

**THE VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE
3rd QUARTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
VIA ZOOM
JULY 22, 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	Steve Fitzgerald
Publications Vice President	Ray Maxfield

PAST PRESIDENTS PRESENT:

2019-2021	Ray Maxfield
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REGIONAL DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bonneville	Bob Shilkett
Kentucky	Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)
Mid-Atlantic	Carl Worstell
Mountains & Plains	Randy Carlson
Northwest	Carl Edem
TexOma	Ken Blake
Western	Dion Stams

President Duane Copley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. CDT.

The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

Carl Edem moved to approve the minutes of the 2nd Quarter Board of Governors meeting of April 16, 2024. Ken Blake seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Johnsen

All reports presented are as of June 30, or six months into the fiscal year.

The Actual to Budget Revenue & Expense report shows that total net revenue is greater than anticipated by \$3,057, due to unanticipated donations and contributions. Because the budget is based on historical performance, total expenses are slightly more than anticipated. Actual revenue less expense of -\$17,517 is \$4,067 less than anticipated.

The Statement of Revenue and Expense contains the same information as the Actual to Budget Revenue & Expense, but is compared to the prior year instead of comparing to the budget. Total net revenue in this report is \$8,411 greater than a year ago. Factors are the donations already mentioned, plus dues revenue coming in at a little faster rate because of the new \$48 standard renewal compared to last year's \$40. Expenses are running higher than a year ago, but the major variance is due to this year's overlap with our Bulb Horn editors, a single-year event. Compared

to last year, revenue less expense, which is actual expenses greater than revenue, was \$17,517 for this January through June versus \$15,540 for the same period last year, for a difference of \$1,977.

The Statement of Financial Position, our balance sheet, includes assets, cash position, accounts received, receivables, and prepaid expenses such as insurance. The negative income reduced our current cash position, but this was anticipated in the budget and is being addressed. The liability side of the table is accounts payable, including bills that are booked but not including cash that has not yet been expended. Deferred revenue is the dues received in advance from October through December. This revenue is amortized, or spread over the entire year. The equity position and the change are at the bottom of the statement. We are ahead compared to last year at the same period.

President's Report: Duane Copley

Things have been fairly quiet the last few months. Most of my energy has been expended on attempting to herd our various projects along to completion. We need to finalize what we are going to do with all the old Bulb Horns, the painting and those related issues. We need to finish up the decisions concerning the digitized Bulb Horns and who will get them so Clare can finish up pulling the new tri-fold together for the beginning of the September membership drive and Hershey. If we are going to revise and adopt a different version of the touring guidance document, we need to get that done also. There is a suggestion that we revise the Regions boundaries but I would prefer we table that until some of this other old and older business is finalized.

There are several proposals being presented at the meeting. One involves digitizing the Bulb Horn, one involves preparation of the Revival AAA Glidden Tour database. Treasurer Johnsen also has several handbook update proposals. It is my hope these proposals will be presented to all before the Zoom meeting.

The last meeting was a 3+ hour marathon. One way to address some of that is when a motion is made and a second is offered, we need to limit the discussion to the motion. We tend to bring up all manner of related issues and 15 minutes later most of us have forgotten the motion. Please speak only to the motion. If there are related issues, bring them up after the vote and be prepared to offer a motion or a solution. Another place we can save time is to not include information in our reports that is not relevant to your position.

Let us not forget that our Regional Directors are also waiting to give their reports. We need to hear what is going on in the Regions and Chapters but we also need to get the business done. Let's do our business and get on with the reports and give the directors equal time.

Executive Vice President's Report: Mark Hamlin

The Vice President has nothing new to report, and is still working on updating the officer spreadsheet which is very nearly complete.

Secretary's Report: Mike Welsh

Certificate of Insurance requests must be sent to the Secretary by the Club event organizers and not sent directly to our insurer, JC Taylor. Region directors should communicate this to their chapters and members.

I found more of the old brochures and I have about 130 on hand. I want to proofread the revised brochure when the new draft is available.

Per our request ArcSeven has made some changes to database:

- Corrected “Internet Special” dues amount and added effective date
- Added member type “Deceased”
- Changed delinquent members to “Inactive”, which keeps them off mailing list
- Delinquent members will be automatically changed to Inactive every Feb. 1st

The Club’s PCI compliance certification has been renewed for the next twelve months. This is a questionnaire that certifies the Club’s website is handling payments securely and responsibly. The PCI seal should be placed on VMCCA online application payment page if it is not there already.

First class postage went up twice in 2024, by two cents in January and five cents in July, which affects the cost of mailing new member packets and Bulb Horn Patron thank-you notes.

At this time of the year most of those who are going to pay their dues for 2024 have already paid. There are quite a few new members and I am sure Clare will give you all of the details.

Membership Vice President’s Report: Clare Oestreicher

As of early this morning, we show 1,468 active memberships in our database, up by 43 from April’s report. There are 281 memberships still in arrears, down by 12 from April. Unfortunately, we’ve lost a number of long-time members in the last eight months, including Ken Gunderson who passed away on July 20.

At Bulb Horn Editor Tracy Leshner’s suggestion, a “Welcome” to new members enrolled from January through April was published in the May/June Bulb Horn. We’ll welcome our most recent additions again in the November/December issue. We have gained 29 new members since April, including six in the Great Lakes Region, six in Mountains & Plains, four in Bonneville, three in Midwest and three in Texoma.

Because of changing demographics, lack of contact persons in several Regions, and a need to improve communications with our membership through local leaders, I have drawn up a proposal to revise the number and composition of our Regions. It will be presented for the Board’s consideration later during this meeting.

Pending the Board’s approval of arrangements to process the Electronic Bulb Horn Membership Level for the reduced dues rate of \$40 for 2025, starting with the January/February 2025 edition, I have drafted an announcement to run in the next “Chronicle” and Bulb Horn. Because of printing deadlines, members who wish to choose that level will be asked to make their selection and pay appropriate dues by December 1, 2024. (Annual dues are supposed to be paid by January 1 each year.) We do expect some confusion at the initiation of this option, though, and intend to be lenient with late deciders. Ray Maxfield has been working with Kurt Moe to get the programming ready in time for 2025 dues payments to begin this September. Ray will present details during tonight’s meeting.

Also pending approval later tonight of the new level's procedures, new membership brochures are being finalized. Mike Welsh's supply of the previous version is down to 200-300 copies. Tracy Leshner has specifications for the printer and we expect to have the new version ready for this autumn's Revival AAA Glidden Tour® and Hershey.

Activities Vice President Report: Trisha Copley

Here we are in July already. Where has the time gone? Several tours and meets have been completed and there are many more National, Regional, and Chapter tours and meets yet to come for 2024.

The year 2025 has some meets and tours in the process. Our National Annual Membership/Board of Governors/Awards Meet is scheduled for February 18-21; a Regional Hub tour is being planned for the Regional Lewis & Clark tour for June 8-12; a National Orphan Tour is in the works for June 23-27; and the VMCCA sponsored Revival AAA Glidden Tour is scheduled for Sept. 7-12.

In trying to get volunteers for other tours for the 2025 calendar and beyond, I'd again like to ask for volunteers. Perhaps, Regional Directors and/or Chapter Presidents can look at tours that their group has done in the past and ask some of the newer members to step up to the bat and redo it as a possible National Tour or an Anniversary Tour. Please give it some thought. This is your club and we need volunteers to do the tours.

Technical Vice President Report: Steve Fitzgerald

No report

Publications Vice President Report: Ray Maxfield

(submitted report)

Two editions of the Bulb Horn Magazine have been produced by our editor, Tracy Leshner, and delivered to our members. A third edition is in process now. The design and layout have been welcomed with positive comments. The proofreaders have commented the error and correction rates are very low, approaching zero.

The VMCCA website is updated weekly in The Latest section and when requested in other areas. For example, tour fliers and registration forms. The Gallery section is updated when tour photos are submitted. We can always use more photos from tour, local chapter, Region, and National. 20-50 photos make a nice display of our tours and activities.

Brenna, our content contractor has invoiced for \$619.50 over the 6 months ending June 30. Our agreement with Brenna is to provide the service for a maximum of \$2,500 over 12 months, one year. We are 24% of the agreement maximum at the half way point. A project Brenna is currently working on that will add approximately 4 hours of work in the month of July. This project is to update the Region and Chapter contact information on the website to match the report provided by Executive VP, Mark Hamlin. At least one contact person's website information is as much as three years out of date. We are making a decision that the contact listed for Regions will be the Region Director and the contact listed for Chapters will be the Chapter President. That seems to have been the logic over the many years of creating and maintain Region and Chapter lists.

John Pendergast continues to make contacts for display advertising in the Bulb Horn and on the Website. Bulb Horn remains mostly stable with one new advertiser, Automotive Appraisals & Consulting LLC. I believe we have 8. The Website advertisers have dropped off. I believe Grundy Insurance is the only active advertiser on the website.

The Touring Chronicle email newsletter is rolling along. Work has begun to delete non-member subscribers who have not opened the Chronicle in two years or in some cases have not opened it since they subscribed from our distribution list. Our billing is based on the number of email addresses sent. 320 email addresses were deleted prior to the last Chronicle send. By deleting these addresses, we stay with our current billing amount. We also are reviewing the "Did Not Open" list. This list contains both members and non-members. The logic for deleting or removing addresses is, if a non-member did not open the Chronicle in the past two years, that non-member's email addresses will be deleted. Members email addresses who have not opened the Chronicle in two years are being added to a separate mailing list that will be used only when we have an announcement intended for all members. There is also a list kept by Constant Contact called "least engaged." There are 605 email addresses on this list. Constant Contact requires an upgrade to access this list. We do not feel an upgrade is needed to reduce the mailing to this list. Diligent managing the Did Not Open list will eliminate some of those on that list.

The email lists counts are 4,767 contacts, 3396 subscribed, 1395 most engaged, and 605 least engaged. Generally, the total number of emails sent out is close to the 3396 subscribed number. We have two mail lists that we use. Those two lists are merged by Constant Contact. They will not send duplicate copies. Between the two lists there approximately 1,370 duplicate email addresses.

Bulb Horn Editor Report: Tracy Leshner

The Bulb Horn is doing well with a good inventory of articles coming in. So well, in fact, that some material will have to be pushed back one or two issues. The September/October issue is almost ready for the committee to review. The November/December issue is shaping up with Board bios for the ballots, the scholarship winners, and cover and center photos being lined up. Constructive feedback is welcome, as are any ideas for future articles.

Old Business: Stored Assets/Records Action Plan Committee, Mike Welsh

In 2015, I received a phone call from Steve Mergele regarding the extra issues of the Bulb Horn. He had traveled to California to get these issues from Ray Williams who was the Publications Vice President. After the Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi, I arranged to rent a truck for two pallets of cardboard boxes containing back issues of the Bulb Horn and took them back to Kansas City, MO. I had previously made arrangements with Past President Bob Ehinger to store these boxes in his Old Car Building in downtown Kansas City. In my spare time, I numbered the boxes, inventoried the issues, recorded the number of issues in these boxes, and moved the extra issues at my house to Bob's building.

When an issue of the Bulb Horn is printed, I make an estimate of how many issues I think I would need, mostly for sending new members a welcome packet that includes a Bulb Horn. This number varies by the time of year when we are collecting dues, or getting a lot of new members, or a slow time... So far I have never guessed the perfect number!

In the future, when there are extra Bulb Horn issues left over from a printing, I will set some aside for members to hand out at their events. The members can contact me to arrange delivery or pickup.

Over the years since I became the caretaker of the extra issues, their number has grown to 127 boxes. Some boxes have just a few issues, but others are full. My son-in-law, Barry, made a spreadsheet so I could keep track of the extra issues.

Members sometimes ask if I have this or that issue to help them fill up their collection of Bulb Horns. I mail them what I have and ask them to pay for the postage. Most of the time they send more than the postage. Members will also send me issues they no longer need.

When Barbara Fox took over the job as Librarian, she asked me to help fill in the gaps in the Librarian's Bulb Horn collection. I sent her what I had, but did not have everything she needed.

Proposal regarding Bulb Horns stored at the Ehinger building:

1. Keep five issues of each Bulb Horn (if available) in case a member wants a certain issue.
2. Put an ad in two issues of the Bulb Horn, offering any amount of extra issues to any VMCCA member if they will pick them up in Kansas City.
3. After the ads expire, post them on Facebook Marketplace, asking \$0.50 per issue. (Note that these ads are restricted to a maximum radius of 250 miles.)
4. Recycle any remaining issues.

These measures will not make every extra issue of the Bulb Horn disappear.

Ray Maxfield moved to accept the committee's recommendations. Elaine Johnsen seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: Helck Painting Appraisal Quotes, Mike Welsh

(submitted report)

As requested by the Board of Governors, two quotes for appraising value of the Club's Peter Helck painting have been solicited and received. The quotes are from firms with offices in Kansas City, Missouri. Here are the quotes:

1. Madison Group Fine Art Appraisals (www.mgfaa.com):
\$750 for appraising fair market value
2. Art of Estates (artofestates.com):
\$535 for appraising insurance coverage and identifying an auction service
(or \$350 for insurance appraisal only)

Both appraisals require an in-person examination of the painting, which is wrapped and crated in Bob Ehinger's building in downtown Kansas City.

(end of submitted report)

It was asked what value was estimated in an earlier assessment. It was stated that two assessments were made, one at about \$18,000 and the other at about \$38,000. It was stated that Joy Mehulka had been asked for an opinion on the painting's value. It was asked whether Bob Ehinger had made an offer for the painting. It was reported that he had not, and it was suggested that he be asked. It was asked if there was a cost-free way to estimate the painting's value, such as taking it to an art museum.

Carl Edem moved to proceed with the \$750 appraisal offer. Mark Hamlin seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: Revised Touring Guidelines Committee, Dion Stams

Background:

1. A Tourbook Template was approved for use by the Board of Governors in February 2024 at the Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada. This Template was intended to enable tourmasters to create tourbooks for their tours using the best structure and style, and including the best components of tourbook design.
2. That Template was unhelpful for some tourmasters, who already had their tourbooks in preparation. That Template was unhelpful for other tourmasters, who found the Template too difficult to conform with and/or too constraining for their tour needs.
3. During the February 2024 1st Quarter BOG Meeting aboard the Royal Caribbean cruise ship *Radiance of the Seas*, I (Dion Stams) requested permission from the Board to simplify and restructure the Template. This was approved, as a President's Committee to be headed by me, to report to VMCCA President, and composed of Committee members of my selection. Status updates were to be provided at the 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2024 BOG Meetings, with completion of revision anticipated by the February 2025 BOG Meetings.
4. At the 2nd Quarter 2024 BOG Meeting on April 16 by Zoom, I reported that the Committee had been selected, and was composed of: Dion Stams (Chair), Trisha Copley, Lyle Schultz, and Betty Shore. I also reported that discussions had been held with several tourmasters, to identify the challenges that were found while trying to use the approved Tourbook Template.

Current Status:

5. Since the February 2024 BOG Meeting, I have continued research on what updates are most helpful to tourmasters. I attended and discussed the topic with the tourmasters of the April 2024 Orphan Tour, the May 2024 Old Spanish Trail II Tour, the June 2024 Lewis & Clark Tour, and the July 2024 Bluegrass Chapter Tour (Kentucky Region), as well as a personal March 2024 tour to Death Valley, a personal 1,100 mi June 2024 tour/commute to the 2024 L&C, and a 1,800 mi June 2024 tour/commute from the 2024 L&C. I find planning my personal trips very useful, and I use a format similar to VMCCA tourbooks for my personal trips.
6. Tourmasters have emphasized that the current Template is too rigid for use, so they deliberately choose to vary from it. An example is the direction to position all turn-by-turn directions on odd-numbered pages of the tourbook and all maps on even numbered pages. The intent of the structure imposed in the current Template was to make tourbook creation much like filling in an online form or application, with every required entry having its own location and formatting. Regardless of the intent, the result is unwieldy, cumbersome, and difficult usability for those creating tourbooks. Tourmasters have also asked how to include maps in tourbooks.
7. The primary goal of the Committee is to overhaul the Template, removing unneeded 'requirements' and instead offering tourmasters suggestions of what works well with pros/cons for the options. Certain things will always be important to include, such as the cell number of the tourmaster for when (not if) tour issues arise, and where local urgent care is located (as Alex West put it in 2023, what you do for a heart attack is easy – 9-1-1 – but what can a tour attendees do for lesser but still important aches?).
8. The secondary goal of the Committee is to provide advice/commentary on how to embed maps in tourbooks. Work on that had been initiated for the current Template, but did not

end up being included. Planning for the overhaul includes the how-to for fancy images from sources like Google all the way to simple images of highlighter pen marks on paper maps. Tourmasters will be given tools and advice to match their interests / capabilities / time.

9. Completion of Template overhaul may not meet my initially hoped-for target date of the 4th Quarter BOG Meeting. See my interrupting travel schedule above in [5]. Completion has not been ignored however, and completion by the 4th Quarter BOG Meeting does remain a possibility.

Old Business: Digital Bulb Horn for Certain Members

Following up to the 2nd Quarter Board meeting suggestion to send digital copies of the Bulb Horn to student members and reduced-price members, it was suggested that National officers and advertisers also receive their courtesy copies in digital form. An officer expressed personal preference for paper courtesy copies. It was noted that non-members cannot access the Bulb Horn on the club website, and concern was expressed about emailing PDF copies that could be shared with non-paying members. It was suggested that mailing the small number of paper advertiser copies would be a negligible expense and prevent advertisers from sharing a PDF. A reminder to consider the benefit of attracting younger members with a digital-only offer and not dwell on the age and preferences of most current members. It was asked if members would violate copyright by sharing a PDF Bulb Horn, and replied that it may technically be a violation but unlikely to be tracked down. It was noted that the use rate of a new digital-only membership option, including the current McPherson College student option, would help gauge the level of interest. Tabling the proposed motion was suggested until interest was evaluated.

It was noted that the digital-only option should be added to the paper and website renewal/application forms by September 1, the start of 2025 dues renewal. It was noted that the High Rollers Chapter collects its members' National dues, and that all chapters should be informed of the new option. A suggestion from a Board member was shared, recommending planning for cost of erroneously-mailed Bulb Horns due to probable renewal errors. It was recommended that the new brochures also include a digital-only option for overseas members. It was stated that Tracy Leshner produces the PDF Bulb Horn, and that either she or Ray Maxfield can create an email distribution list for them.

Trisha Copley moved to convert overseas, advertiser, and student membership types to receive digital copies of the Bulb Horn. Ken Blake seconded. It was suggested to amend the motion to give advertisers the choice of paper or digital copies. The amendment was rejected.

Clare Oestreicher moved to give overseas and student members digital-only Bulb Horns, while advertisers may opt to continue paper copies. Carl Edem seconded. The motion carried.

New Business: Digital Bulb Horn and Revival AAA Glidden Tour Database Contract Proposals, Ray Maxfield

Following approval at the second quarter meeting on April 16 to set the digital-only membership rate at \$40, the Board can now authorize creation of optimized PDF versions of the Bulb Horn starting with the January/February 2025 issue. Ray was asked to work with ArcSeven to create a proposal for this process. The proposal from ArcSeven was shared with attendees in Zoom.

Ray Maxfield moved to accept the July 13, 2024 ArcSeven proposal to create PDF versions of the Bulb Horn on the VMCCA website. Carl Edem seconded. The motion carried.

Shirley Doherty has been managing a large Excel spreadsheet containing participant data from every Glidden Tour since 1946. This data is required to track the number of tours each participant has attended in order to present attendance awards. A proposal from ArcSeven to convert this data to a secure online database was shared with attendees in Zoom. The data would be shared with AACA and VMCCA when a Glidden Tour is scheduled.

Ray Maxfield moved to accept the June 22, 2024 ArcSeven proposal for a database to be managed from a VMCCA website.

It was asked how often information requests from this data collection have occurred. It was understood that Shirley has received inquiries from members of both clubs, mostly to determine participation records. It was noted that 15 years of participation is required before receiving an award. It was asked if the Glidden tour chairs normally check their lists with Shirley. It was answered that they do, but if Shirley has not heard from the chairs she has contacted them.

Dion Stams seconded the above motion. Duane Copley called the vote; ayes were voted but noes not called for, and result of motion was not declared.

New Business: Nominating Committee Report, Carl Worstell

April 1, 2024: Sally Murray agreed to be on the nominating Committee.

April 15, 2024: Note sent by e-mail to all incumbents asking if they wished to be on ballot for 2024.

- President – Yes
- Technical VP – Yes
- Membership VP – Yes
- Treasurer - Yes
- Vice President – Yes
- Activities VP – Yes
- Publications VP– Yes

May 27, 2024: Note sent to those incumbents wishing to be on ballot for 2024 to send me a bio and picture. Received them all by July 4, 2024.

May 28, 2024: Acting as Mid-Atlantic Region Director, sent note to Mid-Atlantic region members asking if anyone wanted to be on ballot. Received no positive responses.

June 12, 2024: Note sent to Regional Directors and Chapter Presidents asking them to canvass people in their region for possible nominees. Did not receive any regional directors. No one volunteered to be a nominee.

Various dates: Note sent to people whose name had been suggested as possible nominees. No one agreed to be on ballot.

July 6, 2024: Sent bios and pictures of 2025 nominees to Bulb Horn editor for inclusion in Bulb Horn.

New Business: Proposed Treasurer & Accounting Handbook Updates, Elaine Johnsen

Elaine called attention to the proposed change for each officer's submission of their annual budget request, noting that these requests will now be due four weeks before each year's first Board of Governors meeting.

Elaine moved the VMCCA Board of Governors accept the revised treasurer's duties and responsibilities as presented, effective July 22, 2024. Clare Oestreicher seconded. The motion carried.

Elaine moved the approved revisions be made in the Officer's Handbook and posted on the VMCCA website before the fourth quarter Board of Governors meeting of October 22, 2024. Several seconding replies were made. The motion carried.

New Business: Regions Map Update, Clare Oestreicher

Before the meeting, Clare emailed each Board member a proposal for revising Region boundaries. Clare stated her map update proposal was intended to keep members connected in regions that have a small number of members or do not have officers. She offered to table the discussion if the Board desired.

Ken Blake moved to table the discussion. Trisha Copley seconded.

It was noted that the Executive Vice President has been reviewing a list of region and chapter contacts and is aware of this problem, and also noted that while communication is taking place, it could be better.

The Board was asked to review the map update proposal and to be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Bonneville Region Report: Bob Shilkett

(submitted report)

Chapter meetings, dust-off tours, and Fourth of July celebrations have been the mainstay of activities.

The Eastern Idaho chapter's semi-annual litter cleanup was at the Market Lake Wildlife Management area in mid-May.

Bob and Holly Crawley ventured to Washington to assist with the 2025 leg of the Lewis & Clark tour.

The one-day Eastern Idaho chapter swap meet and car show in Shelley, Idaho on the Saturday prior to Father's Day was a success. Proceeds from the event go towards scholarship donations to the Eastern Idaho Community College and Idaho State University automotive programs.

(end of submitted report)

It was stated that a Utah Region is not necessary since the Bonneville Region's three chapters (Utah, Cache Valley, and Eastern Idaho) are quite geographically spread out.

Connecticut Valley Region Report: Clare Oestreicher (for Jerre Hoffman)

Clare reported receiving a five-page newsletter from Jerre, and said the region appears to be active.

Great Lakes Region Report: Gary Miron (submitted report)

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

The 51st annual GLR Fowlerville, MI. Swap Meet was on May 4th, 2024, we had great weather, we had 186 vendors with 1892 participants. After the swap meet had dinner and the GLR meeting at Fowlerville Farms Family Restaurant in Fowlerville. Honored Ole & Marie Hagen as VMCCA members for 50 years.

The 73rd Great Lakes Region Tour was on June 3 – 7, 2024, visiting in and around Cadillac and Traverse City, MI. Hosted by Ron Kovacs and Bill Sturgeon from the Brighton Chapter. We had 102 participants from 10 states driving 50 cars of 15 different makes. It was a nice drive to the Cotton Creek Farms to visit their Alpaca goods and we fed food pellets to the Alpacas in 2 fields. Then Hale Auto Museum with 3 pole barns of restored cars. Went to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park. Then to the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery of lake trout in Elmira, MI. We stopped at the Art Sculpture Park in Elk Rapids, MI. Went to the Music House Museum in a huge barn holding a collection of musical instruments. Went to Mission Point Lighthouse in Traverse City. We had a tour at Cone Drive Operations, Inc. in Traverse City. Went to the Northern Pines Nursery in Lake City, MI. where they grow pine trees from seeds, then drove to Dutchman Tree Farms, they raise 900,000 pine trees a year and sell 900,000 to 1 million a year. Had lunch on the way each day and ice cream stop.

The chapters have activities including pop up tours, one day tours and lunch and dinner runs for the summer and fall.

Defiance Chapter had their annual car show on Tuesday June 11, 2024 at the Filling Home of Mercy in Napoleon, OH Home for disabilities. They had 14 cars on display. The patients all look forward for this every year. Next year will be June 10, 2025.

Lakeshore's annual car show will be at St. Margaret's Church on Labor Day September 2, 2024. Toledo Wed. July 24 evening ice cream run.

Black Swamp Thursday, 25th to Bryan OH. Visit Spangler Candy, (they make Dum-Dum suckers), lunch and winery.

On Thursday September 12th, going to Fremont OH. Lunch at Tacklebox II and a winery.

October 26, visit the Old Mill Museum in Dundee MI.

Defiance Chapter's Farm Boys Tour. 'Making Tracks in Richmond' in Richmond Indiana on July 29 -August 1, 2024.

2024 Grizz's Garage Memorial Tour presented by Defiance VMCCA. This year's theme: Salute to Our Troops. August 9 – 11, 2024.

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

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.

Next GLR meeting is Tuesday October 1, 2024.

Kentucky Region Report: Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)

Our Central Nickel Age Touring Club chapter held its annual tour in and around Columbiana, Ohio, June 8-13, for cars built from 1913 to 1927. Chairman John Tarleton reported that they had 14 cars present, fewer than the 25-30 anticipated, but they had fun, good weather, and no serious breakdowns. They visited the National Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio, and several private collections. They're looking forward to next year's tour.

The Bluegrass Chapter drove from Lexington to Owenton to the State Capitol in Frankfort, KY, on July 13. The route passed by a series of barns painted with scenes from Owen County's farming history, and stopped at two small history museums and other points of local interest. Group members are busy with National VMCCA and other club events, but hope to have another one-day get-together by autumn.

No news from the Grand Indiana Auto Tour Chapter. The tour remains on hiatus for now, awaiting volunteers to take it on.

The Northern Kentucky VMCCA Chapter keeps very active, with monthly meetings and frequent tours to numerous local shows and events. They visited Owenton in June for the "Mayberry Day" celebration and car show, dinner at Ford's Garage in early July, and a trip to Augusta, KY, Riverfest Days July 20. They plan to attend "1940's Day" at Cincinnati's Union Terminal on August 31, and several other area shows and trips through the rest of summer and autumn.

Mid-Atlantic Region Report: Carl Worstell

Elected officers for calendar year 2024 are:

Director, Duane Copley

Vice Director, Carl Worstell

Secretary, Linda Worstell

Treasurer, Elieen Eby

Club remains active with membership numbers remaining steady and finances sound.

The Mid-Atlantic nominating committee is soliciting candidates for 2025 officers.

The Mid-Atlantic Spring tour was held May 19, 22 in Hagerstown, MD, hosted by Ed Wenger and Matt Eby. This tour replicated 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 Mid-Atlantic Fall Fall tour will be October 13-17 in central New York

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

Mountains & Plains Report: Randy Carlson

All the chapters have been busy this summer with local tours, picnics, and different get-togethers. What started out as a weekend get-together of two chapters has morphed into a regional tour in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. It's called A View From The Bluffs and will be held September 20-22. We will have a quorum, so it's a perfect time for a regional meeting and we will have the election of officers. The last leg of the Lewis and Clark tour, the regional hub tour, is planned at Three Forks, Montana, in 2025, sponsored by the Gold Dust chapter. More information to come later. The Northern Colorado Chapter will participate again this year in the Larimer County Fair parade on July 27.

Northwest Region Report: Carl Edem

Northwest Region:

The Lewis & Clark tour for 2024 was a success from what I heard. We had 26 cars and 53 tourists. The weather was hot in Eastern Washington / Oregon and cooled as we traveled to the Pacific Coast and even a little mist on the last day. I received many thank you cards and was glad I was able to put the tour together. My thanks go out to Holly Crawley for her immense help and guidance, Joy Eagle for help with the logo and tour bag, Debbie Flint for being the registrar and treasurer and Mary Hood for contacting local papers. Also my wife Kris for her support in planning and help during the tour. I am looking forward to next year's final tour with Jim and Judy Johnson in Three Rivers.

Capital City Vintage Car Club:

Our club continues with our first Thursdays with good attendance. We have had tours to Hulda Klager Lilac Garden and the Cedar Creek Grist Mill in Woodland, WA for April. In May we traveled in the rain to the Old Timers Fair in Matlock. June was to a fly in at Curtis held at a private airport. And a few of us attended a picnic held by the Sequim Valley Car Club. Upcoming events include a joint picnic with Sequim and our club out at some property overlooking Puget Sound, a trip to Brooks, OR for a steam up, a visit to a Pioneer Farm and maybe a ride on the Mount Rainier RR, a drive to Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Rainier.

Sequim Valley Car Club:

The chapter has been staying busy with some garage tours of members and weekly breakfasts at a rotating group of restaurants. Participation at the Sherwood Lodge car show, Hot Rods and Dogs Car Show, the Irrigation Festival parade and car show. The club gave a scholarship of \$1,000 to a local young lady from Sequim High to be an automotive tech major and \$500 for a welding student. Upcoming events we will be attending are: Elks Club car show, joint picnic with the Capital City Vintage Car Club, Classics for Trail car show, Sequim Prairie nights car show, Sherwood Village car show and the Kiwanis Club car show and chili cookout. Also a Lady's tour is being planned.

Northern Lights Antique Car Club:

(This report came in after our last meeting) Our club is in the process of putting together our summer tour plan. We will continue our Tuesday drive around schedules. One evening is dedicated to a dinner meeting that is either at a local restaurant or a cookout at one of our sheltered parks. We plan on participating in at least two parades, one in North Pole which is twelve miles south of Fairbanks and our annual Golden Days celebration commemorating the discovery of gold and the founding of Fairbanks in 1902. That parade is the highlight of the weeklong celebration.

TexOma Region Report: Ken Blake

The Annual Texoma Region Meeting was held on April 28th after the opening banquet of the 42nd Chrome Glidden Tour. There were forty-two members attending the meeting from all four states in the Region. Henry Blechl, Treasurer gave the financial report for the year ending December 31, 2023, summing up that the Region is financially healthy. The election of officers was held resulting in Ken Blake is Regional Director, Leonard Wheeler is Vice Director, Henry Blechl is Treasurer and Molly Wyatt is Secretary. The final business was the approval of funding one \$1,500 scholarship for the VMCCA Foundation.

The 42nd Chrome Glidden Tour was held April 28th through May 4th in Clarksville, AR with eighty-six cars participating from 21 states. The daily tours were on the backroads winding through the mountains of northwestern Arkansas, with beautiful scenery and interesting stops. Everyone had an enjoyable time and the weather cooperated with only a light rain for a couple of days. The tours visited Fort Smith, US Marshall Museum, Subiaco Abbey, Boone County Heritage Museum, Arkansas Military and Air Museum and concluded with a drive through Petit Jean State Park. Thank you, Raymond and Sammye Sue Harrill and Ray and Carol Maxfield, for hosting this National Tour.

This spring and summer the Bexar Touring Club and Antique Car Touring Club held monthly meetings but due to health issues and hot weather did not have any driving tours.

The Oil Burners Club are preparing for their annual car display at the Permian Basin Fair and are also getting the ground ready for their annual swap meeting in September. There currently are no tours planned for the remainder of the summer.

The Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club has been busy during this spring and summer. The May tour was a scavenger hunt traveling the backroads of Gillespie County; in June the tour traveled on the backroads from Fredericksburg to Burnet, TX for walk through the Longhorn Caverns with a lunch stop overlooking Lake LBJ in Horseshoe Bay, TX; on the 4th of July several members decorated their cars and participated in the 4th of July parade in Fredericksburg; on July 27th several members will travel to Kerrville, TX to visit the Western Arts Museum; in September a tour is planned on the backroads from Fredericksburg to Comfort, TX to visit the Hill Country Pottery Barn; and the planning is being finalized for a three day trip to Corpus Christi, TX in October.

In my Texoma Region Newsletter sent June 18th I encouraged our members to consider volunteering for one of the National officers' positions. I included the contact information for Carl Worstell and the link describing the duties of each office.

Western Region Report: Dion Stams

The Western Region has a single chapter, High Rollers in Las Vegas. High Rollers recently gained a new member, Bob Lohsen. Unfortunately, we also note the passing of members Don Derr and Steve Glazer and former member Bob "Grumpy" Farris. High Rollers has added four new memberships (five individuals) so far this year. The current High Rollers membership count is 47, totaling 78 individuals.

The current national roster for Western Region lists 48 memberships, including some within the region so distant from Las Vegas that they choose not to join the High Rollers, and some who are also members of other regions. Some locations within Western Region are over 600 miles from Las Vegas, so it makes sense that the region and chapter membership numbers will differ. The size of Western Region is exactly the size of the state of Nevada. I recognize that that is similar to Bonneville's and Texoma's issue of being very spread out.

The High Rollers chapter has activities year round. In April, we had a Show and Shine car show at Las Ventanas assisted living facility, and a tour to Death Valley National Park to see wildflowers after an unusually heavy seasonal rain. In May, we had a Show and Shine car show at the Del Mar Gardens nursing center, and the annual High Rollers club picnic at the Ahern Orchard. In June, we visited a privately owned jukebox, pinball, and arcade museum. In July, we

had the annual pizza run. In August, we have a scheduled ice cream social, and in September, we have a scheduled car show at the Boulder City Veterans Home. Planning is well underway for the annual fundraising High Rollers Show and Shine car show in October, with all proceeds going to the scholarship fund at McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas. McPherson has the only four year academic program in the US for automotive restoration.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. CDT.

Mike Welsh
Secretary