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Upcoming Events

Feb 13: Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls – **Valentine's Day Pot Luck**

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

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



Valentine's Day Pot Luck – February 13



Our Valentine's Day Pot Luck will be at our monthly chapter meeting on February 13 starting at 7 PM in the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Drive. The chapter will provide plates, utensils and beverages. For more information, contact Joy Eagle 529-9450 or joyfuleagle@aol.com.

Request for Assistance

Dawn Schwartzenberger has been bringing coffee and hot water, along with napkins, plates, and all the extras for the monthly chapter meetings for a long time.

The chapter needs a new volunteer for this task. Dawn will have all the items at the Valentine's Day Pot Luck for someone to take home and start bringing them to the meetings in March. Please consider helping out the chapter with this small task and enjoying the friendship of our chapter members a couple of hours each month. Thank you.

Assignments/Reminders

Activities

January – Brrreakfast at Shari's – Joy Eagle
 February – Valentine's Day Pot Luck
 March – Chrome in the Dome
 April – Dust Off Tour – Mike & Judyth
 Derbidge
 May – Market Lake Cleanup – Marty & Ann
 Littleton
 Mountain River Ranch Car Show – Gary
 & Dawn Schwartzberger
 June – Swap Meet and Car Show - Larry &
 Clyde Christian
 July 13-18th – Western National Tour –
 Logan Utah
 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

January –
 February – Valentine's Day Pot Luck
 March – Jeff & Sandy Pack
 April – Mike & Judyth Derbidge
 May – Doug & Rhonda Schwartzberger
 June –
 July –
 August –
 September –
 October –
 November –
 December – Christmas Banquet

Future Events

Jul 13-18: 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>

January 2014 Meeting Minutes

Vice President Lynn Erickson conducted the meeting and secretary Joy Eagle recorded the minutes.

Lynn did an excellent job reading the bylaws for the 2014 year. It was noted that we should add the Pioneer Members of the club to the document. Joy Eagle will create a list of assets per the by-laws this summer. The by-laws were accepted as read.

Donation to the Idaho Falls Food Bank – Mark & Diane Schwartzberger. The Post Register had a nice article about our club's donation to the food bank. Mark & Diane Schwartzberger and Gary and Dawn Schwartzberger delivered the canned food and donation check. The article included a photo of Mark with Gary's Model A.

Bulb Horn – Sam and Wanda Otero's Mustang is featured on the January cover of our magazine as well as being included in the related article. Rich Eagle had a pen and ink drawing included as well as Mike Derbidge's commentary as Vice President. Well done, Eastern Idaho!

Western National Tour – “Rollin' Down the Byways...” – July 13-18, 2014 - Cache Valley Chapter. Applications are available through the Bulb Horn or online at www.vmcca.org starting January 20th. This will be a fun tour with lots of fun people.

VMCCA Annual Meeting – February 13-15 – Silverton Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV - Hosted by the High Rollers Chapter

Swap Meet & Car Show – Larry & Clyde Christian. Larry has asked Rich Eagle to create a poster for the event. Dawn has contacted food vendors interested in participating this year. The hockey shelter has been reserved.

Regional Tour Schedule – John Dawdy wanted to know when we host the next Regional Tour. From the Regional Minutes – the Touring Rotation has been adjusted to insert a national VMCCA tour into the rotation:

2014 – Cache Valley Chapter, Western National Tour
 2015 – Copper Classic
 2016 – Utah Chapter
 2017 – Eastern Idaho

January Brrrrreakfast – January 11th, Shari's Restaurant in Idaho Falls at 9:00am. Everyone is invited!

February Valentine's Pot Luck – February 13th (our regular meeting night) – 7:00pm. Bring something to share and someone to share it with! The club will provide drinks and table settings.

Meeting was adjourned.

A thanks to Gary and Dawn Schwartzberger for providing delicious treats!

“Needs Some TLC” Proves a Powerful Boost to Prices by Jerry Garrett

Editor’s Note: This is an article from the New York Times regarding the collector car auctions in Scottsdale, AZ over the past few weeks and the increasing value of unrestored, original cars.

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. — The sales results from the major collector-car auctions that wrapped up here last week included a long list of record prices and strong indications that the recovery of a market battered by the recession was nearly complete.

No one should have been surprised that a 1958 Ferrari 250 GT California Spider sold at RM Auctions for \$8.8 million. Or even that the heady prices paid for American collectibles — \$3.9 million for a 1967 Chevrolet Corvette coupe with the L88 engine option at Barrett-Jackson — was not stop-the-presses news.

But there were also some head-scratchers, particularly the seven-figure prices realized by a few undeniably shabby cars. A fire-damaged 1967 Ferrari 330 GTS roadster sold for \$2.1 million at the Gooding & Company sale, where a tattered 1956 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing brought \$1.9 million. Even a rusty, abandoned 1965 Porsche 911, dismissed by onlookers as little more than a parts car, sold for \$116,600 at the Bonhams auction.

To purists, it was almost as if the cash-for-clunkers program had come to town, or that mutts had invaded the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and taken home Best in Show. (In fact, the agility trials added to the Westminster show this year will allow mixed-breed entries.)

“The two cars you mention were two excellent, very special cars, with fascinating histories,” David Gooding, whose auction house sold them, said in a telephone interview. The Ferrari and Mercedes, he said, were “ideal candidates for a complete concours-quality restoration.”

Such castoffs have become increasingly desirable in recent years; auction catalogs describe them with euphemisms like “barn find” and “unrestored original.” The problem is, restoration to a concours level typically costs hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the finished car might well be worth less than the total outlay.

What is the appeal, then?

“An unrestored car carries the patina and textures of age, as well as its original colors and materials, not to mention its undisturbed soul,” Mr. Gooding said.

To collectors, originality is becoming an ever more prized attribute. “You look at the cracked leather of an old seat and ask, ‘Who sat in that seat?’ or look at the steering wheel, and think, ‘Whose hand was on that very wheel?’” said Peter Mullin, whose collections occupy two museums.

Mr. Mullin owns many unrestored vehicles, including a 1925 Bugatti Brescia that he displays in the horrific condition it was in after spending seven decades submerged in a Swiss lake.

His 1948 Delahaye 135 MS was found in a barn; it is displayed in his museum the way it was found.

“Why should I touch this car?” he said. “It’s only going to be original once.”

The idea of finding value in original vehicles, no matter how dilapidated, is not new, Mr. Mullin said. “It’s been a very popular type of vehicle in Europe for a number of years, especially with old racecars, and it seems to be a value component that is gaining in popularity and spreading to America.”

Indeed, the annual Pebble Beach Concours d’Élégance on the Monterey Peninsula of California hosts increasingly well-subscribed preservation classes. But would Pebble Beach welcome the type of cars that were auctioned in Arizona? Kandace Hawkinson, a spokeswoman for the concours, said in an email that collectors were “learning to differentiate items that have been lovingly cared for and those that suffer from neglect.”

“I think it’s rather interesting that you reference Westminster and dog pedigrees because to a great extent a well-preserved car is a car with its pedigree fully intact,” she continued. “The same isn’t necessarily true of restored cars, nor is it really true of cars that have been simply neglected and ravaged by time.”

McKeel Hagerty, whose company insures classic cars, said in an interview that it would be a judgment call whether a car might be worth more in original condition than it would be fully restored. “But I would have no trouble writing policies on either the Ferrari or the Mercedes for values tied to the prices the new owners paid for them,” he said.



The unrestored 1956 Mercedes Benz 300SL Gullwing

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President's Message

Hope to see you all at the potluck at our next meeting on February 13th. Don't let the snow get you down – remember this is the time of year to get all the repairs and improvements done that we don't want to do during cruise season.

We've been invited to join Operation Rescue Mission ExtravaCANza. It's a food drive for the Idaho Falls Rescue Mission and it entails building something that represents our organization out of non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Mission. The structures will be showcased at the Grand Teton Mall and will be judged in a number of categories on February 22nd and will have extensive local media coverage. Not only will it be a good way to get our name out in the community but a good way to advertise the Swap Meet. We can ask for help with design or someone from the club can design something. I thought a representation of the Swap Meet or perhaps one of our classic cars. Case lots sales are running all over at this time and I think it would be fun but we need to get a jump on it.

If you are interested in designing, building, handing out flyers at the Mall or just donating funds to buy food for the build please let me know at 905candlent@gmail.com or Joy Eagle at joyfuleagle@aol.com so that we can reserve a spot.

Happy Motoring,

Larry

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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