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Future Events

2012

Jan 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

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

Feb 9-11, 2012 : VMCCA 74th Annual
Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet. Punta
Gorda, Florida. Four Points by Sheraton Hotel.
VMCCA rate \$ 90 per night, 887-822-1998. Contact
Chairs Don & Lee Royston 941-626*4452,
leekr42@embaqmail.com

Mar 8, 2012: Eastern Idaho Chapter Meeting
7:00-9:00 PM @ the South Room of the Idaho Falls

HARRIET FISHER'S 1909 TRIP AROUND THE WORLD IN A LOCOMOBILE

By M.V. Quinn

Harriet Clark Fisher took considerably longer than 80 days to get "around the world" in her Locomobile touring car, but she never set out to break any speed records.

One of the first groups to travel around the world by automobile, the Fisher party began its leisurely tour on July 19, 1909, and ended it a year and one month later on Aug. 16, 1910.

For the journey, Mrs. Fisher assembled a unique set of long-distance travelers. In addition to her Italian maid, Maria, and Honk-Honk her Boston bull terrier, she was accompanied by two men. Mrs. Fisher's nephew, Harold Fisher Brooks, acted as chauffeur and Albert Bachellor served as cook, secretary, and Jack-of-all-trades.

A Parisian tentmaker designed and constructed the tent used on the journey. Clothing suitable for the numerous social functions the Fisher party attended was sent ahead by railroad and, in some cases, by cart. Tanks of gasoline and other supplies also preceded the tourists. The car's tank carried 42 gallons of "gasoline" plus an extra tank stored under the tonneau.

Harriet Fisher enjoyed the publicity her tour created. She said it was "one continuous and splendid reception, more the tour of a royal person-

age than that of a simple American woman traveling for her health." Mrs. Fisher stopped along the way to recuperate at European spas and to enter automobile tournaments. In France her Locomobile won a cup and two tournament medals.

Mrs. Fisher also visited the palaces of eastern potentates and attended numerous dinners planned in her honor in Japan, India, and various European capitals. Humber folk lined country-roads to cheer the American travelers and to offer assistance. The Japanese government supplied "a small army of laborers" to bridge a mountain gorge for the Locomobile's convenience and ferrymen lashed boats together to convey the group across Hamana Bay. In southern India, 16 pairs of oxen hauled the car across the Tapi River.

The intrepid Mrs. Fisher praised the performance of her Locomobile. "Just to think," she said, "we made the trip around the world, over all sorts of roads, across deserts of hot sands down precipitous mountain sides and through rivers, without mishaps more serious than blowing out of tires."

The Fisher party narrowly escaped many perils. "Time and again, quite unknown to us, we were on the brink of disaster," Mrs. Fisher told newsmen, "but always something



Harriet Clark Fisher's Locomobile chewed up more tires in the United States than it did anywhere on her globe-circling trip in 1909



Assignments/Reminders

Activities:

- Jan -
- Feb -
- Mar -
- Apr -
- May -
- Jun -
- Jul -
- Aug -
- Sep -
- Oct -
- Nov -
- Dec -

Treats:

- Jan - Judyth Derbidge
- Feb -
- Mar -
- May -
- Jun -
- Jul -
- Aug -
- Sep -
- Oct -
- Nov -
- Dec -

Items for Sale or Wanted

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: 19631/2 Galaxie, White with red interior, 58,000 miles, \$7,000, Contact Ronald Tanner, 356-7567

These cars are absolutely beautiful. You will find lots of photos and detail available on the site. **Mapes' Classic Cars -** <http://www.mapesclassiccars.com/index.html> Here is the listing of what is still available (located in Nebraska):

CHRISTMAS PARTY HIGHLIGHTS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all. It is my sincere hope that you all enjoyed the Holiday and New Year celebrations.

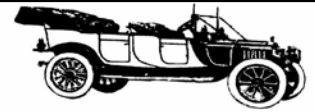
We had a wonderful Christmas Party at Billman's. We had fine food, music provided by the Sweet Adeline's, and our traditional "white elephant" gift exchange. Judyth and Joy provided the organization and execution and Dawn, Diane and Wanda helped with the table and room decorations. Thanks to all for an outstanding event.

2011 provided us with many successes and opportunities. We had a Valentine's Day dinner; a Budweiser plant tour and dust off tour, the Tautphaus park swap meet, regional tour in Tetonia, parades, car shows, apple squeeze, pumpkin daze tour, breakfast get-together's and marvelous newsletters. We did lose two members and we had some challenges with the swap meet that Lynn and Dawn and a host of others picked up the pace to complete the swap meet in stellar fashion.

It is my hope and expectation that 2012 will have as many successes and fewer opportunities. We will start the New Year with at least three new members and a very robust tour schedule. The Chrome Glidden is in our backyard (Billings Montana) and Bob, Jane and James Hoff are promising to deliver a back road wander for all of us to help organize and participate in the touring experience. Since we have not fully planned the 2012 calendar please participate in helping us define and organize the touring year!!!!

If you have the time, and are interested in watching the 2011 Great Race as driven by Howard and Doug Sharp in their 1911 Velie tune into Fox Sports Net. Fire up the DVR or just tune in at 11:30 a.m. January 1 and again on January 8 (EST). I'm sure it will be a viewing experience.

Finally, did you know that January 29, 1843 marks the day that William McKinley was born. He was not only the 25th president of the United States but he was also the first US president to ride in an automobile. Early in his presidency he took a drive in a Stanley Steamer. Mike Derbidge



Future Events Cont.

CHRISTMAS PARTY HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

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Activity Center (the old Armory building) at 1575 North Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Items for Sale or Wanted Cont.

AROUND THE WORLD IN A LOCOMOBILE

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- 1932 Plymouth Roadster PB
- 1935 Ford Deluxe Roadster
- 1936 Chrysler C7
- 1937 Buick Roadmaster
- 1941 Buick Super 8
- 1941 Chevy Special Deluxe
- 1941 Lincoln Continental Zephyr
- 1941 Packard 110 Deluxe

ESTATE REDUCTION – AUTOMOBILIA

(lifelong car enthusiast selling all collections)

Over 200 automotive **Books** “coffee-table” items, history, museums, design, racing, etc.

Over 100 items automotive **Art** from posters and photos to fine framed artwork, plaques, etc.

All sorts of automotive **Toys** from antique and vintage toy cars to die cast models, games, etc.

Hundreds of old automotive adds, sales brochures, magazines, historic articles, oddities, etc.

Unique automobile accessories, shop decorations, cans, tools, etc.

Automobile-theme display items, clocks, knick-knacks

All stuff needs a new home - Would be happy to show you – please call for appointment. *Frank @ 208-523-4218, 208-589-8218 (Idaho Falls) or mfradburn@al.com*

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interposed between us and what seemed, at least, injury and possible death."

Oddly enough, more tires blew out in the United States than in the "fabled" Orient. "We left New York with eight tires, four on the machine and four extras, and strange to say, they lasted us throughout our journey until we reached our own country," Mrs., Fisher noted" Then we used up 12 more tires, making 20 all told."

After concluding her 20,000-mile journey, Mrs. Fisher resumed the active management of her anvil factory in Trenton, NJ Apparently, the long trip improved the "simple American woman's" health.

2012 ASSIGNMENT/REMINDERS

To the Eastern Idaho Chapter Members: our next meeting is Thursday January 12, 2012. As you can tell from the Assignment/Reminder column on page 2 of this issue. The **Activities** and **Treats** are in need of your yearly input. Particularly the first 4 to 6 months time frame. Be thinking about these items and help by having some answers at the upcoming meeting. The signup sheet will be passed around at this meeting. Many thanks for all you have done for this club in the past.
Editor

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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