

The Gas Line

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From the President's corner:

Hello and thanks attending the September meeting at the Library We started the nomination process for the 2027 – 2028 Officers. Scott Skinner was nominated for President and Holly agreed to continue as the Treasurer. The club still needs nominees for Vice President and Secretary as well as a volunteer to assume the newsletter and web site responsibilities.

Several members of the club met and enjoyed the Collections Corner Museum on September 18th. A couple of member attended the car show in Dubois and other attended the car show at Anheuser-Busch plant on September 19th. The next local car show will be the Vintage Car Show at the Nice Spot, 395 Lindsay Blvd., on October 3rd from 9 AM to Noon.

Please plan on attending the October meeting at the Idaho Falls Library. We will finalize nominations and prepare to select the new officers in November. As we updated our charter so we now elect officers in November so it does not interfere with the Christmas party.

Here are the remaining car show and swap meet opportunities for September and October.

Sep 26th, 2026 8 AM - 22st Fall Swap Meet, Firebird Raceway Eagle, ID

Oct. 3rd, 2026 9 AM – Noon, Vintage Car Show, 395 Lindsay Blvd., The Nice Spot.

That is all for now,

Bob Thompson

CLUB ACTIVITIES

September – Collector's Corner Museum
October – Market Lake
November – Membership Drive
December – Christmas Party

MEETING TREATS

October – Paul & Lona Engberson
November – Bill Beery
December – Christmas Party

NATIONAL EVENTS

See the latest Bulb Horn

Send your car photos for
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Building a Relationship with a 123-Year-Old Car: The Next Generation of Veteran Motoring



By Tara Hurlin

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A 27-year-old enthusiast is rescuing a 1903 Humberette from museum exile to tackle the legendary London to Brighton Veteran Car Run.

To the uninitiated, the world of [pre-1905 veteran cars](#) can look like an exclusive club reserved for eccentric millionaires and senior collectors. But Megan Casey, a 27-year-old enthusiast from Bedfordshire, is turning that stereotype on its head. After falling in love with the sheer grit, character, and hands-on mechanical camaraderie of pioneering motoring, Casey bought a 1903 Humberette, and she is currently thrashing in the garage to get it ready for its first capital-to-coast trek in nearly 50 years.

BRINGING A BRITISH PIONEER HOME

Finding an affordable gateway into veteran motoring is no easy task, but Casey's interest was sparked by the unique machinery surrounding her. "I bought a 1967 MG roadster and absolutely love it to bits," Casey noted. "My boyfriend Alex has a steam car, which made me think I'd like to get more into veteran cars. As a hobby it's a really nice change from traction engines."

Her search eventually led her to a diminutive, single-cylinder British runabout with a fascinating history. Registered in Kent near where Casey grew up, the 1903 Humberette hadn't touched the London to Brighton road since the 1970s. In 1978, it was exported to a museum in Stockholm, Sweden, where it sat as a static display for over four decades. Casey bought the car at auction, effectively rescuing the brass-era machine from museum retirement to bring it back to its native British tarmac. "The Humberette has such a nice character about it – it looks like a veteran car should," she said. "Besides, it was a British car that needed bringing home."

NO DIAGNOSTIC COMPUTERS ALLOWED

Pre-1905 cars demand a completely different mechanical mindset than the post-war classics most enthusiasts are used to. Preparing the 123-year-old machine for the grueling 60-mile endurance run has required an intensive mechanical overhaul. The car required a completely fresh, custom-fabricated fuel tank. Furthermore, because the vehicle is naturally shaky when running, Casey had to replace most of the heavily worn components in the front axle just to make the steering manageable. The team has also fitted new tires and is currently diving deep into the gearbox internals.

For Casey, the lack of modern infrastructure is exactly what makes the experience so rewarding. “Veteran cars are so much more hands on to repair and rewarding to live with than modern cars,” she explained. “If anything goes wrong you don’t need to plug them into a computer! You simply open the bonnet, roll up your sleeves and try to work out what’s the problem.”

MASTERING THE ART OF THE EARLY DRIVE

Taking the car out for shakedown runs around her local village has proven to be an athletic, fast-thinking experience. With completely alien control layouts, manual lubrication requirements, and rudimentary brakes, driving a veteran car is a full-body workout that requires patience and a good sense of humor.

“I’ve driven it around the village a few times with varying degrees of success,” Casey admitted. “It’s certainly a challenge! It’s unlike anything I’ve driven before, but it’s such good fun. It gives me a smile and I spend most of the time laughing. A bit more practice is needed before Brighton, but we will get there.”

THE NEXT GENERATION OF BRASS-ERA GEARHEADS

Casey is part of a growing, tight-knit movement of younger enthusiasts ensuring that these centenarian vehicles don’t become forgotten relics. She stays connected with a network of under-30 veteran owners via online group chats, where they swap technical advice, hard-to-find parts leads, and garage photos to lower the barrier to entry for others. “It is very easy for people to think, ‘That’s not for me’, but once you get into it, it’s such a great hobby and I’m so glad to be part of it,” she said.

On Sunday, November 1, Casey will join hundreds of other pre-1905 vehicles at Hyde Park as the morning mist clears, ready to take the start line for the RM Sotheby’s [London to Brighton Veteran Car Run](#). Joy Tacon, who sits on the event’s steering group, noted that any distance made on the run in the Humberette is worth celebrating.

For Casey, the inevitable breakdowns and roadside fixes are entirely the point of the journey. “It teaches you new skills, not least when you are driving it, as you really need to think on your feet,” she said. “Part of the fun is that you’ve got to build a relationship with the car. It has its own character and characteristics which pulls you into being very attached to it – that kind of relationship is missing with a modern car.”



August Meeting Minutes

The August 6, 2026 EIVMCCA meeting was held at the Idaho Falls Library and was called to order by the Vice President, Scott Skinner at 7:01 PM. Meeting minutes from the June and July meetings were read by Scott and accepted. Holly Crawley provided the treasurer's report.

Scott reminded those in attendance that the Club is still looking for someone to start editing the newsletter and updating the web site. The present Editor will leave to assume responsibilities for car clubs in Austin, TX.

Scott asked for input on an August club activity. Some discussion was held.

Scott thanked Carole and Lou Rounds for the treats.

The broken glass in the display cabinet was discussed and two options were suggested. One was to repair the existing case or the second option was to buy a new one. No decision was made.

The need to repair the side door on the trailer was discussed and Hughie LaPage agreed to fix the door.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting was closed at 7:19.

September Meeting Minutes

The September 3, 2026 meeting of the EIVMCCA was called to order by President Bob Thompson at 7:00 p.m. The Treasurer's report was provided by Holly Crawley and she stated the club has \$14,541.74 in the account.

Bob reminded everyone in attendance that the 2027 registration is open and to start thinking about getting dues paid before the end of the year. Holly added that it would be helpful to pay through the local chapter to help her keep track of who has paid. Holly provided the registration forms that she had updated to include the local dues.

The club is still in need of a new Editor for the newsletter and web site. This would be a good time to think about helping the club along with volunteering to be an officer for 2027-2028.

Bob opened the nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary. Holly agreed to continue as the Treasurer so no nominee was needed. Scott Skinner was nominated for President he accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Bob suggested sending names of candidates to Scott and him before the next meeting.

Dawn Schwartzenberger suggested the club tour the Collectors Corner Museum on September 18, 2026. The member discussed optional dates and settled on September 18, 2026. The idea of lunch after the tour of the museum was discussed and left for those who attended the tour to decide.

Mark Schwartzenberger discussed the Fall Market Lake cleanup and October 10, 2026 was set as the date for the cleanup. Those participating in the cleanup will meet at the Outback parking lot at a time to be discussed at the October meeting.

Bob brought up the planning for the Christmas Party and possible dates of December 5, 12, and 19 were discussed. Bob took the action to determine the available dates and let everyone know at the next meeting. The location for the Christmas party will be Valerie Hall next to the North Hiway Café and catered by the restaurant.

November 7, 2026 will be the membership drive and garage tour. Scott Skinner volunteered his garage for the tour. More details for the membership drive and garage tour will be discussed at the October meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Mark and Diane Schwartzenberger were thanked for the treats.

Car for Sale:

From Holly Crawley:

A friend from Vancouver, WA, sent me this information and I thought I'd pass it on to you. Feel free to use my name if you want to contact Rennie about the truck.

Would any of your group be interested in the restored truck? We are asking \$12,000.

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