

**THE VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE
4th QUARTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
VIA ZOOM
OCTOBER 23, 2024**

OFFICERS PRESENT:

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| 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:

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| 2019-2021 | Ray Maxfield |
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REGIONAL DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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| Bonneville | Bob Shilkett |
| Connecticut Valley | Jerre Hoffman |
| Great Lakes | Gary Miron |
| Kentucky | Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts) |
| Midwest | Myron Smith |
| Mid-Atlantic | Carl Worstell |
| Mountains & Plains | Sandy Carlson |
| Northwest | Carl Edem |
| TexOma | Ken Blake |
| Upper Mississippi | Dave Edmonds |
| Western | Dion Stams |

President Duane Copley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. CDT.

The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

Clare Oestreicher moved to approve the minutes of the 3rd Quarter Board of Governors meeting of July 22, 2024. Carl Edem seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Johnsen

(submitted report)

1. Actual to Budget Revenue and Expense as of 09-30-2024, nine months of the fiscal year.

Total net revenue as of 9-30-24 is greater than the budget as projected over the same time frame by \$4,279 or 4.6%. Dues income, website advertising and unanticipated donations contribute to the positive variance while tour income is less than anticipated and reduces the positive variance. Total expense at 9-30-24 and compared to the budget as of 9-30-24 is less by \$513 - right on target as expected in the budget. Overall, at this point in time, Revenue less Expense is a positive variance compared to the budget by \$5,752 or 40.1%

2. Statement of Revenue and Expense as of 09-30-2024 as compared to 09-30-2023, nine months of the fiscal year.

Net revenue at the end of September 2024 is up \$26,177 or 39.1% compared to the end of September 2023. Primary increases are new members and the rate increase by \$8, tour income received in this period, generous donations, award sponsorships and interest earnings. Total expense at the end of September 2024 is greater than September 2023 by \$10,299 or 10.6% due to the editor transition and overlap while actual production costs of the magazine have been reduced. Membership Development variances include technical work for the Revival AAA Glidden database and printing of new brochures. Revenue less expense at the end of September 2024 is a net income (loss) of \$(14,358) and less by \$15,877 when compared to September 2023.

3. Statement of Financial Position as of 09-30-2024 and 09-30-2023

This report is our balance sheet. The current cash position is slightly greater than the same time in the previous year, with total current assets also 1.7% greater. Our total current liabilities are greater by \$7,239 and is due to the timing of accounts payable and the increase in Deferred Revenue. Deferred revenue is the accumulation of dues paid in one year and amortized over the following year.

The Equity section shows the reduction based on the net revenue as of 9-30-24 and 9-30-23. The reduction reflect the intentional use of retained earnings and you can see the results of increased revenue from membership dues providing some relief.

(end of submitted report)

Elaine asked officers to send notice of expenses for the next year's budget.

President's Report: Duane Copley

Like many of you I have participated on a number of tours since last we met.

The L&C Tour was great as was the Revival AAA Glidden Tour. I also attended the AACA Tour in Buffalo Wyoming, where I met Jack Harris, AACA President, and we had time to chat. We also met on the "Glidden". My final and most recent tour was with the Mid-Atlantic Region where we had a great tour and fun time in the Corning/Watkins Glen N.Y. area.

Mike was successful in getting the appraisal for the painting and I have attached a copy of the full text so we can speak to the issue of what to do with it.

Marilyn Talbot will be reporting on the Hershey Tent activity and Becky Woodall will be speaking to the February 2025 Annual Meeting.

I continue to receive rave reviews on our recent publications of the Bulb Horn.

We are in dire need of members to step-up and volunteer to "chair" tours for the 2025 season and beyond.

Overall, I feel we have had another successful year and want to thank all of you for making that happen.

Executive Vice President's Report: Mark Hamlin

Mark reported he is learning how to set up the national and region officer spreadsheet on his new computer.

Secretary's Report: Mike Welsh

With the renewals beginning on 9-1-24 some members have requested using the digital only option. Clare will report on the numbers from both sides of the fence.

The Appraisal from the Madison Group in Kansas City MO for Helck painting was \$11,000. A full report is available.

New brochures are available and can be mailed on request.

There have not been any responses to the Bulb Horn giveaway advertised in the previous issue of the Bulb Horn. Many copies are available from the 1950s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s and we could mail up to 10 at a time. The ad will also run in the November/December Bulb Horn.

I attended Hershey this year for the first time in about 12 years.

Membership Vice President's Report: Clare Oestreicher

As of this evening, October 23, we show 1505 active memberships, an increase of 40 from July's total, and 280 memberships in arrears, a decrease of one from July. Another "Welcome, New Members," article is in the November-December Bulb Horn, with members listed by state of residence. Region Directors, please be sure to look that over, reach out to the new folks in your areas, and invite them to activities.

I created the "Coming Soon" and "It's Here!" announcements of our new membership level that appeared in the Chronicle and on our web site in August and September. Ray Maxfield, Kurt Moe, Brenna Olwine, and I worked at length over the summer to update our print and on-line registration/renewal forms. We needed to add the option for membership with digital delivery of the Bulb Horn, and also wanted to clarify Region and Chapter memberships. My thanks and compliments go to our Publications team for their work to put in place exactly what we were after. We began accepting dues for 2025 on September 1. As of yesterday, about thirty percent of registrants/renewals (35 of 114) have requested the electronic Bulb Horn rather than the print version.

With membership options defined, Tracy Leshner, Dion Stams, and I were finally able to complete the revisions and details to print our new Membership Brochures. Tracy's knowledge of the publishing requirements let us get these done and ready to distribute at Hershey. They are available through our Secretary, Mike Welsh, for your use.

We have completed the annual database search and compiled a list of about fifty VMCCA members eligible for Membership Awards for 2024. Announcements to the recipients, including invitations to attend our Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet in Newport News in February, will be in the mail later this week.

In July I suggested we re-draw our Region boundaries, with the aim of facilitating communications between National and some areas of the country that currently have no contact

persons or participation with the Board. A second copy of that proposal was sent out to the Board earlier this month, along with a map Duane suggested I make to illustrate my suggestions. We will be discussing that later in this meeting.

I've enjoyed attending the Old Spanish Trail, Lewis & Clark, and Glidden tours this year, and am looking forward to the Western National and next Old Spanish Trail tours next month. Several of us Kentucky Region members looked sharp, wearing the "All Roads Lead to Owensboro" t-shirts Chairman Jeff Stumb brought to the Glidden. There will be no limit on cars at next September, so please plan to come enjoy "our" Glidden in 2025!

Activities Vice President Report: Trisha Copley

(submitted report)

There is nothing new to report as far as National Tours for 2025 and beyond other than to say that a budget has been received for the 2025 Orphan Tour. No one, as yet, has stepped forward for any other tour.

The subject of "Geographical" Region vs "Club" Region/Chapter will again be coming up for discussion. At this time, I would like to voice my opinion and state that I, personally, am for eliminating the so called "Geographical" Region completely. To be honest, of all the many different car clubs that I've been a member of, only VMCCA seems to have to designate two (2) kinds of regions. No other club, to my knowledge, does that.

My proposal would be that when a new member joins National, they are simply added to the roster as a National member. If and/or when that person joins a Region/Chapter, the Region/Chapter membership chairperson (or whoever handles membership) can send the individual's information to Mike to both verify they are a paid member of National and then be added to the Region/Chapter they have joined.

Again, there really is no need for both types of regions when one will handle all that is necessary.
(end of submitted report)

Clare stated Beth Welsh had suggested adding the new \$40 digital membership option to upcoming tour application forms. Trisha stated the goal is to keep registration forms to one page.

Technical Vice President Report: Steve Fitzgerald

The new draft copies of the 2025 awards forms, the list of awards and the nomination form were sent out to many of you. The response from my committee members is so far positive, but not all of them are in yet.

So far this year, we have 49 nominations over 12 categories, eight of those getting only a single nomination, a lot better than we did last year. The forms have received input from all over the country, as I've traveled all around the country on several tours with two more tours to go. Other than the many members who simply said do away with the awards completely, many other folks stated that the awards should go more toward people, rather than cars.

In talking with the sponsors, we've included modifications. We have dropped some awards. We have added some awards. All that has been done with the consultation of the sponsors or the representatives. In a few cases, the awards program should continue to be an ongoing process. As words are dropped or changed or added, just figure it's going to be an annual thing. An aside:

Greg Bruny and Leonard Wheeler sent in forms that were the best completed. Many others were lacking much of the information, or not even on a form, which adds a lot to my time tracking people down.

This year we also had several people nominated for cloisonné awards, and two of them have gotten the awards, or it's on its way. One more has not returned any of my calls or emails.

I'm hoping for continued growth in the awards. Keep hyping it up as you travel around.

Publications Vice President Report: Ray Maxfield

VMCCA publications platforms are performing on track for the year. The Bulb Horn Magazine is meeting publications deadlines. The website is updated frequently. Printed and website advertising is holding steady. The Touring Chronicle is published on time.

Bulb Horn Editor Report: Tracy Leshner

Things are moving along. I'm very happy with the way January/February is coming along. Thanks to Bob Murray for sharing his great Glidden photos with me. It makes my my job a little bit easier.

I can always use story leads. So if any of you out there on tour hear of something that could be of interest, feel free to pass it along to me. I'm also open to any ideas that you have concerning the magazine, any topics or directions you feel I should take the magazine in.

I'm having a great time doing it. Thank you for this opportunity, and the only time it feels like work is when it comes down to the proofreading. Thank you everybody for your help with that. I really appreciate it.

Hershey Tent Report: Marilyn Talbot

(submitted report)

I think we had a good year. We had a total of 38 Members and 2 Junior Members pay dues. We had 110 people sign our visitor list.

Only one signed up to receive the Bulb Horn electronically.

Of those 38 we have 4 new members. One of the New members Nathan Buss and renewal members Myron & Barb Smith have filled out a form to become Life Members.

I have mailed all the information to Mike Welsh today. I guess the Board needs to approve the Life Memberships. The two are both from Nebraska.

We had several of our Canadian members pay their dues. After Hershey I was told that our Foreign Members would now be getting their Bulb Horn electronically. I do not see that information anywhere and I know that the ones who renewed at Hershey want the hard copy of the Bulb Horn. We should have been told this if that was the case.

I would like to thank James & Becky Woodall, Bob & Sally Murray and Ron & Pat Lique for all their help at Hershey. James & Becky Woodall will be in charge next year.

(end of submitted report)

Marilyn added that several Canadian members renewed at Hershey, but she was not aware that all Foreign members now must use the \$40 electronic-only Bulb Horn option, and noted that this information is not on the new club brochure. Clare Oestreicher and Dion Stams noted that the brochure instructs Foreign members to contact the Secretary's office.

Duane requested a motion to approve the two Life Membership applications. Clare moved Duane's suggestion.

Mike Welsh asked if Life Members required to have been club members for four or five years. Clare stated the Board had eliminated that requirement when the bylaws were last revised.

Trisha Copley seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: 2025 Annual Meeting Status Report, Becky Woodall

Becky reported only 34 people have currently signed up to attend, 24 of those being Mid-Atlantic Region members.

Clare volunteered to write a short item for the next Touring Chronicle describing the tour and the February weather in Newport News. Duane suggested also including advice for travelers.

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

Mike reported no new activity. He noted that former Bulb Horn editor Dennis Holland had, per then-Technical Vice President Bill Sullivan, put each issue on a CD, and explained that this was no longer being done. Mike asked Tracy if she needed these CDs, and she declined. Carl Worstell stated he had almost all Bulb Horn issues both in paper and digital form, and would keep them until otherwise directed.

Dion stated he and Clare would be picking up four boxes of records and scrapbooks from Don and Diane Adams. Clare stated they were Jane Rigby's scrapbooks, and that they were handing them off to Sally and Bob Murray, who would then hand them off to Carl Worstell.

Old Business: Helck Painting Appraisal Quotes, Mike Welsh

Duane reported that the Helck painting had been appraised for \$11,000. Mike described the appraiser's examination of the painting at Bob Ehinger's building, where it is being stored. Duane asked if Bob was still interested in purchasing the painting, and Mike replied Bob is not interested.

Duane asked the group what should be done with the painting. Clare asked if anyone was familiar with using auctions. Mike stated the appraiser could help find a buyer. John Nikodym suggested looking for a car auction house to sell the painting. Clare suggested asking the appraiser for a specific explanation of their assistance offer. Dion suggested using a shepherd to guide the process of going to auction, noting that a fee would be involved. Steve Fitzgerald noted that Mecum, which passes through Kansas City, sells a large amount of car memorabilia usually with a buyer's premium. Dion stated he has a friend who has shepherded cars, but not memorabilia, at Barrett-Jackson.

Elaine suggested looking into both the appraiser's offer and the Mecum option, and Duane asked Mike to do so.

Old Business: Revised Touring Guidelines Committee, Dion Stams

Dion reported the committee's work was approximately where it was in July.

Old Business: Regions Map Update, Clare Oestreicher
(submitted report)

One VMCCA Region, Southwest Florida, has recently dissolved, and six other Regions, marked by red asterisks on the attached Current Regions list, lack officers or contact persons. It is time to consider re-drawing our VMCCA Region map.

I could find no record of when or why the current Regions were originally established. The last discussion I saw of the issue was at the October 24, 2018, BOG meeting. Then-President Don Knight suggested assigning all of Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana to the Great Lakes Region, combining the Southwest and Western Regions into one, and returning portions of Kansas and Nebraska to the Mountains & Plains Region. Apparently, no further action was taken on the proposal.

There is precedent for adjusting Regions. When I joined VMCCA in 1976, I lived in the Ohio Valley Region. Members moved and times changed, so that Region eventually dissolved. Conversely, the Upper Mississippi Region was recently formed due to the action and interest of area members.

The attached list of current Regions includes totals of members attributed to those Regions in our current National roster. These numbers are not truly significant. Several very active Regions have lower populations or memberships. In many cases, individuals were assigned to a Region because of their home addresses. They may or may not have actually joined that Region. On the other hand, VMCCA members may join as many Regions as they like, so some members are included in several Regions.

What IS important is communication and connection with all of our members. In addition to our excellent printed materials, the Board of Governors relies on Region and Chapter officers to relay key information at the local level, so all of our members can relate to our interests and issues. Without local officers or contact persons, this connection is broken.

I propose, first of all, that during our upcoming dues renewal cycle, members are asked to specify the Region(s) to which they belong, "None" is an option. With this information, our Secretary can identify Region affiliation more accurately in our Roster, and Region officers can find opportunities to reach out to potential new participants.

For future consideration, I propose the following

- Merge the California Region (15 "members;" no contact person) into the Western Region. If the South-west Region (40 "members;" contact person wants to resign) loses its officers, that population, too, could become part of the Western Region.
- Dissolve the Mid-South Region (21 "members;" no contact person). Add the lone member from South Carolina to the Mid-Atlantic Region. Combine Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama residents with Florida and former Southwest Florida members into a Southeast Region.
- Merge the New England Region (32 "members;" no contact person) with the small but active Connecticut Valley Region.

- Dissolve the New York Region (44 “members;” no contact person). Members living in upstate New York could combine with the Connecticut Valley Region; members living in New Jersey could become part of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

- Dissolve the Tri-State Region (39 “members;” no contact person), and combine members living in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and eastern Ohio with the Buckeye-Keystone Region. Making these adjustments would streamline the organization, and ensure that more members have a voice and a connection with our National organization.
(end of submitted report)

Trisha asked why VMCCA uses geographical region boundaries, noting that any VMCCA member can affiliate with any of its regions, and stated that other national car clubs do not use this method. Dion clarified that, in AACA’s case, regions are groups of members larger than a chapter. Clare stated that having geographical regions provides a framework for the creation of chapters within a region, and that members have to sign up to be a member of a region. Trisha stated that members are added to a region without having to pay regional dues. Clare noted that the revised registration/renewal forms now ask members to state the region they wish to affiliate with, and stated that the region framework helps members decide whether to affiliate.

Trisha asked if incorrect region designations would be fixed in the member database. Clare noted that Mike records dues payments by hand and could at that time make any corrections to region designations, also noting that members are responsible for declaring their designations and, that if none are declared, their member records will not show region or chapter affiliation.

Jerre Hoffman noted that the Connecticut Valley Region was formed in the 1940s as part of both AACA and VMCCA with chapters reporting to their region, also noting that AACA no longer uses this framework. He stated that if his VMCCA region were to expand, members would only need to know how to contact their region director for guidance and feedback, not to pay region dues.

Marilyn Talbot noted that she sends the Texoma Region director reports to all members living in that region, stating this was a good way to communicate with members not affiliated with a chapter. Clare agreed, stating this was a way to encourage members to join chapters and regions.

Dion stated that the High Rollers chapter collects its members’ dues and sends a portion to its parent Western Region, but that non-members are not invited to join the region and thus do not receive its communications. Dion also stated his support for Trisha’s statement against automatic region membership.

Ken Blake stated that all Texoma Region members receive its communications regardless of chapter membership or non-membership, noting that four of its five states have too few members to form chapters.

Clare asked if her proposal should be developed, and also asked for volunteers to form a committee that would revise her proposed region map and ask the region and chapter officers for their approval.

Ray noted that the club's strong regions have good communication and activities, and stated the proposal would help VMCCA sustain itself. Mark Hamlin stated his support for Ray's statement, and further stated he supported keeping the region and chapter model.

Clare stated that, with the Board's approval, she would ask the region directors for their input, and form a committee to further develop a proposal. Carl Worstell and Beth Welsh volunteered to serve on the committee.

Discussion: Revival AAA Glidden Tour® Database

Before the next agenda item was discussed, Ray congratulated Clare and Bulb Horn committee members Brenna Olwine and Kurt Moe on their work, and thanked Shirley Doherty for her many years of maintaining the Revival AAA Glidden Tour® database.

Shirley explained the origin and upkeep of the Glidden database, which contains participation information for more than 11,000 individuals, and noted the work being done by Ray with ArcSeven to move the database to a secure online server. Shirley asked for clarification on how the club planned to use the database's information, and stated she felt the new database product should not be publicly accessible, having been developed for internal club use. She also noted that some states prohibit disclosing certain personal information without consent. Shirley strongly recommended that access for entering and editing database information be limited to one person or to ArcSeven. Ray confirmed that Mike would be the only club member with that access.

Shirley stated she also has kept a record of members who participated in the early Glidden tours, along with related newspaper articles. She also has scans of Glidden tour book participant names, cars, car numbers, and banner numbers, and stated she would share this information with AACA.

Dion suggested a second member have access to the online version of the database. Shirley agreed.

Carl Worstell asked if sharing the tour book information with AACA would give more people access to database information than Shirley had recommended. Shirley replied that only lists of tour participants would be shared. Shirley noted she was missing the tour books from the 1951 Pennsylvania and the 1967 Michigan-International tours and would appreciate copies from anyone who owned them.

New Business: Bulb Horn Non-Member Advertising, Ray Maxfield

Ray reported that Tracy had received two classified ad requests from non-members earlier this year, and had charged them each \$25 for an ad with a photo. Ray stated the Bulb Horn would accept cars-for-sale ads from non-members at a rate of \$25 for text plus a photo, and \$15 for a text-only ad of 50 words or less.

Ray moved the Board of Directors approve non-member ads in the Bulb Horn at \$15 for a 50-word-or-less ad and \$25 for text plus one photo. Steve Fitzgerald seconded.

Carl Worstell suggested not assigning specific dollar amounts to reduce the need for Board approval each time the rate needed to be changed due to inflation, recommending instead that the publications group handle the specifics. Clare suggested specifying that non-member ads were

for individuals rather than companies. Dion asked about requests for full-size photos, and Tracy replied that would be charged at the display-ad rate.

The motion carried.

New Business: Non-Member Articles in Bulb Horn, Ray Maxfield

Ray reported receiving comments about a Bulb Horn article written by a non-member, suggesting the article didn't relate to the club's purpose, and that he and Tracy discussed the issue. Ray stated he was more concerned about formalizing copyright protection both for the Bulb Horn and for non-member contributors. Duane asked if acknowledging a non-member's authorship would be sufficient protection. Tracy stated that, in the case mentioned above, she had the author's permission to publish the article, and added it was a common courtesy to include a statement that permission had been granted, either for the author or for a publication if the article had been previously published. Tracy added that, in such cases, she often asks the author how they prefer to be credited. Ray agreed with this approach.

New Business: Appointment of Club Historian

Duane appointed Carl Worstell as the new VMCCA historian.

Bonneville Region Report: Bob Shilkett

Bobby Lane has taken over being the editor of the Eastern Idaho Chapter's newsletter, *The Gas Line*. Sincere thanks to Jeff Pack for his many years of producing the chapter newsletter.

In August, Eastern Idaho chapter members participated in the Idaho Falls Greenbelt Duck Race car show and toured a car collection at the Sugar Cube in Sugar City, Idaho. September was a 60-mile drive north on I-15 for a lunch meeting in Spenser, Idaho.

The Utah chapter had their summer BBQ in August and a fall color and car show tour to Providence, Utah in October.

The Eastern Idaho chapter's semi-annual litter cleanup at the Market Lake Wildlife Management area was on October 4. *Natural Light* continued its dominance as the beer can of choice left by visitors.

Utah chapter member LaRue Bitter Nelson passed away on August 13 at the age of 97. She was the mother of chapter president Jim Nelson. With her husband of 62 years, Vaughn, they toured many places in their various vehicles. Vaughn passed away three years ago.

Rich Eagle, an Eastern Idaho chapter and VMCCA member for 50+ years passed away on August 23 at the age of 77. His "Eagle Art" has been a usual feature in the *Bulb Horn* for many years. Joy Eagle will be moving 300 miles west to Boise to be near their children. She has been the secretary/treasurer for both the chapter and region and replacing her will not be an easy task.

Kentucky Region Report: Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)

Autumn is the perfect season for old cars in the Kentucky Region, and our Northern Kentucky Vintage Motor Car Club has been busy attending cruise-ins and shows nearly every weekend. One of the biggest events was the Spring Grove Cemetery Auto Show on October 13, where Kentucky members' cars were among more than 400 vehicles on display. Monthly chapter meetings continue year-round, and a Split-the-Pot drawing plus a Secretary's Drawing at each

meeting seem to stimulate attendance. A Christmas party and officer elections will be held in December.

Our Bluegrass Chapter plans a one-day tour around Georgetown, Kentucky, on October 26, and a mid-week trip to the Cumberland Gap area October 29-31. New Year's Day, 2025, will bring the chapter's annual Polar Bear/Hot Chocolate Run.

The Grand Indiana Auto Tour group is still on hold, pending a volunteer to coordinate a tour for 2025.

Our Central Nickel Age Touring Club plans a tour around Paris, Kentucky, this summer. Long-time members Jerry and Martha Baker, and their son Grant, will chair the tour. More details will be available later.

Jeff Stumb and crew are working diligently on the 2025 Revival AAA Glidden Tour® that will be headquartered in Owensboro, KY, next September. He brought t-shirts for us to wear during this year's Glidden, to promote the tour, and he has information on the VMCCA web site. There will be no limit on the number of cars accepted, so y'all, plan to come visit the Bluegrass State next September!

Northwest Region: Carl Edem

Northwest Region

I am in the process of looking at the officers for 2025, but have not confirmed nominees.

Capital City Vintage Car Club

Attendance at club meetings has fallen off slightly, meetings are being held at members' homes each month. Our monthly first Thursdays have continued. We have had a Saturday tour every month so far this quarter, including: a picnic in July with some members from Sequim attending; an outing for a ride on the Mt. Rainier RR; a drive to Mt. St. Helens; a drive to Mt. Rainier's Longmire area, however we decided not to enter the park due to a 2 hour backup at the entrance and ended up visiting a sculpture park nearby.

Two more activities are planned for the year: a tour to the LeMay America's Car Museum next month and our annual Christmas Party.

Sequim Valley Car Club

The club's Wednesday breakfast has continued through the summer along with monthly board meetings and potluck meetings.

Activities included: the Sherwood Lodge car show (retirement home); Sequim Elks Lodge #2642 car show; Sequim Prairie Nights car show, actually held during the day; Sinclair Place car show (senior living facility); Sherwood Village car show (senior living facility); Quilcene car show and tour; a ladies tour to see a mastodon site and a guided tour of the Field Hall and Art Gallery; and a garage tour at a members home.

Additional activities include a couple more garage tours, a Leaf Peepers tour and the annual Christmas dinner and white elephant exchange.

Sad news of the passing of Bonnie Robinson, a member, in September.

Northern Lights Antique Car Club

The snow is just over the hills and we have put our vehicles either in storage or under tarps for the winter.

We held our 15th annual Chatanika Car and Bike show in mid-August. This year it was the Ron Franklin Memorial Car and Bike Show in honor of Ron Franklin, the Lodge owner who passed away last year. Ron was a charter member of our Northern Lights Club. The 50 vehicles netted us \$1,800 and over 400 lbs. of food for the Fairbanks, Alaska Food Bank, which was not bad for the drippy weather we had.

We are meeting every 2nd evening of the month during the winter months for dinner and a meeting. During the summer we had drive arounds on Tuesday evenings to show off our cars that would end up at the ice cream store where we would find out the winners of the poker run.

Texoma Region Report: Ken Blake

During the year we lost twelve members, only two were in Texas. We have five Chapters in Texas which accounts for 75% of the region's 193 members, however the other members are spread throughout Texas, primarily in Southern Texas and we have seventeen members in the States of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Arkansas only has 4 members which does not currently qualify for a Chapter and in the other States the members are geographically spread throughout the States making it difficult to form a Chapter.

During the summer and fall the Bexar and North Texas Touring Club had their monthly meets and but no tours and both clubs are currently making plans for their Christmas parties.

The Antique Car Touring Club, based in Georgetown, TX, assisted with the Highland Lakes Kiwanis Club's 23rd Downtown Main Street Car Show, with pleasant weather which brought out a total of 199 cars. We also held the monthly meetings, and we will have their Christmas party on December 11th.

The Permian Basin Oil Burners Club continued their tradition to participate in the Permian Basin Fair by displaying their cars and they had another successful swap meet in September. With participation in the county fair and preparing and running the swap meet they did have their monthly meetings, but no tours. They are currently planning their Christmas party.

The Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club is the largest and most active club in the region; their membership represents forty-three percent of the total region. In August there was a tour travelling backroads around Gillespie County, having lunch, and attending a show at the Fredericksburg Theater Company. In September, the tour went to Comfort, TX to visit Hill Country Pottery for a demonstration and explanation of taking six pounds of clay on a turning wheel and making a glazed and colorful product, then traveled on the Bourne, TX for lunch. Currently there are twenty members on a tour in Corpus Christi, TX visiting the Aircraft Carrier USS Lexington, museums, antique stores and galleries in the area. In November for the sixteenth year the club will provide judges for the car show held at the VA Medical Center in Kerrville,

TX. The year will end with the club's Christmas party on December 8th and several members participating in the annual Christmas light parade.

Western Region Report: Dion Stams

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

High Rollers notes the passing of members Fosco Picchi in July and Barbara Baudoin in August. Fosco was the editor of the "Nuts & Notes" newsletter of the High Rollers Chapter as well as being the chapter's webmaster. Those positions are in the process of being filled now, but if you have wondered about the absence of newsletter and website updates, now you know why. Barb was a charter member of the High Rollers, from when the chapter was being set up in 1978, and was club treasurer for many years. Both Fosco and Barb will be deeply missed.

The High Rollers Chapter has activities year-round. In the summer heat of August, we had an evening Ice Cream Social. In September we had a tour to Laughlin NV with a visit to Don Laughlin's Car Collection. The October annual fundraising High Rollers Show and Shine Car Show is in just a few days, 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. In November we have a scheduled car show, sponsored as marketing by a local medical provider, ArchWell Health. In December we have the scheduled annual Santa's Electric Night Parade in Boulder City NV, as well as the annual Christmas and awards party.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. CDT.

Mike Welsh
Secretary