

The Gas Line

Eastern Idaho Chapter of VMCCA

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Show and Tell Meeting



Our Chapter Meeting for August is going to be great. Bring your old car/truck/motorcycle to the Idaho Falls Activity Center at 1575 N. Skyline Drive in Idaho Falls at 7 PM on Thursday, August 13 and get ready to swap stories, get educated, or just enjoy ice cream and drinks as the Eastern Idaho Chapter moves outside for the evening. Of course, if you get hot, tired or both, you can go inside to our normal meeting room and enjoy the chairs and air conditioning, along with treats from Doug and Rhonda Schwartzberger.

Bonneville Region Tour

Don't miss out on the terrific Bonneville Region Tour for 2015 - touring the beautiful Heber Valley in Utah. The Utah Chapter is hosting the tour and is sure to be a good time for all.

The tour has a web site at <http://utahregionaltour2015.weebly.com/> that has the registration form, information on lodging and the tour schedule, as well as a ton of information on the area. If you are looking for that last gasp of summer touring fun, make sure you get registered.



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Upcoming Events

Aug 5-8: Grand Indiana Auto Tour, Fort Wayne, IN. Contact Bob and Mary Richhart, (260) 749-1443

Aug 13: Special Chapter Meeting - Show and Tell - 7:00- 9:00 p.m. at the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

Aug 16-22: Western National, Durango/Silverton, CO. Contact Bob Wade (719) 633-5283

Aug 30 - Sep 4: 70th AAA Glidden, Oklahoma City, OK. See www.gliddentour.org for details.

Sep 13-18: Chrome Glidden, Sequim, WA. Contact Dennis and Mary Hood, (360) 681-7422

Sep 30 - Oct 3: Bonneville Region Tour, Homestead Resort in Midway, UT. Contact Mike Knodel (801) 949-5933 or saltlakevintagemotorwork@gmail.com

Meeting Treats

Aug: Doug and Rhonda
Schwartzberger

Sep: Rich & Joy Eagle

Oct: Gary & Dawn Schwartzberger

Nov: open

Dec: Christmas Party

Meeting Minutes - July 9

Vice President Brian Edgerton conducted the meeting and Secretary Joy Eagle recorded the minutes. Minutes from June were read and approved.

EIVMCCA Swap Meet & Car Show - June 20 & 21 - Larry & Clyde Christian

27 new memberships were signed up at the event. The event was a success with about 300 cars at the Car Show.

Bone and Back For a Burger - July 11th - Lynn Erickson

Meet at the Indian at the corner of Lincoln Rd. and the Yellowstone Highway at 10:30 a.m. We will caravan to the Bone Store at 11:00 a.m. It is about a 22 mile trip that will take about 45 minutes. Judyth Derbidge will call the new members to remind them about the tour.

Great Lakes Tour - July 18-25 - Mike & Judyth Derbidge will attend the last of the Great Lakes Tours!

100 Years of Automobiles in Yellowstone Park - August 1 - Yellowstone Historic Center in the old Union Pacific Depot. To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of automobile travel into Yellowstone National Park, historian Bruce Gourley presents "Experiencing Yellowstone 100 Years Ago: Two Spare Tires, a Roadside Bandit, and the Good Bears." Saturday, August 1 at 2:30 p.m. Rich Eagle will have his 1915 Model T on display on Saturday. His grandfather Sam Eagle had the first permit for a car in the Park.

Cold & Hungry Ranch Event - August 8th - Squirrel, ID - Ira House. Field day for the small engine crew - contact Scott House for details.

Western National Tour in Durango - August 16-22 2015 - Gary & Dawn and Doug & Rhonda Schwartzberger, Jeff & Sandy Pack, Mike Husted, and Bud & Janet Cheney are planning to attend.

Powell Wyoming Car & Air Show - August 15 - Yale Harker & Rich Eagle will attend. Yale's son is in charge.

CARMUS - August 14 & 15 at Sandy Downs. This sounds like a fun event but, with 2 conflicting events on the same days the club voted not to participate this year as a club.

Market Lake Clean Up - September 12 - Marty & Ann Littleton. More information to come soon.

Chrome Glidden - Sequim, Washington - September 13-18 2015. Tour information is in the Bulb Horn. Derbidges will attend.

Edgerton's Apple Squeezin' - September 26th - Brian & Deb Edgerton. Brian says that this will be the last year for this event, so let's make it the best ever!

Bonneville Regional Tour - September 30 - October 3 - Homestead Resort. Mike Knodel is the contact for more information. The Bonneville Regional Meeting will be on the last day of the tour.

Fall Leaf Tour - October 10th - Gary O'Dell. See the Fall beauty on this tour then on to O'Rourke's in Driggs for lunch.

Pumpkin Daze - Membership Drive - November 14th - Judyth Derbidge & Joy Eagle - Are you lucky at games of chance?

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Buried Treasure

We all grow up digging around in sand boxes hoping to strike it rich and find some hidden and valuable ancient treasures. What we typically find is an old Matchbox car or a present left behind by a cat. Either way, it's very rare to find something desirable.

Well, that's not quite the case with a young group of boys in California.



They were digging in their yard when they found something that would make anyone's jaw drop and their mouth start drooling. These kids were digging in their yard when they came across something big, something metal, and something very, very valuable - a buried Ferrari!

The boys actually discovered a 1974 Ferrari Dino 246 GTS buried just a few feet under the dirt in their yard. The family had just moved into the house and immediately called authorities that came and roped off the area. A team of investigators arrived and unearthed the very valuable rare car.

After exhuming the Italian sports car, it was obvious that someone had planned on returning to retrieve the vehicle. It was very crudely mummified with towels in the vents and tape on many of the seams. However, the windows weren't fully closed causing a lot of interior damage.



Farmers Insurance was contacted and because of the VIN number they traced the last owner. After the investigation, it turns out that the owner of the car had actually hired thieves to steal the car and dump it in the ocean so he could claim insurance on it. The thieves buried the car with the intention of returning to pick it up.

The buried Ferrari was then auctioned off after being on display with the incredible story being reported across the nation. A young mechanic who owned his own shop in California purchased it. The going price was estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$9,000.



He fully restored the buried Ferrari and often enters the car into car shows. Here are photos of the car after the complete restoration. His initial investment is now worth in the millions!

Everything on the car has been restored to the exact factory condition.

However, this car comes with some incredible history and an awesome story. The car even has a vanity plate that reads "DUG UP". How perfect is that?



Local Events

S. Bannock County Car Show, Aug. 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact Piney Morrison (208) 897-5625.

Carmus Jamboree, Aug. 14-15, Sandy Downs, Idaho Falls. See www.carmusjamboree.com for details.

Hot August Stampede, Aug. 22, Courtesy Ford, Pocatello. Contact (208) 238-1600 for details.

Viking Auto Expo, Sept. 4-5 in Farmington, UT. See www.vikingautoexpo.com for details.

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Chapter Events

September - Market Lake Clean-up - Marty & Ann Littleton

Edgerton's Apple Squeezin' - Brian & Deb Edgerton

October - Fall Leaf Tour - Gary O'Dell

EITC Scholarship - Trunk or Treat

November - Pumpkin Daze Membership Drive - Judyth Derbidge & Joy Eagle

December - Christmas Banquet

President's Corner

July was a very eventful month for yours truly. I was able to travel to Portland, OR and go the Vintage Car Races with my oldest son Shane. We spent the whole day there watching races, wandering through the pit area and of course checking out the food vendors. What is unique about these races is that they are sponsored by local sport car clubs, but do draw in amateur and semi-pro race teams from all over the country. These are small low budget for the most part race teams who are enjoying their sport without any thought about large payoffs. We had a great time and love talking the men and women about their cars. Just like our hobby, they have a passion and love to share it with others.

Speaking of sharing, our August chapter meeting will be devoted to showing off our cars. Joy Eagle suggested the idea to me and I love it. Bring your cars out for this show and tell event. To allow more time for car shows, our business meeting will be very brief. Come out and have a great time showing off our passion.

Yale

Meeting Minutes, cont.

Christmas Banquet - December 4th at the 17th Street Catering Place - Darla Hoff

2016 Studebaker Tour - The Studebaker Club will host a Tour headquartered in Idaho Falls in 2016. We have volunteered to host an activity or Coffee stop for our Studebaker friends.

2017 EIVMCCA Heritage Tour - The Tour Committee is currently Gary & Dawn Schwartzenberger, Mark & Diane Schwartzenberger, Brian & Deb Edgerton, Mike & Judyth Derbidge, and Sam & Wanda Otero. We are looking for volunteers - do you want be a part of the plan? Locations of national importance are being considered for the tour.

EIVMCCA Sponsored - Trash To Treasure Award - action item for Yale Harker & Joy Eagle

VMCCA Name Change - VMCCA (Veteran Motor Car Club of America) Don Knight would like comments about changing the club name.

John Dawdy's Corner - Who made the most station wagons in 1948? (Crosley, they manufactured them from 1939-1952)

The meeting was adjourned and Bob & Celine Shilkett and Don Rausch provided delicious treats.



Blast from the Past

Here's some great photos from August 2005. The event is Joe Keller's Fire Up Party in celebration of the starting of the 1908 REO.

