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Upcoming Events

Sep 7: Shari's Cruise In (see right)

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

Sep 12: Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

Sep 14: Market Lake Cleanup (see right)

Sep 14: 7th Annual Juvenile Corrections Car Show – Rigby to St. Anthony – contact Layle Willis 208-521-5422.

Sep 14: Hiring Buick GMC car show in Pocatello, Idaho – contact Mario Ciciliot 208-221-9908.

President's Message

Drive Me to the Moon was an awesome success. Sunday's greeting was well thought out and well planned. Thank you to all the ladies who manned the tables and made everyone feel welcome and confident with all of your help and guidance. The staff at the Shilo was pleasant and the food was very good. The coffee breaks were well received and I would personally like to thank the folks in Aberdeen; Clint and Marge Krehbiel, the newspapers, the Aberdeen park workers, the police, city officials and Stokes Market. I'd like to also thank Rick Thurman for his help that morning. For all the many other activities that week as well as the tour itself I'd like to thank Mike Derbidge for getting the tour here and all the hard-working club members who gave it their usual 115%. Events like this and the generous support of the club make me proud to be a member of the EIVMCCA!

Shari's Cruise In – September 7th

Shari's Cruise In
CAFE • PIES
1330 W. Broadway Street, Idaho Falls, ID
September 7th

Get out your favorite vehicle or just come and join the fun!



noon to 5pm
pie eating contest
~ everyone is welcome ~



Brought to you by Shari's Restaurant and the Eastern Idaho Chapter VMCCA - www.eivmcca.org

Market Lake Cleanup – Sept. 14

Our Market Lake fall cleanup activity will be on Saturday, September 14. We will meet at Mitchell's Restaurant (at KJ's Travel Plaza – US 20 and Lewisville Highway) at 8 am for breakfast and then leave for the Market Lake Wildlife Management Area.

Assignments/Reminders

Activities

September – Shari's Cruise In and Market
Lake Fall Cleanup
October – Open
November – Pumpkin Daze - Membership
Drive – Joy Eagle & Judyth Derbidge
December – Christmas Party – Dawn & Gary
Schwartzenger

Treats

September – Dennis and Marie Spanbauer
October – Open
November – Open
December – Christmas Party

Future Events

Sep 26-28: Mountains & Valley Fall
Heritage Regional Tour, Shenandoah
Valley VA and West Virginia – contact
Doris and John Stone at
dmstone65@comcast.net

Sep 28: 18th Annual Apple Squeeze 1-6
pm at Edgerton Farm, 6175 E. River
Road, Idaho Falls – contact Brian
Edgerton 520-9434

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

Jul 13-19: Western National Tour,
Logan, UT – contact Scott Harris 435-
752-3132

Questions on the newsletter?
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<http://www.eivmcca.org>

Drive Me to the Moon – Western
National Tour

By Diane Schwartzenger

We thrilled to the sight of approximately 100 cars, dating from 1909 to 1987, as they trickled into the Shilo Inn parking lot on Sunday, August 4, 2013 from nineteen states, one as far away as Maryland. During registration as members entered the hotel we collectively began to make the memories of an awesome experience we'll remember for a lifetime. We welcomed all during the "Let's Get Started Social & Mixer" that started at 6:30 pm with a light dinner consisting of a potato bar featuring Idaho Russets in hopes all would enjoy the unique Idaho fare, while the week's agenda was outlined.



On Monday, August 5th, we got our feet wet as we traveled along the meandering Snake River to Pocatello by way of Aberdeen, where we enjoyed our first coffee stop and toured Krehbiel's Toy Shed. Wow, so many wonderful antiques--everything including the kitchen sink. One would have to go through three or four times to see it all. In Pocatello we had the treat of touring the Museum of Clean. Trust me when I say you have never seen anything like this before--an entire museum dedicated to cleaning equipment and solutions dating back to when we still had dirt floors! On our way back to Idaho Falls we passed through the Bannock/Shoshone Fort Hall Indian Reservation and into the city of Blackfoot where we digested everything there is to know about the potato at the Idaho Potato Museum. While there we met Spuddy Buddy and Annabelle, the two mascots of Idaho potatoes.

On Tuesday's excursion, Aug. 6th, we traveled through the desert to the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). Touring the Experimental Breeder Reactor Number 1 (EBR-1) enlightened us to the fact that it is only one of over 50 nuclear reactors that have been built and operated here--the largest concentration of nuclear reactors in the world. EBR-1 (established in 1951) was the first in the world to generate a usable amount of electricity from a nuclear reactor.

Following that, we were on our way to the Craters of the Moon National Monument. We could almost imagine ourselves standing on the surface of the Moon as we looked out over a black sea of long-hardened lava--the 52-

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In 1969 Apollo 14 Astronauts Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell, Joe Engle, and Eugene Cernan visited the Craters of the Moon and explored the lava landscape in order to learn the basics of volcanic geology in preparation for future trips to the Moon. A delicious lunch was catered by Pickles restaurant in nearby Arco, Idaho.

Tuesday's drive through the desert was a hot one so on Wednesday, Aug. 7th, we encouraged our visitors to cool off by taking a swim in the hotel's swimming pool, enjoy a stroll around the Idaho Falls green belt, sample the cuisine of the many diverse restaurants, take some time to do a little shopping, enjoy the arts at the Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, or the Museum of Idaho to see the special exhibit featuring the history of the guitar.

Wednesday evening we were treated to a special event at the Hoff family's Aero Mark airport hangar. Aero Mark fueled



its first customer's plane, a Western Airlines 737 on June 15, 1984. Now in its 29th year of service, the facility is called AMXL, (XL for extra-large, as it is the largest and finest fixed-wing operator building in Idaho, and can hangar aircraft up to the size of an MD-80). The Hoff's delighted in sharing Aero Mark's history and that of their fixed-wing

vintage aircraft that were used as crop applicators, and in the showing of their multiple planes they have sheltered in the hangar. After a delicious catered salmon/beef dinner (including potatoes) and listening to Big Band music by a locally acclaimed brass band we were entertained by the four lucky people who won the raffled-off chance to fly through the warm evening skies with the setting sun in the background, in two Stearman biplanes.

On Thursday, Aug. 8th, our fourth day, we led you on a relaxing scenic run through the Idaho mountains. You again saw snippets of the Snake River, the Tetons, and fields of grains and potatoes. Thursday's emphasis was on relaxation and on breathing in the beauty of the passing scenic landscapes as you made your way through several small communities. Many stopped and absorbed the local attractions and conversed with the people who have made their homes here. And finally, we wound our way around to the Mountain River Ranch for a country dinner and show that, hopefully, delighted your funny bone. The staff at the Meadow Muffin Dinner Theatre doubled as your



cooks/servers, and as extremely talented entertainment, and showed us a "rip-roaring" good time. We made our way back to Idaho Falls with a full tummy and a smile on all our faces.

All our beautiful cars were put to the test this week so on Friday, Aug. 9th, our last day of the tour, we planned a less-strenuous cruise around our very own central Bonneville County with several side options to enjoy the local sights. To start we took you on a long climb so you could turn around and view the expanse of our fair city. Then we wound through an orchard of wind turbines scattered across the wide-open high country. We stopped and listened to the power exuding from these giant machines as they strained to capture the ever blowing Idaho winds. There are approximately 160 wind turbines perched on the east hillsides of Idaho Falls generating enough electricity for 37,000 homes. Coming back around we gave you another panoramic view of the upper Snake River Valley. As we descended, we stole a peek along this high section of the road to view the snow-capped Teton Peaks.

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That week we'd seen some haze engulfing the Tetons, but they were still a majestic sight. On the way, some of you took advantage of the various attractions along our route. It was hard to decide which attraction to take in; the antiques and collectibles, a soothing soak in the mineral pools or swimming, or the century-old Porter Park Carousel and/or the Legacy Flight Museum. At last but not least on our last leg back to town, we cruised through the renowned Osgood potato and grain farming area. Yes, more potatoes!

We couldn't let you go home until we made sure you were completely ensconced in the "Sizzling 60's Awards Banquet" held at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls. This theme was chosen because the Idaho chapter of the VMCCA was started 50 years ago, in 1963. Period dress was encouraged, and many of the members dressed in typical '60s fashion including tie-dye, go-go boots, etc. We all relaxed and dined our gourmet meal as we socialized with old and new friends. Lots of wonderful prizes were handed out and very well deserved awards - the beloved cars, longest distance traveled (Maryland), and hard work (the Iron Lady Awards), and the best 60's clothes.

Thank you to all who traveled so far for a bodacious journey in order to enjoy six memorable days together that hopefully we'll all remember forever!



Otto and Amy Derr's '36 Chrysler with one of the Stearman

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@pintl.com).

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