
THE VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE 4th QUARTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM, NOVEMBER 23, 2023

OFFICERS PRESENT:

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Vice President
Activities Vice President
Technical Vice President
Publications Vice President

Duane Copley
Mike Welsh
Elaine Johnsen
Clare Oestreicher
Liz Lindig
Steve Fitzgerald
Randy Pullen

PAST PRESIDENTS PRESENT:

2017-2018
2019-2021

Don Knight
Ray Maxfield

REGIONAL DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bonneville
Great Lakes
Kentucky
Mid-Atlantic
Midwest
Mountains & Plains
TexOma
Upper Mississippi Dave Edmonds
Western

Bob Shilkett
John Zimmerm
Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)
Carl Worstell
John Nikodym
Randy Carlson (for Greg Bruny)
Ken Blake

Dion Stams

President Duane Copley called the meeting to order at 5:04 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 August 8, 2023, as amended. Ray Maxfield seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Johnsen

1. Three reports were sent in advance for this meeting:
 - a. Statement of Revenue & Expense – September 30, 2023 concluded with a decrease in Net Revenue of \$26,324 over September 30, 2022. The most significant variance is intour income and is due to the timing of National tours. In 2023 the Heritage Tour and the Revival AAA Glidden Tour are scheduled in October and settlement will likely take place in December. Membership dues at the end of the third quarter of 2023 are less than a year ago at the same time by \$6,211 or 12.2%. This is on the same trend as previous reports. The September 2023 Total Expense is less than the end of September 2022 by \$1,911. The variances are the purchase of the Owl meeting device in 2023 and the transfer of scholarship funds in 2022. The third quarter of 2023 Revenue less Expense ended with expenses greater than revenue by \$29,814 and greater than the end of the third quarter 2022 by \$24,413. The decrease in revenue during this time in 2023 is the most significant contributing factor for the shortfall.
 - b. Statement of Financial Position – Total assets reflect the reduction in cash due to the variance in tour income and dues income as noted on the Statement of Revenue and Expense.
 - c. Budget compared to nine months or 75% of the year Actual Revenue & Expense.

Revenue is trending in total at 61% while expenses are trending right on the 75% target, when compared to budget.

2. Treasurer activities since the previous meeting:
 - a. All normal accounting activities, communications, etc.
 - b. Mike & Robin McGrath – Completed their annual review of the 2022 records.
 - c. The annual Federal 990 and 990T were completed for 2022 and filed.
 - d. Final financial reports were updated with minor audit adjustments.
3. 2024 Budget – Officers please forward any budget requests for 2024 to me as soon as possible. If you need any budget/expense details send an email or give me a call. I will estimate on-going expenses based on history and the current known factors. Ken Blake moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Randy Carlson seconded. The motion carried.

President's Report: Duane Copley

Those few months since our last meeting have been a busy time for me but not so busy that I didn't have time to Tour. Trish and I found time to enjoy the Lewis and Clark tour, the Heritage Tour and finally the Revival AAA Glidden Tour down in Thomasville Georgia. Touring is a great opportunity for me to meet our membership and also to approach members about perhaps running for office at the national level. Carl Worstell and his committee busted their butts putting together this year's ballot. The blame for the eight pounds I gained this summer lays directly on the hospitality rooms that I worked so hard while drumming up some candidates for the ballot.

Finances has not been off my radar at all since we last spoke and I have been working with a committee putting together a fee schedule to charge for



the advertising that is now given away free on our web page. Perhaps as you are reading this, we may already have all the things in place. Things are progressing nicely for the Annual Meeting. There is still some question about having the ability to zoom the meeting but I am forging ahead under the assumption that it will happen. Current attendance is 86 and I feel that number may go up. Registrations will be sent to attendees only since if you're not on the cruise, you won't be at the meeting. The registration forms will not be put out until after I get to Florida because if they were returned to my address in New Jersey, I will not see them until March!!!

AACA has announced the dates and location for the 2024 Revival AAA Glidden Tour which will be held in the Hagerstown Maryland Area. As VMCCA president I was interviewed at the New Jersey Region AACA meeting in September as part of their regular meeting. It was fun and interesting and I took the time to point out that, although the hobby appears to be "aging out", our other mutual problem is apathy. Members are just not stepping up to fill vacant positions or volunteering to host the many events we have all grown accustomed to attending with our cars. However, the eating events seem to be holding their own!

Secretary's Report: Mike Welsh

So far, we have a slow but steady stream of 2024 dues. The number of member families as of today is 1592 members which includes Advertisers, Life Members plus the paid members. There have been 22 new members during this period. I sent shields and boards with plaques for attendance awards to this year's Revival AAA GliddenTour. The Secretary keeps an inventory of numbered shields, wooden boards and plaques for both the Revival AAA Glidden Tour and Chrome Glidden Tour. And now for my health report. As you can see, I look about the same after six chemo treatments and multiple scans. Beth and I met with my oncologist last week and he said that from my latest scan there is no sign of cancer! So that is the good news but the bad news is that my wife of 56 years passed away last month. She was diagnosed with dementia in 2019 and so there was a slow progress of that. But she somehow got COVID but not from me, my daughter Beth or our caregiver Rose. So, I think something happened from a higher power and some details were left out. I got 69 sympathy cards, not all from VMCCA, but that's a lot of cards and they make me happy about the many, many friends that I have. This Friday, Beth and I will meet with my surgeon to see what he has to say. More scans have been planned so that the doctors can keep an eye on my progress. Our daughter Beth has helped me immensely during all of this and I still plan to be the VMCCA Secretary as long as my health holds out.

Membership Vice President's Report: Clare Oestreicher

As of November 13, 2023, the VMCCA database lists 1,592 active memberships, up from 1,554 in August. Of these, twenty are free to libraries, museums, and businesses, plus advertisers. With spouses/partners, this means about 2,776 individuals. We still list 398 delinquent memberships, down from 405 unpaid in August. We have enrolled 24 new households since August 8, 2023. The Texoma Region added six new memberships, and the Midwest and the Northwest Regions each added three new memberships. We picked up a couple of members at the Revival AAA Glidden Tour also. Congratulations and thanks to those out there recruiting. I provided announcements of the new \$48 dues amount that ran in the Bulb Horn and the "Touring Chronicle," and our web site was updated by September 1 to show that amount. Dues are starting to come in for 2024, and hopefully everyone is aware now of the current amount. Our space at Hershey, October 3-6, was staffed by Sally and Bob Murray and Becky and James Woodall. We'll be working next on Membership Awards for those who have been in the VMCCA for 25, 30, 40, and 50 consecutive years as of 2023. The Awards Banquet will be during the February cruise, and reservations for that trip have been made long ago, so there's not a rush to get invitations to the recipients this year.

I'll be sorting through Bob Murray's many excellent tour photos to go with the Revival AAA Glidden Tour write-up for the Bulb Horn, and to find our next "cover" shot for new membership brochures. Until new ones are printed, please continue to use the many older ones with B.D. Berryhill's blue convertible on front. Just use a black pen and update the annual dues amount from \$37 or \$40 to the current \$48 level before distributing them. The other information is correct. From Sally Murray, regarding Hershey: "I think about 100 people stopped by the tent and signed our guest list. About 33 families paid their dues during the swap meet. It was extremely warm this year, compared to other years at Hershey. It was fun to visit with old friends, meet new friends and talk or answer questions about our Vintage Motor Car Club of America."

Activities Vice President's Report: Liz Lindig

Since the previous BOG meeting on August 8, 2023, I have worked diligently on the update for the VMCCA website, Membership and Member Resources, updating the information for tour and meeting hosting. I extracted from the Officers' Handbook all the sections pertaining to hosting tours and meetings for VMCCA. This information was compiled into one document, along with all the approved forms. I am very happy to report that as of today, November 14, all the information for hosting a tour or meeting is under one icon under the heading Membership - Member Resources - Hosting a VMCCA Tour or Meeting. This organized information should assist with facilitating tours and meetings. I encourage you to take a look. John Lang, webmaster, shared with me that tour chairpersons are not sharing photographs of tours/events with him to post on the VMCCA website. After reaching out to the tour chairpersons of the tours he has not received photographs from, I found that photographs for the website had not been addressed in their planning. I will address this in an email to future tour hosts that thumb drives (at least two) need to be included in their budget so photos can be shared with the webmaster and the editors of the Bulb Horn and Touring Chronicle. All the national tours for 2023 have been completed. The Revival AAA Glidden Tour and the Heritage Tour still need to send their financial report to the VMCCA Treasurer. The schedule of meetings and tours for 2024 is now in the Bulb Horn, the Touring Chronicle, and on the website. Some flyers and registration forms are still missing. Two tours for 2025 have been approved by the VMCCA Officers as of today, November 14. They are:

1. VMCCA Orphan Car Tour, June 23-27, 2025, which is a progressive tour and begins in Ypsilanti, MI. The tour route is Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. John Zimmermann is the Tour Chairperson.
2. Revival AAA Glidden Tour, September 7-12, 2025, Owensboro, Kentucky to be hosted by the Kentucky Region. Jeff Stumb is the Tour Chairperson.

Liz shared with the board members that the correct title is REVIVAL AAA GLIDDEN TOUR.

The Registration for the 2024 VMCCA Chrome Glidden Tour in Clarksville, Arkansas begins December 1, 2023.

Registrations for the 2024 VMCCA Orphan Car Tour, Decatur, Texas, must be postmarked after January 1, 2024.

The first VMCCA event for 2024 is the VMCCA Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet Cruise, February 8-12. The cruise departs from Tampa, Florida This will be the first of this type of adventure for the club and I look forward to attending with all those who have registered.

Technical Vice President's Report: Steve Fitzgerald

There were two Cloisonné awards given out this year. Numbering began in 2008 and #76 went to a 1911 Hupmobile owned by Dave and Toni Neuhaus of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. Dave did a masterful job of keeping car #26 running all week and I noted it went more than 30 mph while following it one day. Award #77 went to a 1908 Buick, car #26, occupied by Michael, Kay, Ariel and Jared Loewenthal of Orange City, Connecticut, a beautiful car and very enjoyable to see going down the road in beautiful Georgia.



Regarding National awards, I asked for them at the Chrome Glidden in Texas and the Revival AAA Glidden Tour in Georgia and received zero. I had forms available at both events as well as the Mid-Atlantic, the GLR, the Lewis and Clark, and the OLD Spanish Trail tours. I received forms from only the Lewis and Clark and the OST. I also received a few forms by mail. Of the ten categories that got nominations, only six had more than one nomination for the same car or person. Some awards have received only one nomination. I do not believe we should even be doing the awards when the nominations are so sparse. Award #9 for the member doing the most for the club got seven nominations with one person receiving four nominations. Award # 21 for the best owner restored car received five nominations for one person and this car happens to be a daily driver. I have seen it on several tours and over the last few years and the award is well earned. Award #25 for the master mechanic extraordinaire had seven nominations with four going to one person and I witnessed this person on several tours and it is well deserved. I have personally asked for the award forms to be submitted during tours thus members are given the opportunity to turn them in to me at various tours and not even expend a stamp. I feel this is a problem that should be addressed at the annual meeting. The previous VP Technical experienced the same problem - with almost all of the nominations coming from only one person. At \$75 per award, all of the sponsors can be counted upon to provide the funds. Add to that, the cost of shipping the plaques to folks who are not at the annual meeting and when the nominations are so few, it begs the question of the appropriateness of this segment of our organization. I believe it is asking a lot of the sponsors and wonder that, if they knew that an award was going to a person receiving only a single nomination, if they would continue to support this program. On the tours I have directed, I have given out trophies in various categories and such awards are decided during the tours. I have two tours I am directing in 2024 and at least one in 2025 and I will continue to provide trophies in various categories. I will continue to provide forms at each tour as many of us have done in our tour books this year. I ask that you give some thought to this segment of our organization.

Publications Vice President's Report: Randy Pullen

(submitted report)

The other shoe has finally dropped with the announcement of the retirement of Dennis Holland, the editor of the Bulb Horn. Dennis has been in this position as editor since mid 2012 until early 2024. He took the position shortly after serving as President of VMCCA. He has seen many changes and upgrades to the magazine throughout his tenure. Now the difficult task of finding a replacement will begin in earnest.

The Publications Committee will be seeking individuals who would be interested in taking the position of editor of the Bulb Horn. Dennis will continue as editor until a replacement is found. When a replacement is found, he will assist with the training of the chosen candidate. A job description will be developed and given to individuals who are interested in this position. The committee will begin the process of accepting applications as soon as possible. If you or anyone you know would be interested in the position, contact the Vice President of Publications or any member of the Publications Committee for further review of the applicant. There is a publication sub-committee actively pursuing a way to develop a revenue stream utilizing the VMCCA website. This committee is responding to vendors who are showing interest in advertising on our website. The website needs photos of tours. A procedure was suggested to have Tour Directors designate a tour photographer to take pictures during the tour. The tour director or designee select 30-50 photos, with captions, placed on a thumb drive and sent to the webmaster. The thumb drive could then be sent to the Bulb Horn editor and Touring Chronicle editor as needed. Electronic transmission would also be acceptable. The bottom line is the website needs tour photos for national and regional tours.

(end of submitted report) It was noted that the editor position is contractual, not a club employee, and should be negotiated as such. A request was made for the same sets of pictures sent to the Bulb Horn also be sent to the Touring Chronicle. It was noted that guidelines for tour hosting are in the officer's handbook, located on the club website under Membership - Member Resources.

Old Business: Ballot Distribution

It was reported that officer election ballots will look the same, and be distributed in the same way, as last year's. Electronic ballots will be delivered by Constant Contact on January 1, 2024, and the results are tallied automatically. Two ballots are allowed per household. Voting closes on January 31. Although it was not mentioned in the Bulb Horn, paper ballots for members without email addresses are also available by request via the Secretary. Installation of elected officers will be conducted at the annual meeting in February.

Old Business: Nominating Committee

No changes since the 3rd Quarter meeting's discussion.

Old Business: Financing VMCCA Meetings

Elaine Johnsen moved to provide up to \$500 for technology and room rental, when requested in advance with documentation, for the club's annual membership meetings and first quarter Board of Governors meetings. Steve Fitzgerald seconded. The motion carried. It was recommended to update the officer's handbook, and the guidelines for tour and meeting hosting, with this new information.

Old Business: Unfunded National Awards

It was reported that 11 of the 29 available awards will be presented. It was proposed that the Robbins family be removed as sponsors for the Outstanding Regional Director Award, since no response had been received regarding continuing to sponsor. It was noted that Keith and Barbara Robbins are deceased. Elaine Johnsen moved that national VMCCA pay for the 2023 award, then a new sponsor be sought for 2024. Ken Blake seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: Digitizing the Bulb Horn

It was suggested that the digitized Bulb Horn now takes longer to be posted on the club website than in the past. The process for this transfer will be investigated.

Old Business: Website Advertising

It was reported that Kurt Moe of ArcSeven, the club's web hosting manager, drafted an integrated media kit for club webmaster John Pendergast to use in soliciting advertising for both the website and the Bulb Horn. It was noted that a few advertisers are interested in purchasing ads on the website but not in the Bulb Horn. It was announced that the website receives an estimated 50,000 page hits per month. It was asked whether the digitized Bulb Horn could be emailed to interested members when a new issue is published. It was suggested that such emails could allow non-members to access the Bulb Horn, but also suggested that emailing only a link to the website copy of the Bulb Horn would require a login and thus keep non-members from accessing the magazine.

Old Business: Website Content Refresh Frequency

The Board was asked for preferences on the frequency of refreshing website content. Two weeks and 30 days were suggested. It was suggested that three weeks, the most-recent duration between refreshes of the main home page content, is too long, and it was suggested that that content be refreshed within one to two weeks. It was asked whether the President could post a short article at least once a month, and it was suggested that officers could each post on a rotating basis. It was asked how often the online roster is updated, and was answered that the roster is immediately updated each time the Secretary makes a change to the database. It was announced that webmaster John Lang has tendered his resignation.

New Business: Stored Assets Planning

The President requested that the Secretary, who is nearest to the



club's property storage location, form a committee to plan for disposition of the property should it need to be relocated, and determine the quantity of material. It was reported that at least 100 boxes of Bulb Horns and an original painting from the 1950s were in storage, and that the club librarian also has a set of *Bulb Horns*. It was suggested that the painting's condition be checked, and possibly also appraised, to confirm that it has held its value.

New Business: Performance Reviews

Seven Board members provided comments on performance of paid VMCCA staff, the majority of which were positive.

New Business: VMCCA Logo Update Proposal

It was announced that a new VMCCA logo design had been given to the President for the Board's consideration. It was noted that approving a new logo would necessitate replacing logo-bearing items in the Secretary's inventory, and that money and effort would be required to register a new logo with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. Two Board members indicated a dislike for the suggested logo's design. It was agreed to not consider changing the club logo.

New Business: Life Membership Approval

Ray Maxfield moved that Robbie Gray, who has met the criteria for and paid dues for a life membership, be so accepted. Clare Oestreicher seconded. The motion passed.

New Business: Revising the Tour Template

It was suggested that a committee reporting to the Activities Vice President be re-activated to streamline the presentation of the tour template, without changing its content. Dion Stams volunteered to assist the next Activities VP by compiling comments about the template until the Board election. Board members were asked to forward comments to Dion.

New Business: Region Support for 2024 Lewis & Clark Tour

It was asked if the Bonneville Region could provide a few thousand dollars of seed money to Carl Edem, to assist him with planning the 2024 Lewis & Clark Tour. It was agreed that such support should be allowed, if region bylaws permit, and it was suggested to put any reimbursement arrangements in writing.

New Business: VMCCA Foundation Report, Don Knight

This continues to be a very successful program. And since 2020, we've given away 52 scholarships to the VMCCA, of which 90% are to grandkids. You know, none of us have kids that are eligible anymore, so we have grandkids and great-grandkids. Fifty-two scholarships equals \$78,000 that we've given away, and we're very fortunate that the contributions have come in to where we're staying above water. We could always use more contributions. But it's a great program and it's very rewarding to read these applications and to get thank you cards from these kids. We really are proud of it. This year alone we've given away eight scholarships. And for the spring semester in 2024 we already have four applications. So it is a good, rewarding, successful program.

Bonneville Region Report: Bob Shilkett

The Idaho segment of the Lewis & Clark tour started on August 20 in Dillon, Montana and concluded in Lewiston, Idaho on August 26. Tremendous thanks to Holly & Bob Crawley for their many months of effort and miles traveled to make the tour a success. Special thanks to Doug and Rhonda Swartzberger, Dawn and Gary Swartzberger, and Joy & Rich Eagle for their time and effort as well as Bill Beery for the loan of the trouble trailer which was gainfully employed on the tour and allowed Holly to ride back to Idaho Falls with Bob. The Eastern Idaho chapter conducted its semi-annual Market Lake Wildlife Area trash cleanup in October. The chapter is investigating a new venue for the Father's Day Swap Meet and Car Show. There is also discussion of making it a one-day event rather than the weekend. The October Eastern Idaho chapter meeting was a 60-mile trip north for lunch in Spencer, Idaho. The annual garage tour/membership drive was November 4. The chapter Christmas party will be December 2 in Idaho Falls. The Utah chapter had to reroute their October monthly tour out of Salt Lake due

to snow. They will hold their Christmas party on December 6.

Great Lakes Region Report: John Zimmerman

The chapters have been busy with the balance of summer activities and everyone is looking ahead to fall color tours and holiday events. Black Swamp and the Toledo Chapters' Fall Color Tour, Saturday, October 21, 2023, took us to VMCCA member Lloyd Ganton's "Ye Ole Carriage Shoppe" in Spring Arbor, Michigan. His shoppe/museum focuses on the cars that were developed and produced in Jackson, Michigan. Over the early years, Jackson had 24 car companies that came and went. His collection has 18 of the only surviving vehicles known to exist. Besides cars, of which there were many more, he had signage, gas pumps, motorcycles, model airplanes, Sparton radios, memorabilia, toys, pedal cars, and model vehicles. The GLR has three of our major regional activities planned. They are the GLR Annual Banquet, on March 23, 2024 at the Early Ford V-8 museum in Auburn, Indiana. Summit City Chapter is the host. The 51st GLR Fowlerville Swap Meet will be May 4, 2024. Planning continues to make improvements regarding space size, vendor registrations, and set up the day before. The 73rd Annual Great Lakes Region tour will be June 3 - 7, 2024, visiting in and around the Cadillac, Michigan area. Registration opened on October 15 and already has 13 cars registered. The tour limit is 60 cars. Look for the "Water, Trees, & Cherries - Pure Michigan Bliss" registration form in the Bulb Horn, Touring Chronicle, or on the VMCCA website. The deadline to register is May 1, 2024. The GLR's next meeting is January 9, 2024. As a third reminder, at the 1st Quarter meeting, I spoke with Alex West and Steve Fitzgerald about the GLR sponsoring a National Award for Best Restored Packard (any year) in memory of Robert Erasquin. Please note Mr. Erasquin was a GLR member for 73 years and was also the founding member of the Brass and Gas Chapter in our area. I forwarded two articles about him to Alex and Steve. Alex said a similar award covering pre-WWII Packards has been inactive for a few years and was going to contact the sponsor and see if they wish to continue or discontinue its sponsorship. It is currently called the George Weiss Memorial Award. We are still waiting to hear about any action that has taken place regarding this request.

Kentucky Region Report: Clare Oestreicher, Region Secretary

Our Bluegrass Chapter took a drive from Lexington to Boonesborough, Kentucky, on October 21. Hosts Bill and Jane Johnson's Buick broke down on the way but was repaired and in service for a wedding the next week. Plans are in the works for the annual Polar Bear Run on New Year's Day. There was an excellent article about last summer's Grand Indiana Auto Tour in the September/October Bulb Horn. The team did a great job with their tour of the Richmond, Indiana, area in July, 2023, and they are working on plans for the event in 2024. Our Northern Kentucky VMCCA Chapter has finished touring for the year, but will hold monthly meetings through the winter. They have been very active: in just the last two months they attended a cruise-in at a retirement center in Florence, Kentucky, they brought home several trophies from a car show in Latonia, Kentucky, they had an Open House/Cruise-In at chapter president Jeff Niceley's business in Erlanger, Kentucky, they went as a group to a car show in Cincinnati's Spring Grove Cemetery, and they visited a new 50's-themed diner in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. We have recently contacted several participants from the Revival AAA Glidden Tour and the 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour, and found one nominee for our region-sponsored Founders Award. The award is for the pre-1914 car driven the farthest distance to a national VMCCA tour. If any tour directors know of potential candidates, please let Technical VP Steve Fitzgerald or me know. You have already heard our last item of terrific news: Jeff Stumb has offered to host the 2025 Revival AAA Glidden Tour in Owensboro, Kentucky! Representatives of the region met with Jeff during last month's Revival AAA Glidden Tour in Georgia, and we are excited about his plans. You'll be hearing much more on this as time progresses.

Mid-Atlantic Region Director's Report: Carl Worstell

The annual membership meeting was held on November 11, 2023. Elected officers for



calendar year 2024 are: Director, Duane Copley Vice Director, Carl Worstell Secretary, Linda Worstell Treasurer, Eileen Eby. Membership numbers remain steady with 101 families comprising 180 individuals. Finances – Mid-Atlantic finances are sound. There are no immediate plans to change dues. Communications – The Mid-Atlantic newsletter, “Wheels-A-Rolling” and the Mid-Atlantic website continue to be published with no problems. The Mid-Atlantic Region Facebook page has slightly more than 100 users.

2023 Tours – We completed very successful regional tours/meetings. The 2023 Spring tour washosted by Duane and Trisha Copley April 29–May 5 in Pennsylvania. The summer Mid-Atlantic Picnic was held July 29 in Hagerstown, Maryland, hosted by Matt and Eileen Eby. The annual membership meeting was held November 11 in Marshall, Virginia and was hosted by Mike Murphy and Sandy Tierney. 2024 Tours – Spring tour: May 19, 2024 through May 22, 2024 in Hagerstown, Maryland, hosted by Ed Wenger and Matt Eby. This tour will replicate the first Mid-Atlantic tour twenty-five years ago. Summer picnic: July 27, 2024 in Lynchburg, Virginia. Hosted by Jim and Marilyn Talbot. Fall tour: October 13-17 in central New York. 2024 Annual membership meeting: November 2, 2024 in Vineland, New Jersey, hosted by Carol Magg.

Midwest Region: John Nikodym

John reported that the region has not been active for many years. The Kansas City Chapter is somewhat active, but in Nebraska, members are so spread out that regional activities are not possible.

Mountains & Plains Region Director’s Report: Randy Carlson (for Greg Bruny)

Mountains & Plains has been active with the usual meetings, local tours, and, of course, picnics and dinners. Northern Colorado and the Pikes Peak Chapters each participated in local parades this year. That was a little different. Northern Colorado and the Pikes Peak Chapters have had some brainstorming sessions on ways that will attract new members and what we offer as a club. They’ve developed a Facebook and Instagram page, posting activities to promote the club and attract new and hopefully younger members. I want to send congratulations out to the Gold Dust Chapter in South Dakota, who will be celebrating their 40th birthday in 2024. Part two of the Old Spanish Trail Tour is coming up next May. It will be a good tour. I think Steve has put out quite a bit of information on it. The chapters in the region are now making plans for winter gatherings, holiday meals, play nights, that sort of thing. Seems like the food attracts members as much as the old cars.

Northwest Region Director’s Report: Carl Edem NW Region Director:

The 2024 Lewis & Clark Tour is progressing. I have selected hotels for first three nights and am in the process of contacting hotels in the Astoria area for the two remaining nights. Routes have been driven and most of the venues visited. Still working on speakers for the opening and closing banquets. I was the only member to attend the Lewis & Clark tour from our region. I don’t believe any members attended a National tour this year. I will not be able to attend the first quarter 2024 meeting. Capital City Vintage Car Club: Activities: Our monthly first Thursday dinners have continued through the summer and fall. The club has had an outing each month for most of the summer and fall months. Our meetings have been held at various members homes and will probably continue through the end of the year. Elections will be held on Monday the 13th and still need to confirm the secretary and vice president for next year. A Christmas party has been planned for early December. Sequim Valley Car Club: Activities: The club has continued their weekly Wednesday breakfasts and monthly board meetings. Club members have been attending regional and local car shows. The club participated in the Sherwood Village Car Show again this year. The club had a booth at the Sequim Prairie Nights Car Show. Also, members attended a couple of ice cream socials, held at the local grange. The club had two tours this fall. The first was a leaf-peeping tour and the second was a truck tour. The annual Christmas party has been planned. Elections are coming and those running are President – Bill Barrett; Vice President – Dave Milosevich; Treasurer – Debbie Flint; and Secretary – Lynn Garvin. Northern Lights Antique Auto Club: Activities: participated in the 14th Annual Chatanika Lodge Car & Bike Show honoring Ronnie Franklin, lodge owner and a member who passed away this year, and Rob Casey, a non-member car show participant, who passed away at last

year’s event from a heart attack. The event supports the Fairbanks Community Food Bank by requesting canned food be brought to the event. The club does a weekly run-around on Tuesdays and other scheduled places and routes in Fairbanks. They attended all the car shows that were listed in the 2nd quarter report as a group and only cancelled one garage tour they had planned.

TexOma Region Director’s Report: Ken Blake

The Texoma Region currently has 205 members and has experienced an increase of a total of fifty-seven members, 38%, since January 2023. Texas has increased forty-six members with each of the five chapters gaining at least two members; however, the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club increased twenty-one members and Permian Basin Oil Burners increased thirteen members and twelve members were added which are not in a chapter. The states of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana also added eleven members during the year. All the Chapters in Texas are holding regular meetings; however, the Bexar Tour Club, the Antique Car Touring Club, and the North Texas Touring Club have not had many tours during the past few months but are planning their Christmas parties. The Permian Basin Oil Burners club has been active with displaying twenty-seven cars and one chuck wagon in the County Fair for eleven days in the beginning of September. The restored chuck wagon made by Flint Wagon Works which started making a car called Chevrolet. At the end of September, the club held their annual Swap Meet which was well supported by the community. In October, they made the 72-mile drive to Horse Head Crossing on the Pecos River, which was one of the places cattle could cross the river during the cattle drives up north and is the place of the original “Lonesome Dove” western novel series. They are currently planning their annual Christmas party. The Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club has also been active this fall. In September, 40 members in twenty vehicles participated in a Porker Run and Picnic tour driving through the back roads of Gillespie and Blanco Counties, ending with a picnic lunch at the Cave Creek School. In October, 43 members in twenty-two vehicles travelled on the backroads of Gillespie County ending up at the Rhinory, a 55-acre vineyard and a conservation facility for white rhinos. They had a tour of the vineyard and white rhino facility, and then had wine tasting and lunch while viewing Blake, a 3000-pound white rhino. On November 11th, the club participated in and provided judges for the Veterans Car Show held in Kerrville, Texas, and will end the month with a drive around the Fredericksburg area, ending with lunch at a BBQ restaurant. The club is also planning their Christmas party. There will be two national tours in the Texoma Region in 2024. The Orphan Car Tour will be April 8th to April 12th located in Decatur, Texas, hosted by the North Texas Touring Club Chapter. The Chrome Glidden Tour will be April 28th to May 3rd in Clarksville, Arkansas, hosted by Raymond and Sammie Sue Harrill and Ray and Carol Maxfield. You can find the registration forms on the VMCCA website.

Western Region Director’s Report: Dion Stams

Dion Stams reported that the Western Region is comprised of the state of Nevada, and currently contains one chapter, the High Rollers in Las Vegas, although new ideas are again being developed to add a chapter. Regarding geography, the Western Region extends to towns over 500 miles from the monthly meeting location of the High Rollers, but it is not very common for members from outside the Las Vegas Valley to attend these meetings. Western Region has 57 “local” (Las Vegas area) memberships and 9 “distant” memberships. High Rollers has continued testing a new approach to its monthly tours, planning one short day-trip in-town plus one long day-trip out-of-town per month. The intent was to provide tours for those whose cars and/or bodies can only handle short trips while separately providing tours for those interested in longer trips. There has been mixed feedback from members about two tours per month, and that will be discussed in the High Rollers Board meeting upcoming soon. It is also unclear if the High Rollers will attempt to continue this idea into 2024, but we’ll see. Recent activities by High Rollers include a tour in late July by 29 people to the Phil Maloof Collection. The late “Uncle” Phil was a mainstay of the Las Vegas car hobby with many cars of many makes and models, but with an affinity for Cadillacs, since his first car was a 1941 Caddy. Other recent activities included an ice cream social in August (inside, air-conditioned, out of the summer heat) attended by 18 members, the annual September overnight tour to Southern Utah see the play “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” in an outdoor natural amphitheater at Tuacahn, a tour to the private



collection of long-time Las Vegas car dealer Greg Heinrich in September attended by 10 members, and the return of the High Rollers Show and Shine Car Show in October as a fundraiser for the Automotive Restoration Program at McPherson College, in McPherson, Kansas. Over \$3,000 has been raised for their scholarship fund, with donations continuing. The scholarship is for students in automotive restoration. Upcoming activities include a tour to the Desert Wildlife Refuge north of Las Vegas in November, Santa's Electric Light Parade in Boulder City in December, the High Rollers Christmas Party and Awards Banquet also in December, and the Dust Off breakfast in January (we don't shut down for winter). The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. CDT.

Mike Welsh, Secretary
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**THE VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM, MAY 26 2023**

OFFICERS PRESENT:

**President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Vice President
Activities Vice President**

**Duane Copley
Mike Welsh
Elaine Johnsen
Clare Oestreicher
Liz Lindig**

PAST PRESIDENTS PRESENT:

2019-2021

Ray Maxfield

REGIONAL DIRECTORS PRESENT:

**Bonneville
Mid-Atlantic
Mountains & Plains
Northwest
TexOma
Western**

**Bob Shilkett
Carl Worstell
Randy Carlson
Carl Edem
Ken Blake
Dion Stams**

President Duane Copley called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. CDT. The Secretary called the roll and the President declared a quorum.

Agenda Item: Nominating Committee Approval

It was announced that Carl Worstell had been asked to serve as chair of the nominating committee, and that Ray Maxfield and Sally Murray had been asked to serve on the committee. Clare Oestreicher moved to accept Carl Worstell as committee chair. Elaine Johnsen seconded. The motion passed.

Agenda Item: Reprinting Club Brochures

It was noted that the current supply of about 3,500 club brochures show the member dues amount as \$40 instead of the new \$48 rate. Other updates were suggested, including a new cover photo showing a younger person, and updated information about Heritage Tour eligibility. It was noted that an estimated 25 to 60 brochures are distributed at each Hershey swap meet. It was agreed that good-quality replacement photos should be available, and it was suggested that the cost of mistaken dues underpayments could be similar to the cost of printing a small number of updated brochures. Clare Oestreicher volunteered to work on a redesigned

brochure. Mike Welsh was asked to get printing quotes from Modern Litho. It was suggested that a printable digital copy of the updated brochure be made available to members to print on demand.

Agenda Item: Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

The dates and times of the 3rd and 4th Quarter Board of Governors meetings were announced: August 8 at 6:00 p.m. Eastern, and November 14 at a time to be determined.

Other Business

It was asked whether the club should sponsor the Great Race car being navigated by Elaine Johnsen in June and July. It was suggested instead that Elaine be given a supply of club brochures.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m. CDT.

**Mike Welsh
Secretary [this version 01-24-2024]**



**THE VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM, NOVEMBER 23, 2023**

OFFICERS PRESENT:

**President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Vice President
Activities Vice President
Technical Vice President
Publications Vice President**

**Duane Copley
Mike Welsh
Elaine Johnsen
Clare Oestreicher
Liz Lindig
Steve Fitzgerald
Randy Pullen**

PAST PRESIDENTS PRESENT

2019-2021

Ray Maxfield

REGIONAL DIRECTORS PRESENT:

**Bonneville
Connecticut Valley
Kentucky
Mid-Atlantic
Midwest
Mountains & Plains
TexOma
Western**

**Bob Shilkett
Jerry Hoffman
Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)
Carl Worstell
John Nikodym
Randy Carlson (for Greg Bruny)
Ken Blake
Dion Stams**

President Duane Copley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. EST. The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

Agenda Item: Approve Selection of New Bulb Horn Editor

The Publications Committee selected Tracy Leshner to replace Dennis Holland as the Bulb Horn editor in an independent contractor arrangement. It was stated that Tracy currently edits two publications similar to the Bulb Horn and is fluent with the relevant publishing software. It was explained that Tracy's start date had not been determined, as Dennis would stay on until Tracy was ready to take over.

Randy Pullen moved to accept the committee's recommendation. Clare Oestreicher seconded. The motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approve Selection of New Website Content Contractor

It was announced that John Lang had resigned as the club's website content contractor. It was noted that VMCCA member Brenna Olwine had assisted Ray Maxfield during the transition from the club's previous website. It was clarified that the website content person, unlike a webmaster, does not have direct access to the club website but instead requests changes from Kurt Moe at the hosting firm ArcSeven, and that it is the website content person's responsibility to manage information in order to keep the website up to date with tour, region, and other

updates. It was stated that the preferred effective date for the new contractor would be January 1, 2024, but that Randy Pullen would confirm this with John Lang. Ray Maxfield moved that the club select Brenna Olwine to become the new website content contractor. Ken Blake seconded. The motion carried.

Other Business

It was announced that Board members Dion Stams and Clare Oestreicher are engaged. Many VMCCA members were thanked for their role in bringing Dion and Clare together. The meeting was concluded at 6:25 p.m. EST.

Mike Welsh
Secretary

