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Alan Oldfield: Hello.

(Bill): Hi, this is (Bill).

Alan Oldfield: Hi, who's joined?

Rick Schick: Hi, this is Rick, Alan.

Alan Oldfield: My hope is that we could do – hi, who's joined?

Larry Schramm: Oh, it's Larry Schramm.

Alan Oldfield: Hello Larry, it's Alan and Rick and (Bill).

Jack Welch: Hi, it's Jack

Alan Oldfield: Hello Jack. This is Alan...

Jack Welch: Hi Alan.

Alan Oldfield: ...we have Larry and Rick and (Bill). Hey Larry do you have a preference of what email address we use for (unintelligible)...

Larry Schramm: You can use the Yahoo one. The Yahoo is fine.

Alan Oldfield: ...is that the 76A?

Larry Schramm: Yes.

Alan Oldfield: Okay great. Hi, who joined...

Larry Schramm: Yes, I got like – I got like five or six of them so, you know, it's kind of like pick one. I check them all every – at least one every day for all the different stuff that I'm involved in.

Alan Oldfield: ...got you. Who else has joined?

John DeFiore: John D.

John Steed: This is John...

Bob Safrit: Hi, it's Bob Safrit...

Alan Oldfield: ...hi who joined. Hello Bob how are you?

Bob Safrit: ...fine, how are you?

Alan Oldfield: Good on the call we have John DeFiore, we have Jack, we have Larry Schramm, we have Rick and (Bill).

Bob Safrit: Good.

John Steed: John Steed's here, Alan.

Alan Oldfield: I'm sorry.

John Steed: John Steed's here.

Alan Oldfield: Oh hi John Steed. Welcome. Hello, who joined?

Terry Weigand: This would be Terry Weigand.

Alan Oldfield: Hi Terry.

Terry Weigand: Hi there.

Alan Oldfield: And who else just joined?

Larry DiBarry: Larry just came in.

Alan Oldfield: Hey Larry. So on the call so far Larry and Terry. We have John Steed we have Robert Safrit. We have John DeFiore. We have Jack, Larry Schramm, Rick and (Bill)... so we're waiting for Roberta and Brian. Is that going to be everybody if we have them?

(Bill): Yes Ed said he wasn't going to be here correct?

Alan Oldfield: Well the last communication I had was Ed said he was not going to attend...

((Crosstalk))

Alan Oldfield: ...so yes if we get Roberta and Brian that would be all the current Board and we have Jack and Larry and John Steed. So that would be everybody. Well we'll give it just another minute. I was thinking along these lines for the call maybe a little shorter than usual since we're going to be together in about a week and we'll have an opportunity to go face to face on the other issues that are pending before us.

Here's what I'd like to do if no one has any objections introduce and maybe talk a little bit about our new oncoming board members just a little bit about yourselves maybe and something if anything you'd like to share about why you wanted to join the Board what your goals might be. I'd like to touch upon the agenda for our Board of Director's meeting next Friday a week from Friday and talk a little bit about the membership meeting. So those three things are on my list. Hi, who joined?

Roberta Vasilow: Roberta.

Alan Oldfield: And we have Larry DiBarry. We have Terry, John Steed, Bob Safrit, John D, Jack, Larry Schramm, Rick and Bill. So we're waiting for Mr. Clark. We'll give it about one more minute...

Roberta Vasilow: (Unintelligible).

Alan Oldfield: ...sorry.

John DeFiore: Hey Alan it's John D.

Alan Oldfield: Hi John.

John DeFiore: Can you just go over the basics of putting the phone on mute, et cetera, et cetera while you're not talking for recording purposes?

Alan Oldfield: Yes thank you for reminding me. Here's what we'd like to do if you're not talking you can put your phone on mute that'll keep the background noise out. Since we can't see each other please do announce yourself when you talk that way it'll be easier for John to figure out who's talking. And to keep this from being a bit of a free for all which it's been sometimes when we get going let's try to see if we can request the floor before we speak. We'll try that. It'd be great if it would work, that way I'll be a little less chaotic. Anything else John?

John DeFiore: I believe that covers it Alan.

Alan Oldfield: Okay.

John DeFiore: Thank you...

Alan Oldfield: Well since we have almost everybody and I haven't heard from Brian so I assume he'll join in progress. And Roberta I think maybe you didn't hear my spiel. What I thought we'd do is have a moment to introduce our oncoming Board Members Larry, John and Jack and see if they want to share anything

about their thoughts coming onto the Board and a little bit about themselves so we get to know them before we all get together next week. And I'd like to touch base on the tentative agenda for the Board of Director's meeting and talk a little bit about the membership meeting.

And Roberta did have some good suggestions that she shared with me and I shared with John DeFiore on the Board of Director's meeting. This is a draft that you got. I'm sure we'll be amending it and tweaking it for a few days maybe even right up to the Board of Director's meeting itself, but if that's okay with everybody why don't we ask our oncoming board members to give us a little bit about themselves. Anybody want to volunteer?

Larry Schramm: It's Larry I'll give you the short version is that I retired ten years ago after almost 40 years at General Motors and a lot and, you know, the old car stuff forever type of thing. I have also taught while I was working GM and then after that I've taught in the School of Business for Oakland University for about 15 years. My wife and I own our own business and have a reasonable, you know, amount of experience in financial operations in that regard.

I worked – when I worked with General Motors I worked in out – I started in manufacturing and I went to sales service and marketing and from there I went to the General Motors financial staff for a while from a financial staff I went to global HR. And eventually I got back to engineering where I worked, was a product engineer for all the hybrid cables and connectors for all the GM hybrid vehicles. And as all you guys well know, you know, I'm a brass and nickel person.

Alan Oldfield: Cool. I appreciate that. Any questions for Larry...

Larry Schramm: All right....

Alan Oldfield: Larry...

Larry DiBarry: Thank you Larry, from the other Larry.

Alan Oldfield: ...any questions from Larry Schramm? Larry Schramm how many – you have trucks right in your collection old trucks?

Larry Schramm: Do what?

Alan Oldfield: I was asking – I was recollecting that you have old Buick trucks in your collection.

Larry Schramm: I have the largest collection of Buick trucks in the world, two of them. I got a 1915 Buick truck and a 1918 Buick truck. And if I want to put the body on

my 1908 F I can – that’s also I have the original delivery car body for that which is a truck body also along with the car body.

Alan Oldfield: Cool! well thank you for sharing that. Anything else? All right Jack or John.

Jack Welch: Well this is Jack I’ll go ahead. So I’ve been a member of the BCA since the mid-70s. I also – I was the founder of the Minute Man Chapter of the Buick Club. I served as Regional Director and I’m currently on the Board of Directors of the New England Region of the Classic Car Club. Spent my...

Jack Welch: ...my career in the heating and air conditioning business and I have currently two Buicks a 38 and a 1940.

Alan Oldfield: Cool. Any questions for Jack? Mr. Steed.

John Steed: Yes sir. I joined the Buick Club in 1978. I served as a Chapter Director in Indiana for seven different years ordering from 1980 up to 2014 I think it was. I’ve served in the Buick Club as a National Chief Judge and Chairman of the National Meet Committee. And I’m on the National Meet Committee because I’m National Chief Judge. I get to serve with Jack and Bob on the National Meet Committee.

My background I was a teacher for nine years and then I went into computer programing for the phone company. I retired in 2009. I felt like I was doing enough for the Buick Club I guess with the two positions I had until I had a board member explain to me that I wasn’t on the Board, and that he was, and I decided that I could see if I could do that. So here I am.

Alan Oldfield: Okay thanks everybody I appreciate that. Does anybody want to share a particular item that they, that they want to make sure that we get on the agenda for the Board of Directors going forward? A particular issue or something that you’re passionate about? Okay...

Roberta Vasilow: (Unintelligible) right Alan I can’t get this phone to ever react fast enough to take it off mute. I’m just wondering if should address the Chapter Regional Director position because I have no idea where that’s at and I’m pretty passionate about that?

Alan Oldfield: We could Roberta or should we put that on the agenda for next week when we’re all together and can see face to face...

Roberta Vasilow: Well that’s – yeah, I guess that’s my question. Should we ask the general membership what they think about it? That wouldn’t be a bad idea. See if we get any input from them. But they’re - anybody’s really vocal at membership meeting, some people are, but up to you whatever you think.

Alan Oldfield: Well I think we can certainly put it on one of the agendas whether that's the membership meeting or the Board of Director's meeting.

Roberta Vasilow: Well let's throw it out at a membership meeting and start there and if we don't get any feedback then we'll – let's bring it up to try to make something happen with it at the Board of Director's meeting.

Larry DiBarry: This is Larry I agree with Roberta that we need some input from the membership on these topics so we will kind of pop them along at the membership meeting and see if there is something we can gather from them. So we have something to work on as a Board.

Alan Oldfield: Okay I'm taking notes here. All right well let's go ahead and talk about the membership meeting. You may recall the last three years I think, we had put together a PowerPoint presentation to open the membership meeting. And the point of that is to give the members a sense of what the board has done over the past year. So with the help of John DeFiore and his terrific minutes I will put together a PowerPoint that talks about here are the motions that we passed, here are the actions as a result of those motions, and it's designed to be a summary of the Board's activities and in some cases discussions over the past year.

That gets the meeting off to I think a good start in terms of saying here's what your Board has been doing, here's what your Board has been wrestling with, here's some of the issues that we're talking about. So I'm working on that now and I will get that in probably initial draft form to everybody as soon as I can. And then I'll look for your feedback on that and I'm sure we'll go back and forth three or four times. So that's what I had planned.

Two other things that I'm aware of or maybe one of the things for sure. The Oklahoma City group that's holding the meet next year has asked for a couple of minutes to talk to the membership and I said I thought that was okay. So we'll put them on the agenda pretty quickly. And then whatever else we want to do as a Board before we open it up to the membership for Q&A and back and forth.

John DeFiore: Alan it's John may I have floor?

Alan Oldfield: Yes. John DeFiore?

John DeFiore: Yes...

Alan Oldfield: Okay...

John DiFiore: ...but John D...

Alan Oldfield: ...oh yours John D.

John DeFiore: ...John D. One item that we have pending is the motion that we made to give a discount membership to people who are members of both the chapter and the BCA. And I just wanted to remind you that we did not finish that particular piece of business. The thing that we were, that we haven't finished is a procedure to certify that people are members of both the chapter and the BCA at the same time. So if when we bring that up, if we bring that up, and questions come up, we don't really have an answer for that right now.

And I don't know how that actually is going to work that was my motion and I did volunteer to work on that procedure and I did draft something but once I am off the board I really don't know how we address that as a group. Do you guys want me to continue to go ahead and draft something and then present it to the Board and let the Board vote on it or do you guys want to take that over?

Alan Oldfield: Well I'll speak first, this is Alan. I would be delighted personally if you would continue to shepherd that for us John because it seems that you have a good idea of kind of where you want to go with this that's my opinion.

John DeFiore: I appreciate that. Anybody on the Board object to me continuing to work on it? I will present it to the Board. I mean I'm not going to implement anything not being a Board Member, that's not the proper thing to do. It doesn't sound like anybody objects so yes I'll continue to work on that and try to get that fleshed out.

Alan Oldfield: Thank you John I appreciate (unintelligible)...

Larry DiBarry: Thank you John this is Larry.

John DeFiore: You're welcome.

Alan Oldfield: ...other discussions for the membership meeting? I think we'll have to address the financial discussions in some fashion. One of the things I'm working on including in the PowerPoint is a summary of, a timeline that Bill put together, and kind of how we got here where the reserves came from and how they've been built over the last oh many years, so that's going to go in there.

Are there any other issues or points related to the financial discussion you'd like to make sure that we address during the membership meeting?

Okay I'll take that for what it is. Any other suggestions for the membership meeting in terms of our presentation and how you want it to go conversations we want to make sure we have with the membership?

John DeFiore: Alan this is John D again.

Alan Oldfield: The floor...

John DeFiore: (And)...

Alan Oldfield: ...is yours John D.

John DeFiore: ...we might have a little bit of an issue because we're starting the membership meeting a half hour before the end of that cruise-in to the Rambler Ranch I believe. I don't know if we should push the meeting back or just let that go. I'm not sure what they're doing out at that Rambler Ranch but it sounds to me like they're doing some type of a dinner which...

Bill S.: Well they're doing a barbecue, a buffet style barbecue, walk through a line grab your food and eat. And they're also letting us tour this person's garage...

Larry DiBarry: (Unintelligible)...

Bill S: ...on your own looking at his cars.

Larry DiBarry: ...yes this is Larry D here and I would appreciate something like that being addressed because I know last year our Prewar dinner, we had to kind of preempt that to rush back to get to the membership meeting, you know, that was quite a bit of a rush. So even a half hour would have helped considerably.

And I'm not quite sure of the logistics where we're going to be at between Lone Tree and the Rambler Ranch. I know where our Prewar dinner was last year, it was only a couple miles away so that's wasn't, that was just zipping right back over to the motel...

Alan Oldfield: Well let me tell you my perspective and we can certainly still change it if we want to but the host chapter suggested 7:30 is the start time.

The Rambler Ranch thing I think starts at 4:30 so that's a good three hours 4:30 to 7:30 and we are starting I – doesn't the membership meeting usually start at 7? The other thing is I think, I recall that I...



Roberta Vasilow: The schedule for the member meeting I think it says it starts at 8. Let me look at it real quick.

Larry DiBarry: Thank you Roberta I'm looking for mine too. This is Larry D.

Man 1: Yes I'm looking at Google it looks like it's about 45 minutes away.

Larry DiBarry: Oh wow.

Alan Oldfield: Well didn't I send a tentative draft of the schedule for the meet before it was (unintelligible)...

Roberta Vasilow: Yes.

Alan Oldfield: ...(unintelligible) to everybody?

Larry DiBarry: Yes we're looking...

Roberta Vasilow: Yes.

Larry DiBarry: ...through our pile of papers now.

Alan Oldfield: Yes okay.

Larry DiBarry: This is Larry D...

Roberta Vasilow: But I have – I got – I'll have it here in a second, maybe. Here it is. No that's not it. Where did it go?

Larry DiBarry: ...yes this is Larry again I know we had our chapter meeting yesterday and here I had all of this paperwork set up and think I could find it all now. And then the computer went through a forced update of all their drivers today so I've been having a fight with my computer too. I can't even get on there.

Alan Oldfield: Yes the draft version I have, and I can't be certain that it's the final, has the general membership meeting beginning at 7:30. And again I can't swear this is the final one. But that is my recollection...

Larry DiBarry: ...I cannot find it...

Man 2: I'm looking for it too.

Alan Oldfield: Well let's assume for the sake of conversation...

Larry DiBarry: Okay.

Alan Oldfield: ...it does start at 7:30. Do we think now that that's too early? I mean my thinking...

Roberta Vasilow: All right...

Alan Oldfield: ...is this if you – go ahead Roberta.

Roberta Vasilow: ...I kind of think it ought to be at 8...it...(unintelligible)

((Crosstalk))

Roberta Vasilow: ...here it is oh wait got it. On the – in the agenda activity page that we were sent it says...  
that the general membership meeting is at 7:30.

Alan Oldfield: Right.

Larry DiBarry: Okay.

Roberta Vasilow: The cruise at the Rambler Ranch is from 4 to 8...  
so I guess well if you want to be at the membership meeting...

you're going to wait and start at 8? You can start it at 7:30 and be uncomfortable at 8 o'clock  
(unintelligible) everybody shows up.

Larry DiBarry: Well that's pretty much...

Roberta Vasilow: So (unintelligible)...

Larry DiBarry: ...this is Larry again this is pretty much how we had to deal with it last year  
coming from the Prewar Division dinner.

Alan Oldfield: Okay well...

Roberta Vasilow: ...and I...

Alan Oldfield: ...like (unintelligible)...

Roberta Vasilow: ...think the Reatta people also go out on Thursday night and do their thing...  
theirs is 8 to 3:30 so that might not be a problem...  
...you might want to change it to 8 and just be – so we don't get anybody upset...

Alan Oldfield: ...well I'll do – I mean we'll do whatever the Board wants to do it's our meeting to start whenever we want. It has been printed. We gave – we as the Board gave the final okay to a 7:30 start time so.

Roberta Vasilow: Well then leave it at that and...

Alan Oldfield: Well I'm...

Roberta Vasilow: ...we'll just...

Alan Oldfield: ...just – I just want to...

Roberta Vasilow: ...goof around.

Alan Oldfield: ...I want a show of hands of the Board. Do we want to start with 7:30 or move it to 8? We can put up a bunch of signage around the host hotel and hope everybody sees it.

Terry Weigand: This is Terry and I'd be all in favor of starting it at 8 o'clock. You give everybody the advantage to getting there.

Larry DiBarry: This is Larry D and I'd appreciate doing the same because it's so far away from our location...

John DeFiore: John D agrees...

(Bill): Yes this is (Bill) I'll agree...

Roberta Vasilow: I think that's a good idea.

Alan Oldfield: All right I'm having a little trouble hearing everybody but it sounds like the consensus is to push it back to 8 pm.

Roberta Vasilow: That's...

Bob Safrit: Yes this is Bob yes.

((Crosstalk))

Alan Oldfield: Yes I'm sorry I've got a big hum on my line so if I missed anybody. Anybody object then? We're going to move it to 8 o'clock and then somebody says no absolutely not I won't stand for it. All right then we'll move it 8. And I will alert the authorities.

Larry DiBarry: Thank you Alan. This is Larry D.

Alan Oldfield: Okay thank you Larry - Larry D. All right are there any other issues about the membership meeting we should discuss before we get together next week? I'm going to ask this point blank here; is anyone planning any surprises for the membership meeting? Hearing none I'll expect no surprises then, is that fair?

Larry DiBarry: Fair enough...

Alan Oldfield: All right thanks everybody. Let's move on the Board of Director's meeting. There is a tentative agenda that everyone was emailed earlier and Roberta you made a couple of suggestions. Do you want to go over those again or maybe John D you've captured those?

John DeFiore: I did capture those yes.

Alan Oldfield: And would you just quickly review for the group what those couple of changes were?

John DeFiore: Okay...

Alan Oldfield: I think one was a change in we're going to put Mark Shaw in as representative for Prewar Division.

John DeFiore: Yes, we haven't notified him that a report is due because there's been nobody listed as the leader of the Prewar Division.

Larry DiBarry: Okay this is Larry D, and I have emailed Mark to ask if they'll be a report prepared, and who would like to give it. Otherwise if they will send me the report I would be glad to give it there since I'm a member of the Prewar Division. Also I've asked the 36th 38th group, since I've done that for like the last two years because Gene Phillips did not show up last year or the year before. I said if you have a report for me I'll be glad to give it. So if I get anything back from him I'll let John know to, you know, just change the name so it's all above board and legal.

John DeFiore: The other changes were Rich Gibbs is the BDE Director and then there was a suggestion to send the agenda to the directors. But the agenda did go to the directors of the divisions when I informed them that we would be looking for a report. So a tentative agenda has already gone to them along with the date and time of the meeting...

- Alan Oldfield: Okay well when we get closer to a final we can do a courtesy email to everybody just to make sure they have it but I think we (unintelligible)...
- Larry DiBarry: Okay and Alan this is Larry again as soon as I hear anything from Mark or Joe Suarez with the 36th 38th group I'll let John know.
- Alan Oldfield: Yes that sounds great thank you Larry. I think I'll add to the Board of Director's agenda here a bullet point under finance. Obviously we want to have a discussion of, on the reserves. We in our last conference call we set aside we agreed to set aside about \$100,000.
- So I think we need a discussion of how we proceed on that. So I'm going to add that in there. Are there any other points that anyone or items that anyone wants to add to the Board of Director's agenda tonight? We can – if there are things that come up during the next few days we can continue to add those.
- But anything that we should share with John and everybody else tonight about that?
- John DeFiore: Alan it's John again D. Can – where did you add that item that, was it under the Bugle Printing contracts?
- Alan Oldfield: Well I thought we would put an item to discuss the disbursement of an ex – of the – what am I trying to say the excess \$100,000 under finance does that make sense or should we put it somewhere else on the agenda?
- John DeFiore: Well the agenda is either old business or new business so (unintelligible)...
- Alan Oldfield: Well that be under old business.
- John DeFiore: ...and then you want it before the Bugle Printing contracts or after?
- Alan Oldfield: Let's do it before.
- John DeFiore: And what about digitizing the Bugles before or after?
- Alan Oldfield: I'm sorry I'm having a hard time hearing you John.
- John DeFiore: What about the...
- Bill S : What about...
- John DeFiore: ...(unintelligible) the Bugles you want it before the digitizing of the Bugles or after?

Alan Oldfield: No let's do it before.

John DeFiore: All right I captured it.

Alan Oldfield: Thank you. Anyone else have suggestion ideas for the Board of Director's Agenda. Okay anything else from anyone? Open floor.

Roberta Vasilow: I have a question.

Alan Oldfield: This is Roberta?

Roberta Vasilow: Yes.

Alan Oldfield: The floor is yours Roberta.

Roberta Vasilow: The question the Bugle Printing - what are - was - is that- or what is the scope of that on the agenda? Are we up for to do bids or what?

Alan Oldfield: The contract is either has just expired or is about to expire and we have competitive bids from three or maybe four other companies. (Unintelligible)...

Roberta Vasilow: Do we already have...

Alan Oldfield: ...pardon me?

Roberta Vasilow: ...do we already have those bids?

Alan Oldfield: Yes Brian Clark was compiling those and putting them together so we could do kind of a side by side apples to apples comparison. So he has promised we'll have that for the Board of Directors meeting.

Roberta Vasilow: I guess I missed that happening because I had Baker Press who had done the Bugle back 97 98 timeframe asked me when we were going out for bids again. I don't know if Brian captured them or not.

Alan Oldfield: Yes Bakers - I'm almost positive Baker Press is part of it, Modern Litho bid again and there we have two others if I recall. Don't hold me to that. I know we had three and I think we have Baker Press included with them.

Roberta Vasilow: Okay then I will take their little stuff that they sent me with me so I can bring something else with me...

((Crosstalk))

Roberta Vasilow: ...thanks.

Alan Oldfield: Yes good question. Other questions other points? Okay, well email works to communicate back and forth between now and next week. I will get a draft of the PowerPoint to everybody as soon as I can.

We'll get an updated agenda and I have no other items. Otherwise we'll take a motion to adjourn.

Larry DiBarry: I – this is Larry I so move we adjourn.

Alan Oldfield: Larry has so moved. Anyone second?

Bob Safrit: I seconds.

Alan Oldfield: I think that was Bob?

Bob Safrit: Yes.

Alan Oldfield: All in favor say, "Aye".

(Group): Aye.

Alan Oldfield: Okay thanks everybody we'll see you next week in Denver.

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