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## Upcoming Events

**Jun 7-9:** Jackson Hole Rendezvous at the Virginian Lodge in Jackson, WY – contact Weston Horne at (208) 520-7722

**Jun 9-16:** Eastern Nickel Tour in Alexandria Bay, NY – contact Bill Preston at [avantey@excite.com](mailto:avantey@excite.com)

**Jun 13:** Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

**Jun 15-16:** Eastern Idaho VMCCA Swap Meet and Car Show, Tautphaus Park Hockey Shelter, Idaho Falls

**Jun 23-29:** One and two-cylinder in Marion, OH – contact Dave and Debbie Vassel at [bulldozer56@netzero.com](mailto:bulldozer56@netzero.com)



## Eastern Idaho Chapter V.M.C.C.A. 35th Annual SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW

June 15&16, 2013 Sat. 8-6, Sun. 9-4  
Tautphaus Park Hockey Shelter, Idaho Falls, ID



### Car Show Sunday - Free Admission

For more information or reservations call  
Larry Christian 208-680-5005  
or Gary Schwartzenger, 208-523-6384

Space – 10' X 12' \$20 one day, \$30 both days  
Trailer space – 12' X 20' \$30 one day, \$45 both days  
Car for Sale Space - \$15 for both days

## President's Corner

The summer driving season is here and I know you all are more than ready to hit the open road, let the wind whip through your hair (those of you that still have some) and the sun shine on your face. In your enjoyment of the beautiful weather be sure to factor in some time to spend with us at the Swap Meet, cruise nights, and other group activities. Those of you that are working diligently on both the Swap Meet and the Drive Me to the Moon – many, many thanks - without your support we would be in a world of hurt.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Father's Day Weekend!

## Assignments/Reminders

### Activities

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

June – Sam and Wanda Otero  
July – Open  
August – Yale Harker  
September – Open  
October – Open  
November – Open  
December - Christmas Party

## Future Events

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

**Jul 6:** MadCo Car Show in Rexburg, ID  
at the Madison County Fairgrounds –  
contact Michael Rankin at  
[2michaelrankin@gmail.com](mailto:2michaelrankin@gmail.com)

**Aug 4-9:** Drive me to the Moon –  
Western National Tour, Idaho Falls, ID –  
Contact Mike and Judyth Derbidge at  
[desoto34@gmail.com](mailto:desoto34@gmail.com)

**Aug 16-17:** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Iron Car  
Show/Poker Run in Rigby, ID contact  
BJ Camphouse at 313-0075

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

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## Meeting Summary – 5/9/13

President Larry Christian conducted the meeting and secretary Joy Eagle took minutes.

On April 27<sup>th</sup> Mark and Diane Schwartzberger, Jeff Pack and Sam Otero attended the Bonneville High School Car Show. It was a nice clear day along with lots of restored-modified & muscle cars. The high school students seemed interested in the original cars.

Market Lake Clean Up was on May 4<sup>th</sup> with Marty & Ann Littleton coordinating. 14 people attended this event with a record for trash pickup! Josh Rydalch from Idaho Fish and Game was pleased and there are many horseback riders using this newly cleaned area. Well done!

Chrome Glidden Tour – Boerne, TX. Mike & Judyth Derbidge had pictures to provide a brief look at the activities of this fun event. They noted several ideas for us to adopt for our upcoming tour such as the color-coded tour booklet, written descriptions for each day tour, car numbering including car info, and unique activities for the freshmen attendees.

Jerry Danks Event, EITC Car Show – Both events were well-attended.

VMCCA Quarterly Meeting – May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tippan, OH - Please let Brian Edgerton or Mike Derbidge know if you have comments they can present to the meeting. Be assured that Don Knight will handle the modified car issue.

Mountain River Ranch Veteran's Tribute – May 25<sup>th</sup> – Meet at the Indian at Lincoln & Yellowstone Hwy at 9:30, leaving at 10 sharp. Events run from 11-4. Lunch is provided for the car show entrants. Everyone is welcome for this good cause.

2013 Swap Meet – June 15 & 16<sup>th</sup> - Larry & Clyde Christian. We are looking for help setting up the booths on Friday, Car Show, baking pies, and in the kitchen serving drinks and pie. The hockey shelter is ½ full at this time. About 6 cars signed up for sale. We will not have a pancake/egg breakfast this year. We will have cinnamon rolls, pie, donuts and drinks.

Eagle's Club Car Show – June 22, on Hendricks (across from Vickers) – More info at meeting.

IF Fourth of July Parade – John Dawdy asked if anyone wanted to participate, the fee is \$25. There is a Car Parade before the regular parade this year which may be better suited to our vehicles. Think about it.

Drive Me to the Moon - 2013 75<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VMCCA Tour – August 4-9<sup>th</sup> – Mike & Judyth Derbidge – Please get ditties for the tour bags to Dawn by June 1. Name Tags and Tour Bags have been ordered. Larry Christian is arranging a potato bar for the first night dinner at the Shilo.

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Iron Car Show/Poker Run – August 16-17, Rigby – John Dawdy, This is a charity event with a \$30 entry fee. Register by Aug. 1 to get a T-shirt.

Shari's Restaurant Cruise Activity – Mike Derbidge will contact Shari's about arranging an event this year.

Bulb Horn Articles – kudos to Brian Edgerton & Mike Derbidge for their recent articles.

Thanks to Brian & Deb Edgerton for making superb treats!

## In the Beginning – Chapter 5 by Steve Bemount

In early September 1964, a small group of SRVAC enthusiasts with a leaning toward role-playing and make-believe were looking for some old car adventure before our educational pursuits started up again. Rich Eagle, Matt Little, Joe Keller, Richard Bingham and I headed out to the dirt roads in the area around the Menan twin buttes for a photo shoot with Mr. Bingham's 1920 Ford T Depot Hack and Mr. Keller's 1928 Ford A Tudor. I did most of the photography, so the other four fellows were featured with the two automobiles in a series of shots that we kind of made up as we went along.



Two photos are shared from that day. The first is an initial pose of the principal characters; some looking enthused, some not so much. The second clearly dramatizes the legendary potential pitfalls in cranking a Model T.



We had talked about making our own movie for some time. Shortly after we got back from our Menan photo shoot, all of us were sitting on the patio in Rich's parent's backyard hammering out the script for our short film to be entitled "The Great Suitcase Robbery." The very next weekend, the same five of us were back out in Menan country with the same two cars. I brought my Dad's movie camera and Richard Bingham contributed two rolls of 8 mm film. Once again, I did the camera work and the other four were our stars. Our film was just under 10 minutes in length.

The plot involved two characters, Rich and Matt, walking down the road carrying an old suitcase. When Richard approached in the Model T, the two trekkers stuck out their thumbs to hitch a ride. The T stopped and Rich put the suitcase in the back of the car. But before Rich and Matt could climb aboard, the T took off with the suitcase. The two began a fruitless pursuit but soon flagged down Joe as he came along with the Model A. A "follow-that-car" chase began with Rich hanging on from the left running board and Matt hanging from the right running board closest to the camera. Matt was our smallest member, so someone got the bright idea that Matt should swing out to the side hanging from the open passenger door. However, as the Model A bounced along, Matt lost his grip and went splat in the dusty road. That was not in the script and just a little scary. But it was caught on camera and Matt was mercifully not hurt, so we decided that once he got his breath back, Matt would leap up, catch up to the Model A and jump back on the running board, which he did, and the chase continued. Eventually the T conked out and the boys were able to retrieve their suitcase. The surprise finish was provided when the contents of the suitcase were revealed. Unfortunately, the second roll of film was inadvertently double-exposed before being sent away for processing. However, that did not diminish the fun we had making the film or the charge we got out of watching it later.



On the weekend of June 26 and 27, 1965, SRVAC held its second Upper Snake River Valley Tour. Once again this was a progressive tour heading north from Pocatello. But instead of ending up in the Big Springs area of Island Park as we had the year before, this time the destination was West Yellowstone. New participants in this year's tour included Blair Sargent driving his uncle's 1930 Ford Cabriolet, Ray Sparks with his 1930 Marmon Sedan, and Lynn Draper with his 1932 Studebaker Sedan.

## In the Beginning (cont.)



**Sunday, June 27, 1965** – We took another one of our infamous group shots. Pictured L to R are John Dawdy, Rich Eagle, Blair Sargent, Tom Keller, Steve Bemount, and Joe Keller. John's 1929 Reo provided the backdrop.

On the previous page, there is a picture of Blair greasing a troublesome wheel bearing on the Model A with John Dawdy's assistance and Joe Keller looking on. Many in the group spent the evening in the Pink Garter Theatre.

Sunday morning saw us at the old airport for the traditional car games. Here we took another one of our infamous group shots. Pictured L to R are John Dawdy, Rich Eagle, Blair Sargent, Tom Keller, Steve Bemount, and Joe Keller. John's 1929 Reo provided the backdrop. I was particularly pleased to be wearing my Dad's spats. But what is most interesting about this photo is what Joe is holding in his left hand—a brake rod fork clevis. Some of the fellows carried these in their pocket during this early period. If you look back at the first photo from the Menan photo shoot, Matt Little is holding one in his hand. Think of them as a talisman, a good luck charm for old car guys. They help hold things together and keep us safe. "May the clevis be with you!"

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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