

**THE VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE
1ST QUARTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
HOLIDAY INN NEWPORT NEWS – HAMPTON
NEWPORT NEWS, VA
FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

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:

Connecticut Valley	Jerre Hoffman
Great Lakes	Gary Miron
Independent	LaVern Warriner
Kentucky	Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)
Mid-Atlantic	Becky Woodall
Midwest	Myron Smith
Mountains & Plains	Sandy Carlson
Northwest	Carl Edem
TexOma	Ken Blake
Western	Dion Stams

President Duane Copley called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m. EST.

The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 4th Quarter Board of Governors meeting of October 23, 2024. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports: Elaine Johnsen

(submitted financials report)

The financial information is presented to you in its preliminary status. The information will be reviewed by the audit committee. The last step in the year end close-out process will be the preparation and filing of the required 990 information return and the 990 tax return.

1. Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023

It is important to note that when we analyze the data, we look at the same information in various ways. This report is our Balance Sheet, showing our assets, liabilities, and equity. In this instance we are comparing it to the prior year. Our overall cash position remained steady

with the major variation in current assets is the difference in tour income booked as a receivable at year end. Liabilities change generally due to timing differences. Deferred Revenue reflects the membership dues collected in 2024 for 2025 that will be amortized revenue during 2025.

2. Actual to Budget Revenue and Expense Jan-Dec 2024

The second report is to see how our actual revenue and expenses compared to what we anticipated our results for the year would be.

- **YE 2024 concluded with an increase in Net Revenue compared to budget by \$1,442 or 1.2%.** Dues income, website advertising and unanticipated donations contribute to the positive variance while tour income is less than anticipated and reduces the positive variance.
- **YE 2024 Total expense was less than projected by \$(3,773) or 2.8%.** Major variances attributing include the actual printing of *The Bulb Horn* magazine was less than expected due to cost reduction efforts while Membership Development included unanticipated brochure printing and the Revival AAA Glidden® database creation.
- **YE 2024 ended with a net income (loss) of \$(18,472) however this is less than projected by \$6,115 or 33.1%.**

3. Statement of 2024 Revenue and Expense compared to 2023

Another way to review and analyze the results of the year just ended is to compare them to the prior year.

- **YE 2024 concluded with an increase in Net Revenue of \$11,618 or 11% compared to YE 2023.** Increases are seen in membership dues, generous donations and interest earnings. Tour income is less than in 2023 by \$8,958, notably the Revival AAA Glidden® was hosted by AACA.
- **YE 2024 Total Expense increased by \$9,446 or 7.5% from YE 2023** 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.
- **YE 2024 ended with a net income (loss) of \$(18,472) and overall less than YE 2023 by \$2,173 or 10.5%.**

(end of submitted financials report)

[insert Statement of Financial Position]

[insert Actual to Budget Revenue and Expense]

[insert Statement of Revenue and Expense]

It was asked how much the new brochures cost to print. Elaine said it was approximately \$1,000.

Duane requested a motion to approve the financial statements and attach them to the official copy. A motion was made and seconded to accept the statements. The motion carried.

(submitted budget proposal)

2025 VMCCA Proposed Budget Summary

Elaine Johnsen, Treasurer

The proposed budget contains the estimated revenue and expense for 2025. The budget is compared to actual revenue and expense incurred in 2024; the far right column is the 2024 budget.

Generally, budgets should be projected with conservative revenue forecasts and at a minimum, projected inflation for certain types of expenses along with known cost increases or decreases based on the best information available at the time of preparation. This is the methodology I used along with input from the officers with regard to any expected costs they anticipate in the regular course of business based on approved policies.

Once the budget was developed a draft copy in detail was shared with our President for his review. He has provided a written request for funding in addition to this proposed budget. It is an opportunity for discussion by the Board of a new expense not currently in the historical budget. The written request is attached.

Overall, the proposed 2025 budget projects a net revenue (loss) of \$(10,642) which is an improvement of \$13,945 when compared to the 2024 budget and less than actual 2024 results by \$7,830. This budget moves VMCCA closer to a balanced budget. It will take an additional effort to identify the path to full recovery of our operating expenses.

Estimated total revenue for 2025 is projected with a slight decrease of \$3,222 compared to actual revenue in 2024. The primary variance is with respect to estimated donations and contributions. As you may recall, some very generous donations were received early in 2024. There is no current indication such a donation or donations will be received in 2025.

Estimated total expense for 2025 is projected to be less than the actual expenditures in 2024 by \$11,052. With the completion of transition to our new editor the overlapping costs incurred in 2024 are the greatest item in reducing the total cost of producing our magazine as well as the budget overall. The Bulb Horn Magazine is now available in digital format and approximately 159 members, as of the preparation of the budget, have selected this option thus reducing production costs. In 2024 other cost saving measures were implemented that are continuing factors. I anticipate an increase in postage in all areas due to another planned rate increase in July 2025 by the USPS. The increase in our website budget reflects the maximum amount for the web content contractor agreement. Actual expense in 2024 was \$1,500 under the contract amount. The decrease in the Membership Development budget compared to actual cost in 2024 relates to the printing of new membership brochures. The Treasurer's budget includes insurance, software subscriptions, all fees associated with card payments for dues, and professional fees – including legal fees for our Trademark registration. The increase of \$626 in the Treasurer's budget reflects an estimated cost for the requirements to maintain the Registration and make it incontestable. The next requirement will be in 2029 when the Registration will require renewal. The fees associated with maintaining the registration for the next 3 years is \$1,325, which will be amortized at the rate of \$442 per year. General Liability insurance increased by just over \$200.

Full details of my working budget are available. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to see me.

(end of submitted budget proposal)

Duane Copley read the following request for a motion:
(submitted motion request)

In accordance with the provisions of the Officers Handbook as noted:

“The President shall review the proposed combined budget prepared by the Treasurer prior to its submission to the Board for approval. Any disagreement the President might have with the proposed Budget should be set forth in the written presentation of the proposed budget to the Board.”

I requested the inclusion of \$3,000 (an increase of \$2,500 more than the current proposal) for the purpose of paying for the VMCCA organizational costs associated with the conduct of our Annual Meeting and if necessary to defray costs associated with any official National Tour in the event the associated registration fees fail to cover all the necessary costs associated with that tour. This requested inclusion does not appear to be included with budget submitted for review and approval of the BOG.

I will argue that placing a fixed amount in our budget is not a guarantee of an entitlement. There was placed in our current budget a fixed amount to be used to offset the cost of the VMCCA meeting space so that those who attend the meeting do not have to pay for the meeting space used to the benefit of all 1,500+ members. That amount of money is not shown in the budget presented to the BOG or to the membership. I also assert there are numerous other items which are included in our budget that are also not detailed but are none-the-less important. The amount can easily be folded into the budget as “Other”.

I very much agree that if we are going to off-set the loss for any VMCCA National meeting or tour, that we be provided with a detailed accounting of all funds received and all expenditures accompanied by copies of both the deposits and the receipts. Perhaps a committee will then need to be established when a loss occurs to do the financial review and report back with a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

Having said all that, I believe it is important for us each to understand where VMCCA organizationally is positioned, as it pertains to both National meetings and National Tours.

These events are described and detailed in our by-laws and in our Officers Handbook. The entire process, including required forms and other documents, are a product of the VMCCA organization. A Region or Chapter or individual does not simply announce they are holding a national event and then go on their happy way to do as they please. These procedures we require are necessary as a tool to try and assure that each event is a quality event and a success. Please remember these are VMCCA requirements. I assert that because we place these requirements, demand the use of our forms, and require they be submitted, not only to the VP Activities, but to the entire Executive Committee, we are in reality as much a part of the planned events as those who are doing the ground work. We approve the “statement of expectations”, we approve the financial worksheets, we approve the Tour Flyers, we provide space in our publications for advertising these events. We require each participant who attends our National Tours to sign a “hold harmless” document that protects VMCCA organizationally, the officers and, yes, also the very Region, Chapter or individuals who organize these events on our behalf.

The hard reality is that legally we may well be as responsible financially for any loss incurred as those who we granted approval to organize an event on our behalf.

There are provisions in our Officers Handbook that describe how profits will be divided between the parent organization, VMCCA, and a Region or Chapter. It can be successfully argued that the provision also applies to any financial loss that may be incurred. In this instance, the percentage of the loss would be equal only to the percentage of the profit share. In any instance where financial gain may be a reality, financial loss also is a reality. I feel this too extends to those instances where an individual is hosting the tour rather than a Region or Chapter except that in this case VMCCA is liable for the entirety of a legitimate loss since there is no cost sharing provision.

Not having a policy to deal with financial shortfalls that occur at any National VMCCA event is poor planning. Not providing a place in our annual budget to offset this potential happenstance is equally poor planning.

I am requesting the BOG approve the inclusion of the additional \$2,500 in the 2025 Proposed Budget.

Respectfully,
Duane Copley
President
(end of submitted motion request)

Duane requested the above motion be made. A motion was made and seconded to accept the statements.

It was asked whether *Bulb Horn* editor Tracy Leshner's salary was reflected in the budget. Elaine said it was included in the *Bulb Horn* line item.

Elaine said all the tours she has encountered as treasurer since 2000 have submitted a share to the National club, noting that the club's policy specifies that an individual putting on a tour submits 100% of the tour's profit after the individual's expenses are covered. Chapters and regions sponsoring tours keep at least 50% of the profits, and the other 50% comes to National. The exception is the annual meeting, which Elaine believes ought to have a fair share of its cost paid by the Board. The club has set aside \$500 for this in the past, but this is the first year it's actually been spent.

Elaine said it's the treasurer's responsibility to remind the Board that club expenses are currently dipping into reserves, and, if the additional \$2,500 is used, this expense will dip deeper into the reserves. In the past, an advance has been allowed for individual tour directors without a chapter or a region. Elaine agreed with Duane that it would require a significant audit of tour costs, because some National tour directors aren't forthcoming with budgets, even though we're supposed to approve their budget. Elaine said approving a budget that shows no income sets tour directors up for failure.

Clare Oestreicher noted that she had lost money on the 2022 Heritage Tour, but the Kentucky Region sponsored the tour and absorbed the loss.

Duane noted that National shares responsibility with tour directors for tour profits and losses, including 100% losses. Duane said National should have a contingency in case of tour losses,

and that a committee should be able to approve reimbursement without requiring a special Board meeting.

Elaine said the Board should apply due diligence when approving tour budgets, to avoid excess work for the Treasurer and to avoid annoyance if advising tour directors to reconsider their budgets.

Duane called the vote on the motion. Trisha Copley asked why the insurance was under the Treasurer's Office line item, instead of a general expense line item. Elaine said it was customary not to include subordinate line items in a Board report. Clare Oestreicher noted that including the insurance was a contingency plan and the money would not automatically be spent. Duane noted that the Foundation tour would handle profit-sharing differently by donating an amount per participating car. Ray Maxfield said he spoke to a tour director in the Texoma region who wanted to be completely independent. Elaine added that Chrome Glidden tours generally send \$10,000 to National.

Duane called the vote again. The motion passed.

President's Report: Duane Copley

(submitted report)

Things have been relatively quiet and the bulk of my efforts have been following up on the various issues we discussed and acted upon at our last meeting. I, like many of you, have been writing either reports or items for the web page, the Touring Chronicle or the *Bulb Horn*.

Additionally, I have been preparing agendas, reviewing minutes, editing, along with many others, the *Bulb Horn* and otherwise concerning myself with VMCCA affairs.

Carl Worstell has agreed to chair the Nominating committee and since there are anticipated changes in officers for 2026, I thought he could use the extra time instead of naming him at the 2nd quarter meeting.

My nominations for appointment to the various committees will remain somewhat unchanged. It is my decision to let the various committee Chairs select their committee members as I feel it is imperative they have members with which they can work.

(end of submitted report)

Duane asked the Board and other members to take questions first to their Region directors, after which the question might be referred to the full Board.

Executive Vice President's Report: Mark Hamlin

Yesterday I was supposed to give a little bio of myself, and I neglected to do that. I was born and raised in Golden, Colorado to a car family. My parents were charter members of Club of Colorado, and we did a ton of touring when I was little. When I got to working age, we had a restoration company about four blocks away from our house. I applied there and started working on restorations of vehicles, and I've been in that business ever since. I owned my own antique and classic upholstery company for 45 years, and now I've retired and can tour.

Membership Vice President's Report: Clare Oestreicher

As of Sunday, February 16, 2025, we show 1201 active memberships, and 375 memberships in arrears. That's a smaller percentage of unpaid dues than at this time last year, but the number is a huge drop from the total amount of memberships (1852) listed just two years ago, in February 2023. Too many good and faithful members of the club have passed away in recent years and others have dropped out due to age and infirmity. Our best hope to rebuild numbers is for our current members to individually invite friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and people met on the street to come join in on our activities and tours.

Since our last Board meeting, my efforts have focused on three main areas. First, I continued to work with our Publications team to explain and promote our new digital membership. So far, it looks like close to ten percent of renewing members have opted for the new tier, and I expect its use will become more important among younger members in the future.

Back in October our Membership Committee determined who was eligible to receive Membership Awards for 2024. I issued invitations to the recipients to attend the Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet, and created promotional material for the event. I designed and printed the certificates that will be presented this evening, and prepared mailing materials to send certificates and pins to those not present. I will be shipping them, notifying recipients' respective Regions and Chapters about the awards, and writing a congratulatory Bulb Horn article, after the awardees' names are formally announced at tonight's Awards Dinner.

My most recent task has been to reach out to members delinquent in renewing club dues for 2025. Thanks to a timely reminder from Mike Welsh, and an almost instant response from Publications VP Ray Maxfield, email reminders were sent at noon on February 14 to about 360 members, with a second email sent where needed on February 18, and paper notes from the Secretary to those without email addresses. Ray's reminders are effective: the same day they were sent, Mike received 22 renewals! Some folks sent notice that they would not rejoin, so I followed up to ask why. Thus far, responses have named age, disability, and different projects and commitments, but no complaints about the club itself. Of course, there have been some tangles to resolve for people who say they paid on line or paid their local club but the dues haven't been received by National yet. We are working on those aspects.

As the weather warms up, be sure to get your cars out on the road, and when they attract attention, offer admirers one of our updated membership flyers. Nothing works like one-on-one personal contact, so don't be shy – invite others to enjoy our good times!

Activities Vice President Report: Trisha Copley

2024 was a successful year thanks to my predecessors. On the National level, we started, of course, with the Annual Membership and 1st Quarter Meeting in February. The Orphan Tour was held in Texas in April, as well as the Chrome Glidden Tour in Arkansas; the 1 & 2 Cylinder tour was held in June in Ohio; the Revival AAA Glidden Tour was held in September in Pennsylvania; and finally the Western Tour was held in November in Arizona. Also during the course of the year, there were many Regional/Chapter tours held throughout the country.

Looking forward, there will hopefully be many tours to look forward to, both on a National and a Regional/Chapter level. If there are any suggestions for improvement, please let me know.

Technical Vice President Report and Old Business: Steve Fitzgerald

Steve reported that awards for vehicles have been separated from awards for people, as suggested by two committee members. He has not received any negative responses to the new awards nomination form he has shared at seven tours. Steve noted that some awards were dropped due to no sponsors, and some awards were dropped because nobody's nominated anybody for them as long as he or his predecessor Alex West has been around.

Steve reported the Permian Basin has withdrawn their support for the Jim Spencer Award, and the Magee Collection has withdrawn its support for the President's Award, so new sponsors are needed. He also expressed his hesitation to the suggestion to drop single-marque awards, noting that the Best Chrysler Product Award is in memory of Mike Stemen's wife, and the Nifty 50s Award is in memory of B D Berryhill's wife.

Steve recommended dropping the Golden Award of Excellence Program awards because he does not consider VMCCA to be a judging organization. Steve noted that he is a judge with the Studebaker Club and doesn't consider judging appropriate for them as well.

A motion was made to drop the judged Golden Awards. Discussion was called. Ray Maxfield stated the most recent Golden Award judging was at a convertible tour in Wisconsin. The motion carried.

Steve recommended dropping the Ralph Buckley Awards for professionally restored vehicles through 1913 because he wants to emphasize recognition of owner-restored, owner-maintained vehicles. Steve also noted there have been no nominations for the award. Clare Oestreicher asked if there was a willing sponsor. Steve replied the sponsorship has been open for a long time.

Steve moved to drop the Ralph Buckley Awards. Trisha Copley seconded. Discussion was called. Steve reported that none of the New York Region members he contacted were willing to speak for the region on this topic. Elaine Johnsen reported the New York Region has pre-paid for the award for several years, and said there was three or four years' funds to award their and the Southwest Region's sponsored awards. Mid-Atlantic Region director Becky Woodall reported there were New York Region members in her region. Steve asked for their assistance, then requested the motion be tabled.

Steve reported he had been unable to find a sponsor for the Magee Collection President's Award. Elaine suggested the Board of Governors should be the sponsor, noting that the award costs \$85 annually and could be drawn from funds reserved for Board expenses.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Elaine's suggestion. The motion carried.

Steve said he would like club awards to be presented at chapter meetings. He gave examples of past shipping costs, and asked the members to carry any awards back to their chapters. Steve noted he would be delivering awards to Salt Lake City and would present one at the Lewis & Clark tour.

Publications Vice President Report: Ray Maxfield

Ray listed his publications media/communications team members: *Bulb Horn* editor Tracy Leshner, past *Bulb Horn* editor Dennis Holland, website content editor Brenna Olwine, display advertising manager John Pendergast, and ArcSeven programmer Kurt Moe. Ray reported the

team knows their jobs and does them well, but Ray would like the speed of work to increase in 2025. Ray said the club has tools available to increase VMCCA's visibility through the website and the *Touring Chronicle*, and asked the officers to think about using their columns to suggest new activities to the membership.

Mark Hamlin asked to have chapter/region newsletters featured. Ray asked to be included on all possible newsletter distribution lists in order to include them in the *Touring Chronicle*. Clare Oestreicher praised the team, noting that the website content is now refreshed more frequently, and that Kurt, Brenna, and Ray were very helpful when she was updating member registration forms last year.

Old Business: Approval of Officer's Handbook Edits

A motion was made and seconded to approve the submitted edits to the Officer's Handbook. The motion carried.

Stored Assets/Records and Helck Painting Update: Mike Welsh

Mike reported no further progress with disposition of stored club assets and records.

Mike showed a poster of the Helck painting. Marilyn Talbot noted that the rest of the posters had been sold. Mark Hamlin asked if the club should get lithographs made and perhaps sell them as a fundraiser. Marilyn replied that the posters had to be marked down to be sold, and said that larger reproductions would be difficult to carry to events. Elaine asked if the club, as owner, would have the right to reproduce the painting.

Mike reported that The Madison Group Fine Art Appraisals had examined the Helck painting, and suggested the club sell it at an auction where cars and related memorabilia are sold. Heritage Auctions of Dallas had estimated a \$4,000–\$6,000 sale price with a 20 percent seller commission at their signature illustration sale, with a February 27 consignment deadline. Sotheby's had also responded. Mike recommended the Board follow The Madison Group's judgement for selecting an auction house. Marilyn asked for the appraised amount, which Mike reported was \$11,000. Mike also reported that Bob Ehinger may be interested in buying the painting. A member said selling it privately might save on the commission.

Elaine moved to have the appraiser put the painting up for auction at her choice of auction house, with Mike authorized to approve the selection, and with contract to be signed by the President. Trisha Copley seconded.

A member asked if a reserve would be placed on the painting. Ray Maxfield said he thought that meant an auction house would get nothing if the painting didn't sell, and would want a fee. A member said the auction house could legally bid it up to the reserve amount. Elaine asked if the painting could sell for \$500 if no reserve was set, and a member said the reserve was the protection.

Elaine amended her motion for the sale offer to include a reserve of \$6,000. Steve Fitzgerald seconded.

Mark Hamlin asked if Bob Ehinger could make an offer on the painting before it was sent to auction.

Old Business: Committee Assignments, Duane Copley

Publications Committee — Ray Maxfield, Chair

- Tracy Leshner, *Bulb Horn* Editor
- Brenna Olwine, Website Content
- John Pendergast, Advertising Sales
- Dennis Holland, Facebook Admin.
- One Regional Director of the Chair's choosing, to be presented to the BOG for approval

Activities Committee — Trisha Copley, Chair

- One Regional Director and at least one member at large of the Chair's choosing, to be presented to the BOG for approval

Membership Committee — Clare Oestreicher, Chair

- One Regional Director and at least one member at large of the Chair's choosing, to be presented to the BOG for approval

Technical Committee — Steve Fitzgerald, Chair

- Randy/Sandy Carlson
- Mike Hoffman
- David Fields

Audit Committee — Sandy Carlson

- Executive VP Mark Hamlin

Nominating Committee — Carl Worstell

- One Regional Director and at least one member at large of the Chair's choosing, to be presented to the BOG for approval

Bonneville Region Report: Bob Shilkett

- Winter in the Inter-Mountain West means garage time and thinking of warmer weather.
- The late fall brought leaf sightseeing tour, garage tour and membership drives.
- There were also Christmas parties in Utah and Idaho.
- The Utah chapter retained all of their current officers.
- The Eastern Idaho chapter added Scott Skinner as vice-president, Ginger Rounds as secretary, and Holly Crawley as treasurer. Joy Eagle served as our secretary/treasurer for many years. Sincere thanks to Joy for all of her efforts and we wish her well in her adventure west to Boise.
- Utah chapter member DeLamar Johnson passed away on November 30, 2024 at the age of 92. De was preceded in death by his wife Joanne.
- Eastern Idaho chapter member Sandy Beery passed away on January 15, 2025 at the age of 71. Sandy was the spouse of member Bill Beery.

Connecticut Valley Region Report: Jerre Hoffman

We had a good year with about five meets.

One of our better meets, we had to cancel last week because of poor weather, and we're going to host it this weekend. It's our Valentine's Day meet at Mount Holyoke College. It's a great buffet, and we have a good time.

Last year we visited the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, Connecticut. We had several other meets at other places, trying to get people motivated.

We've always had a great Christmas party, and that continued.

As for the redistricting or re regionalization topic, I sent something out over lunch break for everyone to check out. We try to keep up and keep people interested. It's not always easy, but we all know that.

Great Lakes Region Report: Gary Miron

(submitted report)

The GLR has six of our major regional activities planned.

Great Lakes Region Membership is 175, we lost about 35 members this year from aging out and death.

GLR has a new Treasurer, Wilma Kennedy. After Pam Sturgeon has had over 10 years of service and moved to Florida.

GLR Annual banquet and GLR meeting on Saturday, April 5th, 2025. 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM at the Museum & Welcome Center of Fulton County, Wauseon, Ohio. Banquet at Fulton Hall in Fulton County Fairgrounds in Wauseon, Ohio. Buffet lunch. Gary Miron, Black Swamp Chapter Hosting. Registration forms on GLR website.

2025 Progressive National Orphan Car Tour (Too Many to Name), Ypsilanti, Michigan to South Bend, Indiana. Sunday, June 22nd through Friday, June 27th, 2025. Registration forms on VMCCA & GLR website & *Bulb Horn*. Limited to 50 cars and is due by May 1st. 2025 Tour Director John Zimmerman, email: jzimmerman1666@gmail.com or call 419-350-3666. Black Swamp Chapter.

The 52nd annual GLR Fowlerville Swap Meet will be Saturday May 3rd, 2025 at the Fowlerville, Michigan fairgrounds. Gates Open 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Vendors' registration forms: GLR Fowlerville website.

74th Annual GLR Tour in Perrysburg, Ohio. "Down by the Bays" July 27th -August 1st, 2025. Hosted by the Black Swamp Chapter. Tour host Gary Miron and Sue Hanely, and registrar Judy & Ed Wright. Registration form in *Bulb Horn*, GLR website. Deadline is May 30th, 2025. Any questions: Gary Miron, Email: mustang64a29@gmail.com or call / text 586-344-9598.

Farm Boys Tour, Sunday August 24th - Thursday 28th, 2025 at French Lick, Indiana. Registration form will be out February 15th, 2025. Kelly Copeland, Defiance Chapter.

Grizz Garage Tour, Friday August 1st, - Sunday August 3rd, 2025. Kelly Copeland, Defiance Chapter.

Chapters are busy working on their activates for the upcoming year, also working on new members.

(end of submitted report)

Gary asked John Zimmerman to report on the upcoming Orphan Car Progressive Tour. John reported 18 cars have registered: four from Texas, one from New York, two from Michigan, one from Wisconsin, one from Montana, one from Florida, two from Colorado, one from Pennsylvania, two from Maryland and two from Missouri. Makers include Pontiacs and Studebakers.

Independent Region Report: LaVern Warriner

We finished our summer get-togethers. We hold them from April to September, two per month, and we average 40 cars per event. We're getting ready to do this again this year, going on a boat trip in one of the local rivers, and also going on a antique train ride.

Kentucky Region Report: Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)

Our Bluegrass Chapter rang in the New Year with a Polar Bear Run that was also an overnight tour south to Kentucky's Red River Gorge and Natural Bridge State Park. The weather was a bit chilly and cloudy but the group had a fine trip. Nothing like starting the New Year the way you mean to continue it – touring in old cars, of course!

Our Central Nickel Age Touring Club will hold their annual tour June 8-13, 2025. It will be hosted by Grant, Jennifer, and Andrew Baker, and will be headquartered in Paris, Kentucky, in the heart of horse farm country.

The Grand Indiana Auto Tour is back! Roger and Cherryl Goodman will host a trek to Kentucky's Cave Country, August 4-7, 2025. Headquarters will be in Horse Cave, KY, and the tour will include trips to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, and Abraham Lincoln's birthplace in Hodgenville. A registration form is already on our VMCCA web site, and the formal announcement flyer will be in our March-April *Bulb Horn*.

Our Northern Kentucky Vintage Motor Car Club meets monthly, and holds a Split-the-Pot and a Secretary's Drawing at each meeting. They have numerous ideas in mind for when the weather warms up. Meanwhile, Secretary Butch Schultz has begun a club newsletter, expanding on his informative reports of meeting minutes, and including chapter news and updates. It has been hinted by some of the members that the title, "The Gasbag*," is especially apt considering who edits it...

You all know by now that this year's Revival AAA Glidden Tour® will be held in and around historic Owensboro, Kentucky, on September 7-12. Jeff Stumb has a great week planned, and there is no limit on the number of participants. Details are in the recent *Bulb Horns* and on our website. Plan to attend – you'll have a great time!

Mid-Atlantic Region Report: Becky Woodall

2025 is getting off to a slow start. So far, we have no Spring Tour. Our picnic will be in Zanesville, OH. We'll visit Virginia's Shenandoah Valley on our Fall Tour and meet in Marshall, VA for our Annual Meeting.

Midwest Region Report: Myron Smith

At President Copley's suggestion I submitted a request for a tour headquartered in Buffalo WY for July 8-11 2026. Duane attended the AACA one held in 2024 and asked us to reenact it for VMCCA. The only difference in our preparations is we have reserved the entire Z Bar motel and cabins of 24 rooms for this event. This tour ends so those in the Vintage Chevrolet Club may then attend the Anniversary meet to be held in Rapid City, SD.

I was asked to take this position in October. In January I sent an email introducing myself to the presidents of the chapters listed in the directory and asked that they let me know if they are still active and what type of activities they are doing. I have received no response.

Kansas City Chapter:

I spoke with Mike Welsh. Kansas City is an active chapter They do a 1 or 2 night tour they call a Lewis and Clark Tour (not to be confused with the annual progressive one to be held in Three Forks, MT this year). They change officers in July rather than in January as most clubs do. They hold monthly meetings. The one in July is traditionally a picnic in Independence, MO.

Show Me Antique Car Club (St. Louis Area):

Called and spoke with Kevin Stockwell as he was the first member I could reach by phone. He stated Butch Graham is president. They have an aging membership but are still doing things. They had started out as an AACA region in 1984 and somewhere along the line they changed to VMCCA. They do tours in the summer and a Christmas parade. The last meeting they had about 10 in attendance.

The Reagan Chapter (Sterling, IL):

This chapter has disbanded and the treasury has been donated to the scholarship fund.

Mountains & Plains Region Report: Sandy Carlson

As the touring season was winding down, Friendsgiving dinners and Christmas parties were being held, and new chapter officers were being elected, plans for 2025 began. Some chapters participated in Veterans Day Parades.

I have contacted each chapter about hosting a Chrome Glidden Tour in 2025 per Duane's request. So far, I have received no response although an idea to host a Chrome Glidden Tour in the Salina, KS area in 2026 did come up. There are several interesting venues such as the McPherson College's vehicle restoration school. There are several good accommodations and some really good BBQ restaurants. It would be ideal if I could get volunteers from each of our 5 chapters. Stay tuned.

The Spanish Trail III hosted by Steve Fitzgerald went on as planned. Even though it was sparsely attended, everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Steve has toyed with the idea of doing the 4th leg. So again – stay tuned.

Twelve members of Mountains and Plains attended the 2024 Western National in Tucson. Another great tour.

Even though most of our vintage beauties are tucked away for the winter or in the shop being readied for touring weather, members are still meeting and finding fun things to do as a club.

We're all looking forward to dusting off the cars and finding hidden gems to explore or even more – great places to eat.

“Automobiling is a joy sublime, if you've enough gas and your tires are fine”

Have a great touring year.

Northwest Region Report: Carl Edem

Northwest Region

New officers for 2025 are confirmed. We are in the process of updating our region's bylaws.

Capital City Vintage Car Club

Recent activities include our monthly First Thursdays. A tour to LeMay – America's Car Museum in Tacoma in November, our annual Christmas get together and our Valentine's Day tour to the Raymond area. Part of our January meeting was spent roughing out an events Calendar for the coming year.

Sequim Valley Car Club

Along with our normal weekly breakfasts, our monthly potluck dinner/meetings and monthly board meetings we had a leaf peeping tour in October. December was our annual Christmas party and white elephant exchange. In January we all went to a fund-raising Cruise In.

Northern Lights Antique Car Club

No report

Texoma Region Report Report: Ken Blake

The Texoma Region is the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana. We have five chapters, all located in the central and northern region of Texas, which accounts for 79% of the total members in the region. In southern Texas, members are spread out. In Oklahoma, they only have five members. In Arkansas and Louisiana, they have four. And we can't have a capital share yet, trying to get something. Unfortunately, in 2024 we lost a net decrease of 22% of our membership, going down to 59. Fredericksburg is our largest club with 75 members, 47% of the total region.

During the year, we had two national tours held in the region. North Dallas Touring Club hosted the Orphan Tour in Decatur, Texas in April. Raymond and Sammye Sue Harrill and Ray and Carol Maxfield held the 42nd Chrome Glidden, based in Clarksville, Arkansas in May.

This year, the Permian Basin chapter experienced a net loss of 12 members, primarily through age and health issues. They've brought in eight new members that are younger, who will attend meetings and go on to tours, but will not take the leadership. There's one person for both president and vice president, and the same for secretary and treasurer. We're trying to get the younger members to get involved. Their kickoff tour is going to be in March, visiting some of the old oil roads and any up in the city of Kermit, Texas, and That's going to be a 120-mile round trip. Greg has meeting or and monthly meetings and monthly tours. In November, we had several members judge the annual Veterans Day show. This is the 13th year they've done that. They also had a tour Johnson City, Texas to view a motorcycle Museum. Have lunch. I should say, all of our tours has a meal somewhere in the on December 6, they had several members in the

Fredericksburg Christmas parade. Also had our Christmas dinner. And the 24th of January had a kickoff to our train several and as COVID several places around historic Fredericksburg, which a lot of them were the same as the chrome led tour that they had two years ago. And then this coming Saturday, they're going to the Russo Benini studio in Marble Falls. He's a sculptor, and he's got painting. And during that and the Texoma region Annual Meeting will be held the April 9 to 12 Texas, visiting, visiting the painted churches that are the area. And unfortunately, on that, we're going to try and open that up, but we couldn't get into the regular hotel. And plutonium hotels folks are in there. The maximum they could take would be for the 35 cars. We had to lift them to 35 cars. So we'll have our meeting there,

We've got 23 members that are delinquent in the region. I'm going to be working with the chapter presidents calling those people.

Western Region Report: Dion Stams

Dion Stams reported that Western Region currently has a single chapter, the High Rollers in Las Vegas Nevada. There were with 48 memberships (76 individuals) at the start of 2024 and 41 memberships (67 individuals) one year later, at the start of 2025.

High Rollers notes the passing of members Don Derr, Steve Glazer, Fosco Picchi, and Barbara Baudoin. Fosco was the editor of the "Nuts & Notes" newsletter of the High Rollers Chapter as well as the chapter's webmaster. Barb was a charter member of the High Rollers, from when the chapter was set up in 1978, and was club treasurer for many years.

The High Rollers Chapter has activities year-round. In January 2024, we held our Dust-Off Breakfast in Boulder City, NV. In February, we had brunch at the Paiute reservation northwest of Las Vegas, NV. In March, we were in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Henderson, NV. In April, we held a show-and-shine car show at a Las Vegas assisted living facility, and toured to Death Valley National Park in California. In May, we held another show-and-shine car show at a Henderson nursing home, and held the annual High Rollers Club Picnic at a Las Vegas orchard. In June, we visited a privately-owned jukebox, pinball & arcade museum in Las Vegas. In July, we held the annual Pizza Run in Las Vegas. In August, we had an Ice Cream Social in Las Vegas. In September, we toured to a car collection in Laughlin, NV. In October, we held our annual fundraising High Rollers Show and Shine Car Show in Las Vegas. In November, we held a sponsored car show in Las Vegas. In December, we were in the annual Santa's Electric Night Parade in Boulder City, and held the annual Christmas and awards party in Las Vegas. In January 2025, we held our Dust-Off Breakfast at the Ahern Hotel in Las Vegas, which was followed by a tour of the Xtreme/Snorkel Factory in Henderson, NV. In February, we had brunch at the Paiute Golf Club northwest of Las Vegas.

Upcoming activities include Henderson's St. Patrick's Day Parade in March, a tour to Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge north of Las Vegas and a car show at Las Ventanas assisted living community both in April. Planned for June is a tour of the Nevada Test Site and National Atomic Test Museum. Details are still pending Test Site approval, but if any of you are interested in the Test Site and Atomic Museum, look for specifics in upcoming issues of The Touring Chronicle. The Test Site tour will be by government-arranged motor coach with restroom. High Rollers will invite any VMCCA members to this event, up to the anticipated cap of 50 people.

New Business: Approval of New Life Member

A motion was made and seconded to accept Bob Hillman as a life member. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m. EST.

Mike Welsh
Secretary