

The Gas Line

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Show and Shine - July 6

To celebrate another successful Swap Meet and Car Show we will have a potluck dinner and mini car show as part of our normal chapter meeting. The Show and Shine will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 N. Skyline Drive.

The Eastern Idaho Chapter will provide baked and fried chicken, table settings and drinks. Please bring a favorite dish to share and drive a favorite vehicle to this event! Joy Eagle (joyfuleagle@aol.com) will keep a list of dishes, so send her your choice early...if you want to.)

We will have a VERY short meeting, and then head out to the parking lot to enjoy our success!

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Big Jud's for a Burger - July 12



Join us on Wednesday, July 12 for a Big Jud's Burger Bonanza! We'll meet at the Indian at North Tourist Park (at the intersection of Yellowstone Hwy and Lincoln Road) in Idaho Falls. We'll start gathering together at 10:30 a.m. and start the tour to the original Big Jud's in Archer at 11 a.m.

If you live in the area we will arrive at 11:45 a.m. so you can meet us there!

Big Jud's, 411 W 7800 S, Rexburg (Archer area), ID 83440 (about a 30 mile round trip).



Upcoming Events

July 6: Chapter Meeting and Show and Shine, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the South Room of the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls.

Jul 9-14: Chrome Glidden Tour, Roanoke VA, Robbie Gray, chrome-glidentour2017@yahoo.com

Jul 12: Big Jud's Bonanza, Archer, ID. Meet at the Indian at 10:30 a.m.

Aug 14-19: Heritage Tour, Cody, WY, Rhonda Schwartzenberger, dgnrnda@gmail.com, 208-524-1337

Sep 17-22: Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Hastings, NE, John Nykodym, glidentour2017@gmail.com, 402-746-2248

Meeting Treats

July	Sam & Wanda Otero
August	Jim Kontes
September	Bud & Janet Cheney
October	Brian & Deb Edgerton
November	Ken & Carol Avery
December	Christmas Dinner

Post Register article - Swap Meet and Car Show

(Editor's Note: This article appeared in the Post Register on June 12, 2017)

By **KEVIN TREVELLYAN**

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Gary Schwartzenberger bought his first car for \$65 – \$35 cash and the remainder in eggs.

It was a 1930 Ford Model A. He was 10 years old and lived on a farm in the New Sweden area outside Idaho Falls.

At the time, the previous owner said "The kid's not going to keep that car."



Dawn and Gary Schwartzenberger pose for a portrait beside their vintage Fords at their home in Idaho Falls on Monday afternoon. Gary bought the middle car when he was 10 years old for \$35 and \$30 in eggs. The Schwartzenbergers are members of the Eastern Idaho Chapter of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America, which is having its annual Swap Meet and Car Show this weekend. Taylor Carpenter / tcarpenter@postregister.com

Decades later it sits restored in Schwartzenberger's garage surrounded by two other pristine '30s Fords and shelves of rusty parts.

Schwartzenberger and his wife, Dawn, both 70, likely will show one of the Fords, and possibly a 1934 Chevrolet, at the annual Swap Meet and Car Show in Idaho Falls.

The event, sponsored by the Eastern Idaho Chapter of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America, is expected to draw thousands of auto enthusiasts and hundreds of vintage cars during Father's Day weekend.

"A lot of these cars you've never seen before, especially not on the streets. Cars from the turn of the century up to the '80s: lowriders, Corvettes, hot rods, muscle cars, pickups," Dawn said. "We get so many people out here that bring dad or grandpa to see all that stuff, and that's the best part about it."



One of the Schwartzenbergers' vintage cars, a 1934 Chevrolet, sits in their garage at their home in Idaho Falls on Monday afternoon. Taylor Carpenter / tcarpenter@postregister.com

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1935 Ford Roadster Utility from Hemmings Motor News

This 1935 Ford Roadster Utility “ute” is one of only 6 manufactured that year. From a contact in Australia we found out that approximately



385 “utes” were manufactured by Ford Australia in 1935. Of that number, only 7 were Roadster Utility. One was the #304 Well Side and six were the #302 Straight Side.



The history of the Ford Utes came about as a result of a 1932 letter from the wife of a farmer in Victoria, Australia, to Ford Australia, asking for a vehicle to go to church on a Sunday and which can carry our pigs to

market on Mondays. In response, Ford designer Lew Bandt developed a vehicle based on the client’s request and the model (called a “coupe utility” at the time) was released in 1934. A convertible version, known as the roadster utility, was produced in limited numbers by Ford in the 1930s. Production ceased in 1938. This car has been restored to exacting standards.



Newsletter Editor

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Chapter Events

July - Show and Shine

July - Big Jud’s for a Burger

August - Heritage Tour

September - Market Lake Cleanup - Mark & Diane Schwartzberger

October - Sun Valley Jazz Festival - Joy Eagle

November - Harvest Daze - Judyth Derbidge & Joy Eagle

December - Christmas Banquet - Doug & Rhonda Schwartzberger

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

A happy Fourth of July to all!

An enormous "THANK YOU" to everyone that helped out with the planning, preparations, donations, and working at the 39th Swap Meet and Car Show. Thanks to Larry & Clyde Christian for coming over from Baker City to "drive" the affair. It was a lot of work, but we had a great party in the process.

The Western Heritage Tour is almost here. We have 60+ cars signed up and perhaps a couple more coming. There's still time to saddle up for a ride to Cody.

Celebrate the Fourth of July all month!

Bob

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The Swap Meet and Car Show is free to attend 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Joe Marmo/Wayne Lehto Ice Arena at Tautphaus Park, 390 Rogers St.

The club's Eastern Idaho chapter has 55 members. Enthusiasts from seven other local clubs are expected to show their vehicles as well.

The meet features food vendors and also will be packed with parts vendors, Dawn said. About 120 vendors from as far as Wyoming, Montana and Utah are expected to set up booths.

"This isn't some kind of junk swap meet. Everybody's looking for a certain part for a certain car, and this is where you find it if you're a car enthusiast," Dawn said. "And if your part isn't here, you can talk to anybody and they can tell you who to get ahold of for what you're looking for."

The Eastern Idaho Chapter of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America formed in 1963. The group started the Swap Meet and Car Show in 1978.

Pocatello resident Sam Otero joined the club in 1997. He volunteers at the show each year, and usually brings his flame-red 1965 Ford Mustang fastback.

Otero restored everything on the car but the paint, done professionally, and the upholstery, which his wife redid. He's been interested in cars since his father and grandfather used to fix Model A's in the '30s and '40s.

"I couldn't afford the newer ones when I was a teenager, but I could pick up the older cars for next to nothing in the '60s," Otero said.

The meet is a great place for restorers and custom builders alike, he said.

"All the car nuts and the people restoring cars try to go there and find something for their cars," Otero said. "And you have the street rodders and stuff, they're interested in coming and seeing if they can find the part they need and some things they don't need. There's all kinds of treasures of some type."

Most of the event's profits, about \$1,500 each year, are diverted to technical scholarships for local students enrolled in auto repair, welding, machining or other programs.

In 1997, around the time the Vintage Motor Car Club of America's Pocatello chapter was absorbed by the Idaho Falls-based Eastern Idaho chapter, a scholarship was started for Idaho State University technical students.

In 2005, a scholarship was started for Eastern Idaho Technical College students.

The schools provide the club student recommendations each year, which allows the club to give back to the community and continue the automotive tradition, Otero said.

"The car hobby requires people to know what the heck they're doing a little bit," he said. "We thought 'Well, that's good if somebody can learn. Then maybe they'll stick with the car hobby for a while.'"