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Upcoming Events

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

Mar 15: Race to the End of the Earth –
Meet at BA's Restaurant, 1st Street in
Idaho Falls at 8:30 AM, then tour the
Museum of Idaho and the Race to the
End of the Earth exhibit

Mar 22: Chrome in the Dome – Meet at
Elmer's Restaurant, 851 S. 5th Ave. in
Pocatello at 9:00 AM for breakfast, and
then go to Holt Arena for the Chrome in
the Dome car and bike show.

May 17-23: Heritage Tour, Harrisonburg,
PA – contact Chester & Nancy Bradfield
540-828-2907



March Activities



Our adventure begins on March 15th at 8:30 a.m. with Breakfast at BA's, a new restaurant in Idaho Falls! BA's Restaurant is on First Street between Yellowstone Hwy and Holmes – a home cooking café. Then we will mush ahead to view "Race to the End of the Earth", the newest exhibit at the Museum of Idaho (about 9:30 a.m.). This exhibition chronicles the epic journey of two competing teams in their quest to be the first to reach the South Pole. This is one of the most stirring tales of Antarctic exploration, which captivated the world 100 years ago, and still resonates today. The price for museum admission is \$8/person, but we will arrange for the group rate.



We will meet for breakfast at Elmer's Restaurant, 851 S. 5th Ave in Pocatello at 9:00 a.m. After breakfast we will proceed to the Mini Dome/Holt Arena at ISU for "Chrome in the Dome". What better way to celebrate spring than by attending SE Idaho's premier car show? You'll be able to view all your favorite cars, trucks and bikes as you wander down memory lane!

Chrome in the Dome is a fund raising effort for the Skills USA - Automotive student organizations in the ISU College of Technology. Entry cost is \$5/person with free event parking.

Assignments/Reminders

Activities

- March – Race to the End of the Earth -
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 Schwartzenger
- 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

- March – Jeff & Sandy Pack
- April – Mike & Judyth Derbidge
- May – Doug & Rhonda Schwartzenger
- June – Sam & Wanda Otero
- July –
- August –
- September –
- October –
- November –
- December – Christmas Banquet

Future Events

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

Jul 13-18: Western National Tour, Logan, UT – contact Scott Harris 435-752-3132

Questions on the newsletter?
Contact Jeff Pack, Newsletter
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Eastern Idaho website is at
<http://www.eivmcca.org>

Bonneville Region Director's Notes

Below are my notes taken from the recent Annual Membership Meeting held in Las Vegas. Contrary to the hype that "what happens in Las Vegas, stays in Las Vegas" I thought it prudent to share key ideas and themes from this year's meeting!

It's been a roller coaster of a winter with bouts for sub-zero temperatures followed by periods of record warmth. I hope everyone is surviving winter and looking forward to warmer weather as spring slowly approaches. Hang in there!

Deb and I participated in the 76th Annual VMCCA Membership Meeting held in Las Vegas on February 13-15. Here are key highlights and themes I'd like to share with the Bonneville Region membership.

Mike Werckle, President – 2014 objectives include continuing growth of the VMCCA and expanding membership. The members of our Club are the greatest asset for our ongoing organizational health and the essential force for future growth. An effort is underway to enhance our Club's electronic image with a modern website and Facebook presence. Use of modern electronic networking tools will reach out to younger members who will be the foundation for our future. An updated, supplemental VMCCA logo is also under consideration. Any artistic ideas for a supplemental logo should be submitted to Bill Sullivan, Publicity VP.

Mike Derbidge, Executive VP, will be leading an effort in the near term to update a Code of Ethics for the Club in order to provide clear standards for conduct and resolution of issues. Also Mike will be sending out a short National Membership Survey to gather member and car interests for the Club. Your response will help the VMCCA better serve its members.

The Bulb Horn and Touring Chronicle staffs continue to look for member contributions for restoration stories, technical articles, artwork and auto-related photographs. More contributions from the ladies of the Club would be particularly special. So don't be bashful if you have something to share that you feel is interesting – please go ahead and submit directly to Bill Sullivan, Publications VP or through our Region Publicity Chairperson, Holly Ingersol or me. Don't worry about proofreading, grammar, or editing as all that can be handled by the publication staff. So be BOLD – submit your interesting contributions! Please continue to submit Chapter events/calendars to Holly Ingersoll for input to these national forums.

Regarding getting the word out on our Chapters and encouraging new members, please regularly submit Chapter events both past and forthcoming, photographs and your schedule/venue for meetings to your local papers. Also keep your website similarly up to date and even promote a Facebook presence through one of your more technologically savvy members. This can be a big boon to attracting more members.

Great tours are planned for 2014! These include – The Heritage Tour in Virginia (May); The Chrome-Glidden in beautiful Bar Harbor, Maine (June); our very own Western National Tour hosted by our Cache Valley Chapter in Logan, Utah (July); and the 69th AAA Revival Glidden Tour in Ohio (Sept). The 2015 Annual Membership meeting will be hosted in Corpus Christi, Texas in late February next year. Hopefully Bonneville Region members will be represented on several of these tours. So mark your calendars, check your budgets, submit your application and get your favorite tour vehicle ready!

Bonneville Region Director's Notes (cont.)

Finally – what many of us have been waiting for – the policy recommendation of the Modified Car Committee. After much input from many sources and careful consideration by the committee, the following policy statement and future Touring Guideline was presented and adopted by the Board of Governors:

“The VMCCA is dedicated to the Acquisition, Preservation, Restoration and Exhibition of Antique and Historically Significant Automobiles. Authenticity of the vehicles is paramount for our judging criteria and our national awards. We set a high standard to our membership and to the general public. We are in the public eye for our National and Regional Tours, so the exterior appearance of the participating vehicles is of primary importance. Therefore, to achieve this purpose, most of the body, engine, chassis and driveline components of all vehicles, including vintage accessories, entered in a National event need to be of the same era as when the vehicle was manufactured. We expect most of the modifications will be for safety, comfort and reliability. Safety modifications include turn signals, seat belts and updated braking systems. Vehicles that are obviously “modified” from the original design present an inappropriate impression as to the aim and purpose of the VMCCA. The decision to accept or reject a vehicle on a national event rests with the event tour director with the advice of the VMCCA Board of Directors.”

Reading this policy closely one can see that there are sufficient generalities (e.g. “most”, “include”) to allow broad discretion in accepting vehicles into National tours and therefore VMCCA membership. Discussion with committee members confirmed my condensation of the above policy as follows – any and all modifications will be acceptable at the sole discretion of a tour director provided that a vehicle remains outwardly original. This provides the best of both worlds and retains the core “Veteran Car” foundation of our VMCCA. I say well done to the committee!

Out of the twenty-one 2013 National Awards presented at the closing Banquet, well earned awards were presented to three member couples within our Bonneville Region:

- Valley Roadrunners Chapter Award, for the best owner restored car 1937 through 1959, sponsored by: Valley Roadrunners Chapter, Southwest Region received by Doug and Susan Turner of the Utah Chapter for their 1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe.
- The Forrest G. Downing Memorial Trophy for the best owner-restored car built between 1920-1929 received by Gary and Dawn Schwartzenberger of the Eastern Idaho Chapter for their 1926 Dodge Standard touring car.
- The Stadle Fellowship Award for was presented to Greg and Debbie Childs for the couple who best symbolizes the spirit of the VMCCA. What a special honor and recognition!

Please take the opportunity to congratulate these members for their much deserved, national recognition. They truly exhibit the spirit and talent of our Veteran Motor Car Club!

Keep in mind deserving members for the 2014 National Awards and boldly nominate them by December of this year.

Meanwhile, wishing each of you a safe and healthy rest of winter. Keep the warm days of summer touring in your eye, as the days get longer.

Respectfully, Brian Edgerton/Bonneville Region Director,
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Las Vegas Gems



During the 76th VMCCA National Meeting in Las Vegas, we had the opportunity to tour two car collections. One is a private collection, the Sunbelt Classic and Antique Automobile Museum, owned by Jim Rogers. The other is the Auto Collections at The Quad. There are outstanding vehicles at both locations, but the Sunbelt Classic and Antique Automotive Museum is something to behold, with nearly 300 vehicles in two buildings. Photographs by Jeff Pack and Dennis Holland.

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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