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**Future Events**

**2012**

Feb 9, 2012 : Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting  
7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls  
Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575  
North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID. February –  
Valentines Pot Luck Dinner – Janet Cheney will  
organize this event that will take place during our  
February meeting

Feb 9-11, 2012 : VMCA 74th Annual  
Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet. Punta  
Gorda, Florida. Four Points by Sheraton Hotel.  
VMCA rate \$ 90 per night, 887-822-1998. Contact  
Chairs Don & Lee Royston 941-626\*4452,  
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Mar ? 2012: Museum of Clean Tour – Sam &  
Wanda Otero – Breakfast and a tour of the muse-  
um

Mar 2-4, 2012: Autorama at the South Town  
Expo Center

**A MINIATURE FUNCTIONING REPLICA  
1932 DUESENBERG BY LOUIS CHENOT**



No, it's not a real full-size Duesenberg, but rather a beautifully constructed 35" long working model made in 1/6 scale.



Here's a shot of the finished car from the side on its specially made display table. The model weighs about 60 pounds.

Louis Chenot has spent the past ten years building this incredibly detailed 1932 SJ Duesenberg LaGrande dual-cowl phaeton. Not only does it look good, but the engine runs, the lights work, the top mechanism functions and the transmission and driveline are complete. Lou started his research on this project over fifty years ago with the purchase of a book and through the following years collected many drawings and studied a number of Duesenbergs while they were being restored, taking photos and recording dimensions.

Lou's 40 year career was spent as a mechanical engineer. In the 1960's he spent 7 years restoring a vintage 1930 Cadillac convertible that was on the show circuit for years, but now he prefers to work on smaller projects in the comfort of his home shop.



The bodywork is all metal, not fibreglass. Here is the car in Lou's shop before the brass coachwork was primed or painted. Lou is not adverse to remaking a part that doesn't meet his standards. He started over on the especially difficult brass radiator shell nine times.



Here is the engine removed from the model and sitting on its test stand. The transmission is in the foreground.

Most running models are built at larger scales like 1/3 or 1/4. Working in the smaller 1/6 scale magnifies the problems caused by miniaturizing certain parts. Remember that these scale parts are 1/6 as long, 1/6 as high and 1/6 as deep as real parts, making them 1/6 x 1/6 x 1/6 or 1/216th the volume of the original part. By comparison, a 1/3 scale model is 1/27th the volume and a 1/4 scale model is 1/64th the volume. Further complicating the prospect of building a running engine at that size is the fact that fuel molecules and electricity don't scale. It is very difficult to get tiny carburetors and little spark plugs to work like the big ones. A video of Lou starting and running the engine for the first time can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6TetkMpFI>



### Assignments/Reminders

**Activities:**

- Feb -
- Mar - Museum of Clean Tour - Sam & Wanda
- Apr - Dust-Off Tour - Gary & Dawn
- May - Market Lake - Marty
- May - Veterans Day - Gary & Dawn
- Jun - Swap Meet - Larry Christian
- Jul -
- Aug - Back Road Tour - James & Jane
- Sep - Market Lake - Marty
- Oct - 17th Apple Squeeze - Brian
- Nov - Pumpkin Daze Membership - Judyth & Joy
- Dec - E I Christmas Dinner - Joy

**Treats:**

- Feb - Valentines Pot Luck Dinner - Janet Mar - Sam & Wanda
- Apr - Bud & Janet
- May - Ray & Betty
- Jun -
- Jul - Larry Christian & Ike Ikard
- Aug - Brian & Deb
- Sep - Yale & Bonnie
- Oct - Rich & Joy
- Nov - Gary & Dawn
- Dec - Christmas Party

### Items for Sale or Wanted

**WANTED:** Any local lead on a small steel frame or Model T chassis with axles to build a hand cart to carry a large stationary engine. Any condition! Call Brian at 520-9434."

Need a wiring harness for 62-65 Dodge or Plymouth. Contact Glen miller @ 208-522-3387

1953 Cadillac Sedan, 4D Deville, VIN 536246447, 5 previous owners, 321 V8. No major dents, some rust, engine seized up when distr cap was stolen - spouse put oil in to try to get engine free'd up but hasn't worked on it since. No radio, back seat has no tears, front seat covers need replacing. Front window is cracked and one side window - originally Dark Forest Green, now a turquoise blue. May see @ 1651 Whitney Str, IF - Home # 524-8285

Mom and I are selling Dad's 1985 Ford Lariat truck \$600.00 OBO needs a paint job. 1988 Chevy C 20 handicapped equipped Van w/ side access lift has some Auto body damage \$800.00 or best offer. Thanks, Roy Cole. 522-8543 or dontbugmybuick@hotmail.com

Straight 8 engine (maybe a Buick or Olds or whatever) to put into a 1936 Chevrolet Master Delux. Please contact George Gutzmer, 801-566-2234 or 801-560-4814.

For Sale: 1937 Packard, Model 120C for Sale. 4-dr. Sedan, dark blue, owned for 30 years by present owner. In original older paint condition last driven 4 years ago. Please call Orland Bailey 522-0197

For Sale: 1963 1/2 Galaxie, White with red interior, 58,000 miles, \$7,000, Contact Ronald Tanner, 356-7567

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Eastern Idaho Chapter VMCCA – 1-12-12**

Meeting was conducted by president – Mike Derbidge, minutes taken by secretary - Joy Eagle.

There were no minutes to be read from the December Christmas party. A treasurer's report was given. The yearly reading of the by-laws was completed with no changes for the current year. It was noted that when we have additional changes we could change Article 5, Section D to remove "year" since it is a 2 year term.

2012 Swap Meet – Larry Christian from Blackfoot has volunteered to head up the Swap Meet this year. He will be having a committee meeting to get things started and started a sign-up list of volunteers. The hockey shelter has been reserved for father's day weekend 2012, we can get a refund if we need to cancel the event. Rich Eagle will work on a Swap Meet flyer. Brian will work with Bud & Janet Cheney to create a table of jobs – who, what, when.

Cache Valley Historian – What is this job – do we need a historian, anyone want to be a historian? Deb Edgerton noted that it would be great to have a members and cars list. Mike would like to have a web site for this type of information and is hoping to encourage Jeff Pack, who created our Teton Rendezvous site, to help. John Dawdy said that he would like to see a history of the Swap Meet included. This issue is tabled until more information can be gathered.

2012 Calendar of Events – Mike asked for events and people to head up the events, we are off to a good start February – Valentines Pot Luck Dinner – Janet Cheney will organize this event that will take place during our February meeting.

March – Museum of Clean Tour – Sam & Wanda Otero – Breakfast and a tour of the museum.

March 2-4 Autorama at the South Town Expo Center

March 8-11 Boise Roadster Show

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Dust-Off Tour – Gary & Dawn Schwartzenberger – Touring to Dana Collins "New Village", an old western style town.

May 12(?) – Market Lake Clean-Up – Marty & Ann Littleton

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day Celebration at Mountain River Ranch Car Show – Gary & Dawn Schwartzenberger – This event will include a car tour to Mountain River Ranch and many activities once we are there - wagon rides, helicopter rides, and a free meal for veterans.

June 15-17 – Swap Meet & Car Show – Larry Christian (see details above)

June 21-25 – Chrome Glidden – Greg & Deb Childs – Billings, MT – look for the ad in the Bulb Horn.

July - open

August Back Road Tour – Jane and James Hoff

September 15<sup>th</sup>(?) – Market Lake Clean-Up – Marty & Ann Littleton

September 20<sup>th</sup> - Glidden Tour in Texas

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Edgerton's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Squeezin' – Brian & Deb Edgerton – 8:30am Steam Engine Fun, 12 noon BBQ/pot luck, 1:00pm Squeezing apples until they are squooze!

October – VMCCA Regional Meeting

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pumpkin Daze Membership Drive – Judyth Derbidge & Joy Eagle

December 13<sup>th</sup> – EIVMCCA Christmas Dinner – Joy Eagle

Bulb Horn – The Teton Rendezvous Tour appeared in the Bulb Horn. Brian did a great job getting the article and wonderful pictures included in our national magazine. Mike Derbidge appeared in our article and the Great Lake Circle Tour article. Mike encouraged everyone to attend one of the Circle Tours – this year they will circle Lake Erie.

Ongoing summer activities –

Tuesday Cruise Night – Alternate weeks at Arby's on Broadway and Dairy Queen on 17<sup>th</sup> Street – more information to come.

Cruise night at 5 Guys – Yale Harker will find out the details.

2012 National VMCCA Meeting – Mike & Judyth will attend this meeting in February.

Coffee, Tea and goodie coordination is being provided by Dawn Schwartzenberger again this year, the treat list was routed around the meeting – Thanks Dawn!

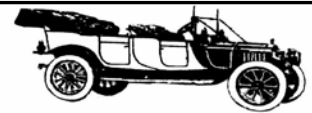
The meeting was adjourned.

Thanks to Mike and Judyth Derbidge for bringing wonderful treats!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Idaho winter has been kind to those of us who live in the valley. We haven't had much snow to shovel and we have not had the severely cold weather to hamper cars staling and people to loudly complain how cold it was yesterday or today. You would think that with a mild winter we could make major progress on our mechanical toys. Well, I have had good intentions but progress is slow even with the mild winter. However, we did have an excellent turnout at the January meeting and we put together an outstanding list of events for our chapter for 2012. Thanks to all the initiative, thoughtfulness and advanced planning for future events. We start with a Valentines potluck in February led by Janet Chaney and move to March with our first tour event led by Sam and Wanda Otero. We did make major progress with the Swap Meet for Father's Day weekend. Larry Christian volunteered to take the lead for the swap meet. Please lend Larry a hand for this wonderful event. He is hosting the first get-to-gether at Ike Ikard's on January 31, 2012 at 7 pm to begin the planning for the swap meet and car show. If you can help or have thoughts please contact Larry at candlent@cableone.net or give him a call at 208- 680-5005. Please see the events side of the news letter for future events. We have something planned for each month except July. When you have a thought for July let me know or bring it up





Future Events Cont.

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Mar 8, 2012: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

Mar 8-11 2012: Bouse Roadster Show

The Cruise Night is an informal gathering that happens every Tuesday, April thru October starting around 6:00 p.m. The location changes but the fun stays the same. If you have an old car or hotrod, bring it; if not come anyway! We will meet the first and third Tuesdays at Dairy Queen on 17th Street. The second and fourth Tuesdays at Arby's on West Broadway. On those few fifth Tuesdays, we will make special arrangements. It is our intent to include everyone and all events throughout Idaho.

Apr 12, 2012: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

Apr 28, 2012: Dust Off Tour. Touring to Dana Collins "New Village", an old western style town

May 10, 2012: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

May 12, ? 2012: 1 st Market Lake Clean-Up

May 13-17, 2012 : VMCCA National Muscle Car Tour. Branson, MO. Contact Charis Bob & Cathy Taylor, 636-274-3022, hippo1941@cs/com

May 26, 2012: Veteran's Day Celebration at Mountain River Ranch Car Show - Gary & Dawn Schwartzenberger - This event will include a car tour to Mountain River Ranch and many activities once we are there - wagon rides, helicopter rides, and a free meal for veterans.

Jun 14, 2012 : Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

Jun 15-17, 2012:: Swap Meet & Car Show - Larry Christian

Jun 21-25, 2012: VMCCA National Chrome Glidden Tour. Billings, MT. Contact Greg & Deb Childs, 406-628-2345

Jul 12, 2012: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

Jul 15-20, 2012: Heritage Tour in Cedar Rapids, IA

Aug ?, 2012: Back Road Tour - Jane and James Hoff



Even though there would be no way to tell once it is all assembled, the cylinder head shows that Lou didn't cheat. The engine has 4 valves per cylinder--32 total--just like the real one.



Here is the head (before painting) with the camshafts in place--there are 16 lobes on each shaft. (The apparent curve of the upper shaft is caused by the camera's wide angle lens.)



The gears inside the differential will never be seen by anyone, but Lou cut them as actual hypoid gears like the real one rather than machining simpler bevel gears



Louis Chenot (Left) and Joe Martin (Right) inspect progress on the chassis and engine at the NAMES show in Detroit in 2007.



This is the dashboard and interior with the body primed but not yet painted. Note the detailed instruments and engine-turned finish on the dash.



The complicated convertible top mechanism is shown in the lowered position before the canvas top material was installed.



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Aug 9, 2012: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting  
7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls  
Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575  
North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

Aug. 10-11, 2012: 12th annual Crusin By The  
Bay, missionvalleycruiser@gmail.com or Jackie  
Brown - 406-883-1042

Sep 5-8, 2012: Bonneville Region Tour. Logan,  
UT. More details later.

Sep 13, 2012: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting  
7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls  
Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575  
North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

Sep 15, 2012: 2 ndt Market Lake Clean-Up

Oct 6, 2012: Edgerton's 17th Annual Apple  
Squeezin' - Brian & Deb Edgerton - 8:30am Steam  
Engine Fun, 12 noon BBQ/pot luck, 1:00pm Squeez-  
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Oct 11, 2012: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting  
7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls  
Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575  
North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

Oct 21-26, 2012: Glidden Tour in Brenham, TX

Nov 3, 2012: Pumpkin Daze Membership Drive -  
Judith Derbidge & Joy Eagle

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at a future meeting. Kudos's to all for your continued support and your willingness to plan, support, recom-  
mend and attend our chapter events.

Did you know that in February 1922 Ford Motor purchased Lincoln for \$8 million? Lincoln Motor Company  
was founded in 1917 by Henry Leland to build aircraft engines during World War I. After the war, the company  
turned to making luxury automobiles. Leland had worked with Henry Ford at an early auto venture called the  
Henry Ford Corporation, which preceded both the Lincoln and Ford Motor Companies. After Henry Ford left this  
venture, Leland renamed the Ford Motor Company Cadillac and later sold it to General Motors. The purchase of  
Lincoln was urged by Henry Ford's son Edsel. So the long description here on Lincoln is that if you have a  
chance, go to Ike's participate in the swap meet planning and check out Ike's recent "new" Lincoln.

## MINIATURE 1932 DUESENBERG CONT.

Lou was presented with a special Lifetime Achievement  
award by the <http://www.craftsmanshipmuseum.com/>

In 2009. The model was nearing completion but the  
engine had not yet run. Now that the engine runs and  
the model is completed, Lou has been selected as the  
foundation's "Metalworking Craftsman of the Year." The  
award includes an engraved award medallion and a  
check for \$2000.00. Lou is the 15th person to receive  
this coveted annual award. Because it is likely that this  
could well be the finest running model car ever built in  
this small a scale, Lou's award this year will be present-  
ed as the "Craftsman of the Decade." More can be seen  
on this car and some of Lou's other projects at  
<http://www.craftsmanshipmuseum.com/chenot.htm>



Would you like to receive this newsletter in Full Color? If you have an "E-Mail Address" please send it to me and I will add you to the "Growing  
List" of satisfied colored N L recipients. With the US Postage going up each year this would help this chapter put this money to a better use.



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### February 2012



Rookie Indy 500 driver Al Miller was about to try out the Buddy Marr-  
owned Hudson Special before the 1932 Indianapolis 500. It featured a lot  
of stock parts including a 254 cid straight eight.

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