

The Gas Line

Eastern Idaho Chapter of VMCCA

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Harvest Daze - Membership Drive Saturday, November 4



Our Harvest Daze Membership Drive starts with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at IHOP, 2463 S 25th E, Idaho Falls. We will have breakfast and renew our dues for 2018.

As a reminder, dues are \$47/year (this includes both local and national). Checks can be made to EIVMCCA

We will continue on a mystery tour of Idaho Falls!



Fabulous Coffee Stop

We'll finish our mystery tour with a late coffee stop at 11 a.m. for our Harvest Daze cook off challenge, so please bring your best Harvest treat to share.

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Upcoming Events

Nov 2: Chapter Meeting, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls.

Nov 4: Harvest Daze Membership Tour. Meet at IHOP in Idaho Falls at 7:30 a.m. Joy Eagle 208-529-9450.

Dec 2: Christmas Party. 1 p.m. Rhonda Schwarzenberger 208-524-1337

Feb 22-24: Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet, San Marcos, Texas. Randy Pullen 830-669-2019 pullen@hctc.net

Apr 22-27: 2018 Lewis and Clark Regional Tour: St. Louis MO to Kansas City, MO. Ken Gunderson, Mike Werckle, Steve Partman, cabindoc@gmail.com

Jun 3-8: Heritage Tour, Westport, Massachusetts. Jane Ash 508-995-0536 jane@studegarage.com

Jun 17-21: 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour Archbold, Ohio. Clem and Nancy Campbell 734-552-3771 ngc1908@comcast.net

Jun 24-29: Chrome Glidden Tour, Perrysburg, Ohio. John Beddoes 734-856-3690 jbeddoes@aol.com

Aug 12-17: Convertible Tour, Hayward, Wisconsin. Ken Cvikota 608-779-1558 kenc@cvikota.com

Sep 16-21: 73rd Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Twin Falls, Idaho. Merrill Maxfield 801-576-0071 eldermaxfield@comcast.net

Meeting Treats

November Ken & Carol Avery
December Christmas Dinner

Meeting Minutes - October 5, 2017

President Bob Shillket conducted the meeting and Secretary/Treasurer Joy Eagle took the minutes. Minutes from the September meeting were accepted as read. Thanks to Mark Schwarzenberger for filling in as Secretary.

In Memoriam - Doris Erickson, Kevin Clark

Market Lake Clean-Up - Saturday, October 7, 8 a.m. - Mark and Diane Schwarzenberger

Meet at Mitchells restaurant at 8 a.m. for breakfast and signing forms. Then we will caravan to Market Lake. Remember to wear bright orange since this is the start of hunting season.

Heritage Tour - Wild, Wild West - August 14-19, 2017 - Yale Harker and Brian Edgerton

Final financial report was given to the members. Thanks to Yale and Brian and all of the members that helped to make this a memorable event.

Bonneville Regional Meeting, Idle Isle in Brigham City, October 7th

Please plan to attend this lunch meeting. Judyth Derbidge has decided to resign from the Director post. Her replacement will be decided at the meeting. Thank you to Judyth for providing guidance in the past year.

Car Show - October 14th - Old Ernst Building, Idaho Falls

Register and bring in your car 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. The show will be open to the public 10 a.m.-5 p.m. There is a \$5 entry fee for the cars that will be donated to stop bullying. There will be trophies!

Sun Valley Jazz Festival - October 19-23, 2016 - Joy Eagle

Order your tickets now at <http://www.sunvalley.com/jazz-festival-tickets/>

We will have a lunch at the Jazz Festival there will be great music and fall colors to enjoy!

Harvest Daze/Membership Drive - November 4 - Judyth Derbidge and Joy Eagle, Details coming

We will award the Car Club gnome to the best harvest food dish. Put on your chef's hat!

Christmas Party - December 2nd, 1 p.m. - Rhonda Schwarzenberger

It looks like we will be in the \$30 per person for this annual lunch meeting/party.

2018 Glidden Tour - Magic in Magic Valley - Merrill Maxfield

Our Chapter has voted to take care of one day of the tour; we will find out soon where we are headed. There was to be a meeting on October 14th, but it is cancelled.

Future Events - Lewis and Clark Tour will be in our area in a few years, Brian Edgerton will be knocking on doors to help our leg of this historic tour happen.

Thanks to Brian and Deb Edgerton for yummy treats!

Australia Mourns the End of Its Car Manufacturing Industry

Reprinted from the New York Times, October 20, 2017

SYDNEY, Australia — Kane Butterfield started working for Holden at 19 in a small South Australian town built around making the distinctly Australian cars.

But on Friday, after 17 years with the company at its Adelaide auto plant, he and hundreds of other employees bid it farewell, as the factory officially closed, putting an end to car manufacturing in Australia.

“I think it’s pretty tragic really that we’ve let go of one of the best cars around the world,” Mr. Butterfield, 37, told a crowd of reporters gathered outside Australia’s last functioning car factory.



An undated photo of an automobile production line in Adelaide. Credit General Motors Holden, via Associated Press

There has been a car industry in Australia for almost as long as there have been cars. Friday’s closure in Elizabeth, a suburb of Adelaide, left many questioning why the government did not step in and save the country’s once-vibrant auto

industry, when auto manufacturers in the United States and elsewhere received big bailouts to stay afloat.

Auto plants in Australia have slowly been closing over the last several decades, with Ford, Toyota and now Holden, a General Motors subsidiary, shutting their manufacturing operations over roughly the last year.

Some blame the industry’s demise on the government’s refusal in 2013 to come to the rescue of the country’s automakers as they were battered by a high Australian dollar, high production costs and a shrinking domestic market.

Union officials estimated about 30,000 people lost their jobs as a result of the recent closures. In the area north of Adelaide, which has at times had South Australia’s highest unemployment rate and where Holden was the largest employer, nearly 1,000 people were left looking for work as a result of the automakers decision to cease production.

Leading politicians expressed dismay at the fate of the domestic auto industry.

“Personally, I feel very sad, as we all do, for the end of an era,” Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said during a radio interview on Friday. He added that the majority of workers in Elizabeth had either found new employment, decided to go back to school or retired.

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Chapter Events

November - Harvest Daze - Judyth Derbidge & Joy Eagle

December - Christmas Banquet - Doug & Rhonda Schwarzenberger

For Sale by Owner

1934 Chevy 2 dr Master - New rings, valves and seats. New water pump, starter and rebuilt generator and transmission. Gas tank cleaned and new gas line. Original brakes with hydraulic set ready for install. Two sets of extra wheels (wires and smoothies) and the originals also. Selling due to my health. Listed on classiccars.com or call James Carter at 208-390-8090.



President's Corner

We had a beautiful morning for the Fall Market Lake Cleanup. Thanks to all who attended and got a nice walk. Joy is in the process of finalizing our membership drive on Saturday, November 4. Come to Thursday's meeting and get the information!

Yale attended the 2018 Glidden planning session in Brigham City and will update us at our meeting. The Glidden is a really big deal and our chapter's help is going to be important in making the tour a success.

Stay warm and enjoy late fall touring!

Bob

Remembering Kevin Clark

Kevin Gerald Clark LCSW, 53, of Ammon, passed away Sept. 20, 2017, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Kevin was born Jan. 2, 1964, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Jerry Clark and Bonnie McBeth. He grew up and attended schools in Salt Lake City and graduated from East High School. He also attended the University of Utah, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in social work.

On June 27, 1998, he married the love of his life, Domini Derbidge, in Salt Lake City. To this union were born two amazing daughters, Saura and Zella. Kevin and Domini made their home in Ammon, Idaho, where Kevin worked as the clinical director at Snake River Counseling and served his community as a clinical social worker.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hiking, skiing and mountain biking. He was happiest when doing ANYTHING with his wife, children and dogs. His family was always his number one priority. Kevin was also passionate about his friends and his community, spending his career in the service of others.

Kevin is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Domini Clark, of Ammon, Idaho; daughters, Saura and Zella Clark, of Ammon, Idaho; mother, Bonnie McBeth, of Salt Lake City, Utah; sister, Whitney (Alex) John, of Salt Lake City, Utah; brother, Sean (Danielle) Clark, of Salt Lake City, Utah; sister, Megan McBeth, of Salt Lake City, Utah; stepmom, Leslie Clark, of Salt Lake City, Utah; mother-in-law, Judyth Derbidge, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews.

His father, Jerry Clark; his brother, David Mayberry; and his father-in-law, Michael Derbidge, preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the college fund for Kevin's children, Saura and Zella, at Westmark Credit Union, P.O. Box 2869, Idaho Falls, ID 83403 or call for details at 208-528-8315 or to the Bonneville Humane Society, P.O. Box 2763, Idaho Falls, ID 83403 in Kevin's name. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.woodfuneralhome.com.

Australia mourns...(con't)

But union representatives said most of the laid-off workers will never get work in the manufacturing industry again.

The average length of service among those at the plant was about 20 years, according to the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union, and the average age of those affected by the closure was about 38.

But John Camillo, the union's secretary in South Australia, said it was the workers over 50 that were particularly struggling to find new employment.

"It's difficult out there, especially here in Adelaide," Mr. Camillo said.

The decision to stop making cars in Australia reflects "the perfect storm of negative influences the car industry faces," Mr. Turnbull said. He pointed to the continued strength of the Australian dollar, high production costs, and a small domestic market that is both competitive and fragmented.

The small size of the domestic car industry made it almost impossible to compete against foreign automakers.

"It just didn't reach the scale of operation," said John W. Freebairn, an economics professor at the University of Melbourne. "You have to compete with the smart U.S. manufacturers, the Japanese, the South Koreans and so on who are producing several hundred thousand units a year. Our guys were nowhere near that."

Holden devotees drove their cars through the town Sunday to commemorate "the end of an era."

"Holden is one of Australia's most iconic brands," said Mark Bernhard, Holden's chairman and managing director, in a statement. "We built the auto industry in this country and Australia grew up with Holden."