

2013 Chapter Officers

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Upcoming Events

Feb 14: Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

Mar 14: Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

Apr 21-26: Chrome Glidden in Borne, TX – contact Steve and Debbie Mergele at spm@gvtc.com

May 19-27: Heritage Tour in Tiffin, OH. – contact Mike and Shirley Doherty at our31modela@gmail.com

Jun 9-16: Eastern Nickel Tour in Alexandria Bay, NY – contact Bill Preston at avantey@excite.com



Valentine's Day Pot Luck

Plan on attending our February chapter meeting on Valentine's Day, February 14th starting at 7 PM at the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 N. Skyline Dr. and attend our pot luck dinner. The club will provide ham, utensils and drinks – please bring a dish to share. We'd love to see you there.



Eastern Idaho Chapter 50th Anniversary

2013 is the 50th Anniversary of the Eastern Idaho Chapter of the VMCCA. To help celebrate this achievement, we are featuring special articles throughout the year on our history. Chapter Two includes Steve Bemount's account of some of the early events from the chapter.



Assignments/Reminders

Activities

February – Pot Luck Dinner
 March – Open
 April – Open
 May – Open
 June – Swap Meet – Larry & Clyde Christian, Lynn Erickson and You!
 July – Open
 August – Drive Me to the Moon Tour – Mike & Judyth Derbidge
 September – Open
 October – Open
 November – Pumpkin Daze - Membership Drive – Joy Eagle & Judyth Derbidge
 December – Christmas Party – Dawn & Gary Schwartzberger

Treats

February – Pot Luck Dinner
 March – Jeff & Sandy Pack
 April – Open
 May – Deborah & Brian Edgerton
 June – Open
 July – Open
 August – Yale Harker
 September – Open
 October – Open
 November – Open
 December - Christmas Party

Future Events

Jun 23-29: One and two cylinder in Marion, OH – contact Dave and Debbie Vasel at bulldozer56@netzero.com

Jul 14-18: Great Lakes Regional Tour, Frankenmuth, MI – Contact Bill and Pam Sturgeon at wsturgeon@live.com

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

Questions on the newsletter?
 Contact Jeff Pack, Newsletter Editor at jpack@pintlar.com or 552-1264.

Eastern Idaho Chapter website at <http://www.eivmcca.org>

Meeting Summary – 1/10/13

The meeting was conducted by president Larry Christian and minutes were taken by secretary Joy Eagle. No treasurer's report. Sign up Sheets were routed around the meeting.

Pumpkin Daze – Best Pumpkin Dish Award – Larry awarded the traveling Pumpkin Gnome to Jeff Pack for his Pumpkin Pie – Yummy! Jeff will provide the recipe to the chapter.

Christmas Party – Larry noted that it was a fun party and thanked Joy for her efforts. Joy thanked Judyth Derbidge and Dawn Schwartzberger for phoning every member of the club and Judyth made the arrangements for our fine visit from Santa. Marty and Ann Littleton also helped by providing the fun elephant Christmas ornaments that we all received. Wanda Otero helped serve the pies. Dawn made the yummy caramels! Thanks to our club – it was a fun event!

Election of Officers for 2013/2014 – Larry Christian – President, Lynn Erickson – Vice President, Joy Eagle – Secretary/Treasurer, Sam Otero, Gary Schwartzberger, Doug Schwartzberger - Board of Directors

Invite a Friend to the Valentine's Pot Luck Dinner/Meeting – February 14th – The club will provide ham, utensils and drinks, please bring something you love to help complete our meal! This is a great opportunity to include someone that may enjoy old cars. Larry Pratt, one of the original members, didn't have a car at the start of the club. In fact, having a car is not a requirement to join our club – you just need to have an interest! We need to have applications or business cards so that we can make contact with people that have old cars. Deb Edgerton said that Toastmasters has been asking their members to bring a friend to their events and their membership numbers are growing!

Yearly Reading of the Bylaws – Larry read the by-laws; no changes are required at this time.

2013 Swap Meet – Larry Christian is looking for volunteers for the 2013 event. He is working with the Thrifty Nickel to set up our ads. He has also begun the arrangements for the Porta-Potties. Yale Harker took flyers to Chrome in the Dome last year and they disappeared fast – we can distribute more, perhaps the Thanksgiving Point Swap Meet. We distributed about 1500 flyers last year – be thinking of good places to put or send them. The kitchen – we need someone that can head up our crew. Joy will be in Oklahoma, but will help anyone that is willing to line up our meals. Clyde Christian will be registering the Swappers and has already prepared a mailing list from last year's attendees. Mike arranged for the insurance last year, Larry will complete the task this year. Lynn asked that someone else be the second contact for the Swap Meet, perhaps Gary? We will be noted in Street Rods of Idaho, Hemming's, and the Haggerty web site.

Drive Me to the Moon - 2013 75th/50th Anniversary VMCCA Tour – Mike & Judyth Derbidge. Banquet table decorations will be rolled magazines from the 60's with festive bows. We are looking for car, fashion, all sorts of 1960's magazines for our tables! Dawn Schwartzberger is collecting goodies for the Ditty Bags. The tour routes were reviewed and lanyard types were discussed, additional pockets were preferred. Jeff is setting up PayPal for the online applicants. Snake River RV is the location for anyone wanting to stay in his or her motorhome during the tour.

The meeting was adjourned – thanks to Rich & Joy Eagle for the treats!

In the Beginning – Chapter Two – Steve Bemount

In this and subsequent chapters, it is not my intent to create an exhaustive account of every meeting and activity of the Snake River Vintage Auto Club, as I did for the club's initial launch as discussed in Chapter One. Instead, the focus will be on special memories that have stayed with me these many years.

The club held its second outdoor meet on Sunday, June 23, 1963, at the Blackfoot Airport Park. This time we were determined to do a better job of commemorative photos than was done at our first outdoor meet a month earlier in Shelley. The Kodak moment (on page 4) was created by lining up the participating cars under the pillared fighter jet. New to our lineup were two cars that would be mainstay, regular participants in most club events; John Dawdy's 1929 Reo Flying Cloud Sedan and Art Wellman's 1928 Packard 6 Sedan. These two are side-by-side directly under the jet between Kellers' and Spencer's Model A Fords in the photo.

At the beginning of July, the club launched its first newsletter under the name of "*Auto Crank'in News*" with Steve Bemount as Editor, John Dawdy as Assistant Editor, and Rich Eagle as Cartoonist. It was in legal-sized format mimeographed on a Gestetner. With no shortage of positive thinking, it declared itself the "*Voice of Idaho's Vintage Auto Lovers.*" At a September 8th gathering at Ross Park in Pocatello, Gary Taylor was appointed as the club's second President to replace Paul Bragg who had moved to the Washington State in July.

On Sunday, October 6, 1963, three member autos were travelling together on the new interstate from Idaho Falls to a second meet at the Blackfoot Airport Park. I was setting the pace of 37 mph in my 1927 Chevrolet with Richard Bingham riding shotgun. Next was Rich Eagle driving his 1930 Ford Tudor with passenger Matt Little. Rich had worked really hard to get his Model A ready for its maiden voyage and the last outdoor event of the year. Tom and Joe Keller followed in their 1928 Ford. We were progressing with great pleasure when the Chevrolet was passed, not by a vehicle, but by a lone wheel. My mouth gaped open in wide-eyed disbelief as that wheel sped ahead down the passing lane, veered across the grassy median up into the oncoming lanes and off into the ditch on the far side. Merciful Heavens; that runaway wheel encountered no other vehicles.

Rich's left rear wheel had come off. The car fell down on the hub and skidded to the side of the highway. The wheel had departed quickly as there was no damage to the fender. The wheel was recovered but, alas, there was not one jack between the three vehicles. No problem; a number of us grabbed the left rear bumper and spare tire and hoisted the car up so the wheel could be put back on the hub.



Of course, the lug nuts were long gone so Rich took one from each of the other three wheels and one from the spare. Rich completed the trip with four lug nuts for each wheel on the road instead of the usual five with no further incidents.

Three club members had trouble accepting that the driving season was over, so on the weekend of the 16th and 17th of November, Richard Bingham, Joe Keller, and yours truly set out for Richard's grandparent's home in Rexburg in Richard's recently animated 1922 Ford T Roadster. Let me tell ya; three in a T roadster is cozy. It was up on Saturday and back on Sunday. We chose an extended 45 mile country route through Lewisville to Menan, then the dirt road over the old river bridge, over the small pass between the Menan twin buttes and down into Rexburg. The reason for this obscure route, besides pure adventure, was an issue of roadworthiness. The T had no hood, no top, no rear fenders, no spare tire, no windshield, and *no license plates*. The temperature was 35 degrees with a strong wind. Well, we made it, but of course, at least one flat had to be repaired the hard way using a broken jack. Lizzie experienced four loose rods and one burned out transmission band. We humans froze parts of ourselves that are best left undescribed.



President's Message

I don't know about you guys, but I'm more than ready for the snow to go away and cruise nights to start up again. I hope you all had an opportunity to use this inclement weather and get out to the garage to do all those little things that you put off last summer.

I'm still looking for suggestions for events for this year. Do we want a St. Patrick's Day event? How about a picnic?

Those who haven't had the opportunity to sign up to help with the Swap Meet or the Tour please let us know what you'd like to do.

Any and all suggestions for the upcoming years will be considered and greatly appreciated.

For future reference for any contact:

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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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