

President's Message

Well gang, the summer is going strong and hopefully you all are out there enjoying the sunshine and beautiful Idaho blue skies.

The cruise nights, the upcoming Fairwinds Retirement Community car show, Eastern Idaho State Fair and Fair Parade, the Apple Squeeze, the Bone & Back run and the Market Lake clean-up are all coming up and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend and represent the club.

Clyde & I have been enjoying the cruises (both car and motorcycle) here in Oregon and have seen a few old faces stopping by. Hope to see more when you tour through this way.

Happy Motoring,

Larry

Bear Lake Views



View of Bear Lake from US 89 – Bear Lake Overview and Visitor's Center

Burnt Knob Fire Lookout – Nez Perce National Forest Panorama View



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Bone and Back for a Burger Saturday, August 16



Upcoming Events

Aug 2: Fairwinds Car Show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – 310 Valencia Drive in Idaho Falls.

Aug 9: Smith Chevrolet Car Show from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. – 1255 N. Holmes in Idaho Falls.

Aug 14: Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

Aug 16: Bone and Back for a Burger – 11 a.m. at the Indian – contact Lynn Erickson (208) 522-4207 or lerickson@ida.net for RSVP

Sep 3-6: Mountains and Plains Regional Tour, Fort Collins, CO – contact Merlyn Jenkins 970-667-9302



Some interesting facts about Bone, Idaho:

Population: two (per 2006 data)

Businesses: one (The Bone Bar and Grill aka The Bone Store)

Was the last town in Idaho to get telephone service (ringing began in 1982)

Come join us for a burger in Bone on Saturday, August 16th. Please contact Lynn Erickson at (208) 522-4207 or lerickson@ida.net by August 14th (at the chapter meeting) so we can give the store the head count for lunch.

We will meet at North Tourist Park (corner of N. Yellowstone Highway and Lincoln Road – the Indian) at 11 a.m. and tour out to Bone for lunch. Be prepared for an interesting journey to Bone and Back.



Assignments/Reminders

Activities

- August – Bone & Back – Lynn Erickson
- September – Market Lake Clean-up – Marty & Ann Littleton
- Edgerton’s Apple Squeezin’ – Brian & Deb Edgerton
- October – EITC Trunk or Treat
- November – Pumpkin Daze Tour - Judyth Derbidge & Joy Eagle
- December – Christmas Banquet – Darla Hoff

Treats

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Western National Tour Report

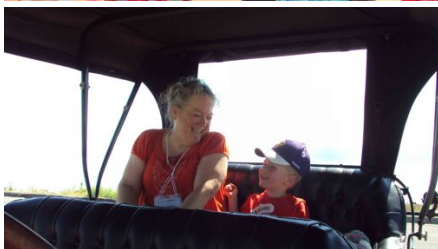
Several of our chapter members attended the Western national tour in Logan, Utah on July 13-18. Here are some photos – looks like everyone had a wonderful time. The luau looks like it was great!



Future Events

Sep 21-26: 69th AAA Glidden, Defiance, OH. Hosted by the Great Lakes Region, Defiance Chapter – contact Bob Brown 419-758-3550

Sep 27: Edgerton 18th Annual Apple Squeezin’ – Brian & Deb Edgerton



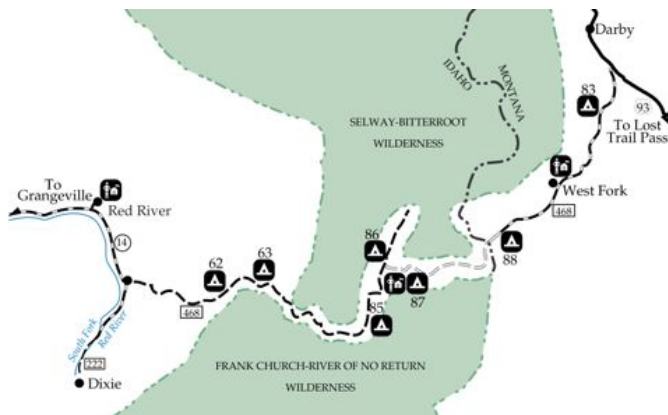
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The Magruder Corridor Road – amazing views of Idaho and Montana Wilderness

by Jeff Pack

Sandy and I have been studying the Magruder Corridor Road for several years and we finally got the opportunity to take the drive. I wanted to share our experience via photos and words.

First, a little history and a map. The Magruder Corridor extends 101 miles through a vast undeveloped area, offering solitude and pristine beauty, as well as expansive views of the Bitterroot and Clearwater Mountains. The road has changed little since its construction by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s. It has also been known as the Southern Nez Perce Trail, Elk City to Darby Road, Montana Road, and the Parker Trail.



The road enables a traveler to drive along a corridor between Wildernesses nearly twice as large as the combined states of Delaware and Rhode Island. To the north is the 1.2 million acre Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and to the south the 2.2 million acre Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. The landscape is much the same as when the Nez Perce Indians and early travelers crossed the area.

The road is a single-lane mostly unimproved road which is rocky, steep and winding, with few turnouts for passing oncoming vehicles. The road is not recommended for low-clearance vehicles, motor homes, or vehicles towing trailers. Travelers should take adequate provisions and make sure their vehicles are in good condition. Sounds perfect to me.

We drove to Darby, Montana and stayed at a local motel before starting on our journey early the next morning. Needless to say, we did not take our '67 Ford XL, but the 4-wheel drive GMC truck with plenty of ground clearance.

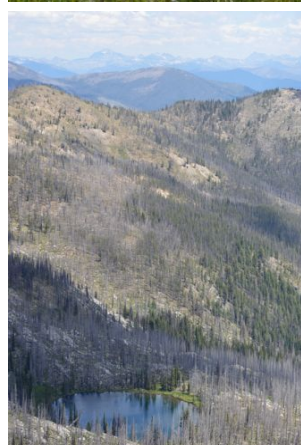
The first indication of where we were going can be seen in this road sign. We brought camping equipment just in case, but we had no issues. Good tires are a must.



After we crossed the Continental Divide, we were soon deep in the Selway River canyon. There is only one bridge across the Selway River. We soon climbed out of the canyon and onto a ridge to Observation Point. The day was clear and you could see for hundreds of miles.



After our lunch stop just past Observation Point, we entered the rough section of the road and our progress slowed, but the views were tremendous. We saw a few other vehicles, but overall the feeling was having the entire wilderness to ourselves. The bear grass was in full bloom as seen here.



We started to wind out of the mountains towards the Red River near Elk City, Idaho.

What a fabulous trip and gorgeous scenery – reminds me of how much I enjoy living in the Mountain West. If you have a suitable vehicle and a few days to spare, it's worth the trip.