBk3QyBR3rrtjDCeqnu42ULkB3SA/viewform>

All my best,  
David Irvine  
President  
Great Lakes Chapter  
Volvo Club of America

Minutes of the GLVCOA November 15, 6 p.m. at Tony M's, Lansing, MI

Meeting was opened by David Irvine. Also in attendance were Rick Webb, John Northup, Tim & Harriet Cox, and Jim & Joyce Webb.

The treasurer's report gives us a current balance of \$2,329.09. There was a discussion of whether to increase our dues which was a no.

It was also discussed arranging a deal with national to combine the dues with us paying \$5.00 of the three year sign-up to encourage more to do so. Tim Cox would try to see if this would be possible.

Mr. Irvine mentioned that there was a glitch with the survey and results were unable to be obtained. We will look into this in the future.

Mr. Irvine suggested uploading all debriefing notes from 2016 Volvos at the Gilmore so that they will be more easily available in the future for all board members.

A thank you goes out to Paul Fletcher for the newly designed website.

Harriet Cox asked that we buy two bricks at the Gilmore Shell station. It was suggested we put David Irvine and Tim Cox's names on them but they both declined. After further investigation, Mr. Irvine suggested we do one 8X8 brick, at a cost of \$100, and have it say "Great Lakes Chapter / Volvo Club of America." We can either finalize this at our January meeting, or if no one has an objection, let's just DO IT.

It was suggested we co-ordinate with other clubs. Dave made a contact with Brent Gustafson, an active member of both VCOA and VSA in the Chicago-area with the suggestion of going to the VOLO Car Museum northwest of Chicago in September or October 2017.

Mr. Irvine also reached out to the Midwest Volvo Group on Facebook and there is interest in helping us to promote this.

The spring dust-off will begin on May 7, 2017 with a reception at Sesi Motors in Ann Arbor from 4-7 p.m. This will be followed by an Ann Arbor, Dearborn/Toledo event/drive on Saturday. The U of M graduation is one week earlier so will not interfere with this week-end. John Northup has some ideas about making this an interesting and fun weekend so he and Mr. Irvine will collaborate to put something together. Suggestions include a scenic drive, possibly along Lake Erie and venues include The Toledo Zoo, Toledo Art Museum, Toledo Botanical Gardens, the Jeep factory (if they do plant tours), the original Tony Packo's for lunch/dinner and Handel's Ice Cream. This will all need to be discussed further as we get closer, as some of these venues will be weather dependent.

Mr. Irvine will follow-up with Elizabeth Brown of Sacramento, CA, for an online VCOA chapter leadership community network. Her idea is to gain strength through collaboration.

A discussion was held on when to have the January meeting. It was decided to have it on Monday, January 16, in combination with a trip to the Detroit International Auto Show. We will make reservations at Fishbone's, 400 Monroe Street, Detroit, around 2-2:30 pm and Mr. Irvine will call them again next month to confirm.

We will meet at Tony M's on March 21, 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Webb, Secretary  
Great Lakes Chapter  
Volvo Club of America