

2013 Chapter Officers

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Upcoming Events

Dec 13: Christmas Banquet 7:00-9:00 PM
at the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575
North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls in the large
room

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

Feb 13-15: VMCCA Annual Meeting,
Las Vegas, NV – contact Wayne Oldson
702-429-6429

May 17-23: Heritage Tour, Harrisonburg,
PA – contact Chester & Nancy Bradfield
540-828-2907



Christmas Banquet – December 13



Just a reminder...
EIVMCCA Christmas Banquet
Dec. 13th - 6:30 p.m. - IF Activity Center

Pepper Crusted & Garlic Spiked Prime Rib
with Merlot Demi-Glaze & Horseradish Cream Sauce

or
Chicken Cordon Bleu

You will get a Mixed Green Salad with Choice of Dressing
Sautéed Broccoli & Cauliflower
Smoked Gouda & Chive Scalloped Potatoes and Cake!

- White Elephant Gifts and Games!
- Christmas Attire is Encouraged!
- Bring a Canned Good for Our Donation to the IF Food Bank!

President's Message

Another year is coming to a close with the usual flurry of activities. In the rush, don't forget to get your dues paid and join us at the Idaho Falls activity center for the Christmas dinner on December 13th at 6:30 pm. My mouth is watering already. If anyone in the Club is in need of help this busy Holiday season be sure to let the officers know so that everyone can lend a hand. We want everyone to have a wonderful time with family and friends throughout this special time of the year.

At this time of Thanksgiving I would once again like to express my thanks for the Club's wonderful support, friendship, efforts and camaraderie. Let me be one of the first to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season.

Larry

Assignments/Reminders

Activities

December – Christmas Party – Dawn & Gary
Schwartzengerger

Treats

December – Christmas Party

For Sale or Wanted

Doug Powell wants to buy an original or nominally refurbished 1955 Chevy 2-door. If you know of one that may be available, please contact Doug at (208) 535-8520 or dougpowell@att.net.

Future Events

Jun 8-14: Chrome Glidden Tour, Bar Harbor, ME – contact Dick & Barbara Fox at Stude28@myfairpoint.net

Jul 13-19: Western National Tour, Logan, UT – contact Scott Harris 435-752-3132

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>

Region Director Notes

We will publish the November Meeting minutes in January 2014 – in their place for December are Brian Edgerton's Region Director's Notes.

As 2013 rushes to a close I would like to wish all our Bonneville Region members a sincere THANK YOU for a wonderful 2013 touring season with many great memories. We look forward to an equally exciting, safe and fun-filled 2014 tour season!

Thank you for the support and participation at the annual Region meeting held in Perry, UT in early October. We had a productive meeting over fine Maddox Restaurant fare with great camaraderie. Meeting minutes previously distributed by Joy Eagle should be shared with all our members to promote good communication and any feedback.

As a reminder, our Region Officers for 2014 are as follows:

Director - 208-520-9434 - edgertbg@gmail.com - Brian Edgerton

Vice-Director - 801-576-0071 - eldermaxfield@comcast.net - Merrill Maxfield

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Publicity Chairperson - 801-973-7903 - kathy_ingersoll@msn.com - Holly Ingersoll

As our 2014 Region Publicity Chairperson, Holly Ingersoll is already doing a great job! To help us all succeed, please continue to send your Chapter Newsletters, short stories or event notes, and particularly PHOTOGRAPHS of your Chapter's activities (full resolution, please!) directly to Holly. Holly will be using this current information to pass along Bonneville Region news to the bi-monthly Bulb Horn publication. We have lots going on and have great ideas – so let's share our Region enthusiasm with our National members!

2013 Annual National Awards Nominations: We have lots of great members with beautiful automobiles in our Region – please review the award criteria in the current Bulb Horn and take the time to submit nominations for worthy, National recognition. Nominations must be received by December 15 – so please jump on this right now while we're thinking of it! As noted by Dennis Holland (BH editor), "some of these awards in some years go unused for a lack of nominations." This is a marvelous opportunity to again highlight the special talent we have in our Bonneville Region!

Finally, the upcoming "76th Annual VMCCA Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet" is being held in our 'neighborhood' near Las Vegas, NV – February 13-15, 2014. Being an adjoining Region, many of us can take advantage of the convenient proximity and enjoy a fun break from the lingering winter cold to join in the Las Vegas celebration. Deb and I hope to see many of you there! Please send in your reservation (found in the current Bulb Horn) as soon as possible (deadline: January 6th).

Meanwhile, wishing each of you a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

Respectfully, Brian Edgerton/Bonneville Region Director,
edgertbg@gmail.com

In the Beginning – Chapter 10 by Steve Bemount

In the early annals of the Eastern Idaho Chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America, there were two rather extraordinary happenings we have yet to share. Now is the time.

Chapter member Bill Brewster owned a radiator shop in Pocatello. About three blocks north of Bill's shop was an unusual compound. Around the turn of the century, an extended family of Italian immigrants had acquired the equivalent of about half of a city block. They built about three different residences there along with assorted shops, outbuildings and gardens. The whole complex was enclosed in a heavy wooden fence about 7 or 8 feet high with gates made out of the same material. Inside, the family had been, for the most part, self-sustaining and free from the prying eyes of the outside world. Many of the buildings were interconnected creating a bit of a maze. By August 1967, the large family was all gone except for one lone male occupant. The City of Pocatello had recently acquired the land and the whole site was to be bulldozed in preparation for redevelopment. Bill got wind that there might be an old car or two in those buildings so an appointment was made with the resident to have a look. On the appointed day, yours truly got to be the sidekick.



It was like stepping into an abandoned ghost town from a half-century earlier. Inside the residences and shops it was like people had gotten up and walked out years ago and just left much of the stuff sit where it was—spooky. Our host showed us one detail after another, including a very large underground facility with all the paraphernalia for making alcoholic beverages. Eventually, Bill was able to steer the conversation to automobiles. We were taken over to one shed with two pairs of hinged doors. When the doors swung open, we couldn't believe what we were seeing. On the left was a 1923 Chevrolet Touring (pictured above) and on the right was a 1925 Maxwell Sedan (bottom right). With the exception of a thick layer of dust, these two were completely intact, nice original cars. Our host said that was pretty much it for old car stuff. We just happened to ask

about the shed across the way. "Oh yeah," he said, "there might be something in there." We couldn't believe it. Inside was a 1917 Studebaker Six Touring (below). It showed a bit more wear than the two newer models, but like the others was complete and solid. Bill and I knew what these Studebaker Sixes had been occasionally used for during prohibition. Considering the contents of that cellar,



we found ourselves thinking, if only that Studebaker could talk, what stories it could tell? Well, Bill made a deal to purchase all three cars. We towed them in turn back to Bill's shop. Bill drove the tow truck, and I, lucky devil, got to steer each of those vintage beauties.



In those early years, we have seen examples of several times when a group of us have dressed up and gone out into the country for some kind of a photo shoot. In September 1967, the movie *Bonnie and Clyde* was released. Roger Ebert called it "a milestone in the history of American movies, a work of truth and brilliance." The Barrow gang achieved folk hero status between 1930 and 1934 robbing banks in Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Rural folks protected them because they were sticking it to the establishment during the darkest times of the depression. At its core, the gang consisted of Bonnie Parker, Clyde Barrow, Clyde's brother Buck, Buck's wife Blanche, and the gang's driver and mechanic, C. W. Moss. Buck had a box camera and members of the gang loved to pose for pictures.

Bonnie and Clyde – April 1968



L to R - Steve Bemount (Buck), Eddie Heath (Blanch), Rich Eagle (Clyde), Rich's friend Tory (Bonnie), and in front John Dawdy (C. W. Moss).

In the Beginning (cont)

This movie made quite an impression on young old-car nuts fond of play acting, so the following spring in April 1968, we did our own photo shoot of the Bonnie and Clyde gang with Mike Ikard's 1932 Ford Tudor. The included photo is the traditional posed shot showing the joys of life on the open road.

In the photo on the left, that's Rich Eagle (Clyde) in the shorter suit and me (Buck) in the taller suit along with Eddie Heath (Blanch), Rich's friend Tory (Bonnie), and down in front John Dawdy (C. W. Moss). We also took a series of action shots of making our escape with derring-do. In today's politically correct climate, we might have been accused of glorifying firearms. But that never crossed our minds. We were just a bunch of mature kids playing "cops and robbers." And of course, it was always more fun to be the robbers. Our old car hobby still provides us a discreet opportunity for a little make-believe. We just don't go at it with quite the same vigor that we once did. I miss that.

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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