

**THE VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE
2nd QUARTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
VIA ZOOM
APRIL 16, 2024**

OFFICERS PRESENT:

President	Duane Copley
Executive Vice President	Mark Hamlin
Secretary	Mike Welsh
Treasurer	Elaine Johnsen
Membership Vice President	Clare Oestreicher
Activities Vice President	Trisha Copley
Technical Vice President	Randy Carlson (for Steve Fitzgerald)
Publications Vice President	Ray Maxfield

PAST PRESIDENTS PRESENT:

2019-2021	Ray Maxfield
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REGIONAL DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bonneville	Bob Shilkett
Great Lakes	Gary Miron
Kentucky	Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)
Mid-Atlantic	Carl Worstell
Mountains & Plains	Randy Carlson
Northwest	Carl Edem
TexOma	Ken Blake
Upper Mississippi	Dave Edmonds
Western	Dion Stams

President Duane Copley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. CDT.

The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

Trisha Copley moved to approve the minutes of the 85th annual membership meeting of February 9, 2024. Elaine Johnsen seconded. The motion carried.

Carl Edem moved to approve the minutes of the 1st Quarter Board of Governors meeting of February 11, 2024. Ray Maxfield seconded. The motion carried.

Ray Maxfield moved the minutes of the 1st Quarter Board of Governors meeting and the 85th annual membership meeting be sent to the Publications Vice President for email distribution to club members, and for placement on the club website by April 20, 2024. Clare Oestreicher seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Johnsen

Three reports have been prepared for your review. The reports reflect financial information as of February 29, 2024, and are compared to February 28, 2023. The Actual to Budget Revenue and Expense report compares actual revenue and expense as of Feb. 29, 2024, to the budgeted revenue and expense as of February 29, 2024, in the adopted budget.

The Statement of Financial Position shows our current assets as of February 29, 2024 less than one year ago by \$(4,016) or 2.2%. Current Liabilities for the same time period are greater by \$11,847 than one year ago. Current liabilities include accounts payable for bills received but not yet paid; and deferred revenue for 2024 membership dues paid from September 2023 through Feb. 2024, to be amortized as revenue each month over the remainder of the year.

The Statement of Revenue and Expense notes the following:

*Net Revenue at the end of February 2024 is up \$9,894 compared to the end of February 2023. This increase is primarily due to Membership Dues reflecting the increased annual renewal rate of \$48; generous donations received from a Region and a member; and a prior year tour income from a region no longer actively holding National tours.

*Total Expense is greater by \$5,405 at the end of February 2024 than at the end of February 2023 due to the editor transition and overlap as well as the Membership Development costs related to both the reservations for Hershey and the annual award plaques given at the annual membership meeting or mailed following the meeting. These costs were previously recorded with the reimbursements from Sponsors applied as an offset. Reimbursements are now invoiced in the accounting system and are recorded in the income section when billed.

*Revenue less Expense at the end of February 2024 is a net income (loss) of \$(8,507) which is an improvement of \$4,489 when compared to the end of February 2023.

Actual to Budget Revenue and Expense notes the following:

*Total net Revenue as of February 29, 2024 is greater than the budget for the same time frame by \$2,479 or 12.3%. Unanticipated donations contributed to this positive variance.

*Total expense at February 29, 2024 and compared to the budget as of February 29, 2024 is greater by \$1,063 or 3.7%. Various items contributed to this minor variance and is mostly due to timing or unanticipated expense.

*Overall, at this point in time the Net Income (loss) is less than projected in the amount of \$1,416 or 16.6%.

Other activities since our last meeting include billing our sponsors for the award plaques presented and mailed to the recipients in February. (Nearly all sponsors have paid as of April 15, 2024) Also invoicing for both display ads and web advertising is current. Documents have been submitted to the CPA firm for preparation and filing of our annual 990 and 990 T forms with the IRS. Quarterly payroll reports will be filed before the end of April.

Elaine noted the following: The Net Income loss reflects only the first two months of the fiscal year; the Accounts Payable number includes bills that were not paid until March 2024; the Deferred Revenue number represents member dues payments collected prior to 2024, which will be amortized and applied evenly throughout the year; Net Revenue increase was primarily due to

the increase to membership dues from \$40 to \$48; Total Expense increase was primarily due to the overlap in transitioning to a new Bulb Horn editor; the annual awards expenses will be correctly recorded as income for 2024, and currently all but three sponsors have reimbursed their awards; Total Net Revenue compared to budget is higher due to unanticipated donations received. Elaine explained the monthly reconciliation of membership payments with the member database, and noted she does the invoicing for display ads and web advertising. The documents presented have been sent to a local CPA firm to generate nonprofit reports for submission to the IRS by May 15, 2024, after which Elaine will prepare quarterly payroll reports.

President's Report: Duane Copley

This is the meeting where the President makes appointments to the Committees and I have contacted the appropriate Committee Chairs to learn who they want on their respective committee. The Audit Committee was appointed at the last meeting so that has been taken care of.

We are still dealing with the issues related to the storage, management and retention of those items collected by Barbara Fox and the Revival AAA Glidden Tour[®] data and archival information prepared by Shirley Doherty. I will be going to Maine to retrieve those materials held by Barbara Fox. The excess copies of the Bulb Horn from Barb that we determine are not needed will be taken by me to our tent at Hershey to be given away. Some of the balance of those items will be given to Carl Worstell to be catalogued. Once catalogued we still need a place to store them and a means to retrieve them when necessary. There is much yet to be discussed about what we have in storage including the creation of a records retention policy.

Meantime, it is not too early to be thinking about nominations for the next election. I have again asked Carl Worstell to Chair the nominating Committee and will be seeking the BOG concurrence on that appointment along with the other Committee appointments. Carl will shortly be contacting the BOG members seeking suggestions and nominations.

I have reached out to the appropriate Region Directors in an attempt to get something in writing concerning the recent reported collapse of two Chapters. I am of the opinion that if we have it in writing these Chapters/Regions can be removed from our roster.

I can tell from the amount of traffic in my inbox, that all our officers have been busy working on a variety of current projects and other issues. I am asking all the Regional Directors to reach out to your Region membership and Chapters and encourage them to consider hosting a National Tour or meeting.

The next or 3rd Quarter 2024 Zoom meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2024.

Clare Oestreicher moved to approve Carl Worstell as chair of the 2024 nominating committee. Randy Carlson seconded. The motion carried.

It was suggested that region directors with recently-dissolved chapters encourage the former chapter members to continue as current members. It was further suggested that the current

Florida Region be altered to include the dissolved Southwest Florida Region members. Duane Copley volunteered to address both suggestions.

Executive Vice President's Report: Mark Hamlin

Progress on updating the Regions and Chapters officers spreadsheet is going slowly due to lack of response and difficulty accessing the member database.

It was suggested that the current draft of the spreadsheet be sent to the Region directors and Chapter officers for corrections.

Secretary's Report: Mike Welsh

It is this time of the year that renewals slow almost to a halt but there still are some here and there. I am sure Clare will give us a very accurate count on this along with the new members that go with the renewals.

From time to time, I do get some interesting phone calls. I have received two requests from prisoners wanting to join VMCCA. I still have their letters, but I have not taken any actions on creating a new category of VMCCA memberships.

From several phone conversations with our new editor, Tracy, I am very impressed with her.

I really do not have much of a report tonight, but I still love my job and hope to continue as long as my health lets me. This is my 18th year as your Secretary.

Membership Vice President's Report: Clare Oestreicher

As of 10:30 AM Pacific time today, we show 1,425 active memberships in our database, up by 186 from February's report. About twenty of those are museums and advertisers. We list 293 delinquent (unrenewed) memberships, down by 136 from February. I can't thank Ray Maxfield enough for his emails through Touring Chronicle connections to late-paying members. Those produced a huge response in February. Also, thanks to Mike Welsh for responding so cordially to our applicants and for keeping our database up to the minute.

Our Southwest Florida Region has officially disbanded, as their Director, Lee Royston, was no longer able to continue and no one volunteered to take her place. I've received no answer to an inquiry about distribution, per VMCCA Bylaws, of any remaining assets. On the other hand, we show 43 new national members enrolled since January 1, 2024. Two new members, registered in just the past two days, live in the New England Region, which hasn't had many active members lately. These events may make this a good time to consider re-drawing our Regions to more accurately reflect National membership distribution (last discussed in 2017–2018).

Several months ago, our new Bulb Horn Editor, Tracy Leshner, suggested we run a regular item welcoming our new members, commencing with the July/August issue, so I'm looking forward to creating that feature.

Membership Awards were presented to 48 members who achieved 25, 30, 40, 50, and 60 years of continuous membership in 2023. Craig Lindig (30 years) and Mike McGrath (40 years)

received their certificates and pins on the Annual Meeting cruise in February, and the other awards were mailed to the recipients. Names appear in the May-June Bulb Horn. One Chapter president suggested that I notify local Regions and Chapters when their members receive awards—an excellent idea that I will follow in future years.

Tracy Leshner has the printer's specifications for our membership brochures, and we hope to get them finalized now that her first Bulb Horn is complete. Meanwhile, Mike Welsh will be glad to send you some of the hundreds of previous edition copies suitable to distribute at shows and meets if the "\$40" dues is adjusted to "\$48" with a little circle of black ink.

I have responded to several recent requests for "Member Number" lately—looks like people are filling out applications for this year's Revival AAA Glidden Tour®. We just returned from the excellent Orphan Tour (aka The Eclipse and Lockdown Tour—details in an upcoming Bulb Horn!) and will be heading soon to the Old Spanish Trail and the Lewis & Clark Tours. It's great to see so many people on the road in old cars.

Activities Vice President's Report: Trisha Copley

The following tours are scheduled for 2024 and 2025:

- VMCCA 42nd Chrome Glidden Tour, Clarksville, AR, 04-28-2024 – 05-03-2024, Directors Raymond and Sammye Sue Harrill, Registrars Ray & Carol Maxfield
- The Old Spanish Trail - Part II, Grand Junction, CO, to St. George, UT, 05-12-2024 – 05-18-2024, Director Steve Fitzgerald
- Mid Atlantic Spring Tour, Hagerstown, MD, 05-19-2024 – 05-22-2024, Directors Ed Wenger & Eileen Eby
- Great Lakes Region Tour, Cadillac, MI, 06-03-2024 – 06-07-2024
- Central Nickel Age Chapter Tour, 06-08-2024 – 06-13-2024, Director John Tarleton
- Lewis & Clark Tour, location TBD, 06-09-2024 – 06-14-2024, Director Carl Edem
- VMCCA 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour, Medina, OH, 06-23-2024 – 06-28-2024, Directors Dave & Debbie Vassel
- Mid Atlantic Picnic, Appomattox, VA, 07-25-2024 – 07-27-2024, Directors Marilyn & Jim Talbot
- Defiance Chapter Farm Boys Tour, Richmond, IN, 07-28-2024 – 08-01-2024, Director Dave Copeland
- Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, Fairfield, PA, 09-22-2024 – 09-28-2024, Director Rob Burchill (AACA)
- AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, 10-08-2024 – 10-11-2024, VMCCA Hosts Marilyn & Jim Talbot
- Mid-Atlantic Region Fall Tour, Southern Tier of New York, 10-13-2024 – 10-17-2024, Directors Cindi & Keith Newman
- Mid-Atlantic Region Annual Meeting, location TBD, 11-2-2024, Director Carol Maggioncalda
- Western National Tour, Tucson, AZ, 11-03-2024 – 11-08-2024, Director Steve Partman
- The Old Spanish Trail - Part III, St. George, UT, to Santa Fe, NM, 11-17-2024 – 11-23-2024, Director Steve Fitzgerald

- National Membership & 1st Quarter Board of Governors Meetings, Newport News, VA, 02-18-2025 – 01-21-2025, Directors Becky & James Woodall
- Orphan Tour, Ypsilanti, MI, 06-24-2025 – 06-28-2025, Director John Zimmerman
- Revival AAA Glidden Tour[®], Owensboro, KY, 09-07-2024 – 09-12-2024, Director Jeff Strumb (VMCCA)

The statement of expectations for tour directors is being revised, and will be sent to the officers for review. Volunteers are being sought to lead tours in 2025.

Technical Committee Report: Randy Carlson (for Steve Fitzgerald)

The awards have been sent or delivered and Elaine can tell you how collections are going. Some sponsors have dropped out.

I have been distributing the awards list and nomination form. I have not had much luck in getting any nominations submitted except for two from one member. Perhaps there is no interest in continuing awards. At this point there have been suggestions that only awards with three or more nominations should be considered.

Another suggestion was that awards without sponsors in a timely fashion be dropped. Another suggestion is that the concentration should be on people rather than just cars. A report is to come.

Motion: The awards program shall be subjected to a study in which input will continue to be sought from members AND each sponsor shall be contacted to determine if they wish to continue and to determine if there are any changes they would like to make.

Randy Carlson moved the above. Dion Stams seconded.

It was noted that this motion seemed to duplicate the already-assigned duty of the committee. It was reported that Steve was concerned about narrowly-focused awards losing their sponsorship if, as Steve believed was appropriate, broadening their focus to increase nominations. A vote was taken but the motion was not declared carried.

Clare Oestreicher moved to table the original motion. Dion Stams seconded. The motion carried.

Bulb Horn Editor Report: Tracy Leshner

I grew up in a car family. My parents started dragging me to car shows at six. The real fun started, though, about middle school when my parents got involved with touring. My brother and I really enjoyed that, and I continued to tour through high school and a little bit through college as time would allow.

Before I started editing car magazines, I taught for 22 years, in the classroom full-time until 2018, when I took over the Horseless Carriage Gazette. Then, during COVID, I picked up the Dodge Brothers club, and I said I think I'm done teaching. So I've been working from home since then. My husband, Jeff, and I have two boys, a 14-year-old and a 17-year-old, who's graduating next month. Big things happening.

I really do enjoy my work. Honestly, it only feels like work when it comes down to final proofreading. I enjoy working with our club members. So far, I've really enjoyed working with VMCCA, and I have to thank the board for the vote of confidence and allowing me the privilege of editing the Bulb Horn. It's really neat to have a magazine that spans 120-plus years of auto history and touring, and the club itself has been around since the late '30s. So there's a lot of provenance and there's a legacy that VMCCA has. It truly is an honor to be editing your magazine.

I am always looking for content. I want to vary it up as much as possible. I know we're hitting high touring season, and of course there's going to be a lot of tour articles coming up in the next couple of issues. But I'm also looking for articles about members and their cars, how they got involved with touring, and for articles about club history and the club itself. And I'd also like to find ways to showcase youths in the hobby, because I know that we've got kids and grandkids and nieces and nephews that are involved. So, if you have any story leads, I would greatly appreciate it, particularly with the youth because I am new to the club.

I know some of you because of the Horseless Carriage or through AACA, but I don't know everybody. You guys are the heartbeat of the club, so I'm going to be depending on you to help me out. And if a member comes to you with ideas for the Bulb Horn, please feel free to say, "Hey, give Tracy a call, send her an email, she'd love to hear your idea." I know tech articles are always difficult to come by. My favorite reply to that is, "Oh, that's a great idea. Why don't you write about that for me?" I will gladly work with our members to help them craft articles for the Bulb Horn.

I will be on this year's Glidden tour. It's not too far away from where my family is in southeastern Pennsylvania on the west side of Gettysburg, about two hours drive. I'm excited about the Glidden tour and I really look forward to meeting you come September.

Old Business: Publication Committee Report, Ray Maxfield

We are making purposeful progress in all areas of publications and media. The most noticeable progress is in the visual appearance of the Bulb Horn magazine. I am not sure if the printing and mail-out schedule for the May/June edition would have been delivered to your address as of this meeting. I don't have mine, but I have read the proofread copy. The magazine has much more modern and contemporary look. The layout of articles and information is flowing and appealing. Editor Tracy Leshner is adding a creative touch. Tracy has also helped article authors enhance their articles to make them read better with well-placed photo displays.

The VMCCA website's "The Latest" section is being updated at a 7–10 day cycle. Brenna Olwine, our content contractor, submits changes weekly to that section. The section's purpose is to inform the website's visitors about current VMCCA information and interesting automobile articles. Fortunately, President Duane enjoys writing, so there is frequently something new from him. Brenna is also pulling officer's messages and articles from the Bulb Horn magazine for this section. Brenna has suggested a couple of page layout improvements also. As we continue to define the website's purposes, you will see other improvements meant to attract a website visitor's eye while promoting the VMCCA.

John Pendergast has contracted three new advertisers to website advertising and to advertise in the Bulb Horn. Advertising sales help reduce the cost of maintaining the website and reduce Bulb Horn publication costs. John understands the effect paid advertising has on our costs and is working with purpose and diligence to bring new advertisers on board. As of April 9, 2024, Crankshaft Magazine has cancelled their ad on the website.

I have mentioned before that our mass media mail provider is underutilized. There may be a point in utilization when we have to pay more for the service because we communicate to members and non-members more frequently. I honestly hope we do. One purposeful change in communication and utilization is the email distribution of our VMCCA meeting minutes. We recently announced that improvement in an email to our members. That announcement stated several benefits of distributing the meeting minutes in this way. The comments and replies have been positive. Meeting minutes will also be posted in the member's section of the website.

In conclusion, when we have a purpose for what we are doing, we will often get natural positive outcomes for free along the way. Today, I believe our members would agree that we have more attractive media and that they are better informed.

Old Business: Downtown Storage Committee Report, Beth Welsh

Prior to the report being read, Mike Welsh presented Beth Welsh with the 2023 President's Cup Award.

(submitted report)

The Downtown Storage Committee (Mike Welsh, Bob Ehinger, Jim Clock, and Beth Welsh), met Friday, April 5, 2024, to review feedback on their report presented at the 85th Membership Meeting on February 9, 2024. The following topics were addressed:

Continuity of storage space:

It was asked whether the verbal guarantee to allow VMCCA to continue storing material in the Ehinger building should be put in writing. Bob declined but will clarify his intent to his son and daughter.

Bulb Horn collection requests:

The committee discussed suggestions from Duane Copley, Clare Oestricher, and Carl Worstell to offer Bulb Horns to automotive-themed libraries and to the McPherson College library.

A selection of single issues can be identified from surplus and offered to the McPherson library. The college is a three-hour drive from Kansas City.

Carl obtained lists of issues missing from the AACA Library and the Detroit Public Library, which includes 1939 issues and some 1940s issues. Retiring club archivist Barbara Fox holds some of these, but not all. Neither library's request can be fulfilled without taking some issues from the backup full set of Bulb Horns.

The committee offers the following motion:

- In the interest of establishing a complete, permanent and properly-stored collection of the Bulb Horn accessible to researchers and the public, we move to provide missing issues to both

the AACA Library and the Detroit Public Library, providing physical copies as available and digital copies for the remainder.

Bulb Horn surplus inventory disposition:

The committee's recommendations for disposing of the approximately 6,000 surplus Bulb Horns have not changed. To briefly review:

- Do not attempt to sell the collection. Too expensive, and very low sale rate.
- First, offer all or part for sale to an identified eBay seller.
- Next, offer all for free, for a limited time, via Bulb Horn and website ads. Those interested must pick them up or pay for shipping.
- Recycle the remainder.

In the interim, the inventory can be reduced by culling all but two of every issue and limiting future retention to one or two years.

- The committee moves to accept the above recommendations.

Peter Helck painting:

- The committee moves to authorize a new appraisal.

Films and VHS:

A Kansas City conversion business advertises the following rates:

- 8mm film: 25¢ per foot
- VHS: \$25 per tape

Films in storage:

- 1955 interview with Fred Marriott and others
- 1958 auto show with music
- 1959 auto show
- VMCCA 1962 National Meet Plymouth Mass
- '62 French Lick Glidden
- 1970 Mobile Ala. Glidden Tour Parts 1 and 2
- Narrated showing of 1970 Glidden Tour film at a local chapter meeting
- Veteran Car Club Rally (undated)
- Car driving on Italian auto racing course (undated)
- Discord—Beauty in Trust

VHS tapes in storage:

- Glidden Tour French Lick Indiana 1962
- 1966 Revival Glidden Tampa FL
- 1980 Glidden #2
- 1984 Glidden
- Hershey Fall Meet 1987
- 1994 Glidden
- 2002 Glidden Tour (27 copies)

(have not inventoried large box of VHS tapes)

Old financial records:

Elaine Johnsen has provided a list of record categories which should be permanently retained, and has requested an inventory of the stored records. The inventory is in progress. Items remaining can be shredded by the club's credit union in Kansas City.

Old member roster printouts:

Digital files have not been located, but a hard drive in an Ehinger safe has not yet been checked. This will be done as soon as possible.

GM Heritage Award:

The award's recipients, Jim and Dorothy Bartish, have been contacted and want the award sent to them.

Carl Edem moved to approve the committee's recommendation regarding providing Bulb Horn copies to the AACA and Detroit libraries. Clare Oestreicher seconded. The motion carried.

Clare Oestreicher moved to approve the committee's recommendation regarding disposition of the surplus Bulb Horn inventory. Carl Edem seconded. The motion carried.

Elaine Johnsen moved to approve the committee's recommendation regarding appraisal of the Peter Helck painting. Carl Edem seconded. It was asked if the painting was covered by insurance; it was speculated that the club's blanket insurance policy may cover it, depending on the painting's value. Elaine amended the motion to include gathering quotes for appraisal and selection of quote by executive committee. The amended motion carried.

Old Business: Interim Historian Report, Beth Welsh

The archive materials and Bulb Horns held by retiring club archivist Barbara Fox will be picked up for delivery to Carl Worstell.

It was suggested at the 1st Quarter 2024 VMCCA Board Meeting that Shirley Doherty's Glidden Tour attendance history data be converted to an online database by Arc Seven, the business that manages the club's member database. The interim historian recommends the Secretary's Chrome Glidden attendance history also be converted.

These two data sets are used annually to determine eligibility for attendance awards given at each Glidden (now Revival AAA Glidden[®]) Tour and Chrome Glidden Tour. Converting them to online will protect the existing data from loss or corruption, make new data entry easier, and allow reports to be generated.

Access to edit these two databases should be strictly limited. Specific VMCCA Board members could have read-only access as deemed necessary. It is recommended that AACA officers do not have editing access.

I [suggest] opening a discussion with Arc Seven to explore options and costs for creating and maintaining online databases for the Glidden and Chrome Glidden historic tour data sets.

It was asked what would be done with other club memorabilia. It was reported that Duane Copley would pick up the materials held by retiring archivist Barbara Fox.

It was asked whether the Glidden database would be kept online or in offline storage. It was explained that the database could be available online with access restricted to a small number of club officers. It was suggested that the cost of maintaining the database and any other archival material be determined first.

Elaine Johnsen moved Ray Maxfield, Beth Welsh, and Shirley Doherty contact Arc Seven to discuss database conversion and archival storage. Dave Edmonds seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: Revised Touring Guidelines Committee, Dion Stams

Dion Stams reported the committee, consisting of Dion (chair) and Trisha Copley, would include input from Lyle Schultz and Betty Shores. Little progress has been made so far, but activity should be underway by the 3rd Quarter meeting.

New Business: Appointment of Standing Committees

Duane Copley proposed the following committee members:

Publications Committee: Ray Maxfield (chair), Tracy Leshner, Brenna Olwine, John Pendergast, Randy and Sandy Carlson, Denny Holland

Activities Committee: Trisha Copley (chair), Sally Murray, Carol Maxfield, Ken Blake

Membership Committee: Clare Oestreicher (chair), Dion Stams, Sally Murray

Technical Committee: Steve Fitzgerald (chair), Jim Johnson, Randy Carlson

Clare Oestreicher moved to accept the committee assignments. Carl Edem seconded. The motion carried.

New Business: 2025 Annual Meeting Dates & Location

Trisha Copley announced the 2025 annual meeting will be held February 18–21 in Newport News, Virginia.

Clare Oestreicher moved to accept the dates and location. Elaine Johnsen seconded. The motion carried.

New Business: Two-Tier Membership Proposal

Duane Copley summarized the two-tier membership proposal as presented by a member at the 85th Membership Meeting: Offer club members a choice of receiving a printed or an digital Bulb Horn with their membership, with different rates charged for each option.

It was asked whether the money saved by printing fewer Bulb Horns would be sufficient to cover a cut in member dues, and answered that a substantial portion of member dues goes to Bulb Horn printing and mailing, although exact numbers are yet to be determined. It was noted that the proposal also called for only digital issues for student and overseas memberships. It was stated that, although younger members would likely appreciate a digital-only option, the membership discount should be smaller than the actual cost saved by not printing. It was stated that, in other car clubs, the transition from print to digital happened gradually, and that distributing digital copies also has a cost. It was suggested to reduce digital-only dues by \$5, or about 10 percent. In answer to a question, it was stated that the proposed two-tier membership structure is not likely to burden the treasurer, as other membership levels are already being processed. It was suggested

that a committee gather information on the proposal's actual costs and make a recommendation to the Board. It was stated that the Horseless Carriage club and others had recently made similar changes to their publications, and it was suggested that these examples be examined. It was asked how quickly might such a change take place, and how many members might choose a digital option, and it was answered that, in a past conversation, a club magazine editor reported an adoption rate of about 10 percent. It was suggested that a digital-only option might appeal not only to younger members but also to those who travel frequently. It was suggested that, in the interest of moving forward with printing new club brochures, the Board set the rate for the digital-only membership.

Dion Stams moved to set the digital-only membership rate to \$40. Clare Oestreicher seconded.

It was stated that the marketing and rollout of a new digital-only membership rate should be thought out thoroughly. It was stated that the membership database would have to be updated prior to the rollout date, and also noted that 2025 dues would be in effect starting September 1. It was asked when the digital-only rollout could be scheduled, and answered that a preview version could likely be available in October with the full version available by January 1. It was asked whether the chapters and regions should be contacted before proceeding with the proposed transition. It was asked by what method digital-only members would receive their Bulb Horns, and it was noted that Bulb Horns are already posted on the club website. It was stated that those members would be sent a link to the website. Ray Maxfield said he would contact Arc Seven to begin planning the transition, and provide an update at the July meeting. It was suggested that the digital-only rate be reduced by \$5 less rather than \$8.

Duane Copley called a vote on the open motion. The motion carried.

New Business: Dennis Holland Recognition

Clare Oestreicher moved to recognize Dennis Holland's years of editing the Bulb Horn with an article in the magazine and with a plaque comparable to the President's Award. Randy Carlson seconded. The motion carried.

New Business: Officer Handbook Employee and Contractor Agreements

Ray Maxfield moved to dispense with reading his proposed revisions to the Officer Handbook regarding employee and contractor agreements. Elaine Johnsen seconded. The motion carried.

Ray Maxfield moved that the VMCCA BOG accept the additional statements regarding employee and contractor agreements to the Officer Handbook as presented effective April 16, 2024. Carl Edem seconded. The motion carried.

Ray Maxfield moved that the approved additions to the Officers Handbook be posted into the Officers Handbook and posted on the VMCCA website before the 3rd Quarter BOG meeting July 22, 2024. Mark Hamlin seconded. The motion carried.

Ray Maxfield read a proposed addition to the Officer Handbook:

“VMCCA officers shall not serve as an officer and serve as an employee or independent contractor concurrently. The officer shall resign from the officer position immediately following the Board of Governors approval of their employee or contractor status.

When a Past President seeks to serve as an employee or in a paid contractor position and the BOG approves the arrangement, the Past President shall relinquish their BOG privilege and status as long as they hold an employee or contractor position.

All employment and independent contractor agreements shall be reviewed by the VMCCA BOG before offers are made to candidates. Along with a job or position description the agreements shall contain (1) the scope of work. (2) The terms of payment. (3) Renewal or continued employment criteria. (4) Statement regarding ownership and copyright of materials. (5) Termination notices.

Authority to sign an employment agreement or contract is held by the VMCCA President ONLY. No other BOG member or member at large has the authority to sign or otherwise engage in a contract representing the VMCCA.”

Ray moved that the VMCCA Board of Governors accept the additional statements regarding employee and contractor agreements to the Officers Handbook, as presented, effective April 16, 2024. Clare Oestreicher seconded.

It was asked where the new material should be placed in the handbook, and answered that it be placed prior to the standing committee’s page. It was suggested that “shall” be replaced with “must” in reference to required officer resignation or relinquishment.

The amended motion carried.

Ray Maxfield moved that the additional statements regarding employee and contractor agreements to the Officer Handbook be added to the handbook and posted to the club website before the 3rd Quarter meeting. Trisha Copley seconded. The motion carried.

New Business: Encouraging Region and Chapter Membership

Shirley Reed, tour chair of the Northern Colorado Chapter, described her experience creating and managing websites and social media pages, gave examples of their marketing value, and noted that these sites appear in internet searches. Shirley noted that only three regions and eight chapters currently have websites. She urged chapters and regions to find someone to set up their websites and social media accounts, and offered to meet and give advice via Zoom with anyone interested.

Bonneville Region Report: Bob Shilkett

Our winter finally showed up in March for Idaho Falls with 16” of snow followed by a low of 8 degrees.

Chapter meetings and Valentine’s Day parties have gotten us through the cold weather as well as formulating plans for the upcoming touring season.

The Eastern Idaho chapter will have their dust off tour April 20 and the Utah chapter in early May.

The annual Eastern Idaho chapter's swap meet and car show will be held for only one day this year in Shelley, Idaho the Saturday prior to Father's Day. Previously, the event had been over the Father's Day weekend in Idaho Falls. Proceeds from the event go towards scholarship donations to the Eastern Idaho Community College and Idaho State University automotive programs.

On a somber note – our region lost two members in March. Sam Otero of the Eastern Idaho chapter passed away on March 12 and William “Bud” Wernz of the Utah chapter passed away on March 29.

Great Lakes Region Report: Gary Miron

The chapters are planning their activities for the spring, summer and fall tours.

Judy Wright has volunteered to be GLR Vice Director.

GLR had our Annual Banquet on March 23, 2024 at the Early Ford V-8 museum in Auburn IN. Summit City Chapter was the host. Toured the museum of the vintage autos. Had a catered lunch also a guest speaker Nate Fluke and his students from the great race and explained about the cars and what's involved in the race. There also working on a woman team driver. The great race this year is from Owensboro Kentucky to Seal Cove Maine.

The 51st annual GLR Fowlerville Swap Meet will be May 4th, 2024. All chapters welcome, needs more volunteers.

The 73rd Great Lakes Region Tour will be June 3–7, 2024, visiting in and around Cadillac and Traverse City, MI. Look for the Water, Trees and Cherries – Pure Michigan. registration forms in the Bulb Horn, Touring Chronicle or the VMCCA website. The deadline to register is May 1st, 2024.

Defiance Chapter's Farm Boys Tour 'Making Tracks In Richmond' is in Richmond Indiana. Registration is limited to 50 vehicles and deadline is June 28, 2024. Registration forms in the Bulb Horn or VMCCA website.

GLR Annual Picnic is at Bill Shepherd House on Saturday, August 10th, 2024.

VMCCA Orphan progressive car tour will be June 22–27, 2025, starts in Ypsilanti MI to South Bend Indiana. More info will come. Tour Director is John Zimmerman.

Kentucky Region Report: Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)

Our Bluegrass Chapter and Northern Kentucky VMCCA Chapter held a very well- attended joint tour on March 30. The group from Lexington met up with the northern contingent at the Ohio River near Rabbit Hash, Kentucky, and rode a ferry across to Indiana. We drove to a 50's style

diner in Lawrenceburg, IN. for lunch, followed by a visit to the nearby car museum and gift shop. It was great fun to get to know each other better.

The Bluegrass Chapter has more planning to do for the rest of the season. The Northern Kentucky Chapter holds monthly meetings, and plans to attend quite a few local car shows in the next several months.

The Grand Indiana Auto Tour will not be held this year. The same person chaired the last three years, and there were no volunteers to take the reins for 2024, so the tour is on hiatus for now.

Our Central Nickel Age Touring Club will host its annual big event in Columbiana, Ohio, June 8–13. The tour is restricted to vehicles built from 1913 to 1927, and covers low mileage at a pace suitable for the elderly vehicles. Tour information has appeared in the “Touring Chronicle.”

Mid-Atlantic Region Report: Carl Worstell

Membership numbers remain steady with 101 families comprising 180 individuals.

Finances – Mid-Atlantic finances are sound. There are no immediate plans to change dues.

The Mid-Atlantic officer nomination committee is working on developing a slate of candidates for 2025 officer positions.

The Mid-Atlantic newsletter “Wheels a-Rolling” for April-June, 2024 was recently published.

The Mid-Atlantic Region has a full slate of tours for 2024 starting with the Spring tour May 19, 2024 through May 22, 2024 in Hagerstown, MD, hosted by Ed Wenger and Matt Eby. This tour will replicate the first Mid-Atlantic tour twenty-five years ago.

The summer picnic will be held July 27, 2024 in Lynchburg, VA. Hosted by Jim and Marilyn Talbot.

The Fall tour will be October 13–17 in central New York hosted by Cindi Newman.

The 2024 Annual membership meeting will be on November 2, 2024 in Vineland, new Jersey, hosted by Carol Magg.

Mountains & Plains Region Report: Randy Carlson

First of all - welcome aboard Tracy and Brenna.

I got home a couple of days ago from the Orphan Tour in Decatur, TX which was not a large turnout but enough people to make it fun.

Sandy Carlson and Shirley Reed drove to Rapid City to help celebrate the Gold Dust Chapter’s 40th anniversary. They presented a commemorative gift to the chapter and Sandy spoke on behalf of Mountain and Plains Region. They were warmly welcomed and appreciated by members of the Gold Dust chapter. The chapter had an interesting slide show of past activities.

Sandy, Shirley, and Jim and Judy Johnson discussed plans of having a regional hub tour in Three Forks, MT as a Lewis and Clark finale on June 8 - 12, 2025. Jim has formally submitted Tour Director Statement of Expectations for regional tours to Trisha.

Another subject of discussion between NOCO and Gold Dust tour directors was the possibility of having a joint weekend tour in Laramie, WY in September of 2024.

An updated report of officers of Mountains & Plains region and chapters have been submitted to Mark Hamlin.

The Old Spanish Trail tour is coming up in May. There is room for more attendees. Sign up quick.

Northwest Region Report: Carl Edem

Northwest Region

Over the next 6 months the bylaws of the region need to be reviewed and updated. The Lewis and Clark tour has 30 cars registered so far, with 63 people.

Capital City Vintage Car Club

Attendance at the monthly meeting is down compared to last year. There was some conflict with the meeting day and we have gone ahead and changed the date to what was thought to work for everyone, but that has not seem to make a difference.

Our annual Valentine's Day Tour was a smaller group than usual but we did have a few members from the Sequim Club join us for a tour through a sculpture garden and dinner overlooking a lake at a historic restaurant. For our March outing we decided on the annual Almost Spring swap meet in Puyallup would be something different. April has us traveling to Woodland, WA to visit a Lilac Garden and then after lunch to a Grist Mill.

Upcoming events for the next quarter include attending an annual Old Timer's Fair, a fly-in at a small airport that also includes old cars and in July a joint picnic with the Sequim Club.

Sequim Valley Car Club

Some of the members attended the Valentine's Day tour with the CCVCC. Some of our members have been attending our weekly breakfast get together, A garage tour is planned for this Saturday. May is the annual Irrigation Festival Parade followed by a car show and June is the car show in Port Angeles. Also 14 members are planning to attend the Lewis and Clark tour.

Northern Lights Antique Car Club

No report at this time

TexOma Region Report: Ken Blake

This month the members of the five Chapters in Texas, members in Arkansas, and members attending the Orphan Tour enjoyed viewing the total eclipse.

This quarter the Bexar Touring Club did not have any schedule tours and four of the Antique Car Touring Club members attended Fredericksburg tours.

This quarter The Oil Burners Club had a tour to Lubbock, TX and to the WASP Museum which is dedicated to honoring the life and legacy of the WWII women Airforce service pilots and the Avenger Field where they trained located in Sweetwater, TX. They have started planning their annual Swap Meet which will be held in September.

The Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club has been active with a tour in February traveling the backroads to Mason, TX to visit the Texas Historical Landmark three story Sequest House made of limestone, sandstone, and white Victorian trim and then lunch and backroads back to Fredericksburg. In March there was a tour to the Enchanted Fredericksburg Ranch for a demonstration of glass blowing then traveling the back road of the hill country to lunch. Tomorrow there is a tour to the Heritage Place Assisted Living facility in Fredericksburg for the residences to see and sit in the vintage cars. Then they will tour to see the wildflowers and lunch.

The North Texas Chapter has been completing the planning of the Orphan Car tour which occurred April 8th to April 12th with 28 registrations. Although the numbers were small there was great fellowship, food, and activities, starting off with the viewing of the total eclipse. Activities during the week included a drive to Mineral Wells, TX, home of Crazy Water, with a visit to the National Vietnam War Museum and then lunch at the historic Crazy Water Hotel, a visit to the Bureau of Engraving and Stockyards in Fort Worth, and to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway headquarters for a tour of their museum and control center. The highlight of the week was the visit to Azle High School to see the tech center automotive classroom shop and equipment and the principal allowed the entire student body, in shifts, to view the vintage cars. As the members were leaving the school alarms started sounding and they were ushered quickly inside the building and were locked down for 45 minutes due to a mysterious threat to the school. All in all, it was an exciting week of tours.

Finally, Raymond and Sammye Sue Harrill and Ray and Carol Maxfield along with help from Texoma region members from Arkansas and Texas have been completing the plans for the 42nd Chrome Glidden tour based in Clarksville, AR starting April 28th. I am happy to report that the tour is full, with a waiting list, and it should be a fun week of touring the rural, residential, and mountainous areas to visit historical venues in Arkansas. This is the first time since 1963 that there has been a national tour held in Arkansas. Immediately after the opening banquet, the Texoma Region will hold their Annual Meeting.

Upper Mississippi Region Report: Dave Edmonds

No report

Western Region Report: Dion Stams

Dion Stams reported that Western Region has a single chapter, High Rollers in Las Vegas, Nevada.

So far in 2024, the High Rollers club has had its Dust-Off Breakfast in January at the Boulder Creek Golf Club in Boulder City, NV, had a drive to and brunch at the Paiute Golf Club in

February at the Paiute reservation northwest of Las Vegas, and participated in a parade for St. Patrick's Day in March in Henderson, NV. Upcoming activities include a show-and-shine car show at the Las Ventanas Assisted Living facility in April in Las Vegas, a tour to Death Valley National Park in April to see wildflowers after unusually heavy seasonal rain, and the High Rollers Club Picnic in May at the Ahern Orchard in Las Vegas. Planning is well underway for the annual fundraising show-and-shine car show in October in Las Vegas, with all proceeds going to the scholarship fund at McPherson College in McPherson, KS. McPherson has the only four-year academic program in the US for automotive restoration.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m. CDT.

Mike Welsh
Secretary