

## 2013 Chapter Officers

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## Upcoming Events

**Apr 11:** Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

**Apr 21-26:** Chrome Glidden in Borne, TX – contact Steve and Debbie Mergele at [spm@gvtc.com](mailto:spm@gvtc.com)

**May 19-27:** Heritage Tour in Tiffin, OH. – contact Mike and Shirley Doherty at [our31modela@gmail.com](mailto:our31modela@gmail.com)

**Jun 9-16:** Eastern Nickel Tour in Alexandria Bay, NY – contact Bill Preston at [avantey@excite.com](mailto:avantey@excite.com)

**Jun 23-29:** One and two cylinder in Marion, OH – contact Dave and Debbie Vassel at [bulldozer56@netzero.com](mailto:bulldozer56@netzero.com)

## President's Message

Glad to see so many members at the 'Chrome in the Dome' in Pocatello. Yale's car looked great and it was nice to meet his son. Thanks for all who are getting the Swap Meet posters out to interested parties.

At last count we have about 97 out of the 100 entries for the 'Drive Me to the Moon' tour in August. Many thanks to those hard-working folks ramrodding the cruise. We are on schedule with the Swap Meet preparations and look forward to a good function. Dawn Schwartzenberger is lining up food vendors to take some of the pressure off the kitchen staff - many thanks to Dawn for taking the initiative.

First cruise night is April 2, 2013 at the Dairy Queen on 17th in Idaho Falls. The cruises are every Tuesday night, alternating between Dairy Queen and the Arby's on Broadway. The April Dust-off is set tentatively for April 13, 2013. We will let you know for sure the location as soon as we have the details.

## Eastern Idaho Chapter 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Chapter Four discusses 1964 and some great events that the Snake River Vintage Auto Club participated in, including this photo from the Pioneer Day Parade, with Joe Keller driving the family's 1928 Ford. Somehow, this entry got a lot of attention.



## Assignments/Reminders

**Activities**

April – Dust Off – A Three Hour Garage Tour  
 May – Market Lake Cleanup  
 June – Swap Meet – Larry & Clyde Christian,  
 Lynn Erickson and You!  
 July – Open  
 August – Drive Me to the Moon Tour – Mike  
 & Judyth Derbidge  
 September – Open  
 October – Open  
 November – Pumpkin Daze - Membership  
 Drive – Joy Eagle & Judyth Derbidge  
 December – Christmas Party – Dawn & Gary  
 Schwartzenger

**Treats**

April – Ray and Betty Born  
 May – Deborah & Brian Edgerton  
 June – Sam and Wanda Otero  
 July – Open  
 August – Yale Harker  
 September – Open  
 October – Open  
 November – Open  
 December - Christmas Party

## Future Events

**Jul 14-18:** Great Lakes Regional Tour,  
 Frankenmuth, MI – Contact Bill and Pam  
 Sturgeon at [wsturgeo@live.com](mailto:wsturgeo@live.com)

**Aug 4-9:** Drive me to the Moon –  
 Western National Tour, Idaho Falls, ID –  
 Contact Mike and Judyth Derbidge at  
[desoto34@gmail.com](mailto:desoto34@gmail.com)

**Sep 8-13:** 68th Annual AAA Glidden  
 Tour, Chattanooga, TN – Contact Kevin  
 Loveday at [register4glidden@gmail.com](mailto:register4glidden@gmail.com)

Questions on the newsletter?  
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<http://www.eivmcca.org>

## Meeting Summary – 3/14/13

President Larry Christian conducted the meeting and secretary Joy Eagle took the minutes. No treasurer's report was provided. Visitors – Don Rasch who has a 68 Camaro and Derek Whipple with Emma and Jane in tow.

Acknowledgements – Mike Derbidge presented Jeff Pack a National VMCCA newsletter excellence award for "The Gasline". Deb Edgerton also noted that Ray Born was also mentioned for his many years of setting a high standard for a newsletter.

2013 Swap Meet – We need a front person for the kitchen. Perhaps breakfast will be simpler, we could rent spaces to several licensed vendors in the outer areas serving lunch items. We would still serve drinks and pie. We need more flyers printed. Porta Potties are rented and Thrifty Nickel is ready to advertise for us.

Drive Me to the Moon - 2013 75th/50th Anniversary VMCCA Tour – Mike & Judyth Derbidge – Mike passed out a day tour itinerary for review. The final agenda will be sent out in about a month along with Drive Me to the Moon shirt ordering information. Dawn Schwartzenger reported that we are up to 84 cars registered for the tour. Ditties for the tour, please check with Dawn before asking at a local vendor, we have already asked at many stores. Clint Kreibel & Rick Thurman will help with the Aberdeen stop. Register Rock has limited parking and may be noted as a side tour. Slower cars may leave off some parts of the tour. EBR-I has tables outside and chairs inside for our visit. Areas that are not handicap accessible will be noted in the tour book. Mark & Diane Schwartzenger have arranged for a crew in the hospitality room. Edward Zaladonis and Doug Schwartzenger will be official photographers. The Shilo business center will be available for downloading photos of the tour. Bob Seidel of iMedia Magic will create a DVD of the tour. A deposit was paid to Bob and a convertible will be arranged for photographing the tour in progress. The tour book will include restaurant maps for IF and Pocatello. Brian Edgerton has arranged for the 3rd quarter VMCCA meeting at the Shilo on Wednesday morning. VMCCA 75th anniversary T-shirts will be available at our tour for \$20/ea.

March 23rd – Breakfast and Chrome in the Dome – Joy Eagle – Meet at Shari's Restaurant at 8:30 for visiting and breakfast – then continuing to "Chrome in the Dome" at the Mini dome at ISU in Pocatello for "Crusin' through the Ages" 9am-7pm, the admission fee is \$5, kids 12 and under are free. Yale Harker is at space 23 – come visit.

April 13th – Dust-off/Garage Tour – A Three Hour Tour - Details will be discussed at the April meeting.

April 27th, 10 am to 5:30 pm – Bonneville High School Car Show, 3165 E. Iona Road IF – Jeff Pack forwarded information about the show at Bonneville High School. The proceeds from this show are used for a technology-related scholarship program. It was voted that the club should sponsor 5 vehicles to be display in the show, with hopes that this will encourage younger interest in the cars. So far Seeley Magnani, Edward Zaladonis, Jeff Pack, Sam Otero and Mark Schwartzenger are participating – should we sponsor more entries?

The meeting was adjourned.

## In the Beginning – Chapter Four – Steve Bemount

The 1964 summer season is remembered for the SRVAC's participation in a couple of parades. We remember them because a newspaper photographer was on hand to take some quality photographs and we were subsequently able to access the negatives.

The first was the Pioneer Day Parade on July 24<sup>th</sup> in Idaho Falls. Richard Bingham led off our club's section of the parade with his newly launched 1920 Ford T Depot Hack. Our club's name was proudly displayed in banners on the T's sides.



We also got a very nice shot of Art Wellman driving his 1928 Packard. Art and Helen had restored this elegant car themselves after finding it with a tree growing up through the middle of the body. I was privileged to drive it once and, let me tell you, one needed some pretty good upper body strength to manage the steering.



But my favorite picture from this event is of Joe Keller driving the family's 1928 Ford. For some reason, this entry got a lot of attention. Perhaps it had something to do with the two lovely young flappers riding on the front fenders (see Page 1).

Then on Tuesday, September 8, a few of our members participated in the parade for the opening of the Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot. One notable news photo resulted of Jack Amen chauffeuring Idaho's Governor Robert E. Smylie in Jack's 1929 Ford Roadster (see Page 4). Bob Smylie served as Idaho's 24<sup>th</sup> Governor from 1955 to 1967.

Perhaps our most bizarre adventure in those early days regrettably has no photos to commemorate it. In the late summer in 1964, five of us drove the gravel roads for approximately 30 miles up into the foothills east of Idaho Falls to that ominous sounding place called Bone, which consisted of little more than an old general store. Rich Eagle and I rode with Joe Keller in Joe's 1928 Ford followed by Richard Bingham riding with John Dawdy in John's 1929 Reo. After we were well up into the hills, Rich and I decided it would be great fun to ride out on the Ford's front fenders, no doubt inspired by those flappers in the 24<sup>th</sup> of July parade. While Joe drove the Ford, Rich and I reclined on the front fenders, Rich on the left and me on the right, using the front bumper as a footrest and the headlights as our armrests. A few grommets may have been missing from the Ford's firewall or perhaps it was the hole where the manifold heater used to be, but we discovered that Joe could actually lie down in the seat and still see the edge of the road out through the firewall and radiator. In said position he could steer the car and stay out of the ditch for short intervals. This he did whenever we actually met any oncoming vehicles on this lonely byway. The whole image was intended to impress if not startle the occupants of such vehicles.

When we finally approached the store at Bone, I had a flash of inspiration. As the Ford was slowing down, I stood up on the bumper and, just before it stopped, I stepped off intending to make a slow motion running stop, which would impress the two old locals sitting on the porch of the store. I think now of the opening scene in the first *"Pirates of the Caribbean"* movie (2003). Captain Jack Sparrow is clinging proudly to the topmast as his ship comes sailing up to the pier. Jack steps off onto the pier just as his sinking ship disappears under the surface as if it were the most natural of entrances. I believe something like that is what I had in mind, but unfortunately I missed the first step and wiped out in the gravel and broken glass. Richard Bingham from the Reo came running up to my dazed countenance and exclaimed something like, "Bemount, that was fantastic—absolutely the most amazing thing I've ever seen!" Apparently, I had managed a graceful tuck-and-roll and ended up standing erect in one fluid motion, just as if it had all been quite intentional. But alas, the blood on my scraped-up hands and back destroyed the illusion. I rode home in the Reo with a towel around my shoulders so I wouldn't bleed all over the upholstery.

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## In the Beginning (con't)

In hindsight, the whole Ford illusion was an ill-advised youthful impulse, if not downright dangerous. But I will never forget the look on the faces of those folks who one day, nearly fifty years ago on the lonely road to Bone, met a driverless little phantom Ford with two apparitions relaxing on the front fenders in animated conversation about the ridiculous price of cotter pins. Now you don't soon forget a thing like that.

### For Sale

Doug Powell is selling his 1928 Model A for \$9250 – you can call him at 521-6971.



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The chapter is looking to reduce costs – we will **discontinue** sending hard copies of the newsletter to members that have not paid dues for the current year. We will send the newsletter via e-mail to anyone interested. If you have an e-mail address please send it to the Newsletter Editor ([jpack@pintlar.com](mailto:jpack@pintlar.com)).

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