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Upcoming Events

Aug 2: 42nd Yellowstone Rod Run - the Old Faithful of Rod Runs – West Yellowstone, MT

Aug 9: Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

Aug. 10-11: 12th annual Crusin By The Bay, missionvalleycuiser@gmail.com or Jackie Brown - 406-883-1042

Sep 5-8: Bonneville Region Tour. Logan, UT. Tour application on the EI VMCCA Web Site.

Sep 13: Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls



Chapter Breakfast

To show our appreciation to Shari's Restaurant for their generous donation and discounts for pies during the Swap Meet and Car Show, we invite you to attend our chapter breakfast on Saturday, August 4 at 9 AM at Shari's, 1330 W. Broadway, Idaho Falls (next to I-15 on-ramp).

Regional Tour

Don't forget to sign up for the Cache Valley Chapter's tour – deadline was July 31 but if you missed it, please give Dee Bair a call (435) 258-2906.

Restoration Tip

Sam Otero offers this great story on fuel systems – thanks Sam.

“I was helping an old friend get his 1929 Graham-Paige started (for the third time in thirty years) and found that the fuel pump wasn't pumping gas. I removed the fuel pump and found that the gas left in it had evaporated and left a hard varnish. I usually use lacquer thinner to remove varnish but didn't have any with me so I tried several other cleaners that didn't work, so a last ditch effort was a bottle of rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol). The alcohol dissolved the varnished gas faster than anything I've ever used. I poured some on the screen inside the sediment bowl and it cleaned up like new. The glass bowl cleaned up like new. I also poured some on the stuck check valves inside the fuel pump and they started working. Reinstalled the fuel pump and it pumps like new. The engine started and runs great.”

Eastern Idaho Chapter website at

<http://www.eivmcca.org>

Assignments/Reminders

Activities

Aug – Breakfast at Shari's Restaurant
 Sep - Market Lake - Marty
 Oct - 17th Apple Squeeze - Brian
 Nov - Pumpkin Daze Membership - Judyth & Joy
 Dec - E I Christmas Dinner – Joy

Treats

Aug - Brian & Deb
 Sep - Yale & Bonnie
 Oct - Rich & Joy
 Nov - Gary & Dawn
 Dec - Christmas Party

Future Events

Sep 15: Market Lake Cleanup

Sep 15: Shelley Spud Days and 50th
 Reunion – contact Patty Weenig
 pfweenig@msn.com

More future events next month!

President's Message



Progress continues with the “Drive Me to the Moon” Western National Tour. I sent the revised and chapter approved tour budget to VMCCA national for Board approval. So far the feedback has been positive. Don Knight told me that it met his “reasonableness” test and he would forward it to the Board. Dawn has the dinner and show arrangements in place for Mountain River Ranch. I still need help with leads for the Sunday kickoff social and the closing banquet meal—both events will be at the Shilo. If you can help please let me know. We will discuss the tour at the August Chapter meeting.

We have attended several of the Tuesday night cruise nights in Idaho Falls. There is a wonderful selection of vintage and modified cars. If you have a chance please drop by—6pm to 8pm. On July 17, Joe & Betsy Keller, Rich & Joy Eagle, Gary & Dawn Schwartzenberger, Ike Ikard, and Larry & Clyde Christian were in attendance – so fire up your ride and join us for some “viewing and chewing” at Arby's or Dairy Queen depending on the Tuesday.

Please don't forget the Bonneville Regional Tour. The Cache Valley Chapter has a fun touring event planned and it would be a shame not to attend. There are a lot of car shows to attend in the month of August but please make sure you all join us for breakfast at Shari's on August 4 at 9 am.

Meeting Highlights – 7/12/12

Meeting was conducted by president – Mike Derbidge, minutes taken by secretary - Joy Eagle. Treasurer's report was given. Pot Luck Dinner was shared and enjoyed by all!

2012 Swap Meet – Thanks to Larry & Clyde Christian and Joy Eagle for a wonderful weekend! Larry and Joy noted that the Swap Meet could not have happened without the efforts of all of our members and some fabulous volunteers! Lynn was recognized for all of the help he provides throughout the Swap Meet – start to finish. The kitchen did well, one comment by John Dawdy – he was told that his small breakfast would cost \$30 – John chuckled, but the kid behind him was Shocked!

Drive Me to the Moon - 2013 75th/50th Anniversary VMCCA Tour – Mike & Judyth Derbidge – Mike made the pitch at the National VMCCA Board of Directors Meeting in Billings, MT and got our tour approved with the help of Don Knight, the national activities director. The national club will have a cloisonné medallion developed that will celebrate the 100th anniversary of VMCCA; it will feature an add-on pin for each of the 5 national tours that will occur next year. We will add the national logo and web address to our flyer. The board recommended that all meals be included as a package on the tour. Our club voted to host all of the members of our chapter at one of the meals during the tour as a part of our club's 50th anniversary celebration. The tour to Craters of the Moon will be the longest of the tour; we need to get on the road early. Pickles B-B-Q will be approached to provide the meal in the park, the registration form will be out next year. Steve Beaumont, one of the original members of our chapter, is ready to sign up!

Additional Information from the National Board of Directors – Mike Derbidge. Dennis Holland is the new editor for the Bulb Horn. Remember to encourage new members. Billings Tour – 63 cars in attendance from the '40s – '70s from across the US, 4 cars were judged. Branson Muscle Car Tour – not enough driving.

Regional Tour – Motoring Along the Oregon Trail – September 5-8, 2012 Contact Dee Bair 435-258-2906 or normcanfield@carthink.net a flyer was available at the meeting.

Breakfast at Shari's – Joy Eagle – To thank Shari's Restaurant for their generous Swap Meet donation of all of the pies that we ordered on Saturday and half price pies on Sunday – we are having a breakfast on Saturday August 4th at 9am.

Scholarships – Our club has voted to support one full scholarship at the EITC Automotive School for 2012-2013 and to add \$1,000 to the sustaining scholarship at ISU.

1948 Derham Dodge

The following are excerpts from a New York Times article dated 2/11/12 on a very unique car.

“Some friends have told me it’s almost a story like the movie ‘War Horse,’ ” John White, a collector with a private museum in Sacramento, Calif., said in an interview after purchasing the car. Mr. White, 72, said he and the car have crossed paths so many times in his life that their timelines were almost interwoven, like strands in a tapestry. Mr. White’s first encounter with the car made a strong impression. “I remember it like it was yesterday,” he said.

Mr. White had accompanied his father, an auto executive in New York, to the Derham Body Company near Philadelphia, where the Dodge was undergoing extensive customization. Derham, a coachbuilder, typically made custom bodies for high-end luxury cars like those made by Rolls-Royce, Cadillac and Lincoln. Then as now, pouring such resources into a \$1,774 Dodge would be considered something of a head-scratcher.

Yet the owners of Bishop, McCormick & Bishop, the Dodge dealership that commissioned the coachbuilt Dodge, wanted something eye-catching for their showroom. The Derham treatment included a new top for the coupe, with a wraparound rear window inspired by the designs like the Studebaker Starlight coupe of Raymond Loewy. The cabin was outfitted with amenities like a heater with defroster, a seven-button AM radio and a tissue holder. Stock Dodges, meanwhile, were so basic they came without turn signals, backup lights or passenger-side mirrors.

Mr. White lost track of the car, but in the early '70s, while reading the collector’s publication Hemmings Motor News, he spotted a classified ad for it. “I almost fell out of my chair,” he said. “But whoever was selling it wanted \$8,500, which was a preposterous amount of money at that time.”

The car resurfaced in 1985 in a field in Vermont, where it had been left to rot for many years. It was considered nearly a total loss. But Mr. White learned it had been purchased by Joseph Leir, a doctor in Moorpark, Calif., who intended to restore it. Dr. Leir completed the restoration, but it took 24 years. “I have no idea where they got the parts,” Mr. White said.

Mr. White, preparing to sell two cars from his collection at the Gooding auction in Scottsdale was perusing the auction catalog when he made a fortuitous discovery. “I came across the Derham Dodge,” he said. “Oh my! I decided that if my two cars did well in the auction, I would make a run at it.” The pre-auction estimate of \$75,000-\$125,000 for the Dodge was still daunting. “Fortunately it was offered with no reserve, so I had a chance,” he said. When the bidding stopped, Mr. White was shocked. The hammer went down. “Sold!” the auctioneer declared. “He pointed his finger at me and said, ‘Your car, sir, congratulations,’ ” Mr. White said. “I couldn’t believe it. I had chills.”

Items for Sale or Wanted

1977 AMC Pacer, 66k mi, 2dr/wagon w/cloth bucket seats, automatic, yellow w/wood sides, one owner, asking \$5,000.
1986 Buick Riviera, 2dr/automatic, 103k mi, asking \$3000. Both cars stored inside for past ten years. Call Barbra at (208) 754-4374

1967 Buick Skylark convertible, in great shape. This car was driven on our 2011 Regional tour with no problems. Asking Price is \$14,900 obo. call Mark Bunce daughter @ 208-220-2093 or to see call Sam Otero @ 208-240-7580.



1967 Ford Mustang in excellent original condition with 75K original miles – contact Dawn Schwartzberger 523-6384

For Sale: 1953 Cadillac Sedan, 4D Deville, 321 V8. No major dents, some rust. Back seat has no tears, front seat covers need replacement. May see at 1651 Whitney St., Idaho Falls - 524-8285

Estate Reduction – Automobilia:

Over 200 automotive Books “coffee-table” items, history, museums, design, racing, etc. Over 100 items of automotive art from posters and photos to fine framed artwork, plaques, etc. All sorts of automotive toys from antique and vintage toy cars to die-cast models, games, etc. Hundreds of old automotive ads, sales brochures, magazines, historic articles, oddities, etc. All stuff needs a new home - Would be happy to show you – please call for appointment. Frank @ 208-523-4218, 208-589-8218 (Idaho Falls) or mfbardburn@al.com

Questions about the Newsletter?

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1948 Derham Dodge
Owned by John White

Car of the Month

I didn't have any great ideas for this month's car, so I thought I would post a couple photos of the Derham Dodge from the article on page 3.



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).

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