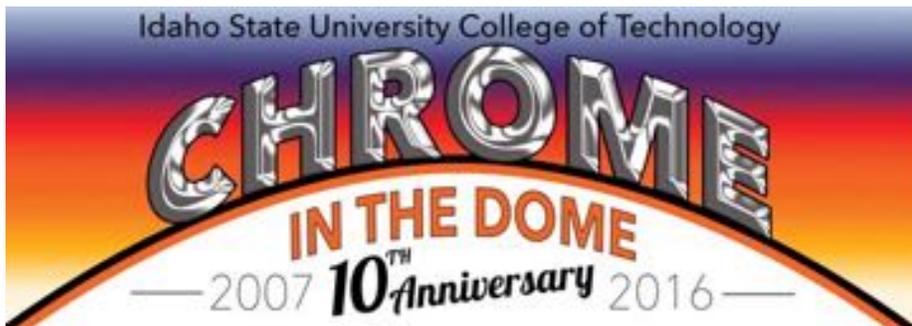


# The Gas Line

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## Chrome in the Dome March 18-19



It's time to bring your camera and check out the cars at Chrome in the Dome, at Holt Arena in Pocatello Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-9 p.m. and Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The chapter is not participating as a club in the car show, but we will meet for breakfast at Elmer's Restaurant, 851 S. 5th Ave. in Pocatello on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. before going to the car show at the Dome. Hope you can join us!

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## Valentine's Day Pot Luck Photos



## Upcoming Events

**Mar 18-19:** Chrome in the Dome Car Show, Holt Arena, Pocatello, ID.

**May 15-20:** Western National Tour, Show Low, AZ. Contact Malcolm Stinson, (928) 368-7442 swstudebaker@live.com

**Jun 12-17:** Chrome Glidden Tour, Stillwater, OK. Contact Randy and Gayle Dekker (405) 503-6484

**Jul 24-29:** Heritage Tour, Byron Center, Michigan. Contact Joan Huffman, (616) 669-0046

**Aug 21-26:** Orphan Car Tour, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Contact Marilyn Leys, (608) 326-0862

**Sep 11-16:** 71st AAA Glidden Tour, North Conway, NH. Contact Barbara and Dick Fox, 207-288-3810

## Meeting Treats

March	Dawn Schwartzberger
April	Janet Cheney
May	Celine & Bob Shilkett
June	Jim Kontes
July	Greg & Marsha Roselle
August	Sam & Wanda Otero
September	Gary & Linda O'Dell
October	Brian & Deb Edgerton
November	
December	Christmas Party

## Two-owner, “last-of-its-kind” 1939 Oldsmobile takes Ridler Award

No minutes for February so I’ve added this article from Hemmings Motor News for your reading pleasure.

The catalogs and reference books all say it shouldn’t exist, but according to both its owner and the shop that built it, the 1939 Oldsmobile Series 60 that won the Ridler Award at this past weekend’s Detroit Autorama not only came from the factory as a convertible but is also the last of its kind.



The short-lived Series 60 represented the most basic Oldsmobile one could buy in the late 1930s: a small six-cylinder-powered car fitted with the GM A-body shared with Chevrolet and Pontiac. While Oldsmobile introduced a convertible in the Series 60 lineup in 1940, for 1939 Lansing only offered a business coupe, a club coupe, a two-door sedan, and a four-door sedan. A literature check at the R.E. Olds

Transportation Museum in Lansing, Michigan, turned up no evidence of a convertible Model 60 from that year.

But Billy Thomas of Corpus Christi, Texas, claims that the car he started with when he set out to build a show-winning car was a one-owner 1939 Model 60 convertible, a claim reiterated by the shop that built the car for him, Customs and Hot Rods of Andice near Georgetown, Texas.

“It was an original convertible when we started with it,” said Michael Kaiser, the shop manager at Customs and Hot Rods of Andice. “Both the title and frame say that it’s a 1939 Model 60 convertible.”

However it started out, not much of the original car remains today in the custom that Thomas nicknamed “Olds Cool.” Kaiser estimated about 90 percent of the body has been reshaped or modified in some way. “The body evolved as we went, with input from myself, the owner, Levi Green, and Christian Dotson, who worked in GM Design for 12 years.” After using foam carvings to refine their ideas, they then created bucks from which the 18-gauge-steel body panels were formed.

The Art Morrison chassis that the shop started out with when building the car proved “a good basis to mock the car up with,” Kaiser said, but the shop eventually scrapped much of the frame for custom-fabricated sections. Despite the low stance, it uses static coilovers for its independent front suspension and banjo-style rear axle.

Power comes from an Oldsmobile 455-cu.in. V-8 that both Thomas and Kaiser said was massaged by Joe Mondello before he died. It now displaces 470 cubic inches and puts out about 650 horsepower, thanks in part to a one-off Wilson electronic fuel injection intake manifold with twin throttle bodies. A 4L60E automatic transmission backs the big V-8.



According to Kaiser, the staff at Customs and Hot Rods of Andice handled every aspect of the build except for the paint, which Charley Hutton sprayed in a custom-mixed color he called Kona Brown. The four-year build is the shop’s first Ridler Award.

## Cody Wyoming History

Here are some Cody historical events from the Wyoming State Historical Society to help our members understand more about the site of the 2017 Historical Tour:

Cody is located on the Shoshone River in the Bighorn Basin in northwest Wyoming. This basin is surrounded by mountain ranges on three sides: the Absarokas to the west; the Owl Creek Mountains to the south; and the Bighorn Mountains to the east. The east entrance to Yellowstone National Park lies 53 miles to the west, up the North Fork of the Shoshone. The Bighorn Basin was restricted from white settlement by treaties with the Indians in 1868. Ten years later, those restrictions were lifted and early settlers began to come into the basin. This made the area one of the last frontiers settled in the lower 48 states.

The Irma Hotel, shown here around 1920, opened in 1902. It was named for the daughter of William F. Cody.



William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody was visiting Sheridan, Wyo., in 1894, when his son-in-law, Horace Boal, took him to the top of the Bighorn Mountains for a view to the west over the Bighorn Basin. Although Cody had heard of this area from Indians, Yale paleontologist O.C. Marsh and others, he personally had never been to the northern basin. On learning that a group of Sheridan businessmen was already interested in founding a town there, Cody eagerly joined the effort. He saw the beauty of the region, its proximity to a Yellowstone already attracting tourists, the abundance of game and fish, and land available for ranching and farming.

The only thing missing was enough water to allow ranchers and farmers to make a living from the arid land. The Shoshone River, originally named "Stinking Water" by the Crow, clearly showed irrigation potential. In 1895, Cody, George T. Beck, Cody's Wild West show partner Nate Salsbury, Harry Gerrans, Bronson Rumsey, Horace Alger, and George Bleistein founded the Shoshone Land and Irrigation Company. That year a town site was laid out near DeMaris Hot Springs, two miles west of present-day Cody.

However, Beck did not like the location or the fact that a great deal of the land was already owned by Charles DeMaris. And DeMaris was not interested in selling. Beck began looking at other possibilities to the east and soon settled on the town's present location. In the fall of 1895, construction began on the Cody Canal, which would carry water from the south fork of the Shoshone River northeast to the town. In May 1896, Beck and surveyor Charles Hayden laid out the site of the present town.

See more at: <http://www.wyohistory.org/encyclopedia/cody-wyoming#sthash.GlZy79z.dpuf>

## For Sale by Owner

Unfinished project, 72 GMC, ½ ton, 2 wheel drive, 350 ci, automatic, two tone (dark yellow and white), power brakes and steering, front disc brakes, after market GM air conditioning kit included, some panels replaced due to rust, other panels needing replacement included. Chrome moldings are all there. Cab supports are intact. Runs great. Leaks transmission fluid, pint a month. Camper shell and carpet insert included. \$2900 OBO. Call Robert at 251-7192 (Pocatello).

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## Chapter Events

March 18-19 Yale Harker Chrome in the Dome

April Alan Cheney Dust-off Tour - Tour to Sage Raceway

May Marty & Ann Littleton Market Lake Clean-Up

May 30 Gary & Dawn Schwartzberger Mountain River Ranch Memorial Day

May Bob & Celine Shilkett

June 18-19 Larry & Clyde Christian Swap Meet & Car Show

Dawn Schwartzberger Swap Meet Food Concessions

Open Club Treat & Drink Area

Open Club Membership

Booth

July Open

August Open

September Marty & Ann Littleton Market Lake Clean-Up

October 19-23 Joy Eagle & ? Sun Valley Jazz Festival

November Judyth Derbidge & Joy Pumpkin Daze - Membership Drive

December Christmas Dinner

# President's Corner

Hi everyone,

I want to thank all who worked to make our Valentine's day potluck dinner such a large success. The food was great and the company was also great.

This break in the weather has been a welcome relief for me and made me anxious for spring and getting into one of my cars and touring. While we as a club are not sponsoring any cars in the Chrome in the Dome car show this year, we are still going to have a breakfast that Saturday, March 19th, at Elmer's Restaurant in Pocatello at 8:00am and then go to the car show after breakfast. I hope to see you there.

We are still searching for new and different things to do this summer, so if you have an idea please get with Joy, Brian or myself.

Good touring,

Yale

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