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Upcoming Events

Note: There is no chapter meeting in August due to Tour activities.

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

Aug 16-17: 5th Annual Early Iron Car Show/Poker Run in Rigby, ID – contact BJ Camphouse at 313-0075

Aug 18-24: Lake Huron Tour 2013, Upper Mississippi River Region, Contact Ken Gunderson (608) 582-4332

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



Drive Me to the Moon – Aug. 4-9



It is the Eastern Idaho VMCCA Chapter's great honor to host the Western National Tour in the 75th anniversary year of VMCCA and the 50th anniversary year of the Eastern Idaho Chapter. Registration begins August 4th at the Shilo Inn from Noon to 6 PM. We hope that you enjoy the tour. Many thanks to all chapter members that have helped make this tour happen.

Michael and Judyth Derbidge

Tour Hosts

President's Corner

Drive Me to the Moon is about to begin. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the various events to help us welcome the tour participants. To those of you have having been working hard on the tour - many, many thanks. See you all there as well as the regular cruise night.

Assignments/Reminders

Activities

August – Drive Me to the Moon Tour – Mike & Judyth Derbidge
 September – Shari's Cruise In
 October – Open
 November – Pumpkin Daze - Membership Drive – Joy Eagle & Judyth Derbidge
 December – Christmas Party – Dawn & Gary Schwarzenberger

Treats

August – No Meeting
 September – Open
 October – Open
 November – Open
 December - Christmas Party

Future Events

Sep 12: Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

Sep 14: 7th Annual Juvenile Corrections Car Show – Rigby to St. Anthony – contact Layle Willis 208-521-5422.

Sep 14: Hirning Buick GMC car show in Pocatello, Idaho – contact Mario Ciciliot 208-221-9908.

Sep 26-28: Mountains & Valley Fall Heritage Regional Tour, Shenandoah Valley VA and West Virginia – contact Doris and John Stone at dmstone65@comcast.net.

Questions on the newsletter?
 Contact Jeff Pack, Newsletter Editor at jpack@pintlar.com or 552-1264.
 Eastern Idaho website is at <http://www.eivmcca.org>

Meeting Summary – 7/11/13

President Larry Christian conducted the meeting and secretary Joy Eagle took the minutes.

Swap Meet & Car Show – June 15 & 16 - Larry & Clyde Christian

What a great event with close to 100% participation by our chapter members! The food vendors were pleased with the event and would welcome participating another year. The kitchen managers for next year will make that decision. Our Cinnamon Roll, Pie and Coffee booth did very well. Thank you all for a superb weekend that welcomed approximately 300 cars to the car show and a good crowd to the Swap Meet.

Drive Me to the Moon Tour – August 4-9 – Mike & Judyth Derbidge

Mike presented a tour agenda for review. Lynn will arrange for Portapotties in Arco. Bob & Jane Hoff have Aeromark ready for the dinner and dancing. They will have a 19-piece dance band at the dinner, The Stearman raffle rides will be given at this event. Jane is looking for videos to show at the Aeromark Dinner. We will provide a poster for the Stearman rides – 6 tickets for \$50, or \$10 ea, profits donated to the chapter. Get your tour booklet information submitted to Joy ASAP; Sandy Pack will provide the final review. Doug Schwarzenberger will attach the Idaho charms to the pins. The Sunday Social will feature singer Matt Murdock; he will sing folk songs. Bob & Elsa Seidel will start filming on Monday for the DVD. We will have Bob's email address for people to submit photos to include in the DVD. We will provide drinks for the Board Meeting on Wednesday – Coffee & Water. There will be no drivers meetings on tour days. Larry Christian has procured bird houses made at the Women's Prison from license plates for decorations at the Sunday Dinner. Kevin Call is providing Farr's Huckleberry Ice Cream for Sunday Dessert. There are 220 people on the tour as of today. Doug Schwarzenberger mentioned that there are 3 choices for dinner at the final banquet they will be served with vegetables and a salad; Chicken Cordon Bleu, Bacon Sirloin, Salmon. Rhonda will take orders at registration; she is also creating centerpieces. Marsha Hackman will be baking a 75th/50th Anniversary cake for the Friday Dinner Banquet.

Customized v Street Rod – There was discussion about the exclusion of street rods within our club – where is the line drawn. Currently, it is don't ask, don't tell. Many cars appear to be original but have mechanical "improvements". More discussion to come.

Shari's Cruise In – September 7th, 12 – 5pm - Mike Derbidge. Encourage your car loving buddies to come to the Cruise In.

Edgerton's Apple Squeezin' – September 28th – 1-5pm – Cars Engines Apples-apples-apples!

Eastern Idaho 50th Anniversary Medallions - Dawn Schwarzenberger - medallions are ready – each member receives one medallion as part of their membership. Additional medallions will be available for \$15/ea. while supplies last.

Thanks to Doug & Rhonda Schwarzenberger for making delicious goodies!

In the Beginning – Chapter 7 by Steve Bemount

By the summer of 1966, members of the Snake River Vintage Auto Club recognized the need to re-energize. At a meeting held on Saturday evening, August 20, 1966, at the home of Tom and Joe Keller on Park Road in Idaho Falls, there was unanimous approval to form a chapter of the Mountain and Plains Region of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA). Also that evening, John Dawdy was elected as our club's third President.

In early September, a new version of the club's bulletin was launched under the moniker "Antique Car Thunder News." Once again, Steve Bemount took on the role of editor. The first edition proclaimed, "After a temporary lull in the storm...it looks like vintage car buffs will resume their customary antics with all the traditional 'thunder.'"

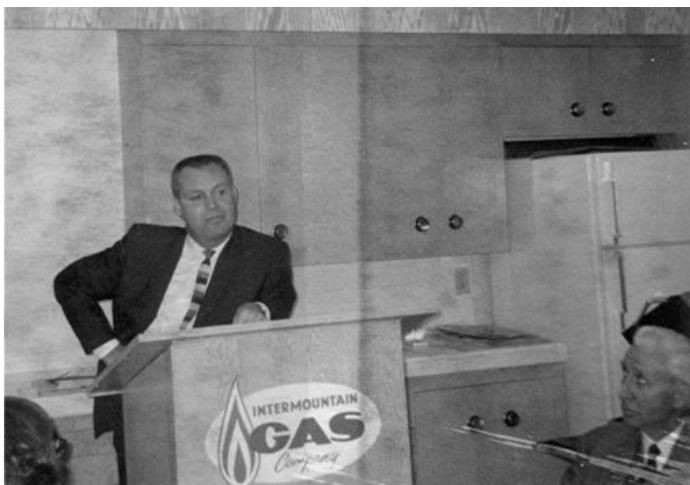
The evening of Saturday, October 1, 1966, our club's official VMCCA charter night was held at the Intermountain Gas Company Building in Pocatello. Dr. C. Condie Call, Regional Director of the Mountain and Plains Region, was scheduled to fly up from his home in Phoenix to be in attendance at this meeting and to welcome us into the region as well as the national club. Dr. Call did indeed make it to the meeting but when he arrived, he brought with him an unexpected surprise, VMCCA national President, Arthur G. Rippey from Denver. Both Dr. Call and Mr. Rippey offered words of motivation and encouragement.



Dr. Call presented local President John Dawdy with the Charter officially establishing our club as the Gem State Chapter of the VMCCA. Mr. Rippey offered a beautiful original portrait of a 1909 Cadillac as door prize, which was won by Hal Derbidge.

No sooner had Dr. Call and Mr. Rippey arrived than it dawned on us that no one appeared to have brought a camera. What a blunder to have such a momentous occasion and no camera to record it. Then someone remembered that they had a Polaroid in their car. Polaroid "instant cameras" of the day required the photographer to pull the self-developing film out of the camera, peel apart

the positive from the negative at the end of the developing process, then apply a liquid "fixer" to the surface of the picture with a small sponge and wait for it to dry. Even if done with great patience and precision, the results were not always perfect. Streaks could result. These pictures often deteriorated over time. However, we do have four photos that were taken that night, including the charter presentation.



Dr. Call is pictured above and National President Arthur Rippey is pictured below.



We were absolutely thrilled to have the surprise attendance of the VMCCA National President at our club's charter night. United States President Lyndon B. Johnson had spent a few hours in Idaho Falls little more than a month earlier on August 26 and the local press had made a big deal out of the fact that "The President Was Here!" For those of us in the newly formed Gem State Chapter of the VMCCA, those words had a much more significant connotation.

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In the Beginning (cont)



Saturday, October 1, 1966 – VMCCA Charter

The Eastern Idaho VMCCA chapter is formally recognized. From left to right, Chapter Secretary Steve Bemount, Regional Director Condie Call, National President Arthur Rippey, Chapter President John Dawdy, and Chapter Vice-President Art Wellman.

The chapter's next meeting was called for Saturday evening November 5th on the east bank of the Snake River, in the Probate Court Room of the Bonneville County Court House. One of the stated purposes of this meeting was to discuss whether our chapter name should be changed. Two alternatives had been suggested: the Snake River Chapter or the Spud Nuts & Bolts Chapter. At the meeting, our chapter's name was officially changed from the Gem State Chapter to the Eastern Idaho Chapter. Also, it was decided our chapter should be incorporated to properly protect members during chapter activities, and chapter by-laws were adopted. Dues were now \$10 per year, which entitled members to all local and national privileges including a subscription to the VMCCA national bimonthly publication, "The Bulb Horn." Members keenly awaited the coming of spring and next year's vintage auto activity season.

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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