

The Gas Line

Eastern Idaho Chapter of VMCCA

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Market Lake Cleanup - Sept. 10



The Eastern Idaho VMCCA chapter is holding the Fall Market Lake cleanup on Saturday September 10. We will meet at Mitchell's Restaurant (615 E. Iona Rd. at KJ's Travel Center) at 8:00 a.m. All participants will sign in and have a delicious, hearty breakfast and then tour together out to Market Lake by Roberts. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing, slip resistant footwear and gloves and don't forget your long-handled reach devices. Water will be available to keep us hydrated and doughnuts will be available when all the trash has been picked up and collected. Plan on bringing your classic vehicle. The more members we have helping will make the job go much quicker.

Photos are from the spring 2016 clean up - come join us!



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Upcoming Events

Sep 8: Chapter Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls

Sep 10: Market Lake Clean Up, Idaho Falls. Meet at Mitchell's Restaurant at 8 a.m. Contact Mark and Diane Schwartzenberger, 208-552-2358

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

Oct 19-23: Sun Valley Jazz Festival. Contact Joy Eagle 208-529-9450 or Wanda Otero 208-234-2917.

Nov 12: Pumpkin Daze and Membership Drive. More details to come.

Meeting Treats

September	Gary & Linda O'Dell
October	Brian & Deb Edgerton
November	Rhonda Schwartzenberger
December	Christmas Party

Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2016

President Yale Harker conducted the meeting and Secretary/Treasurer Joy Eagle took the minutes. Minutes for the June meeting were read and approved and a current treasurer's report was given. (In place of the July meeting, we had the Show and Shine Event to celebrate our successful Swap Meet - no minutes were taken.)

Market Lake Clean Up - September 10th - Mark & Diane Schwartzenberger. We will meet at Mitchell's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and caravan to the Clean-Up site.

Sun Valley Jazz Festival - October 19-23 - Joy Eagle and Wanda Otero. There is interest in a tour, so plans will be coming.

Pumpkin Daze/Membership Drive - November 12th - Judyth Derbidge and Joy Eagle. Meet at the Indian at the intersection of the Yellowstone Highway and Lincoln Rd. at 10 a.m. There will be a mystery tour then on to the Derbidge's home for the Pumpkin Challenge. More information will be coming in September.

Christmas Banquet and Election of Officers - December - Darla Hoff. White Elephant Gift Exchange - should we discuss an afternoon event?

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 two-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 officers know that you are interested. The offices are - President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and the four-member Board of Directors with the past president being one of the members. (Position descriptions will be available at the September Meeting).

June 11 - Jackson EIEIO Show - It was a good event that may return next year.

July 14th - Show and Shine Potluck Dinner -It was a great dinner with super company!

July - Sage Raceway - Scheduled to open in July - they are finishing up the final details.

July - Bone and Back for a Burger - Lynn Erickson - A beautiful tour with a delicious lunch.

August 13th - Duck Race Car Show - 10-4 at the John's Hole Boat Landing. There will be a poker run the evening before the show.

August - Bonneville Regional Tour - Ephraim, Utah - Liz Dansie, Tour Director, There is still room!

August 27th - Fairwinds Car Show - Sign up to attend this fun show.

August 27th - Trellis Square Car Show may be cancelled.

June 2017 - Swap Meet and Car Show - Larry and Clyde Christian said that they would continue unless we can find someone to take the lead. This is our Club's big event of the year and everyone is welcome to be involved. Advertising - we need to do better with the advertising for the event. There are many free options that just take time to set up. We should drop the Thrifty Nickel for advertising, as it does not seem effective.

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Slower Going at Bonneville Speed Week

by Louise Ann - reprinted from Hemmings Daily Blog

Land speed racing at Bonneville was back this year after a forced, two-year weather-induced hiatus, and the bulging pit area was abuzz with warming engines. However, the 68th running of Speed Week, August 13-19, hosted by the Southern California Timing Association (SCTA) was a mixed bag of success.

The racers were ready, but the salt crust? Not as much. Its bumpy surface was marginally thin in many places leading many to stand down, or depart early. Smaller, lighter machines struggled with salt that motorcyclist Joe Amo termed “greasy.”

Bigger, heavier cars grappled with vision-gutting high-speed vibration. Traction control systems went berserk-o-wacky and the emanating staccato sound waves wrinkled brows from starting line to shut-off. Belly pans were sacrificed to the recycling bin with regularity.

These amateur racers often demonstrate more resolve than the paid motorsport crowd and don't give up easily. Bonneville is the largest expanse of serene nothingness with which a person might ever bond. One visit stays with you for a lifetime; it's cerebral magnetism on overdrive.

Once you've had the supreme pleasure of rolling with conviction over pristine saline - never mind setting a speed record - a spark of divinity is exposed and I don't mean inside a cylinder.

Bonneville racing has been described as “the last vestige of the Wild West” where all the ponies are now under the hood. In addition to Speed Week, there are four other events: World of Speed, Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials, Cook Shoot Out and World Finals, with the occasional private events.

Speed Week 2016 attracted 418 pre-entries, down from 550 in 2013, with an estimated 72 on-site registrations bringing the total to 490 entries. The final tabulated number will be larger once class changes (e.g. gas to fuel) and additional drivers are factored into event totals.

A modest 68 car records were set all week. Further evidence of feeble salt is found in the unrealized potential - only two cars set records above 400 MPH. Speed Demon Racing Team's 416 MPH record in Class B/BFS Class and Thompson LSR's 411 MPH in Class AA/FS.



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

Chapter Events:

September 10 Marty Littleton and Mark Schwarzenberger Market Lake Clean-Up

October 19-23 Joy Eagle & Wanda Otero Sun Valley Jazz Festival

November 12 Judyth Derbidge & Joy Eagle Pumpkin Daze - Membership Drive

December Christmas Dinner



Officially the first vehicle on planet earth to drive past 200 MPH on 100 percent vegetable oil. (Photos by Louise Ann)

President's Corner

Brian Edgerton and I just returned from the Bonneville Region tour centered out of Ephraim UT. It was a great tour and Ron and Liz Dansie and the Copper Classic chapter are to be congratulated. In addition to Brian and myself, we had Bonnie Hong and Fred Ingram attend from Easter Idaho. Bonnie and Fred brought their 1941 Cadillac convertible and Brian and I rode around in my 1966 Ford Mustang. The weather was perfect and we got to see different and beautiful parts of central Utah. My personal wish is that we could get more members of our chapter to attend these regional tours, but I recognize that other things were going on this time. Next year our regional tour and Heritage tour will be combined and our chapter will host this event. It would be great if we had more support for this tour.

Yale

Meeting Minutes - August 11 (continued)

Parking - The roadway into Tautphaus Park will be changing, but it was noted that our barriers do not help the traffic situation. We may need new signs to direct traffic.

Car Show - we need to find help with this part. Mark Schwartzenberger has some vests that can be used to identify club members for assisting with the Car Show.

Name Tags - We can also remember to use nametags when at the Swap Meet.

There is a new manager for Idaho Falls Parks & Rec. Yale and Gary & Dawn Schwartzenberger have met him and think that he will be good to work with.

Heritage Tour - August 14-19, 2017 - Yale Harker/Brian Edgerton. The tour advertisement for the Bulb Horn was reviewed, modified, and approved (with changes) at the meeting. There will be a budget meeting on August 18th to prepare for presentation to National VMCCA. Yale will be visiting the Cody area to preview all of the attractions that we will see on the tour, and look for coffee stops.

The opening banquet will feature Bob Richards - his family has lived in Cody for 3 generations. His grandfather had been a guide for Wild Bill.

Thank you to Sam and Wanda Otero for providing yummy treats.

Photos from Bonneville Region Tour

