

The Gas Line

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42nd Annual - Eastern Idaho Chapter VMCCA - www.eivmcca.org Swap Meet & Car Show

Tautphaus Park Hockey Shelter
Idaho Falls, ID
June 20 & 21, 2020
Saturday ~ 8am to 6pm
Sunday ~ 9am to 4p

Cancelled
due to the coronavirus
We hope to see you next year!

For more information or
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President's Corner – Special Edition

Dear Car Club Friends,

I spoke with Mason at the Parks and Recreation Center. He told me that all Rec. facilities will be closed until the end of May. Therefore, we will **NOT have a monthly meeting in April or May.**

Further, I asked the Board of Directors for their input and vote in cancelling the Swap Meet and Car Show this year. It is a unanimous vote to **CANCEL this year's Swap Meet and Car Show.** This was a difficult decision. However, considering the recommendations of the CDC and the unknown timeline of the Coronavirus Pandemic, we feel this is the right decision. There is so much time and energy required in the preliminary stages to make this event successful. We won't be able to have meetings to plan, get members involved, and finalize details. We feel that if a last-minute cancellation were required, this would be even more difficult than issuing a cancellation at this time. However, if things calm down sooner than expected, we will revisit this decision.

Also, we received the following from the VMCCA National President, Ray Maxfield.

Good day,

Seriously, I hope all of you are having a good day. We are all concerned about COVID-19, its existence, its spread, its impact, and its life span. Apparently, there are more questions than answers.

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CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter meetings cancelled for April and May.

MEETING TREATS

June	
July	Sam & Wanda
Aug	Rich & Joy
Sep	Gary & Dawn
Oct	
Nov	
Dec	

NATIONAL EVENTS

Jun 7-12: Lewis And Clark Regional Tour, Yankton, S.D. to Mobridge, S.D. Jim and Judy Johnson (605) 390-4410 or jjim.judy.johnson@rap.midco.net

Jun 21-25: 6th Muscle Car Tour the Shack, White Cloud, MI. Don and Sally VanAtta (231) 670-0538 or vanatta@goldcommcable.com

Jul 12-16: 70th Annual GLR Tour, Auburn, IN. Hank Kiess (260) 637-7412 or Mike Stitt (517) 589-5430.

Aug 17-20: Grand Indiana Tour, Columbus, IN. Contact Tim & Frieda Howell (317) 326-1515 or timfriedahowell@gmail.com

Sep 13-18: 75th Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Saratoga Springs, NY. Bill Preston (315) 224-5759 or glidden2020@gmail.com

Oct 18-23: Western National Tour, Cottonwood, AZ. Malcolm & Jane Stinson (928) 368-7442 or swstudebaker@live.com

President's Message (continued)

It seems like an answer that would make the VMCCA's decisions about 2020 tours easier would be the answer to its life span or how long will the restrictions and recommendations be in place. Currently, decisions are being made for events within an eight-week window as defined in an earlier recommendation. The eight-week window would end sometime the first week of May. Two tours on our VMCCA calendar within that window have both been cancelled, TexOma Region Tour and the Chrome Glidden.

Two tours outside the eight-week window have been cancelled. The 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour Directors just announced the cancellation of their tour. They also asked for approval to set the 2021 dates to the tour at June 13 - 18, to be held in Fremont, Ohio. The Nickel Tour, May 31 - June 4 has been cancelled. Tour Director Rick Lindner wrote in his letter that he understood that the AACA has cancelled all their events until the month of June. I have not been able to confirm that. We also have a communication from Sally VanAtta confirming, "The HCCA does hereby cease sanctioning and affiliation with any HCCA National Club event until June 1, 2020." I can forward that email to you if you want to read it.

In President Trump's message Tuesday, he answered the how long will it last question by saying " ...people are talking July/August, something like that." The short video is here if you want to see it.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/video/trump-estimates-coronavirus-timeline-until-july-or-august-80721477704>

The known tours on our calendar for June and July are:

- June 7-12: Lewis and Clark Regional Tour, Jim/Judy Johnson Tour Directors
- June 21-25: 6th Muscle Car Tour, Don/Sally VanAtta Tour Directors
- July 12-16: 70th Annual GLR Tour, Doug Kennedy Tour Director

The known Tour on our calendar for August is:

- August 17-20: Grand Indiana Tour, Tim Howell Tour Director

Further out:

- September 13-18: 75th Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Bill Preston, Tour Director
- October 18-23: Western National Tour, Malcolm Stinson, Tour Director

At this point, working within the current set of restrictions and timeline seems OK, as our known National and Regional tours are outside the eight-week window. If there are extensions to the timeline as suggested, then we are faced with difficult decisions, again. I don't want to cancel tours and know you don't either. Let's just be prepared. "Every storm runs out of rain" a quote from Maya Angelou. There is sunshine headed our way!

Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and for treating every member with understanding and kindness.

Ray Maxfield

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Red Rock, National Meeting and Dwarf Car Museum Photos



Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2020

Vice president Bob Thomas conducted the meeting. Joy Eagle provided a Treasurer's Report. Minutes from the February meeting and the annual reading of the EIVMCCA By-Laws were read. The Report, Minutes with corrections and the By-Laws were approved.

Las Vegas National VMCCA Meeting – February 27 – March 1, 2020

Bob Shilkett attended the meeting as the Bonneville Regional Director. New – VMCCA Modified Class for cars that have modifications but essentially look stock. We will add this wording to our By-Laws; specific information will be available in April. The National Website will be updated. The High Rollers chapter generously arranged to bring their cars to the meeting and take us to the Red Rocks Park and Duesenberg/Fire Truck Museum on the two meeting days.

Chrome in the Dome – March 20-21, 2020 – Yale Harker.

2 – 9 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets \$5. Sam Otero will acknowledge Mark and Mary Bunce and the ISU scholarship that our club continues to support. The time has changed for breakfast at Elmer's, 851 S 5th Ave., Pocatello at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Autorama – March 13-15, 2020 in South Town Expo Center in Sandy, UT. Hot rods and custom car show.

2020 Swap Meet and Car Show – June 20-21, 2020 - Larry and Clyde Christian.

- Larry and Clyde – Registration, vendor spaces, porta potties, and so many other items.
- Rhonda Schwanzenberger – Kitchen
- Dawn Schwanzenberger – Food Vendors
- Bud and Janet Cheney will take flyers to other swap meets
- Ken Avery – car show parking
- Joy and Rich – art, plaques, print ad setup, including some Thrifty Nickel ads
- All Club Members – Advertising, setup and cleanup after

Saturday night dinner perhaps at Dixie's Diner. We will block off the softball drive entrance to create one-way traffic – similar to last year. We will ask the City if they will promote our event along with the Zoo activities.

ISU Endowment Scholarship Fund – Sam Otero will be working with the new representative.

Lewis and Clark Tour – 2023 – More information to come as the date gets closer, but a provisional itinerary has been set. We will look forward to this event.

Thanks to Louis and Carol Rounds for wonderful treats!

Chrome in the Dome Car Photos

Since Chrome in the Dome for 2020 was cancelled, we decided to give you a virtual Chrome in the Dome tour of two of our member cars that were planning to be in the show. First is Bob and Holly Crawley's 1931 Chevrolet 5-Window Coupe and then two photos of Paul and Lona Engbersen's 1929 Model A Ford Roadster.



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President's Message (continued)

We attended the Board of Governors Meeting in Las Vegas the end of February. We had a great showing from our chapter; Bob/Celine Shilkett, Joy/Rich Eagle, Bob/Holly Crawley, Rhonda and me. Two revisions that came out of the meeting are as follows:

Revised Modification Policy:

Touring, which represents the Club's primary form of exhibition, requires club vehicles to be driven on public roads and highways and may necessitate the modification or alteration of various components to provide for the safety of the vehicle, passengers, and the public.

Recognizing that touring requires operation of these vehicles for extended periods – and in regions of our country where weather and road conditions may be extreme - modifications which enhance reliability, safety, drivability, and driver/passenger comfort shall be deemed acceptable, providing the exterior appearance and body profile of the vehicle is substantially preserved as originally manufactured and that all personalized items and accessories are period-correct for the vehicle in question.

Modifications and alterations that significantly change the vehicle's original profile – where the obvious intent of the modification is not for the primary purpose of safety, comfort, drivability, or reliability – present an inappropriate impression of the aim and purpose of the VMCCA and shall not be permitted on VMCCA National Tours or sponsored events. These requirements shall apply only for VMCCA National Tours and events.

VMCCA Regions and Chapters are welcome to use their discretion in establishing requirements for their own local tours and events. The final decision to accept or reject any modified or customized vehicle shall rest with the Tour Director or Event Chairperson.

Revised 2/2020

VMCCA Mission Statement as approved by the BOG 2-28-2020

The purpose of the VMCCA is to promote touring and enjoyment of vintage vehicles through the acquisition, preservation, restoration, and exhibition of all vintage and historically significant vehicles and associated materials.

On another note, Rhonda and I had to cut our trip short because of this Coronavirus Pandemic. We are currently self-quarantining for 15 days. We did get to visit The Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa AZ. It was quite interesting. Ernie Adams, the originator of the dwarf car, has made a name for himself building Dwarf Race Cars and scaled-down replicas of classic cars. It is a museum of 11/16 scale-size cars that Ernie has built from ground up. The first dwarf car he built was in 1965 and is a 1928 Chevy two-door sedan made from nine old refrigerators and an 18 hp Wisconsin motor. He now bends and shapes metal into a fully dressed Dwarf Car with fenders, chrome, finished interior, and street legal.

I guess this is all for now. Take care, stay healthy, and remember your social distancing. Hopefully, this will all blow over soon!

Douglas