

The Gas Line

Eastern Idaho Chapter of VMCCA

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Valentine Potluck - Feb. 2



Our Valentine's Day potluck includes another holiday this year - Groundhog Day. We'll have our February meeting and dinner on February 2nd at 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Idaho Falls Activity Center South Room and celebrate St. Valentine and the furry marmot. The chapter will provide fried chicken, drinks and table settings. Please bring a friend and a favorite dish to share.



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Heritage Tour Meeting - Feb. 8

The 2017 Heritage Tour is starting to heat up - we'll be accepting registrations starting March 15. Yale and Brian are holding a planning meeting on February 8 starting at 6 p.m. at Shari's Restaurant, 1330 W. Broadway in Idaho Falls. Bring your ideas and appetite so we can make this tour a memorable one for everyone.



Upcoming Events

Feb 2: Chapter Meeting 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls.

Feb 8: Heritage Tour planning meeting 6:00 p.m. at Shari's Restaurant, Idaho Falls.

Feb 23-25: Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet, Palm Springs, CA. Frank Wenzel, 760-774-3377, carbuffps@yahoo.com.

Apr 30-May 5: Lewis & Clark Tour, New Albany, IN & St. Louis, MO. Bill & Jane Johnson, bill@whjco.com.

Jun 4-10: Western Nickel Tour, Reno, NV, Lee & Lani Wilkes, WNKL2017T@charter.net.

Jun 11-16: 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour, Kankakee, IL, Nancy Haley, 815-383-3347

Jun 19-23: Muscle Car Tour, Southwestern, IN, Darrel & Romona Wilkinson, 765-932-5635, wilkinsondarrel@wmconnect.com

Jul 9-14: Chrome Glidden Tour, Roanoke VA, Robbie Gray, chrome-glidentour2017@yahoo.com

Aug 14-19: Heritage Tour, Cody, WY, Rhonda Schwartzenberger, dgnrnda@gmail.com, 208-524-1337

Meeting Treats

February	Bob and Celine Shilkett
March	Gary & Dawn Schwartzenberger
April	Shari's - Whitewall Tire
May	Mark & Diane Schwartzenberger
June	
July	Sam & Wanda Otero
August	Jim Kontes
September	Bud & Janet Cheney
October	Brian & Deb Edgerton
November	Ken & Carol Avery
December	Christmas Dinner

January Meeting Minutes - Jan. 12

President Bob Shilkett conducted the meeting and Secretary/Treasurer Joy Eagle took the minutes. Minutes for the November 2016 meeting were read and approved and a current treasurer's report was given.

Members attending the meeting read correspondence from EITC and our 2 scholarship winners.

Meeting Location and Dates - We have lost our 2nd Thursday meeting location and voted to change our meeting night to the first Thursday of the month. We will continue to hold our meetings at the Activity Center on Skyline.

VMCCA - Name change ballots have been received by many members, along with additional mailings from various factions pertaining to the name change. If you have not received a ballot, please notify Joy Eagle.

Breakfast at IHOP, Idaho Falls - January 14 at 7:30 a.m. - Joy Eagle - Mmmm - breakfast with friends!

Valentine's Day Potluck Dinner - February 2nd - On Groundhog Day we will have our annual dinner. Our club will provide fried chicken, drinks and table settings. Please bring a friend and a favorite dish to share.

Wild, Wild West - Heritage Tour - February 8th - Planning Meeting @ 6 p.m. at Shari's Restaurant on Broadway, Idaho Falls.

Wild, Wild West - Heritage Tour - August 14-19, 2017 - Yale Harker/Brian Edgerton - Because the Wild, Wild West Tour is replacing the Bonneville region tour for 2017 - the first 25 car numbers will be reserved for regional members, also special consideration will be given to regional members with cars later than 1934. There is room for 100 cars on the tour, please encourage everyone to attend. Registration will open on March 15th.

79th Annual VMCCA Membership Meeting - February 23-25th - Palm Springs, CA - Brian and Deb Edgerton and Judyth Derbidge plan to attend this event, but all members are welcome to escape from winter for a few days. More information is available at www.vmcca.org

Chrome in the Dome Breakfast - March 17th - Sam & Wanda Otero - Elmer's, 851 S 5th Ave, Pocatello, ID

Chrome in the Dome - March 17 & 18th - Yale Harker. Six members will have cars in the show and the club will pay the \$50/car entry fee since the cars will represent our club at this event. The entry fees go to the ISU College of Technology fund. It was voted by the members to divide the overall scholarship money for ISU with \$300 for Chrome in the Dome and \$1,200 to the Mark and Mary Bunce sustaining scholarship fund. Russ Butler will provide an area for the display cars to be prepared for the show in Pocatello.

Swap Meet and Car Show - June 17 & 18th, 2017 - Larry & Clyde Christian. The activities list was routed with many of the supporting jobs listed, see the activity list to find out where you can be a part of the fun!

Sun Valley Jazz Festival - October 18-22, 2017 - The Jazz Festival will be happening for anyone that wants to go. Lots of fun music in a beautiful setting. Order your tickets now at <http://www.sunvalleyjazz.com/jazz-festival-tickets/>

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Some Facts about Groundhogs - from Nationalgeographic.com

Each year groundhogs enjoy 15 minutes of fame before most people proceed to forget about them completely. So in honor of Groundhog Day, we dug up some little-known facts about these annual celebrities.

1. They're related to squirrels.

Groundhogs (*Marmota monax*) are a type of rodent known as a marmot, and marmots are closely related to squirrels. "They are giant ground squirrels is what they are," says Richard Thorington, curator of mammals at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

2. "Woodchuck" has nothing to do with wood.

Groundhogs have many colorful names, including whistle-pig for their tendency to emit short, high-pitched whistles. They're also known as land beavers, but their most famous nickname is woodchuck. Surprisingly, the name woodchuck doesn't have anything to do with wood. It's thought to be a corruption of the Native American words wejack, woodshaw, or woodchoock. It may have its roots in the Algonquian (or perhaps Narragansett) name for the animal: wuchak.

3. They build impressive homes.

A groundhog's burrow can be anywhere from 8 to 66 feet (2 to 20 meters) long, with multiple exits and a number of chambers. There can be several levels to their burrows, says Zervanos. "They have a burrow for hibernating, and then they have another section of the burrow that's more like their summer home where they can come out more easily."

4. Farmers consider them pests.

Those impressive tunneling skills make for great burrows, but they can also mean big headaches for those in the agricultural profession. "They dig fairly extensive burrows, and tractors can break an axle [driving over them]," says Zervanos.

5. They're loners.

Unlike some of their cousins, such as prairie dogs, groundhogs are basically loners, seeking out their own kind only to mate. "They're pretty solitary for most of the year, so the male has no clue where the female is most of the year except when they're ready to mate," says Penn State's Zervanos.

6. When they sleep, they really sleep.

Groundhogs are known as "true hibernators," going into a dormant state—in which their body temperature and heart rate fall dramatically—from late fall until late winter or early spring. "True hibernators are the ones that can reduce their body temp below 20 degrees Celsius," says Zervanos. "Bears for example, when they hibernate, they only drop their body temp to 30 degrees from 37 degrees Celsius."

7. They wake up early for love.

Groundhogs hibernate from late fall for roughly three months, then wake up when it's still quite cold. But it turns out they have a very

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Chapter Events

February - Valentine's Day Potluck - Bob and Celine Shilkett

March - Chrome in the Dome - Sam and Wanda Otero

April - Dust Off Tour

May - Market Lake Cleanup - Mark & Diane Schwarzenberger

June - Swap Meet and Car Show - Larry & Clyde Christian

July - Bone and Back for a Burger

August - Heritage Tour

September - Market Lake Cleanup - Mark & Diane Schwarzenberger

October - Sun Valley Jazz Festival - Joy Eagle

November - Harvest Daze - Judyth Derbidge & Joy Eagle

December - Christmas Banquet - Doug & Rhonda Schwarzenberger

good reason to drag themselves out of bed. There's evidence that male groundhogs wake up early to get a head start on reproduction.

8. They're filling in for hedgehogs.

The reported origins of Groundhog Day are various, but the concept is thought to be linked to the Germanic tradition of Candlemas Day. In Europe, however, the animal used was generally a hedgehog or a badger. How it wound up being the groundhog's responsibility in the United States may have been a bit of a fluke.

President's Corner

A very Happy Valentine's Day to all members and their Valentines. We definitely had the Brrrrr in the January Brrrrreakfast. Thanks to all who braved the cold for a good time. Our potluck dinner will be on February 2 since we are now meeting on the first Thursday of the month. The next 2017 Heritage Tour at Cody planning meeting is 6:00 pm February 8 at Shari's. Yale and Brian can use all the help we can provide.

We've got six cars signed up for Chrome in the Dome March 17 & 18 with breakfast at Elmer's on Saturday morning. Come on down and see the cars!

Bob

Meeting Minutes (continued)

Glidden Tour 2018 - Judyth Derbidge, Bonneville Region Director. The plans for the 2018 Glidden tour have not materialized, so Dennis Holland approached Judyth to see if there is interest in the Bonneville Region to sponsor the tour. This is a VMCCA and AACA joint event that was begun in 1904 and reintroduced in 1934. AAA also takes an active role in this historic tour. Judyth is sending out a call to see if the tour can be developed with each chapter taking on responsibilities. We believe that it is the Cache Valley Chapter's turn in the Regional Tour schedule. This would be a large tour with about 200 cars in attendance and many cars of interest such as steam and brass era vehicles. Sun Valley was noted as a location of interest. There will be additional discussion at the February meeting.

Reading of the Eastern Idaho Chapter By-Laws was postponed until the February meeting.

Thank you to Rich and Joy Eagle for providing yummy treats.

2017 Heritage Tour

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