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IT STARTED WITH AN ALLSTATE

There is usually an interesting story behind why a marquee specialist got into collecting his or her favorite brand of vehicle. John Hewlett of Lubbock, TX has an interesting story.

John had a chance to buy a 1952 Allstate in 1974. After doing a bit of research he found that the Kaiser-Frazer built the Allstate for Sears, Roebuck and Co. in 1952 and 1953. John worked for Sears for 35 years, so he bought the car. The car turned out to be number 24 off the assembly line and letters S.O., for special order, were stamped on the data plate. The red Allstate with red plaid upholstery is the earliest serial numbered Allstate in the Kaiser-Frazer Owners Club International registry. And because of the way F-F ran it's assembly line, John thinks he might well have the first production Allstate. In 1952 K-F built 1,566 Allstates compared to 30,685 Henry J's

In 1976 John and his wife Sue took the Allstate to their first KFOCI national meet where they saw all the different K-F products. They were hooked on the marquee. Through the years the added several other cars to their collection that are not only show winners but diverse models as well.

For instance they have two of K-F's entries into the growing station wagon market, when it did not have a station wagon to offer. One is a 1951 Kaiser Traveler with it's innovative rear Hatchback, fold-completely-down rear seat and wood slat floor. Hewlett's Vagabond is a two-door model; the four doors were a bit more popular.

The other is a 1951 Frazer Vagabond, the last year Frazers were offered. The Hewlett's have a 1952 Kaiser two-door, top-of-the-line 1953 Kaiser Manhattan, and a 1954 Kaiser Manhattan. The latter was an attempt to keep up with the

big three in the mid-1950's performance race.

This 1954 Manhattan has a McCulloch supercharger fitted to it's 226 cid six-cylinder to boost output from 118 to 140 hp. Of course there is one of the Kaiser Darrin roadsters built 1954 in their garage as well.

Along the way, they acquired a seconded Allstate. They wanted one from each year of production. By Coincidence, this gray 1953 Allstate was also the number 24 car off the production line. In 1953 only 796 Allstate's were built before Sears pulled the plug.

There are other vehicles in the Hewlett's collection that have K-F connection. Although the Willys Jeepster was not a Kaiser product, Henry Kaiser purchase Willies in 1954 so it is considered appropriate.

Their beautiful 1955 Willys Bermuda the last year a Willys car was built under Kaiser-Willys regime as was the 1959 Jeep Gala two welled drive. It's just for fun. Jeep sold mainly to resort and plush hotels. Oh yes, the Hewlett's also have an Allstate Scooter and an Allstate two-wheel trailer.



The 1952 Allstate that piqued the Hewlett's in Kaiser-Frazer Products, the article photo's from Old Cars Weekly were not reproducible so I went to the net and found this one. Editor

Future Events

2011

Feb 10, 2011: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

Feb 10-12, 2011: Membership meeting Dallas/Fortworth, TX with VIP tour of the new Cowboy Stadium. DFW Marriott. Contact Mike Welsh 816-298-6412 or Don & Cindy Knight 972-641-4517

Mar 10, 2011: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID



Assignments/Reminders

Activities:-

- Feb - See Article page 4
- Mar - Tour of EITC: Joy Eagle
- Apr- Dust Off Tour: Mark Schwartzberger
- May-Dust Off Tour:?
- Jun 18-19 E I Swap Meet: Cheney's

Treats:

- Feb - See Article page 4
- Mar-
- Apr-
- May
- June

Items for Sale or Wanted

For Sale - 1939 Dodge "Special" body. Good condition, some rust thru. All doors attached, some original glass, extra window trim/frame, parts, no fenders/hood/frame. Great starter for your next project! \$675 OBO. Call Mark Schwartzberger 552-2358

For Sale: 1977 Oldsmobile Delta 88, 80K miles, cruise control, radio, looks like new, gas & oil changes documented. Originally this car sold for \$5,500 but with the extras it sold for \$7,000. Mark Bunce 208-237-3329

For Sale: 1971 Volkswagon Camper Van, pop up top, runs but needs some work. Call Ronicka @ 208-407-3317.

For Sale: 1937 Packard, Model 120C for Sale. 4-dr. Sedan, dark blue, owned for 30 years by present owner. In original older paint condition last driven 4 years ago. Please call Orland Bailey 522-0197

For Sale: 1963 1/2 Galaxie, White with red interior, 58,000 miles, \$7,000, Contact Ronald Tanner, 356-7567

Mapes' Classic Cars - <http://www.mapesclassiccars.com/index.html>

I am sending this link for Jack Mapes' daughter. If you know anyone that might be interested, please pass it on. These cars are absolutely beautiful. You will find lots of photos and detail available on the site. They are hoping to find owners that will love these vehicles as much as Jack did.

Here is the listing of what is still available (located in Nebraska):

- 1932 Plymouth Roadster PB
- 1935 Ford Deluxe Roadster
- 1936 Chrysler C7
- 1937 Buick Roadmaster
- 1941 Buick Super 8
- 1941 Chevy Special Deluxe
- 1941 Lincoln Continental Zephyr
- 1941 Packard 110 Deluxe
- 1948 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet
- 1950 MGTD
- 1963 Triumph TR3B

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

El-VMCCA January 13, 2011 Meeting was called to order by Mike Derbidge, newly elected president at 7:00 p.m. November minutes were not available to be reviewed and minutes from the December meeting not available as this was the annual Christmas Party which was held at Billman's Restaurant and it was agreed by members at tonight's meeting this was a great celebration, with great food and better company.

-Mike gave special thanks to the past officers of the club and the work they had undertaken and mostly completed

-A treasurer's report was provided by the past club Treasurer, Joy Eagle and indicated the current bank balance is \$XXX.XX with \$1000.00 to go to the ISU scholarship fund and \$800.00 to go toward needs regarding this year's Swap Meet

-Brian Edgerton presented information regarding the Teton Valley Rendezvous Tour scheduled for July 8th thru July 11th, 2011. Accommodations for the tour have been changed to the Teton Mountain View Lodge with 25 rooms available at the rate of \$59 + tax/night (see tour agenda for details). There will be RV and trailer spaces available at this location also. John Dawdy volunteered to run the SAG trailer during the tour. A motion was made and seconded to have the club pay his room and meals with the motion being approved. Brian indicated that many more volunteers are needed to assist with the tour and all of those interested may contact him as to what assistance is needed, HOPEFULLY by the February 10th, 2011 meeting. Tour brochures will be forwarded to local club chapters and the Bulb Horn.

-Bud Cheney provided information regarding the annual Swap Meet which is scheduled at the Idaho Falls Hockey rink June 17, 18 and 19, 2011. Bud will need assistance in getting this set up and scheduled. Janet Cheney has also asked for volunteers to help with the kitchen. It is not yet clear what the set up will be for this and she, along with those eager volunteers, will schedule time to go to the ice rink and determine what this set up will look like. Vendor fees are expected to remain the same as the past couple of years. Bud indicated there will not be available bathrooms within the building but porta-johns can be arranged as before. Insurance information will need to be requested from JC Taylor and then submitted to the city. This information will also need to be secured regarding the July Tour. Brian Edgerton indicated he can make this call. Rich Eagle (recovering very nicely) will be working on graphics for the Swap Meet flier and will get this back to Brian within the next week.

The chapter BY-LAWS were read by the current Treasurer/Secretary. Concern with Article V Section 2. D. In the case of a vacancy in an office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the year was addressed by John Dawdy and he asked if this could be addressed by the Board of Directors. John also indicated a concern with how property/funds/etc. of the chapter club will be disposed of if the club should be disenfranchised. A motion was made by Yale Harker to have the Board of Directors look at this issue of property disbursement if the club should disenfranchise, the motion was seconded and approved by present club members.

-A tentative schedule of events for the upcoming year was discussed e.g. an upcoming breakfast to be held at Dixie's Diner on January 15th. A suggestion was made to have a Valentine's pot luck at the February 10th meeting and this was agreed on by members. Other suggestions included a possible dust off tour to the Budweiser or Corona processing plant, possibly in March or April and perhaps combine this with a tour down to Blackfoot with lunch at Rupp Drive-Inn and maybe a visit with Rich Turman to look at some of his vintage autos. A meeting schedule to go visit the auto workshop at the Eastern Idaho Training College. A tour to Pocatello to see Kirkham's cars (at Garrett Center?). Market Lake clean-up (not yet scheduled as Marty L. still in AZ). Ucon ID is celebrating its 100 year birthday in 2011 and John Dawdy is to try and get available dates for this. Brian Edgerton indicated the annual apple squeeze is tentatively scheduled for September 24th from 1-5 pm (but may have to get confirmation from Dawn's reading of the Farmers Almanac).

-Judyth Derbidge volunteered to work on the Valentine's pot luck and would like additional volunteers to assist.

John Dawdy had a Show N Tell involving a book published in 2008 - Book of Safety Precautions - and talked about gravity feed gas supply and open fuel valves

A motion was made to close the meeting and was seconded and approved by present club members.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Imagine a cartoon of three young automobile enthusiasts standing around a vintage car with a flickering red light indicating a problem. Below the light is a hand written word that is worn down but looks to read "DANGER". One says, "What do we do?" Another nervously replies, "I don't know I've never seen this happen." In a panic the third, says "Everything was fine, but I guess we'll have to shut it off." Just then the "more mature" technician walks up slowly as if curious, taps the flickering light a few times and says, "Yep, looks like it's time for a new bulb." "Huh?" "What?" "No," is heard from the three. The technician continues, "That's why 20 years ago I wrote 'Change her' right here. When it flickers put in a new bulb."

Obviously the scenario above is hypothetical and is recounted just to illustrate the point that there are many tidbits of great insight that need to be identified, harvested and remembered for teaching to those left in charge our vintage machinery. Shop manuals display knowledge but working knowledge makes things easier on those who come after us.

We need to think about the collective knowledge we possess and think about how we transfer that knowledge to the "less mature" who will be the recipients of our vintage automobiles. What do we need to do to pass our history forward? Just some food for thought on these long winter days!!! Mike Derbidge



Future Events Cont.

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Apr 14, 2011: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

May 1-8, 2011: Heritage Tour, Murfreesboro, TN. Historic Area of Andrew Jackson, James Polk and Nashville area. Contact Luci & Robert Bently 256-828-4226

May 12, 2011:: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

Jun 5-11, 2011: VMCCA National Chrome Gidden Tour for cars 1935 thru 25 years. Great Lakes, Mi. Toledo Chapter, contact John Beddies @ 734-856-3690 or jbeddoes@aol.com

Jun 9, 2011: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

Jul 4-8, 2011: VMCCA National 1&2 Cyl. Tour Montecello, IN. Conract Joe Goss at 765-427-7078 or goss@comcast.net

Jul 8-11, 2011: Bonneville Region's Annual Tour Will be: The Teton Valley Rendezvous Tour sponsored by the Eastern Idaho Chapter. Detailed plans and Chapter assignments are quickly coming together for the TVR Tour (July 7-11, 2011). Brian Edgerton is the Tour Director and Committee lead. Volunteers to lead or coordinate several of the activities including Day Tours on Saturday & Sunday are still urgently needed. Please contact Brian (or he will be contacting you!) @ 520-9434, edgerbtg@7906.myrf.net. Members should confirm lodging or RV spots ASAP at the TVR "Base Camp" - Teton Mountain View Lodge, 510 Egbert Avenue, Teton, ID (208) 456-2741 or (208) 399-8290. Please contact Deb Edgerton, TVR Registrar for tour registration (520-7557, edgerbtg@7906.myrf.net). This is shaping up to be a fun tour!

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Aug 11, 2011: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

Aug 22-27, 2011: Western National. Laramie, WY. Hosts Loveland Chapter Contact Dennis Holland 970-282-8346 or holland@rii.com

EASTERN IDAHO'S ACTIVITIES

The Club members met at Dixie's on Saturday January 15th for our Warm Up Breakfast! It was well attended for another cold January day. This has been happening a lot this wintry season. We want to thank Joy for setting this up for us.

Dixie's treated us well and I enjoyed this outing. The roads were very good so we didn't have to worry about getting around town. Editor



Dixie's on a cold wintry Saturday at 8:00 AM a very good turn out.



The troops waiting for their their breakfast



More troops waiting for their their breakfast



Even more troops waiting for their their breakfast



4 to 1 ratio of Men to Women. but she holds her own with them. Rich looks great.



Judyth announcing Valentines Day Pot Luck at February's meeting. Check it Out

Future Events Cont.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Sep 5-12, 2011: Muscle Car tour of the Great Lakes. Progressive tour covering many miles and even going into Canada

Sep 18-24, 2011: Glidden (hosted by AACA). Cumberland, MD Book Cumberland area Hotels early. Headquarters Hotel Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort 1-800-724-0828 Contact Phone 301-729-1653 for tour information

2012

February 10, 2011 "The Auto Love It, Valentines Pot Luck, 2011 will be held at the armory February, during the meeting. We will eat during the February meeting at the armory. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.....But it has to have red, or pink, or hearts in it, or just be a little spicy. If it is a little raw, please make the vegetables raw and not the meat. If you come to frown on true love by not bringing a dish, we will all enjoy the song or poem you will have to perform. Remember we will need both sweet and savory dishes. Drinks will be provided along with plates, napkins, and tools to eat with. Hope to see you there. :)

Notice to our E I Members. I received the following e-mail this morning the 28th of Jan. from Roy Cole. Editor

I have some very Sad News My dad had a Massive Heart Attack Last Night At around 5:00 PM and was rushed to EIRMC and died at 8:00 PM. Funeral plans will be made tomorrow, I will keep you all informed. Roy L. Cole

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