

# The Gas Line

Eastern Idaho Chapter of VMCCA

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## Winter Brrrrreakfast - Jan. 14



It's getting cold outside, so it must be time for our Winter Brrrrreakfast. Come join us for good friendship, great food, and superb old car conversation. Bring your old car if you want, but just come on out - any transport will work. We'll meet at the Idaho Falls/Ammon IHOP at the Hitt Road and 25<sup>th</sup> Street interchange on Saturday, January 14 at 7:30 a.m. This is a no-host breakfast so we'll just order off of the regular menu.

## Christmas Banquet Photos

Here are two photos from our Christmas Banquet on December 3. Looks like everyone had a great time.



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## Upcoming Events

**Jan 12:** Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the East Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

**NOTE: The chapter meeting is in the East Room for the January Meeting**

**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 Schwanzenberger, dgnrnda@gmail.com, 208-524-1337

## Meeting Treats

January	Volunteer Sheet at
February	January's meeting.
March	
April	
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September	
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December	

## Organization Name Change

The VMCCA leadership has sent out ballots to all current members to vote on changing the name from Veteran Motor Car Club of America to Vintage Motor Car Club of America. The vote requires a 2/3 majority to pass, so please take the time to check your mail, vote and send in your ballot to make sure your vote is counted.

There are pros and cons on both sides of the issue and discussion is welcome, but there will not be any discussion in the newsletter. Each paid member has a vote and is encouraged to participate in the process.

## Scholarship Winners

Each year, the Chapter awards two scholarships at Eastern Idaho Technical College for automotive studies. The 2016 winners, shown below, were recognized at our Christmas Banquet. Pictured left to right are Yale Harker (Chapter President), Trenton Truman and Bryer Beard. Congratulations, guys!



## Christmas Banquet Photos



## Larz Anderson Collection - America's Oldest Car Collection

Through another enthusiast web site, I became aware of the Larz Anderson Collection in Brookline, MA. One particular car caught my eye and I thought I'd share its story and photos with you.

1907 Fiat | Nickname: The Conqueror | Motto: "No Hill Can Stop Me"



Powerful and bold, the Andersons' 1907 Fiat was the supercar of its time. Even the motto of the automobile, No Hill Can Stop Me, reflected its strength, for many automobiles at this time had difficulty going up hills. This 11-liter, 6-cylinder Fiat boasted 65 horsepower; only 86 were manufactured. Bought by the Andersons while they were on vacation in Italy, the car was then shipped to New York to be re-bodied by the Hol-Tan Company. Fiat was founded on July 11, 1899, and their 60-hp model was introduced in 1904 and remained in production until 1909.



### Newsletter Editor

Questions or submissions? Contact Jeff Pack at [jpack@pintlar.com](mailto:jpack@pintlar.com) or (208) 552-1264

### Chapter Events (tentative):

January 14 - Winter Brrrrreakfast

February - Pot Luck

March - Chrome in the Dome

April - Dust Off Tour

May - Market Lake Cleanup

June - Swap Meet and Car Show

July - Bone for a Burger

August - Heritage Tour

September - Market Lake Cleanup

October

November - Harvest Daze

December - Christmas Banquet

## President's Corner

A very Happy New Year to all of our members and their families. Also, a special "Thank You" to Yale Harker for all of his efforts the past two years as our Eastern Idaho Chapter President and to Darla Hoff, Joy Eagle, and Mark & Diane Schwartzenberger for their work in making the Christmas party a success.

Now to January and 2017 - we have our January Brrreakfast and the voting on the name change for our organization. The ballots have been mailed out to all members and I urge you to vote and return your ballot as soon as possible. A 2/3rds majority is required for the national organization to initiate action on the change.

Other upcoming activities are Chrome in the Dome in March and the August VMCCA 2017 Heritage Tour in Cody.

Stay Warm!

Bob

## Obituary - Lynn Saxton



Lynn Calvin Saxton, 92, passed away on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at a local care center. He was born on April 20, 1924, the son of Newcomb and Anna Saxton, in the Lynn Brothers Hospital in Pocatello, ID. He was raised on a farm in Rigby and enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

He later moved to Pocatello after the service when he met his future wife, Patsy Willis. They married on August 16, 1947 in Pocatello and had three children; Lynda, Darrell and Jody.

He worked for the UPRR retiring in 1985. He was also a member of the Machinist Union. He liked old cars and had belonged to the VMCCA, (Veterans Motor Car Club of America) and the Classic Car Club and Edsel Club. He liked to fish and camp.

Lynn is survived by his daughters, Lynda Saxton, Jody (Sam) Purkett, both of Pocatello; sisters, Zoe Rolph, LouGene Gravatt; three grandchildren, Misty, Cory and Adam. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son and brother, Ted Saxton.

Sam Otero probably knew him as well as anyone in the chapter and he added these thoughts to Lynn's obituary:

He was a die-hard Old Car Nut. He will be missed by all those that knew him.

It seems that he would show up at car shows and swap meets no matter if they were local or out town or even out of state in Utah. He just liked to talk to other people about cars and whatever.

Sometimes he would show up at my home to visit but it seemed like it was when Wanda had just baked fresh cookies.

When I visited at his place he would always have something for sale in his front yard, whether it be tractors, snowblowers, old cars or parts, you name it he had it, but his yard was always tidy and everything in its place.

He also had a comical side to him. One time Wanda and I stopped to visit and he was out on the street in his Edsel trying to push a telephone pole down, or so we thought. He said that he was trying to burn the fuzz off a new clutch. It worked!

Well I could go on and on, but most of all he was a good friend.