

The Gas Line

Eastern Idaho Chapter of VMCCA

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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Upcoming Events

Jan 14: Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

Jan 16: Brrrreakfast at IHOP, Hitt Road in Idaho Falls 7:30 a.m.

Feb 25-27: National Annual Meeting, Punta Gorda, FL. Contact Don and Lee Royston (941) 626-4452

Meeting Treats

Sign up sheet at January 2016 Meeting

Meeting Minutes - November 12

President Yale Harker conducted the meeting and Secretary/Treasurer Joy Eagle took the meeting minutes. Minutes for the October Meeting were approved with modifications and a treasurer's report was given. New member - Peter Gladstone attended the meeting.

VMCCA Awards - All awards are outlined in the recent Bulb Horn. It is time to review the awards that are available, get your stuff together and apply or nominate someone for an award. Our Eastern Idaho Chapter Trash to Treasure Award Celebration will be in January. We will review all of the applications and select the winner.

Fall Leaf Tour - Gary O'Dell. It was a nice fall tour of our Eastern Idaho byways. Everyone had a safe travel on a pretty day.

Market Lake Cleanup - Marty & Ann Littleton. Idaho Fish and Game has a new representative, Brett Gullett. He thinks that we are doing a good job with our cleanup efforts. Having the April and September dates the Saturday after our club meeting has worked well - the water is down at this time in the spring.

Trunk or Treat at EITC - October 27th. Scholarships were awarded to 2 students in the Diesel/Automotive Technology Department. The awards surprised them and there were comments that these scholarships will enable them to continue with their education. Brave club members made the award and then passed out candy to well over 1,500 children on a very cold evening. It is noted that we may want to award the scholarships at a special meeting next year to avoid the cold event. Special thanks to Gary & Dawn Schwartzenberger, Mark & Diane Schwartzenberger, Doug & Rhonda Schwartzenberger, and Yale Harker - well done!

Pumpkin Daze and Membership Renewal - Garage Tour, November 7th. It was a crisp and clear fall day, perfect for visiting the garages of Rich Eagle, Gary Schwartzenberger, Doug Schwartzenberger, Lynn Erickson, Joe Keller, and Mike Derbidge. We are lucky to have these members that are willing to open their roll up doors! How does such organization happen? Sixty people attended this event where we renewed 26 members and added 1 new member to the Eastern Idaho Chapter!

Judyth Derbidge was a fabulous hostess for our potluck lunch that featured her pulled pork sandwiches - so yummy! The annual Pumpkin Challenge brought out our chefs with Celine Shilkett winning the treasured Pumpkin Gnome trophy for the next year!

Christmas Dinner Friday, December 4th at the Catering Place, Idaho Falls across from the Teton Mall - Darla Hoff. Everyone is invited to this event. We will have a White Elephant gift exchange and lots of fun. BYOB Cost \$21/person. RSVP to Darla 522-7581 or Dawn 523-6384.

Brrrreakfast January 16th at IHOP Restaurant, Hitt Road, Idaho Falls at 7:30 a.m. Come for warm food and old car camaraderie.

2016 Swap Meet & Car Show - Tautphaus Park, Larry & Clyde Christian. The hockey shelter is reserved. Our food booths have been selected and their spaces reserved.

2017 Heritage Tour Meeting - A Heritage Tour is listed as 1949 and earlier, but it is up to the Tour Director to set criteria that allows the newer cars from our club. The committee will meet on Monday, November 16th at Dixie's or Shari's Restaurant. The Tour Location will be reviewed at the meeting. Cody, Wyoming is being considered as a hub tour. We have not toured in this area before. It allows visits into Yellowstone as well as many beautiful locations. There is a Presidential element to a Heritage tour and Cody has many connections to past presidents. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

Mike Derbidge reported that the 2016 National VMCCA touring schedule is set. Please see the Bulb Horn Magazine for dates and locations. There is a fabulous tour out there for you to participate in and join the fun!

Thanks to Bud & Janet Cheney and Brian Edgerton for great treats!

Although this End of Year Closing Notes says "Fall 2015", we're clearly into winter with this morning's snow-covered landscape in Idaho Falls at a chilly minus 8 F (-20 F wind chill)! The shop thermostat will be clicking this afternoon while working on my current stationary engine project!

The Bonneville Region can be proud of the active and diverse '15 touring season we've enjoyed. Many of our members participated and represented the Region at several of the National Tours during the year. The Utah Chapter hosted a memorable "Autumn at the Homestead" tour in October, enjoyed by many VMCCA members, including some participants from outside our Region. Members at the Regional Tour enjoyed beautiful scenery enhanced by friendly camaraderie with tour comrades.

This time of year always gets busier as we plan for the Holidays. Despite the rush there are some important items I'd like to suggest we place on our "To Do" list in the next few weeks:

1. Check out the National VMCCA Award nomination forms in the current issue of The Bulb Horn Wrap. We have many deserving members in our Region who are 'good fits' for the award categories. It's easy to complete and forward award nominations to Mike Johnston (shadetree@vmcca.org). Note that the Eastern Idaho Chapter is sponsoring the new "Trash to Treasure" award starting this year for which I can think of several nominees in our Region.

2. Complete your national and local dues renewal for 2016. If someone has forgotten, please make a courtesy call as most likely with the end-of-year rush it's just an oversight. See the membership rates and special new members year-end deals in Jim Talbot's article in the current The Bulb Horn issue (p. 3).

3. Continue to submit photos, short articles, artwork or opinions to The Bulb Horn Dennis Holland (holland@frie.com). Bonneville Region members have been great contributors in 2015!

4. Finally, be sure to mark your calendar and participate in your local Chapter's Christmas Dinner or Party to renew good friendships, enjoy the Holiday Cheer, and welcome new members or candidates. Check the 'New Members' list in The Bulb Horn (pp. 7-8) and be sure to extend an invitation to all your local VMCCA members whether active in your Chapter or not! Each Chapter has a tradition of fun get-togethers that are warm, enjoyable activities at which to close out our year.

Thanks also to all the Chapters and members who provided a 'regional sense' regarding the VMCCA name change topic. The overall Bonneville Region consensus is supportive of a name change to "Vintage Motor Car Club of America". This is the right time to move forward with this brand change for several reasons as described in Don Knight's current article (p. 4 in The Bulb Horn).

Finally, as you hang your new 2016 calendars on the wall, be sure to mark and highlight important VMCCA tours and events coming up on the horizon. The February 25-27, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting in warm, sunny Punta Gorda, Florida should be a tempting time of the year for all of us suffering the mid-winter blues! The May 15-20, 2016 Western National Tour in nearby Show Low, Arizona (again think warm and sunny!) should be another mark on your calendar to plan for. For those long-term planners among us, the Eastern Idaho Chapter has confirmed the 2017 Heritage "Wild, Wild West Tour" for August 14-19, 2017 centered out of beautifully situated Cody, Wyoming. This tour promises a myriad of sites and events shaped around President Teddy Roosevelt and Buffalo Bill Cody - two of our most colorful American historical figures!

Finally, I'm wishing everyone a warm and memorable Holiday Season with all your friends and family! Be safe, stay warm, get your flu shots, and be careful on the icy roads!

Until 2016 -

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Chapter Events

January - Brrreakfast

Other events added as planned

President's Corner

We had an excellent Pumpkin Daze and Garage Tour. With respect to our 2017 Heritage Tour, we had to make a change. We will not be touring central Idaho, Sun Valley, etc. as originally planned. We had another meeting of the tour planning committee and we are now going with the Cody, Wyoming hub tour site. After looking over our possibilities, the committee decided this was our best option. The day tours will be slightly longer than we had set as a criteria, but still consistent with cars of the Ford Model A era. I am excited about this change and realize that we will need all of the club members to help in planning and executing this tour.

Hope you attended the Christmas Party and had a great time.

Yale

Trunk or Treat Photos



Pumpkin Daze Garage Tour Photos

