

The Gas Line

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Chrome in the Dome
Bill and Sandy Beery's 1966 Chevrolet Impala SS



President's Corner

Hello, and thanks to those who were able to attend our first meeting back at the Idaho Falls Library. We had a good discussion on the upcoming car show and swap meet and the Chrome in the Dome. The Chrome in the Dome was a good car show with eight of our members' vehicles entered. Hope everyone has a happy Easter and I hope to see you at the April meeting.

Thanks,

Bob Thompson

CHAPTER EVENTS

Apr 4 – Chapter meeting at the Idaho Falls Library, 457 W. Broadway, Idaho Falls at 7 p.m.

Apr 6 or 13 – Dust-Off Tour to Museum of Idaho for the Under the Canopy - Rainforest Exhibit and a short drive and lunch as a group – Joy Eagle and Doug & Rhonda Schwartzenberger

May – Market Lake Clean-Up – Mark & Diane Schwartzenberger

Jun 15 – Swap Meet and Car Show

Jul – Pot Luck Meeting

Aug 10 – Duck Race Car Show – Bill Beery and Kevin Call

MEETING TREATS

Apr	Bill & Sandy Beery
May	Dawn & Gary
Jun	Carole & Lewis
Jul	Pot Luck
Aug	John Walrath
Sep	Rich and Joy
Oct	Paul & Lona
Nov	Bob & Celine
Dec	Christmas Party

NATIONAL EVENTS

Apr 8-12 – VMCCA Orphan 2024 North Texas Tour, Decatur, TX. Bill and Betty Shores, Hosts. 817-688-7022 or b.shores@sbcglobal.net

Apr 28-May 3 – VMCCA Chrome Glidden Tour, Clarksville, AR. Raymond & Sammie Sue Harrill, Hosts. raymond.harrill@att.net or 501-223-3158
Ray and Carol Maxfield, Co-Hosts and Registrars 970-667-7182.

May 12-17 – Part II Old Santa Fe Trail Regional Tour, Grand Junction, CO to St. George, UT. Steve Fitzgerald, Chairperson studebakersteve@bresnan.net

Jun 3-7 – Great Lakes Region Tour, Cadillac, MI. Ron Kovacs, Tour Director 231-649-4438 or Rek231@aol.com

Jun 9-14 – Lewis and Clark Regional Tour, Carl Edem. Carldedem.52@gmail.com

Meeting Minutes – March 7

The meeting was held at the Idaho Falls Library. There were 16 members in attendance. President Bob Thompson conducted the meeting and Joy Eagle read the minutes from the previous meeting. No treasurer's report was given.

Correspondence

CEI Scholarship Recipient – Abigail Sopkowicz sent us a very nice thank you letter.

Old Business

National News – Bob Shilkett, Bonneville Region Director.

Topics of discussion – The National VMCCA meeting was held during a four-day cruise. Bob attended via zoom call. One of the interesting topics was to see if people would be OK with an electronic Bulb Horn. What do the members of the Eastern Idaho Chapter think?

New Business

Chrome in the Dome – March 15-16 – Yale Harker.

The EIVMCCA cars will caravan to the show on Friday. The breakfast is on Saturday at Elmer's Restaurant at 8 a.m., then on to the show. The cars this year are from Bob Hoff, Scott Skinner, Shannalee Waller-Michalsky, Paul Engberson, Bill Beery, John Walrath, Jeff Pack, and Yale Harker. The profits from the show benefit the Automotive Department at ISU.

Swap Meet & Car Show – June 15th with set-up June 14th.

- The City of Shelley is waiving the \$800 park fee but they still want the \$200 sanitation fee.
- Vendors will be charged a \$10 fee if they want to use electricity.
- Porta Potties – We will still rent one handicap potty and a hand wash station.
- We need to contact the church that is across from the park to see if we can use their parking lot during our event.
- We have a striping machine for our use, but we need to purchase the paint.
- We can park on the entire field.
- Dawn has contacted our food vendors and is making those arrangements.
- Kevis Coates is helping us to acquire a new pie case that will be lighter for future use.
- Rhonda is taking charge of the Kitchen this year.
- We will have a raffle; please let us know if you have raffle items.
- Posters, Space Registration, and Flyers are available to hand out and post at your favorite establishments.
- A submariners group approached our club to see if they can have a booth to promote their group and their project Camp Magical Moments. The club voted to offer them a space.

Newsletter & Website – Jeff Pack is retiring and would like pass on the responsibilities for our club's communications. If anyone would like to find out more about what is required, please notify Bob Thompson or Joy Eagle.

Thanks to Joy & Rich for bringing yummy cookies!

Chrome in the Dome 2024

by Jeff Pack

Some photo highlights from Chrome in the Dome 2024



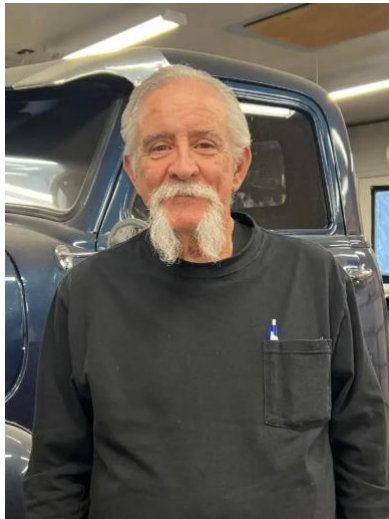
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Send me your car photos for
the website.

<http://www.eivmcca.org>

Tribute to Sam Otero



Sam was a long-time member of the Eastern Idaho VMCCA and contributed untold time, resources and experience to the club. He will be dearly missed by everyone in the club and our heartfelt sympathies to Wanda and the extended family. His obituary is provided below.

Samuel Feliciano Otero, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away on March 12, 2024. He was born on October 16, 1944, in Las Vegas, New Mexico. He grew up in Denver, Colorado, and later moved to Pocatello, Idaho.

Sam's life was filled with love for his family and a passion for tinkering. He found joy in restoring and showcasing antique cars, a true "car guy" through and through. He was also a skilled woodworker and always eager to lend a helping hand (or his opinion!) with any project.

In 1962, Sam married the love of his life, Wanda Otero. Together, they raised four beautiful daughters, Roxanna (Mickey) Larreau, Tamara (Corey) Buck, Rose (Bill) Stilson, and Tonia (Joel) Johnson. His greatest pride came from his ever-growing family, which eventually included 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Sam cherished spending time with his grandkids, never missing a chance to hold a new baby or attend an event to cheer them on. They, in turn, loved his playful teasing and the special nicknames he had for many of them.

Sam was known for his meticulous nature, unwavering determination, and quick wit. His legendary mustache and one-liners could bring a smile to anyone's face. He brought his family many simple joys such as his homemade salsa or "strong sauce" as we called it, his ability to peel an orange while keeping the peel in one piece and saving unique collection such as \$2 bills, antiques, and bells.

In nearly 25 years of retirement from JR Simplot, Sam remained active and was always willing to help his daughters and grandchildren in any way he could. Even in his final months, his independence and strength shined through as he insisted on chopping firewood and tackling projects all on his own.

Sam was a pillar of strength and a source of wisdom for his family. He was a protector, a shoulder to cry on, and a constant presence for his wife Wanda for 62 years. Though not a saint, he was honest, hardworking, and above all, loving.

Commonly known as Grandpa Sam to all who met him, he is already deeply missed. We know he is resting now, and we will cherish his memory forever, holding our heads strong with the small bit of stubbornness he passed on to each of us. Until we meet again,

Vava Con Dios.