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## Upcoming Events

**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  
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**Jun 9-16:** Eastern Nickel Tour in  
Alexandria Bay, NY – contact Bill  
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**Jun 23-29:** One and two cylinder in  
Marion, OH – contact Dave and Debbie  
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## Chrome in the Dome Breakfast

The annual Chrome in the Dome car and bike show is March 22-23 at Idaho State University. Come join us for breakfast and conversation at Shari's Restaurant at 8:30 on March 23, then down to Holt Arena. Admission is \$5.00 – kids 12 and under free.



## Eastern Idaho Chapter 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Chapter Three of our continuing series on the history of the chapter starts on page 3. The photo below is from June 1964 and shows the cars from the first Upper Snake River Valley Tour.



## Assignments/Reminders

**Activities**

March – Breakfast at Shari's and Chrome in the Dome  
 April – Dust Off – A Three Hour Garage Tour  
 May – Market Lake Cleanup  
 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 Schwarzenberger

**Treats**

March – Jeff & Sandy Pack  
 April – Open  
 May – Deborah & Brian Edgerton  
 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)

**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)

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

Questions on the newsletter?  
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Eastern Idaho Chapter website at <http://www.eivmcca.org>

## Meeting Summary – 2/14/13

The meeting was conducted by Vice President Lynn Erickson and minutes were taken by secretary Joy Eagle. A treasurer's report was provided.

Valentine's Pot Luck Dinner/Meeting – What a wonderful buffet dinner! Fabulous food and friends! Mike Derbidge provided a super slide show of 2012 highlights.

2013 Swap Meet – Rich Eagle did a super job with the art work for the flyers and registration forms. They will be available at future meetings. We need to find someone to organize the kitchen this year. The job involves setting a menu, ordering food and supplies, arranging help for kitchen shifts-pies-sandwich makers-money tracking, and overseeing the arrangement and cleaning of the food area. There is also always plenty of fun with the electrical and water supplies. It is a whirlwind 3 days, but lots of fun!

Drive Me to the Moon - 2013 75th/50th Anniversary VMCCA Tour – Mike & Judyth Derbidge. Mike passed out a day tour itinerary for review. The final agenda will be sent out in about a month along with Drive Me to the Moon shirt ordering information. Dawn Schwarzenberger reported that we are up to 74 cars registered for the tour. Monday night dinner plans are changing from the Country Club. Joe Keller has made arrangements with the Art Museums in town for Wednesday. \$20 National VMCCA shirts will be available for sale at our tour. Hospitality Room Staffing – sign ups have started. Rich & Joy Eagle will be preparing the tour booklet. Tour Leaders should have their information submitted by March 15th. Aberdeen Coffee Stop – we need someone to staff this event.

50th Anniversary of the Eastern Idaho Chapter VMCCA Emblem – Dawn Schwarzenberger. The club voted to have an automobile emblem created for our club. One emblem will be given to each 2013 member of the Eastern Idaho Chapter to commemorate the milestone. We will have 100 of the emblems made. They will cost \$11.25/ea to make; extras will be sold at a small profit for the club.

National VMCCA Meeting – Brian Edgerton, Regional Director & Mike Derbidge, National Director – Comments were included in the last newsletter. There is a great desire to encourage young members. The club is looking into accepting modified cars with original outward appearance – original but updated.

March 23rd – Breakfast and Chrome in the Dome – Joy Eagle – Meet at Shari's Restaurant at 8:30 for visiting and breakfast, then continuing to "Chrome in the Dome" at the Mini dome at ISU in Pocatello for "Crusin' through the Ages" 9am-7pm, the admission fee is \$5, kids 12 and under are free with free parking.

April 13th – Dust-off/Garage Tour – A Three Hour Tour - Details will be discussed at the March meeting.

April 27rd, 10am to 5:30pm – Bonneville High School Car Show, 3165 E. Iona Road IF – Jeff Pack forwarded information about the show at Bonneville High School. The proceeds from this show are used for a technology-related scholarship program. It was voted that the club should sponsor 5 vehicles to be display in the show, with hopes that this will encourage younger interest in the cars. So far Seeley Magnani, Edward Zaladonis, Mike Derbidge, Sam Otero and Mark Schwarzenberger are participating – should we sponsor more entries?

The meeting was adjourned.

## In the Beginning – Chapter Three – Steve Bemount

At the beginning of the 1964 touring season, there were three events within a six week period that were particularly memorable for me, each in their own way.

On Sunday afternoon, May 17, we held a meet at Ross Park in Pocatello. Ten vintage autos were displayed next to the park's outdoor stage and attracted what was considered a record crowd of interested observers. I've decided to share a group photo from this event; after all, when you're remembering 50 years ago, pictures of people may actually be more interesting than pictures of cars.



There is a kilted lady in the center. To the left of the kilt are Joe Keller, Rich Eagle, and John Dawdy. To the right are Steve Bemount, Matt Little, and Richard Bingham. These were the days when we would never think of going anywhere in our old cars without the proper attire. The kilted lady was an accomplished Scottish dancer and performed the Highland Fling and the Sword Dance on the adjacent stage for all to enjoy. She was from Edmonton, Alberta, and a freshman student at Idaho State University. Three and one-half years later she would become the first Mrs. Bemount. There are two lessons to be taken from that outcome. One, beware of ladies who play with swords, and two, not all undertakings in life approach perfection. As you might appreciate, I was initially reluctant to include this photo; few of us are eager to draw attention to our failures. But then I thought that if it were possible for us to just forget about that one little issue, what we are left with is a pretty neat photo.

On the weekend of June 6 and 7, 1964, three vintage autos journeyed together west to Jerome, Idaho, to attend the Swap Meet and Tour hosted by the Gooding Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America. Those three chariots were John Dawdy's 1929 Reo, Tom and Joe Keller's 1928 Ford, and my 1927 Chevrolet.

The event was based in the Armory Building at the Jerome fairgrounds. We actually spent the night in the Armory "camped out" in sleeping bags next to our cars.

Following a tour on Sunday morning, there was a dinner back at the Armory and 4 prizes were awarded; SRVAC took 3 of them. The award for best all around special interest car attracting the most attention went to Ben Box of Jerome for his beautiful 1915 Reo Roadster. My 1927 Chevrolet received the award for the best original least-restored car at the meet. Tom and Joe Keller received the award for driving the longest distance having driven their 1928 Ford 1½ miles further than their nearest competitor. John Dawdy received the award for the car having the most trouble for a blowout on his Reo during the Sunday morning tour. The photo shows our three SRVAC autos with John and Joe during a break along the way. The Keller Ford now sported a new paint job with a burgundy body color replacing the light yellow one.



The club staged its first Upper Snake River Valley Tour on the weekend of June 27 and 28. This event was intended to become our annual overnight adventure. This first one was a progressive tour from Pocatello to the Big Springs Area of Island Park. Gary Taylor had driven his 1937 Packard Super 8 from Ashton to Pocatello, picking me up in Idaho Falls, so he could drive the complete tour. What a thrill it was for me to ride in this elegant and beautifully maintained vehicle. Also starting the tour in Pocatello were John Dawdy and Richard Bingham of Idaho Falls in John's 1929 Reo and Art and Helen Wellman of Pocatello in their 1928 Packard. Back in Idaho Falls, I switched over to my 1927 Chevrolet and we were joined by Tom and Joe Keller in their 1928 Ford and Rich Eagle and Matt Little driving Rich's 1930 Ford. A potluck picnic lunch was enjoyed at the Rexburg City Park where we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Parkinson and their 1925 Ford T Touring. We then had a nice rest stop in Ashton and a short parade down the main street. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Amen joined the tour there driving their 1929 Ford A Roadster. (Continued on page 4)



**Saturday, June 27, 1964** – The Snake River Vintage Auto Club survives the challenge of Ashton Hill, with a vapor-locked Reo and a boiling Packard, but all conquered the grade.

## In the Beginning (con't)

Next came the challenge of the 5 miles of 6 percent grade offered by the Ashton Hill. Close to the top, the Reo vapor-locked and the 1928 Packard started boiling. The photo of the eight-vehicle lineup (at left) was taken after all had conquered the Ashton Hill. The majority of the group spent the night at the Big Springs Campground and was soon attacked by monstrous man-eating mosquitoes. A legend was created when one of the beasts tried to carry off Ross Parkinson's Model T with Mrs. Parkinson in it.

The second photo (on Page 1) was taken Sunday morning at a nearby graveled area where we held our auto contests. Winners were Rich Eagle for the Jacking up the Car Contest, Jack Amen for both the Stop on a Card event and Mother-in Law Race, and John Dawdy for both the Cranking Contest and Slow Idle Race.

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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](mailto:jpack@pintlar.com)).

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