

The Gas Line

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From the President's Corner:

Hello, and thanks to those who attended the March meeting held at the Idaho Falls Library. Hope everyone who attended the breakfast at Elmer's enjoyed the get-together and Chrome in the Dome car show. The club had six entries and five of the vehicles won a trophy.

We need to start planning events for the year. We need a dust off of tour ideas for April. We will be doing the Market Lake Spring cleanup as soon as Mark and Diane get that arranged. We need to spend time planning the swap meet and car show for Father's Day weekend and some get togethers for July.

I am putting together an initial list of car shows in our area and will have it available, hopefully at the April meeting. Hope to see you April 2nd at the Idaho Falls Library. We should have the revised by-laws ready to review and vote on.

That's all for now.

Bob Thompson

CLUB ACTIVITIES

April – Market Lake Cleanup
May – Open
June – Car Show and Swap Meet in Shelley
July – After Glow from Swap Meet
August - Open
September – Open
October – Market Lake
November – Membership Drive
December - Christmas Party

MEETING TREATS

March Open
April – Bob & Holly Crawley
May – Doug & Rhonda
Schwartzenger
June – John Walrath
July – Gary & Dawn
Schwartzenger
August - Lewis & Carole Rounds
September – Mark & Diane
Schwartzenger
October – Paul & Lona Engberson
November – Bill Beery
December - Christmas Party

NATIONAL EVENTS

TBD

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VMCCA 87th Annual Membership Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska

March 18th, 2026 – Shared by Holly Crawley

Bob and I made it to the Annual Meeting in Lincoln despite 55 – 65 mph wind gusts and ground blizzards closing I 80! The Annual Meeting is always more than just the meeting sessions. On Tuesday we all boarded a bus and spent the day touring the 1922 Nebraska state capitol building,



University of Nebraska Tractor Test site, the International Quilt Museum, and TMC0, a very large family-owned business that does custom welding, power coating and fabrication.



We had an Irish lunch (in honor of St. Patrick's Day) with the friends we've made on the many tours we've attended over the years. We ended the day eating ice cream at the University of Nebraska Dairy sales store. Delicious!

Wednesday morning was the Annual Membership Meeting officiated by President elect, Mark Hamlin. The 2026 officers were introduced (the list is in the last Bulb Horn) and each gave a short self-introduction. The New business included presenting past Secretary Mike Welsh with a well-earned Lifetime Member award Facebook page was discussed, and everyone was encouraged to post pictures of local club tours..

The upcoming tours were discussed. Next year's Annual Meeting will be held in French Lick, Indiana. Bob and I took our '49 Chev pickup to French Lick last August for The Farm Boys tour and really had a great time. The only problem with French Lick is that it is so far away from Idaho Falls! Closer tours coming up include one in Buffalo, WY July 8-11. Side note: Buffalo is only 450 miles from Idaho Falls and it looks to be a fun 3 day tour. Bob and I are registered for it! Join us!

The Chrome Glidden tour will be June 14-19 in Amarillo, TX. The Mountain and Plains Region Tour will be in Salina, KS October 11-16 and the directors' plans sound really interesting! "Who Knew!!!" Think we'll try to get there, too.

Other tours are listed in the Bulb Horn as well as contact information for them all. I can't tell you how many great friends we've met on past tours! We look forward to meeting more!

After the Annual meeting we all went to the Speedway Museum at the Museum of Speed where we had 'Runzas' for lunch. A runza is a regional cuisine of Nebraska and is a yeast dough bread pocket filled with ground beef, cabbage or sauerkraut, onions and seasonings. It was new to Bob and me and I enjoyed mine! The museum is huge and showcases a stunning array of history-making cars, engines, parts, pedal cars, automotive toys and memorabilia including the tour host, Myron Smith's 1959 Bel Air.



Myron told us the story about how his father's first "new" car was a '59 Bel Air and as an adult Myron had been looking for a '59 Bel Air to restore. He heard of some cars a local dealer had put in storage when the new year's models came out, and the cars had never been sold. As a result, 65 years later, the cars were still "new" and Myron was able to purchase a "new" '59 Bel Air, just like his father did and it is now displayed in the Museum of Speed! It is totally original with the dealer's sticker in the rear window and a pristine body and original engine.

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The day ended with a very interesting speaker on Vintage Gas Pumps, Gas Stations, and Car Dealerships. Who knew there were specific architectural styles of gas stations?

Thursday started with the Board of Governors Meeting that Bob Shilkett attended as Bonneville Region Director so I'm sure he'll report on this meeting.

The Annual Meeting ended with the Annual Awards and Installation Banquet. The 2026 officers were installed, and sincere thanks were given to all the out-going officers. Many awards were presented by Steve Fitzgerald, the out-going Technical Vice President. These are a wide array of sponsored national awards for our members or their cars and are presented at the Annual Membership meeting. A list of these awards is on the VMCCA website: [2025-VMCCA-Awards-List.pdf](#)

Our trip home was not as eventful as the trip to Nebraska, thank goodness, although we did have wild, wild winds again on I 80. Thankfully, these were warm winds, not blizzard winds! We did drive through the annual sandhill crane migration both ways, and on the way home we got off the freeway to drive local farm roads to get up closer to the thousands of cranes. Amazing!



We also stopped at the Golden Spike Tower in North Platte, NE, which was very interesting. VMCCA trips and tours are always fun! Join us on the next one!



Chrome in the Dome Breakfast at Elmer's:

