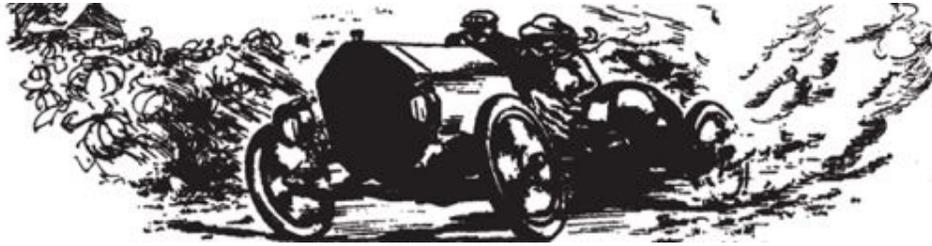


# The Gas Line

Eastern Idaho Chapter of VMCCA

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## Harvest Daze/Mystery Tour - Dec. 10



It's time to celebrate the harvest and enjoy some of the great food creations from all of that effort. Meet at the Indian (at the intersection of the Yellowstone Highway and Lincoln Road in Idaho Falls) Saturday, December 10 at 10 a.m. We will go on a holiday mystery tour then on to the Derbidge's home for the Harvest Dish Challenge and luncheon at 12 noon.

Bring your Eastern Idaho Chapter VMCCA Renewal Form (below) and a potluck dish to share. This year the Harvest Dish Challenge is open for all types of dishes - What will you bring? We'll have more information at the November meeting. **Bring a friend!!!**

Print this page, fill out the information and bring it with you along with your check to join/renew your membership in the VMCCA.

**VMCCA Membership Types** (includes local and national dues, except as noted)

One Year Membership Renewal - \$47/year

New Membership Dues - \$29/year

One year Student Memberships (ages 18-25) - \$22/year

Junior Membership Dues - Add \$5 for each junior family member

Life Membership - \$600, with approval of the VMCCA board, plus yearly local dues.

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## Upcoming Events

**Nov 10:** Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

**Dec 3:** Christmas Banquet

**Dec 10:** Harvest Daze and Membership Drive.

## Meeting Treats

November	Rhonda Schwartzberger
December	Christmas Banquet

## Chapter Meeting Minutes - October 13

President Yale Harker conducted the meeting and Secretary/Treasurer Joy Eagle took the minutes. Minutes for the August meeting were read and approved and a current treasurer's report was given. (There was not a quorum in September - no minutes were taken.)

Bonneville Region Meeting - Saturday, October 15th, 10:30 am, Nibley, UT - Brian Edgerton Region Director.

Sun Valley Jazz Festival - October 19-23. The Jazz Festival will be happening for anyone that wants to go with lots of fun music in a beautiful setting.

EITC Scholarship - Yale Harker. The club elected to invite the scholarship winners to our Harvest Daze rather than attend Trunk or Treat. \$1,500 will be divided between the Automotive and Diesel programs. There will be a matching \$1,500 sent to the Mark and Mary Bunce VMCCA self-sustaining scholarship at ISU. Remember, this scholarship is available to family members of club members!

Harvest Daze/Membership Drive - November 12<sup>th</sup> (**Note - the date has changed to December 10<sup>th</sup>**) - Judyth Derbidge and Joy Eagle. Meet at the Indian at the intersection of the Yellowstone Highway and Lincoln Road at 10 a.m. There will be a mystery tour then on to the Derbidge's home for the Harvest Dish Challenge. More information will be available at the November meeting. **Bring a friend!!!**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1pm - Christmas Banquet and Election of Officers at the Hilton Garden Inn - Darla Hoff. We are shifting to an afternoon event to encourage members to drive their classy cars! There will be a white elephant gift exchange and plenty of fun.

EIVMCCA Officer Elections - Nominations will be made in October. Confirmation that nominated people are willing to serve will occur before the November meeting and elections for a 2 year term will occur at the Christmas Banquet. If you would be willing to hold any of the offices for our chapter, please let any of the current know that you are interested. The nominees are - President - Doug Schwartzberger (pending), Vice President - James Hoff (pending), Secretary/Treasurer - Joy Eagle, and four-member Board of Directors with the past president being one of the members. Yale Harker, Paul Engbersen, Deb Edgerton, Sam Otero.

June 2017 - Swap Meet and Car Show

- Vendor coordinator - Larry and Clyde Christian.
- Food Vendors liaison - Dawn Schwartzberger
- Logo - Rich Eagle
- Advertisement preparation - Joy Eagle

Jobs to consider: Set-Up coordinator, Advertising coordinator, Eastern Idaho Treats and Drinks Booth arranger, Insurance acquirer, Car Show parking coordinator, Swap Meet parking coordinator, Traffic coordinator, Utilities arranger (Porta Potties etc.). Mark Schwartzberger has provided vests that can be used to identify club members for assisting with the Car Show.

City barricades make parking along the Swap Meet difficult; we need a different plan.

Heritage Tour - August 14-19, 2017 - Yale Harker/Brian Edgerton -The tour logo has been accepted by National VMCCA and an ad for our tour will appear in the Bulb Horn. Plans are proceeding for a fun tour!

Thank you to Brian and Deb Edgerton for providing excellent treats.

# Sun Valley Jazz Festival

Rich and Joy Eagle drove their 1925 Model T Tudor to Sun Valley for the Jazz and Music Festival. The weather was beautiful and the people there were just like old car folks - friendly, relaxed and all enjoying a common interest. Rich said that it was like the tours they go on in that they drove 35 mph and were the oldest car there.

Jazz and Rock and Roll add to the old car enjoyment. Here are some pictures from their tour.



## Newsletter Editor

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

## Chapter Events:

December 3 Christmas Banquet

December 10 Judyth Derbidge & Joy Eagle Harvest Daze - Membership Drive

# President's Corner

At our October meeting we authorized the two student scholarships for Eastern Idaho Technical College and updated our contribution to the Mark and Mary Bunce endowment at Idaho State University. Relative to the latter, a student who is a relative of a VMCCA member will have preference in the selection of who is awarded a scholarship from this endowment fund. So if you have a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter attending ISU Vocational Technical College, let them know about this scholarship opportunity. We also took preliminary nominations for chapter officers and final nominations will be presented at our November meeting. Please make your intentions known prior to or at our meeting.

Phil Polkinghorn passed away on October 22 and the family held a "Celebration of Phil Polkinghorn's Life" party at Gary and Dawn Schwartzenberger's shop on Friday, October 28. There was a good attendance by chapter members and the family of Phil Polkinghorn was very grateful for our show of support.

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## Obituary - Phil Polkinghorn

William Phillip Polkinghorn, 85, of Idaho Falls, passed away Oct. 22, 2016, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.

Phil was born June 1, 1931, in Butte, Montana to William Henry Polkinghorn and Florence Camille Burr. He grew up in Butte and liked to speed skate, ride motorcycles and work in shop class. He graduated from Butte High School in 1949 and the J.M. Perry Institute Body and Fender School in Yakima, Washington. He returned to Butte to do auto body repair at his father's welding and towing business.

He joined the Air Force from 1951 - 1955 and was stationed in Japan and Moses Lake, Washington. He returned to Butte, fell in love with Mary Carol Grace and they married Sept. 8, 1957, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Butte. They moved to Bozeman, Montana so Phil could study mechanical engineering. Upon graduating from Montana State University and starting their family with two children, Phil and his family moved to West Palm Beach, Florida.

In Florida, Phil's professional career began with Pratt and Whitney Aircraft as a design assistant. Next was Dubuque, Iowa, where Phil worked for John Deere Dubuque Tractor Works as an engineer-in-training on transmissions and final drives. Before leaving Iowa, their youngest son was born. Then they moved to Anaheim, California and North American Aviation. He worked with a team of engineers that designed part of the service module for Apollo 11 that landed on the moon. He designed a counter spring on the service module and was promoted within the company to a senior design engineer in Ocean Systems Operations.

Phil was then 'snapped up' by McDonnell Douglas as a senior design engineer. He worked on the S-IVB moon rocket that carried the command and service module to the moon. Phil completed a master's degree in engineering from UCLA while working full time and raising a family. Eventually, Phil wanted to be closer to Butte, so they moved to Idaho Falls.

In Idaho Falls, he worked for Westinghouse as an engineer in the ECF Engineering group and Aerojet Nuclear Company as a senior engineer in the Design Engineering Branch.

When they first moved to Idaho Falls, the family enjoyed hunting, camping, fishing and hiking. Phil was a longtime member of the Elks in Idaho Falls and the couple enjoyed league bowling.

Phil was an avid car enthusiast. In the mid-60s, he bought his first antique car, a 1923 Studebaker. He restored and painted the car in his garage, winning best paint in the early 70s at a car show held in the Idaho Falls mall. He also picked up the original Colonel Sanders in the Studebaker at the airport for a promotional tour and received a coupon for a bucket of chicken. He was a long time member of the local chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America and the couple traveled throughout the country on many old car tours. They enjoyed the travel, scenery, events and camaraderie on these tours and numerous swap meets, including a yearly trip to the Reno swap meet.

All his life, Phil had been extremely clever. He took an upholstery class and bought an industrial sewing machine so he could do his own upholstery. He reupholstered the seats in his son Phillip's 1969 Chevelle SS and son David's 1972 Ford F 250 pick-up. He had his own lathe and designed, repaired or repurposed many things. He also enjoyed playing the accordion and could be persuaded by his grandchildren to play a few tunes during their visits. Phil also loved playing blackjack in tournaments. He once won third place at a tournament in Jackpot and received \$5,000. Phil was also an amateur cartographer, collected maps and made detailed maps for family and friends.

Phil will be interred at Sunset Park Memorial Cemetery near Anaconda, Montana. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.woodfuneralhome.com](http://www.woodfuneralhome.com).