

**THE VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE
1st QUARTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
GULF OF MEXICO, ABOARD THE GTS *RADIANCE OF THE SEAS*
FEBRUARY 11, 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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| 2017-2018 | Don Knight |
| 2019-2021 | Ray Maxfield |

REGIONAL DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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| Florida | Tom Jevcak |
| Great Lakes | John Zimmerman |
| Kentucky | Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts) |
| Mountains & Plains | Randy Carlson |
| Northwest | Carl Edem |
| Southwest | Mert Houdek (for Owen Cotton) |
| TexOma | Ken Blake |
| Upper Mississippi | Dave Edmonds |
| Western | Dion Stams |

President Duane Copley called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m. CST.

The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

Ken Blake moved to approve the minutes of the 4th Quarter Board of Governors meeting of November 14, 2023. Stew Long seconded. The motion carried.

Clare Oestreicher moved to approve the minutes of the special Board of Governors meeting of December 20, 2023. Elaine Johnsen seconded. The motion carried.

Elaine Johnsen moved to approve the minutes of the special Board of Governors meeting of May 26, 2023. Clare Oestreicher seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Johnsen

(submitted report)

The financial information is presented to you in its preliminary status. The information was reviewed by Robin & Mike McGrath prior to the final reports. There were no changes to the accounting details after the review. The next 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 Dec. 31, 2023, and Dec. 31, 2022

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. The reduction in cash reflects the loss of net income. Deferred Revenue reflects the membership dues collected in 2023 for 2024.

2. 2023 Actual to Budget Revenue and Expense

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 2023 concluded with a decrease in Net Revenue compared to budget by (\$3,506) or 3.2%. Membership dues declined greater than projected by 12.5%. Tour income exceeded expectations by 26.1%.
- YE 2023 Total Expense was less than projected by (\$1,876) or 1.5%. The Bulb Horn Magazine actual expense was less than projected by (\$1,820) or 2.2%.
- YE 2023 ended with a net income (loss) of (\$20,645) however, this is basically on target with the projected budget and within 8.6% of where we expected it to be. Revenue losses from declining memberships and more than anticipated in the budget is the greatest contributing factor to the decrease in net revenue. This was one of the considerations, in addition to the gap of \$20,000 between membership dues and the cost to produce *The Bulb Horn Magazine*, in the decision to increase dues to \$48 beginning with 2024 renewals.

3. Statement of 2023 Revenue and Expense compared to 2022

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

- YE 2023 concluded with a decrease in Net Revenue of \$11,123 or 9.5% compared to YE 2022.
- Membership dues continued the declining trend, at a greater rate than expected, and are less than YE 2022 by \$8,365 or 12.5%. Individual donations at YE 2023 were also less than YE 2022 by \$1,198. Tour income ended on par with 2022.
- YE 2023 Total Expense decreased by \$2,665 from YE 2022. The variances are the purchase of the Owl meeting device in 2023 and the transfer of scholarship funds in 2022. The Website, Touring Chronicle and *The Bulb Horn Magazine* had a collective increase of \$1,583.
- YE 2023 ended with a net income (loss) of (\$20,645). Overall, this is a decline of \$8,459 over YE 2022. Revenue losses in Membership Dues is the greatest contributing factor. It was one of the considerations, along with anticipated increasing costs to produce *The Bulb Horn Magazine* in the decision to increase dues to \$48. We had a substantial discussion regarding why and how to increase income at the 2023 Annual Membership

Meeting in Reno. Tour income from National tours is more difficult to predict with the many factors of each tour changing from location to location, venues and perhaps timing. We are grateful for the shared revenue but recognize it is generated by a fraction of the membership. Some regional tours and clubs share a portion of their income.
(end of submitted report)

There being no questions, the above financial report was accepted.

(submitted report)

2024 Proposed Budget:

This report contains the estimated revenue and expense for 2024. It is compared to actual revenue and expenditures incurred in 2023. The last column is the 2023 Adopted Budget.

Generally, budgets should be projected with conservative revenue forecasts and at a minimum, inflation projected 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 had knowledge of.

Overall, the 2024 proposed budget projects a net revenue (loss) of (\$24,587).

Estimated revenue for 2024 is projected with a slight increase over actual revenue in 2023. Primary factors include estimated dues income which is based on dues at \$48 per membership but with an expectation of additional decline in the overall number of memberships; secondly the Certificate of Deposit has been renewed at a greater rate of interest than we had for most of 2023 and should generate approximately \$4,000 in additional interest earnings.

Estimated expense for 2024 is projected to be greater than the actual expenditures in 2023 by (\$13,218). There is a planned 3 month overlap as we transition to a new editor of The Bulb Horn Magazine. At the time of preparation, I also estimated a 3% inflationary increase in production and postage. This budget does not reflect some anticipated savings in a very new contract with the printer. The increase in Membership Development is the full cost of the annual awards. You will see a corresponding revenue line. Historically the award expense was netted with the reimbursements.

Ken Blake moved to approve the proposed 2024 budget. Mark Hamlin seconded. The motion carried.

Appointment of Financial Reviewers for 2024

It is important to note we do not have an annual audit of our accounting records and financial statements. No outside agency requires us to have one and it would be costly compared to any benefit. Instead, we have a third-party review of our statements for reasonableness. Although not independent, Robin and Mike are club members with a strong financial background.

I respectfully request the appointment, Mr. President, of Robin & Mike McGrath as reviewers for the coming year.

(end of submitted report)

Duane Copley requested a voice vote to approve the appointment of Steve Fitzgerald and Robin & Mike McGrath. The appointment was approved.

Secretary's Report: Mike Welsh

First of all I would like to thank everyone who sent me a card or spoke to me during last year with regard to my surgery for colon cancer. It was a wild ride but now I am almost back to 100% – excuse me, I forgot about how old I am. I will never be at 100% but any of those numbers near to 100 are very acceptable.

I must give my daughter Beth a real big THANK YOU for helping me in my recovery and especially all of the work she did in my office to keep things afloat. I try not to look at the monitor while she is working at my computer because it makes my head spin... but she is up-to-speed on my daily duties.

Dues collection is coming right along. Quite a few chapters and regions send dues in as a group with one check which does lighten the load of dealing with numerous checks. Many members send in their dues with the blue form and a check, some list their credit card info, and the rest go to the website to pay their dues with a credit card. The new company we are using to process credit card payments is working very well, better than using PayPal and a credit card machine. Southwest Florida Region members agreed in December 2023 to dissolve the Southwest Florida Chapter in Punta Gorda. I am sure that many of you know Lee Royston, the wife of the late Don Royston, who started the region and chapter in Punta Gorda. Lee was really looking forward to be on the cruise but was struck with an infection and is now in a rehab facility. I spoke to her this last week and called my brother who also lives in Punta Gorda and asked him to take her some flowers.

I arranged for Elaine Johnsen to be added as a signatory to the VMCCA account in order to transfer funds directly to her Credit Union so I will not have to mail her a check, since it used to take two days for that check to be in her mailbox but now it can be a week or two.

I made the arrangements for renting a tent and space for the VMCCA's booth at the Hershey Swap Meet.

With Beth's help the VMCCA letterhead was updated to include the new officers for 2024.

Old Business: Website Refresh Frequency

Ray Maxfield held a guessing game for the audience to identify tour locations from displayed photos.

Ray suggested updating the site banner for tourism events, and including more photos of people. He reported that website content contractor John Lang had resigned, and that Brenna Olwine had taken over on January 1, 2024, noting that he (Ray) had previously worked with her on websites. Ray reported that the Board had suggested refreshing "latest" content every one to two weeks, but that it would now be updated weekly with gleaned and submitted content from chapter and region newsletters, the Bulb Horn, the internet, tour flyers, membership campaigns, and renewal campaigns, which he will approve before they are posted. He reported that the VMCCA website

appears high in a Google search for “vintage cars” or “antique cars”. Ray also noted the club’s presence on Facebook.

New Business: Touring Guidelines Book Revision

Dion Stams reported the following:

A year ago in Reno, the Board of Governors approved a newly created Tour Book. The intent was to provide guidance for good things to include in the tour and good ways to present them. For example, where's the urgent care in the vicinity of your tour? Having that in the guide is helpful. The new template started with work initiated by the late Bob Edelman, but that work was never finalized through the Board of Governors. It was completed under Liz Lindig with the committee including Alex West, Randy and Sandy Carlson, and myself, along with Stephanie West, putting a lot of the final polish on the guidelines.

The new template became available mid-year. Some directors for the 2023 tours had already been deep into prepping their work, and other tour directors commented it was too hard to use. No one commented that the template was perfect. Several months ago, I proposed that we revise this, and Liz and Trisha and I have come up with an idea. The current template intermixes placeholders in a blank form with commentary on how to do things, and was built with Microsoft Word using a fairly rigid structure. The proposal is to remove the template’s constraints, giving the tour directors a basic template that they can use as they need. If they want to run a three day tour, if they're going to have a five-day tour with a one-day optional extension, let’s make it easy for them to do what they need to do. Another question that has come up is how do you make really nice maps? I started working on that, but it did not make it into the last revision. And although this is a guidebook, I did want to put in one rule. I've checked with Eileen, Bob's widow, and she's fine with calling it the Bob Edelman Memorial Rule: Only use road names that locals can use. For example, before getting on this ship, I was driving around using Google Maps to guide me, and it said turn right on Florida 616. When you get to the right traffic light, it says Spruce Street. Bob's example was never say turn left one quarter mile before where the old Jones barn used to be.

I’d like to hear what people think does not work in the current template, so we can work to make it better. We’re looking for volunteers who can help think through what needs to be done and how to implement the requests in a way that people who are not Microsoft Word experts can do. Most of this process is rearranging what was done a year ago, plus adding the Bob Edelman Memorial Rule and how to make maps. The more complaints we get about the current Tour Book guidelines, the better we can make the next version.

I asked for a motion, but as I understand it, the best way of handling this is as an independent committee where I serve as chair of the committee. I'm looking for volunteers for a committee to modify the tour book template to increase its usability. I'll provide a status update at the second quarter Board of Governors Meeting, and we're aiming to complete this for approval by the third quarter Board of Governors Meeting.
(end of report)

It was suggested that the committee include people who have been navigators on tours. It was clarified that the new committee will be separate from the template committee. An audience

member praised the instructions on the 76th Revival AAA Glidden Tour, but noted that gas station locations were not included. It was asked if the template could be provided on a memory stick, and answered that the draft template would be available on the club website.

A Touring Guidelines committee was created with Dion Stams appointed as chair. The committee will include Activities Vice President Trisha Copley and other members as recruited.

New Business: Officer Email Forwarding

Ray Maxfield reported that one club officer's personal email account, to which that officer's official email was being forwarded, was hacked in 2023. The club's website host, ArcSeven, suggested the club route official club emails through either a Gmail server or ArcSeven's web server, forwarding the emails to a designated personal email address for each officer.

It was explained that the officers' public-facing email addresses are routed to a private email address of their choice. It was suggested that the website remove displayed email addresses and use a contact form instead.

New Business: National Awards

Steve Fitzgerald reported the awards committee had met, and that he had recently asked for the names of people associated with memorial awards. He reported no Golden Awards were nominated last year, but two Cloisonné Awards were given earlier this year. Steve reported he did not received any completed nomination forms last year, though he received several recommendations for awards, with over half the awards receiving only one nomination.

Steve asked to consider how important awards are to the club, and whether the availability of awards motivates people to join the club. He asked members to share their knowledge of those members memorialized by awards. Steve asked for more award sponsors, noted that local awards might convert to national awards, and suggested making some awards more widely available to members and cars.

In response to a question, Steve reported that award nomination forms are available on the club website, and that tour directors have been asked to include these forms in their tour books, adding that the four pictures requested with a nomination form were not required. He noted that one member had sent in around 20 nominations last October. Steve reported that a new chapter-specific award had been created recently, and that more such awards were welcome.

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Historian and Archivist Retirement Report: Beth Welsh

(submitted report)

BACKGROUND

Barbara Fox, who was appointed Club Historian in 2016, and her sister Shirley Doherty, who maintains databases of Glidden Tour participants, have notified President Duane Copley that they must retire this year. The historic materials Barbara has been holding, and the database Shirley has been maintaining — plus its future maintenance — must also be handed off this year.

PHYSICAL & ELECTRONIC MATERIALS

Barbara has possession of the following materials:

- Early Club documents and correspondence, including a 1939 scrapbook
- Early Club Bulletins and Bulb Horns
- Publications, photographs, and recordings donated by Club members

Shirley has the following information in Excel and Access formats:

- All 11,000+ participants on record for Glidden Tours 1947-2023 (missing 1951, 1962, 1967), plus Tour cars, drivers and participants
- List of Glidden attendance plaques and shields awarded since 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Glidden Tours database can and should be converted to an online database designed and managed by ArcSeven, the Club's member database manager. ArcSeven is paid a monthly retainer to manage the Club's data storage and management needs. Having the Glidden database online would allow future tour directors to add participant information directly.

The historian's materials take up little space and can be stored at the Ehinger building in Kansas City, Missouri, with the rest of the Club's archived materials.

Since the collection of Glidden Tour and attendance award records is an ongoing process, a new historian should be appointed to assist in the conversion of the Glidden databases and to manage the collection of new records.

(end of submitted report)

Regarding the ArcSeven suggestion, it was asked if Beth would work with them directly. Beth said she would. It was clarified that the historic database contained only Glidden Tour data, not general club history, but that Barbara's materials pertained to general club history.

As Beth agreed to oversee the database conversion, Duane Copley appointed her to a temporary historian role. It was noted that the Secretary had been appointed to oversee transfer of the archives to his office.

Introduction of New Officers

Duane Copley introduced the new Executive Vice President, Mark Hamlin, and the new Activities Vice President, Trisha Copley.

New Business: 2025 Annual Meeting

It was noted that a volunteer was needed to host the club's 2025 annual meeting.

Membership Update: Clare Oestreicher

Membership is going down, an unfortunate trend in clubs and special interests across the country.

As of February 4, there were 1,239 active members and 429 in arrears. Nearly 400 members did not renew before the end of 2023. Age and the deaths of members accounted for some losses as well.

Fourteen new members joined at the end of 2023, and, as of February 4, 17 more new members have joined. Delinquent dues notices were sent by email and mailings will be sent to members without email. Around 25 members responded to the renewal reminder the day it was sent.

All members are encouraged to be salespeople for the club.

Open Discussion

An audience member offered to help convert the club's archived audiovisual materials to digital storage, and to help explore a future for the Southwest Florida Region.

An audience member from the Northern Colorado Chapter expressed appreciation for the club's use of Zoom for national meetings. The member has made a web page, an Instagram account, and a Facebook page for the chapter with Dennis Holland's assistance. Noting that AACA has posted photos of their membership meeting on Instagram, the member offered to do the same for VMCCA.

Foundation Report: Don Knight

Don noted that the Foundation's funds come only from donations, and announced a goal of \$1,800 to be raised before the cruise ended. It was suggested that disbanding chapters could be requested to donate their remaining funds to the Foundation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m. CST.

Mike Welsh
Secretary

**THE VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE
2nd QUARTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
VIA ZOOM
APRIL 16, 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 | Randy Carlson (for 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 |
| Great Lakes | Gary Miron |
| Kentucky | Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts) |
| Mid-Atlantic | Carl Worstell |
| Mountains & Plains | Randy Carlson |
| Northwest | Carl Edem |
| TexOma | Ken Blake |
| Upper Mississippi | Dave Edmonds |
| Western | Dion Stams |

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

The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Johnsen

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

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

The Statement of Revenue and Expense notes the following:

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

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

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

Actual to Budget Revenue and Expense notes the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

President's Report: Duane Copley

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Executive Vice President's Report: Mark Hamlin

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

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

Secretary's Report: Mike Welsh

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

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

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

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

Membership Vice President's Report: Clare Oestreicher

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Activities Vice President's Report: Trisha Copley

The following tours are scheduled for 2024 and 2025:

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

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

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

Technical Committee Report: Randy Carlson (for Steve Fitzgerald)

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

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

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

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

Randy Carlson moved the above. Dion Stams seconded.

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

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

Bulb Horn Editor Report: Tracy Leshner

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

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

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

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

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

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

Old Business: Publication Committee Report, Ray Maxfield

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

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

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

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

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

Old Business: Downtown Storage Committee Report, Beth Welsh

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

(submitted report)

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

Continuity of storage space:

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

Bulb Horn collection requests:

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

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

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

The committee offers the following motion:

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

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

Bulb Horn surplus inventory disposition:

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

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

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

- The committee moves to accept the above recommendations.

Peter Helck painting:

- The committee moves to authorize a new appraisal.

Films and VHS:

A Kansas City conversion business advertises the following rates:

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

Films in storage:

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

VHS tapes in storage:

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

(have not inventoried large box of VHS tapes)

Old financial records:

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

Old member roster printouts:

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

GM Heritage Award:

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

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

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

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

Old Business: Interim Historian Report, Beth Welsh

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Old Business: Revised Touring Guidelines Committee, Dion Stams

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

New Business: Appointment of Standing Committees

Duane Copley proposed the following committee members:

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

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

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

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

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

New Business: 2025 Annual Meeting Dates & Location

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

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

New Business: Two-Tier Membership Proposal

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Business: Dennis Holland Recognition

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

New Business: Officer Handbook Employee and Contractor Agreements

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

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

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

Ray Maxfield read a proposed addition to the Officer Handbook:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The amended motion carried.

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

New Business: Encouraging Region and Chapter Membership

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

Bonneville Region Report: Bob Shilkett

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

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

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

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

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

Great Lakes Region Report: Gary Miron

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

Judy Wright has volunteered to be GLR Vice Director.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kentucky Region Report: Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)

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

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

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

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

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

Mid-Atlantic Region Report: Carl Worstell

Membership numbers remain steady with 101 families comprising 180 individuals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mountains & Plains Region Report: Randy Carlson

First of all - welcome aboard Tracy and Brenna.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Northwest Region Report: Carl Edem

Northwest Region

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

Capital City Vintage Car Club

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

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

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

Sequim Valley Car Club

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

Northern Lights Antique Car Club

No report at this time

TexOma Region Report: Ken Blake

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upper Mississippi Region Report: Dave Edmonds

No report

Western Region Report: Dion Stams

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

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

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

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

Mike Welsh
Secretary

**THE VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE
3rd QUARTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
VIA ZOOM
JULY 22, 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 |
| Kentucky | Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts) |
| Mid-Atlantic | Carl Worstell |
| Mountains & Plains | Randy Carlson |
| Northwest | Carl Edem |
| TexOma | Ken Blake |
| Western | Dion Stams |

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

The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

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

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Johnsen

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

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

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

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

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

President's Report: Duane Copley

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

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

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

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

Executive Vice President's Report: Mark Hamlin

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

Secretary's Report: Mike Welsh

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

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

Per our request ArcSeven has made some changes to database:

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

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

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

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

Membership Vice President’s Report: Clare Oestreicher

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

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

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

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

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

Activities Vice President Report: Trisha Copley

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

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

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

Technical Vice President Report: Steve Fitzgerald

No report

Publications Vice President Report: Ray Maxfield

(submitted report)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bulb Horn Editor Report: Tracy Leshner

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposal regarding Bulb Horns stored at the Ehinger building:

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

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

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

Old Business: Helck Painting Appraisal Quotes, Mike Welsh

(submitted report)

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

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

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

(end of submitted report)

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

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

Old Business: Revised Touring Guidelines Committee, Dion Stams

Background:

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

Current Status:

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

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

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

Old Business: Digital Bulb Horn for Certain Members

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Business: Nominating Committee Report, Carl Worstell

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Business: Regions Map Update, Clare Oestreicher

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

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

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

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

Bonneville Region Report: Bob Shilkett

(submitted report)

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

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

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

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

(end of submitted report)

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

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

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

Great Lakes Region Report: Gary Miron (submitted report)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Next GLR meeting is Tuesday October 1, 2024.

Kentucky Region Report: Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)

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

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

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

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

Mid-Atlantic Region Report: Carl Worstell

Elected officers for calendar year 2024 are:

Director, Duane Copley

Vice Director, Carl Worstell

Secretary, Linda Worstell

Treasurer, Elieen Eby

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

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

The Mid-Atlantic Spring tour was held May 19, 22 in Hagerstown, MD, hosted by Ed Wenger and Matt Eby. This tour replicated the first Mid-Atlantic tour twenty-five years ago.

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

The Mid-Atlantic Fall Fall tour will be October 13-17 in central New York

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

Mountains & Plains Report: Randy Carlson

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

Northwest Region Report: Carl Edem

Northwest Region:

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

Capital City Vintage Car Club:

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

Sequim Valley Car Club:

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

Northern Lights Antique Car Club:

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

TexOma Region Report: Ken Blake

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

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

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

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

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

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

Western Region Report: Dion Stams

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

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

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

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

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

Mike Welsh
Secretary

**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

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OFFICERS PRESENT:

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| President | Duane Copley |
| Secretary | Mike Welsh (by Zoom) |
| Treasurer | Elaine Johnsen |
| Membership Vice President | Clare Oestreicher |
| Activities Vice President | Liz Lindig |
| Technical Vice President | Steve Fitzgerald |

PAST PRESIDENTS PRESENT:

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| 2017-2018 | Don Knight |
| 2019-2021 | Ray Maxfield |

REGIONAL DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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| Bonneville | Bob Shilkett (by Zoom) |
| Florida | Tom Jevcak (by Zoom) |
| Great Lakes | John Zimmerman |
| Kentucky | Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts) |
| Mid-Atlantic | Carl Worstell (by Zoom) |
| Midwest | Mike Welsh (for John Nikodym) (by Zoom) |
| Mountains & Plains | Randy Carlson |
| Northwest | Carl Edem (by Zoom) |
| Southwest | Mert Houdek (for Owen Cotton) |
| TexOma | Ken Blake |
| Upper Mississippi | Dave Edmonds (by Zoom) |
| Western | Dion Stams |

President Duane Copley called the meeting to order at 8:27 a.m. CST.

The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

Opening Remarks: Duane Copley

Duane noted that Dennis Holland had stepped down as Publications Vice President, and announced that Traci Leshner, who edits the AACA's *Horseless Carriage* and another publication, would take his place full time after the March/April issue is published.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Johnsen

Elaine thanked Duane and Trish Copley for arranging the cruise, and thanked Robin and Mike McGrath for reviewing reports and professional advice.

Elaine mentioned last year's dues increase to \$48, and noted the importance of communicating the reasons for that increase. She asked the audience to encourage other members to renew. Elaine noted the Board's ongoing discussions about lowering club costs, including ideas for making Bulb Horn production more cost-effective, the switch to a new credit card processor that charges lower fees, and investigating the possibility of making member donations more useful to the club.

Membership Vice President's Report: Clare Oestreicher

Clare noted that membership is going down, though she had not heard complaints about the dues increase, and urged members to be salespeople for the club. Clare recommended asking sellers to report sales to the National Secretary who can then extend the free membership to the purchaser, rather than waiting for the purchaser to request the membership.

Activities Vice President Report: Liz Lindig

To All VMCCA Members:

It has been an honor to serve as the VMCCA Activities VP for the past two years. I have enjoyed working with those of you and your committees who have hosted National, Regional, and some local tours during these two years.

In addition to assisting tour hosts as needed, I also participated in the

1. "Road Ahead Initiative"
2. Updating the "Officers Handbook" (twice)
3. Updating the "VMCCA By-Laws"
4. Sending tour budgets, tour registration forms, and tour flyers for each National Tour to the VMCCA Officers for review and approval.
5. Updated the VMCCA website, Membership, Member Resources Section for tours. All sections of the VMCCA Officers' Handbook pertaining to hosting tours and meetings were compiled into one document, along with all the approved forms. This organized information should assist with facilitating tours and meetings.
6. A VMCCA Activities Committee was established with members Liz Lindig, chair, Randy Carlson, Judy Wright, and John Zimmermann. This committee used emails for discussion purposes.
7. An article was written for each issue of The Bulb Horn. The VMCCA Officers also served as proofreaders of each issue.
8. I have shared "Behind the Scenes" information with incoming VMCCA Activities VP Trisha Copley. I wish Trisha a successful and fun tenure as Activities VP.

Thank you for the privilege to serve as the VMCCA Activities VP. I enjoyed working with the Board of Governors, current and past, and I wish you all success in keeping the VMCCA family healthy and strong. Beautiful Day, Gone Touring!

Technical Vice President Report: Steve Fitzgerald

This past year has been interesting for me as my first year as the VP Technical. I think some of my technology stopped around 1939. But I'm trying to cope with it with the help of a wonderful wife and a wonderful granddaughter.

The last half of the year was spent doing the awards, more than 200 hours because I had a lot of incomplete nomination forms. Thank you, Trish, for doing a great job with the forms. I spent a lot of time contacting people and getting pictures, but I went on six tours myself and took a lot of pictures. I had to do a lot of research and unfortunately I didn't have access to the membership portion of our website. Hopefully that's going to be resolved soon.

People talked me into doing The Old Spanish Trail Tour number four. I've got number two coming up soon, number three is in November, and number four is in 2025. Liz gave me some dates for that already.

On the six tours I went on, people asked me to reduce the cost of the tours. I switched the hotels for the two tours I'm doing this year, and I've cut the banquet costs by switching to available restaurant buffets.

I don't know most of the people whose names are on some of our awards. I'd love to know more about these people and where these awards came from. We had one award dropped last year, but that sponsor picked up a different award.

Publications Vice President Report: Randy Pullen

My Article in the Jan-Feb Bulb Horn was my swan song as I am stepping aside as your VMCCA Vice President of Publications. Our club is fortunate to have very qualified individuals in the wings to continue the work. I regret that I am not able to attend the meeting to pass the baton but will be there in spirit.

Once again I would like to thank Dennis Holland-Bulb Horn editor, Ray Maxfield-Touring Chronicle editor, John Lang-Website, George Chapman-BH Classified, and John Pendergast-Advertising Manager. These individuals were the backbone of Publications and made my job easy.

The new Vice President of Publication will be elected at this meeting and will oversee the Bulb Horn Magazine, The Touring Chronicle, Website, and support personnel into the future. Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your VP of Publications.

Secretary Report: Mike Welsh

First of all I would like to thank everyone who sent me a card or spoke to me during last year with regard to my surgery for Colon Cancer. It was a wild ride but now I am almost back to 100% - excuse me, I forgot about how old I am. I will never be at 100% but any of those numbers near to 100 are very acceptable.

I must give my daughter Beth a real big THANK YOU for helping me in my recovery and especially all of the work she did in my office to keep things afloat. I try not to look at the monitor while she is working at my computer because it makes my head spin... but she is up-to-speed on my daily duties.

Dues collection is coming right along. Quite a few chapters and regions send dues in as a group with one check which does lighten the load of dealing with numerous checks. Many members

send in their dues with the blue form and a check, some list their credit card info, and the rest go to the website to pay their dues with a credit card. The new company we are using to process credit card payments is working very well, better than using PayPal and a credit card machine.

Southwest Florida Region members agreed in December 2023 to dissolve the Southwest Florida Chapter in Punta Gorda. I am sure that many of you know Lee Royston, the wife of the late Don Royston, who started the region and chapter in Punta Gorda. Lee was really looking forward to be on the cruise but was struck with an infection and is now in a rehab facility. I spoke to her this last week and called my brother who also lives in Punta Gorda and asked him to take her some flowers.

2024 Officer Election Report: Ray Maxfield

On December 31, 2023 an election ballot was sent to 1,379 VMCCA members with an email address listed in the official VMCCA database. Specifically, this list is made from the column containing a membership expiration date of 12/31/2023 or later.

On January 31, 2024 the election results report from the ballot were reviewed. Seventy-six (76) of the ballot emails bounced meaning that they were not deliverable. All percentage calculations are made from the 1303 ballots that were delivered.

There were 873 ballot emails opened. That number represents 67% of the number of ballots delivered. A reminder election ballot was NOT sent to 403 VMCCA members who had not opened the original election ballot.

Each ballot had provisions for 2 household members to cast votes for each of the seven candidates separately. There were 267 ballots cast from the First House Hold Member and 156 ballots cast from the Second House Hold Member for a total 423 ballots cast when the election closed at midnight January 31, 2024.

The following Candidates for 2024 VMCCA Officers are elected by the VMCCA membership and the results are declared official.

President, Duane Copley
Executive Vice President, Mark Hamlin
Treasurer, Elaine Johnsen
Activities Vice President, Trisha Copley
Membership Vice President, Clare Oestreicher
Publications Vice President, Ray Maxfield
Technical Vice President, Steve Fitzgerald
(end of submitted report)

Ray added that member feedback noted the ballot's clumsy interface, and explained that was due to Constant Contact, the distribution database, and the design of the ballot. He noted that the electronic ballots are submitted at a much greater rate than when paper ballots were mailed with the Bulb Horn. Ray suggested the electronic ballots could be changed to allow first and second

households to vote with one click rather than two. He said the ballots would be different next year.

Duane Copley congratulated the newly elected officers and announced they would officially begin work at the first quarter Board of Governors meeting in two days.

Storage, Backup, and Inventory Committee Report: Mike Welsh

At the 4th Quarter 2023 Board of Governors meeting, Secretary Mike Welsh was directed to form a committee to evaluate VMCCA's physical assets, currently stored in Kansas City, Missouri in a building owned by Past President Bob Ehinger. The Committee would review the stored inventory and recommend a retention plan in the event of death or incapacitation. Mike selected VMCCA members Bob Ehinger, Beth Welsh, and Jim Clock as committee members. The Committee met on January 26, 2024, at Bob Ehinger's building. It was agreed that, in the event Bob or Mike dies or is incapacitated, the Club materials will stay in the Ehinger building as long as his family permits, or until a new Secretary is hired.

At this meeting, the Committee was notified that the building's top floor would begin renovation the following week. 126 boxes of Bulb Horn past issues had to be moved to a lower floor.

STORAGE INVENTORY

On January 29, 2024, Mike and Beth inventoried the stored materials, listed here:

- 126 boxes (about 6,000 copies) of Bulb Horn magazines, 1946-2023 (not a complete set)
One complete set of Bulb Horns, stored separately in file cabinet
- One 1946 Glidden tour poster in cardboard tube
- One framed glass shadow box of GM Heritage award, 30" wide
- Two large boxes of 8mm film reels, various dates
- One large box of VHS tapes, assorted tour-related subjects
- One box with 27 2002 Glidden Tour VHS tapes
- One box of assorted old Club newsletters, etc.
- One box of financial records, 1980s through 2004
- One box of tour books
- Two large boxes of photo albums from former Technical Secretary Larry Ames
- One new countertop mount for FD150 credit card machine (which the Secretary no longer uses)
- One small and two large boxes of member rosters on 15" x 11" continuous-feed paper, 2004 and older
- 44 3' x 5' vinyl banners, "Vintage Motor Car Club of America" "The Touring Club" with logo
- Stadle Fellowship Trophy plaques of 1959-1967 winners
- Musée national de l'automobile souvenir from 1967 club visit

In Bob Ehinger's walk-in vault:

- An original painting by the late illustrator and VMCCA member Peter Helck

In Bob Ehinger's safe:

- Club incorporation papers
- Old carbons from Club checking account
- Disk drive from former Secretary computer
- Bulb Horn backups on CDs

- Miscellaneous paper files

Material held by the Club's historians will soon need to be moved to the Ehinger building. (This topic is addressed more fully in a separate report.) We estimate there should be space to store this material, but recommends culling unneeded materials already stored.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Bulb Horns

Past issues of The Bulb Horn through 2019 were scanned by Bob Edelman and made available on USB thumb drives. If the Board wants to continue scanning future Bulb Horn issues, copies must be set aside for this process, as the magazines must be taken apart before scanning.

The club holds two complete sets of the Bulb Horn: one set partially library-bound and kept in the Secretary's office, and one unbound set in the Ehinger building. Since this seems more than sufficient for historical records, we recommend the following options for the remaining 6,000 Bulb Horns:

1. Offer the entire or partial collection for sale. We have identified an eBay merchant listing several dozen Bulb Horns who should be contacted.
2. Offer the entire or partial collection, via Bulb Horn advertisement, to any interested parties who are willing to either haul the Bulb Horns away or pay for their shipping.
3. Recycle or shred any remaining copies.

We do not recommend attempting to sell the Bulb Horns on eBay or elsewhere online. A February 7, 2024 eBay search showed 267 listings for Bulb Horns of various ages in single copies or small lots, but only 14 had actually been sold in the past two months. An eBay merchant with almost 30 years of experience was consulted, and advised that the Club would lose money attempting to sell the Bulb Horns, based on observed rates of sales.

Peter Helck Painting

The painting was appraised for \$30,000 in 1994 and for \$18,000 in 1999, and has not been uncraated since then. If the Board wants to consider selling the painting, we recommend a new appraisal.

GM Heritage Award

The Club should contact the awardee and offer to ship it or hand it off at a future tour.

8mm films and VHS tapes

If the Board considers these materials worth converting to modern media, we suggest having a video conversion business evaluate whether they are in acceptable condition to convert, and provide a quote if acceptable.

Old Financial Records

We recommend shredding these documents. IRS regulations require only the most-recent seven years of records to be retained.

Member Roster Printouts

These lists may be stored electronically on old Secretary's Office disk drives. If such electronic versions can be located, we recommend recycling or shredding the paper records.

(end of submitted report)

Duane Copley asked that the above report be sent to the Board for further review, and that a decision be made at the next Board meeting.

An audience member said he thought a vote had been taken at a previous Board meeting to re-appraise and sell the Helke painting, and recommended this action to the Board.

Old Business: Updating Club Flyer

Clare Oestreicher reported she and Bob Murray are sorting through photos for an updated flyer, and noted there are still many old flyers showing out-of-date dues amounts. Clare is also collecting information on the flyer's printing specifications. It was suggested Clare contact Tracy Leshner, the new Bulb Horn editor, for printing assistance.

Old Business: Website Advertising

Ray Maxfield summarized the recent history of advertising efforts on the club website, and noted that there were currently two paid advertisers. Ray noted the club had no website advertising revenue for two years, with the only ads being those offered for free to Bulb Horn advertisers. Ray announced that the club's advertising contractor John Pendergast and club website host ArcSeven helped create a media kit and a cost sheet. Ray noted that the club has eight Bulb Horn advertisers, while AACA has more than 50.

An audience member asked if the club was soliciting advertising. It was confirmed that cost is being offset against paid advertising. The audience member asked what the club's advertising contractors are paid. Ray said contractors are paid a commission based on the size of the advertisement sold. Ray explained that selling website impressions brings in more than selling static website ads.

Old Business: Hershey Tent Management

Liz Lindig reported that the Talbots, the Murrys, and the Woodalls would be staffing the VMCCA tent at the Hershey swap meet in October. Liz commended Marilyn Talbot for her efforts in preparing advertisements for the tent. Liz noted that incoming Activities Vice President Trisha Copley would now be handling preparations for the Hershey tent.

Old Business: 2024 & 2025 Revival AAA® Glidden Tours

Liz Lindig announced that the 2024 Revival AAA® Glidden Tour will be hosted by AACA's Sugarloaf Mountain Region. In 2025, VMCCA will host the tour in Owensboro, Kentucky with Jeff Stumb as tour director, and information will be posted in the Bulb Horn, the Touring Chronicle, and on the VMCCA website.

Duane Copley announced that it was AACA's decision to place tourists who do not book at the tour hotel on a waiting list.

New Business: Historian Retirement and Archive Storage

Duane Copley announced that club historian Barbara Fox was stepping down, and noted that digital records and historic materials must be moved. It was suggested that historic materials be stored in Kansas City with other historic club materials. It was suggested that the club consider donating the historic materials to a library, such as the Detroit Public Library's National Automotive History Collection, for proper storage and access to researchers. An audience member suggested the AACA Library and Research Center as another donation option.

VMCCA Foundation Report: Don Knight

Foundation board member Don Knight explained the independent Foundation's scholarship program for VMCCA members and their families, noting that 54 scholarships to accredited colleges or trade schools have been awarded to date. Board members Jamie Crandall, BD Berryhill, Marion Berryhill, and Don and Cindy Knight meet annually to review the scholarship applications. There are 11 applications for the spring semester, equivalent to \$16,500. Don noted that the scholarships are funded solely by donations.

Bonneville Region Report: Bob Shilkett

Our winter has been mild compared to last year but that still leaves the region hunkered down awaiting warmer weather.

Chapter meetings, Christmas parties, and socials have continued as well as formulating plans for the upcoming touring season.

Thanks to Rich Eagle for his article on the Kingston 5-ball carburetor in the current issue of the Bulb Horn.

Also, thanks to the members of the Eastern Idaho Chapter who are offering assistance on this year's final leg of the Lewis & Clark Tour through Washington and Oregon.

Florida Region Report: Tom Jevcak

(combined Membership and 1st Quarter reports)

Earlier this year, I started a plan to foster additional Chapters in the Florida Region. I recently reached out to every Member in this Region. In my letter to them, I listed some of the benefits they are receiving as a National Member. I informed them of my fifty years of involvement with VMCCA and offered my help in creating a new Chapter. I feel that I can more intensely encourage the idea of having Chapter Activities in their area. There are also Members in Major Metropolitan Areas that I anticipate reaching. Larger cities, and their surrounding areas, are more likely to have current members than in more isolated areas. Therefore, these areas will have more Members available to apply for a "Chapter Charter." Additionally, I will ask all that I reach to see if they can provide me with the names of those who are exceptionally active in the antique car hobby and not members of VMCCA. By contacting them personally, I will try to create an interest in the benefits that VMCCA has to offer, especially our National Touring Schedule.

As I have stated in the past, I feel that by having Chapter Activities in public view will expose Non-VMCCA antique car owners to our National Organization. This exposure could then

translate to an interest in VMCCA and would result in having new people join the National Club as well as the local Chapter.

Great Lakes Region Report: John Zimmerman

The chapters had been busy with the balance of fall activities and Holiday events. They reported all events were successful.

At our last GLR meeting, those chapters represented gave reports. Some Chapters have all their meetings and tour plans made for the year ahead.

Summit City Chapter is hosting our Annual Banquet at the Early Ford V-8 Museum, Auburn, Indiana on March 23, 2024. There will be time before the noon time banquet to tour the museum. Members have been contacted by email and snail mail to register.

The GLR is doing its Swap Meet, Saturday, May 4, 2024. Fliers are out and are on the following website: tinyurl.com/GLRFowlerville. The registrar has emailed past vendors the application. Some went by snail mail also. We have received several registrations and money from vendors that attend our Swap Meet regularly. This is our 51st year of conducting this event at the Fowlerville, Michigan fairgrounds.

The 73rd Annual GLR Tour, June 3–7, 2024, Cadillac, Michigan has been filling up rapidly. See the ad in the Bulb Horn.

The Farm Boys Tour in the GLR region is July 24–August 1, 2024, Richmond, Indiana. Registrations will be out soon.

On a sad note, we continue to lose members due to death, illness or other. However, we have gained some new members also. We look forward to touring, working, and sharing ideas with these new excited members.

On a personal note; I have come to the end as Director of the GLR. It has been very interesting and changing as we moved along past COVID and happier roads. There is always touring and fun places to see and go to in our region.

I am continuing to work on the Orphan Car Tour for June 22–27, 2025. Fortunately, I have been blessed with a great group of volunteers. The tour will start in Ypsilanti, Michigan and go to the Tippecanoe Mansion, South Bend, Indiana.
(end of submitted report)

John added that the Orphan Car Tour will be a national progressive tour, and thanked the members who have supported the Great Lakes region.

Gary Miron, who is taking over as region director, announced the 73rd Annual Great Lakes Region Tour “Water, Trees, and Cherries – Pure Michigan Bliss”, June 3–7, 2024, in Traverse City and Cadillac, Michigan, limited to 60 cars. Hosts are Ron Kovacs and Bill Sturgeon from the Brighton Chapter.

Gary also announced the GLR picnic is planned for August of 2024. A Orphan Progressive Tour is planned for June 23–27, 2025, directed by John Zimmerman. Gary reported all the chapters are doing good and have plans for the year.

Kentucky Region Report: Clare Oestreicher (for Cliff Tibbitts)

Winter in Kentucky is a slow season for car touring. We usually take a break after the holidays, and let the cars stay snug in their garages until the weather improves in late March.

Our Northern Kentucky VMCCA Chapter had a well-attended Christmas party on December 3. They enjoyed a big meal and gift exchange after a short business meeting and election of officers. To accommodate the new President's schedule, they agreed to change their monthly meeting night from the third Tuesday of each month to the third Thursday.

At the VMCCA-NKY January meeting, members Joanne and Tim Flanagan brought in a large sandwich-style sign for the club to use during shows and displays, and magnetic signs for each member's car. These sound like a great way to create publicity and build identity for the club.

The Bluegrass Chapter had good weather for its annual Polar Bear Run on New Year's Day. After a pleasant drive from Lexington to Erlanger, KY, the group had a fine time catching up with each other and overeating at the Greyhound Tavern's brunch buffet. The Chapter's next activity will be on March 30, when they take a drive from Lexington, KY, to Lawrenceburg, IN, for their turn visiting the '50's Diner that the Northern Kentucky group found last October.

The Central Nickel Age Touring Club and the Grand Indiana Auto Tour Chapters are working on plans for this summer's tours. More information to come later.

Mid-Atlantic Region Report: Carl Worstell

The following region events are planned for 2024:

- Spring tour, May 19 through May 22, Hagerstown, Maryland. This tour replicates the first Mid-Atlantic tour held 25 years ago.
- Summer picnic, July 27, Lynchburg, Virginia
- Fall tour, October 13 through 17, Southern Tier of New York
- Annual meeting, November 2, Vineland, New Jersey

Midwest Region: Mike Welsh (for John Nikodym)

The Midwest region has lost two chapters: the Heartland Road Runners in Harrisonville, Missouri, and Reagan County in Dixon, Illinois. The Missouri Valley Chapter is inactive right now due to the health of the president. The Kansas City Chapter and the Show Me Chapter in St. Louis are both active. I was not able to receive reports of their activities in time for this report. I will submit reports to the secretary as soon as I receive them.

Mountains & Plains Region Report: Randy Carlson

The Mountains & Plains region has gone into winter mode, but we're not by any means hibernating. We have meetings with programs and dinners. Planning for activities and tours are in process for the year, with local chapter tours lined up.

Several changes in chapter officers have been made. The Colorado West Chapter, which had become almost inactive, has been revived with a full slate of new officers. We're glad to see them up and running. Stephen Robbins is the new president, and Steve Fitzgerald is their activities. We have communicated with all the chapters, and have heard back from all but the Pueblo Arkansas Chapter, which is pretty much inactive with an aging group.

We want to congratulate the Gold Dust Chapter on their upcoming 40th anniversary. They will be celebrating that on April 13 with some of their founding members giving a talk about the early days and years of their chapter.

We want to remember our past national treasurer Bob Edelman, who passed away on December 4.

The second Old Spanish Trail Regional Tour is coming up May 12–18, going from Grand Junction to St. George. It's sure to be as interesting as the first leg of that tour last year. There's a good write up in the January/February issue of the Bulb Horn about it.
(end of report)

Randy announced a regional meeting would be held on the ship at 1:30 p.m.

Northwest Region Report: Carl Edem

The 2024 Lewis and Clark Tour registration is out, tour book is in rough draft form. 10 cars are registered so far.

Capital City Vintage Car Club

Membership is down 2 families who did not re-register for 2024 due to health problems. Elections went well, the officers for 2024 remain the same as 2023. The board member's term that was expiring has agreed to remain for the next term. The Christmas party in December had a good turnout, with unwrapped toys for kids donated to a local fire station. Tentative tours for the year were discussed in January and hopefully be place on the calendar for the year at the next meeting. Our annual Valentine's Day tour is coming up on the 17th. Monthly meetings are being held at member's homes this year. First Thursday dinners continue in the new year.

Sequim Valley Car Club

In December the club held a work party to prepare 2 cars of a late member (Helen Gilchrist) to get them into touring condition so they can be sent to her daughter in Phoenix. They have been sitting for 2 years. The club participated in the annual tractor parade in December. Officers for 2024 are President – Bill Barret; Vice President – Dave Milosevich; Treasurer – Debra Flint; Secretary – Lynn Garvin. The annual Christmas party was held with a white elephant gift exchange. A work party also helped a fellow member get his vintage truck up and running. The Ladies of the SVCC gathered on the 23rd of January for a "make your own no-sew ornaments" party. The year started with the every Wednesday Car Club Breakfast.

Northern Lights Antique Auto Club

Not a lot of activity going on with the high of 30 below and lows of 50 below. Main action until spring is the monthly meeting.

Southwest Region Report: Mert Houdek

Albuquerque Chapter is large and has two meetings a month, a club meeting and a breakfast meeting. Hummingbird Chapter has not reported recently. Valley Roadrunners in Phoenix has a lack of structure and needs to have a lunch get-together.

We recently lost Jane Rigby, the wife of past president, Richard Rigby. Jane was very visible in the club and made the President and the Secretary look good.

The Western National Tour is at the end of the year in Tucson, sponsored by the Partmans.

TexOma Region Report: Ken Blake

The five chapters in Texas had Christmas parties and are holding regular club meetings. However, the Bexar Touring Club and the Antique Car Touring Club have yet to schedule any upcoming tours. This is primarily due to the age and health reasons for many of the club members, however four members of the Antique Car Touring Club are also members of the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club and are attending their tours.

As of now, the Oil Burners club has planned six tours and will shortly be starting the planning for their participation in the County Fair in early September and their annual swap meet at the end of September. The club is also planning another fundraising event for the VMCCA Scholarship Fund.

The Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club has planned several tours for the year, with the first tour in January visiting Heartland Enterprises a machine shop which takes heavy metal castings and turn down on lathes parts for jet engines and large industrial compressors and using the machines to create cast iron skillet. Their next tour in February will be to Mason, TX to explore the Historical Seaquist Mansion and in April, several members will be attending the Orphan Car Tour and the Chrome Glidden Tour.

The North Texas Chapter is busy finalizing the Orphan Car tour being held in Decatur, TX, April 8th to April 12th. On the eighth a couple of activities have been added, a Total Eclipse watch party and a tour of a private car collection. The registration numbers are down, and they have decided to open the tour to any car 25 years and older.

Planning is continuing for the 42nd Chrome Glidden Tour based in Clarksville, AR April 28th to May 3rd hosted by Raymond and Sammye Sue Harrill and Ray and Carol Maxfield with assistance from TexOma Region members. There will be daily tours driving through rural, residential, and mountainous areas to historical venues that tell the story of Arkansas's history. This is the first time since 1963 that there has been a National tour in Arkansas. The Annual Meeting of the TexOma Region will be held during this tour.

I requested an update on the membership in the TexOma Region from Mike Welsh and was disappointed to see fifty-one members, 24%, of our previous membership, have not renewed for 2024. These include three from Oklahoma, one from Louisiana and forty-seven from Texas. I along with Texas Chapter Presidents will be contacting these members to find out why they have not renewed their membership and to encourage them to renew.

In closing, I would like to encourage other chapters and regions to consider holding meetings as a fundraiser for the VMCCA Scholarship Foundation to help fund the increasing request for scholarships.

(end of submitted report)

It was announced that the orphan car tour has been opened to all ages of cars, and that 26 cars were currently registered.

Upper Mississippi Region: Elaine Johnsen (for Dave Edmonds)

Dave Neuhouse deserves praise for being our most ambitious member. So far, he has planned two tours this summer in eastern Wisconsin. One was a long weekend in Door County. We had a shorter tour to replace that one, because the hotel for the first one burned down. Dave is already working on re-planning the long weekend tour.

Western Region: Dion Stams

The Western Region has one chapter, the High Rollers in Las Vegas, Nevada. High Rollers enters 2024 with 48 memberships (76 individuals), down five memberships (nine individuals) from last year's numbers of 53 memberships (85 individuals). Hopefully late renewals will reduce that 10% drop.

In 2023, High Rollers held its first scholarship fund raising via a charity Show and Shine Car Show, with proceeds going to the Automotive Restoration Technology Program at McPherson College. A total of \$2,697 has been raised, with one pledge still pending. McPherson has said it will distribute the funds to a student for the Spring 2024 semester.

At the 2022 Christmas Party and Awards Banquet, John Pendergast retired as our longest-ever serving club President, having taken on the role in 2011. He spent 2023 trying to be Past-President, and couldn't take it. As 2024 begins, John Pendergast is again President of High Rollers, in addition to continuing as High Rollers Membership Chair and being the advertising sales rep for VMCCA.

High Rollers explored changes to monthly touring in 2023. Some members cannot handle the length of some of our past one-day tours, while some others would prefer longer tours. So for 2023, we mostly held two events per month, with a short one close in to town and a long one heading further out. We got both positive and negative feedback from the membership. The negative was mostly that, if the club holds two events per month plus the monthly dinner & meeting, then as a good club member you are supposed to attend all of them. You don't. Some members hadn't understood that you could pick and choose the events you attend. High Rollers decided to maintain the planning for two events per month. Holding both longer and shorter

events, to suit the range of capabilities of attendees may be something other Regions or Chapters might want to try.

The events High Rollers held in 2023 were as follows:

In January, 23 people in seven classic and three not-yet-classic vehicles participated in the Dust-Off tour to Jean, Goodsprings, and Sandy Valley, NV.

In February, 16 people and four vintage cars headed to the Techatticup Mine and Ghost Town, then eight people and four classic cars went to brunch at the Paiute Golf Course, northwest of Las Vegas.

In March, seven of us in six classic vehicles participated in the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

In April, 20 people drove about 120 miles to a private car collection in Washington, UT, and we had a good turnout of members and cars for the Annual Las Ventanas Car Show at an assisted living home.

In May, 32 people showed up at the Annual Picnic at Don Ahern's Orchard.

In June, High Rollers had a tour of a private pinball and jukebox collection at Las Vegas, and 16 people went to a tour of Jim Marsh's private auto collection at his two car dealerships as well a behind-the-scenes tour of his dealerships' facilities.

In July, more than 20 gorged at the Annual Pizza Run, 29 people toured the private collection in Las Vegas of the late Phil Maloof.

In August, 18 members went to the Ice Cream Social, and several members attended the charity South Point Car and Truck Show, indoors and on carpet instead of sweltering in Vegas in the summer heat.

In September, twelve members travelled the 120 miles St. George, UT for the annual Tuachan play ("Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" this year), and 17 of us toured the private car collection of another car dealer.

In October, High Rollers held its charity Show and Shine Car Show to raise scholarship funds for McPherson College, and the High Rollers assisted Durango High School by providing convertibles driven by members as floats for the high school royalty in their Homecoming Parade.

In November, we toured the Corn Creek Visitor Center of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge.

In December, we participated in the nighttime Parade of Lights in Boulder City, NV, and held our Annual Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony.

For 2024, the High Rollers club held its Dust-Off brunch on January 20 in Boulder City, NV, and is planning a brunch at the Paiute Golf Club northwest of Las Vegas in February, plus Laps for

Charity at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Henderson, NV, and a spectacular hosted by a local Las Vegas car dealer, all in March.

Member Comments

Audience members were invited to share comments.

A Board member suggested publishing notice of upcoming Board meetings held on Zoom in the Bulb Horn and the Touring Chronicle so that members who want to attend could notify the Secretary to send them the Zoom link. It was suggested that future meeting dates be announced earlier.

A member from the Mountains and Plains Region reported that their chapters had been sent questionnaires to gauge interest in an online Bulb Horn, and that some people would like that option.

A member from Missouri suggested that the membership renewal form include a box to check if the member wants to receive the Bulb Horn digitally, and their membership dues then reduced to \$45. There was discussion on the per-copy cost of printing the Bulb Horn, and uncertainty of the actual amount. A cost breakdown was requested, and will be compiled.

A member from the TexOma region suggested creating an appreciation award for Dennis Holland in consideration of his long service to the club, both as a past president and as the Bulb Horn editor. The proposal will be presented to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m. CST.

Mike Welsh
Secretary