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Brrrrreakfast/Brrrrrunch – January 18



Our January Brrrrreakfast/Brrrrrunch will be January 18 at 10:00 a.m. at Cedric's, 1260 W. Broadway in Idaho Falls. Please RSVP to Rhonda at (208) 524-1337 to let us know if you plan to join us.

President's Corner

2020 already!!!

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a great 2020!

The first activity for this year will be Brrrrreakfast/Brrrrrunch, January 18, 10:00 a.m., Cedric's on Broadway. Please RSVP to Rhonda at 208.524.1337 to let us know if you plan to join us. Plan to attend the meeting January 2 and consider signing up for monthly treats and sponsoring a monthly activity. The by-laws will be read and reviewed and at this meeting.

We're looking forward to another year of fun touring and club activities.

Douglas

CHAPTER EVENTS

Jan 2: Chapter Meeting 7 p.m. at Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 N. Skyline Dr.

Jan 18: Brrrrreakfast/Brrrrrunch

More coming soon!

MEETING TREATS

Coming Soon!

Christmas Party Photos

Our Christmas Party was at Dixie's Diner and after a short wait, we had a nice party with games, a white elephant gift exchange and lots of conversation.



NATIONAL EVENTS

Feb 27-Mar 1: Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet, Las Vegas, NV, contact John Munoz 702-490-7811 or johnpm@ahern.com

Mar 19-21: 2020 Texoma Regional Tour, North Fort Worth, TX, contact Don Knight 972-641-4517 or dwnknight3040@gmail.com

Apr 26-May 1: 39th Chrome Glidden Tour, Alcoa – Maryville, TN. Hosted by Jimmie & Debbie Hixson. Contact 386-478- 6668 or debbieowens1953@aol.com

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

Jun 14-19: 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour, Fremont, Ohio. Tour Directors Marty Tansey and Jerry Martin: dmtansey@ncwcom.com



36 Corvettes, Hidden for Years in a Garage, Will Be Given Away

from the *New York Times* – December 23, 2019

The set of 'Vettes, one from each production year between 1953 and 1989, will be part of a sweepstakes next year.

The '56 starred in “Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee,” with Jerry Seinfeld and Jimmy Fallon in supporting roles. The '89 is so '80s — it has one of those early digital dashboards, with a big-digit speedometer, that was panned by aficionados. The '53, one of only 100 or so that still exist, has been through a 4,000-hour restoration. They are Chevrolet Corvettes from a legendary collection: 36 'Vettes, one from each production year between 1953, when the car made its debut, and 1989. For more than 25 years, they have languished in one New York City parking garage or another. “The cool thing about these cars is the entire collection stayed together all this time,” said Chris Mazzilli, a longtime Corvette enthusiast who is also an owner of the Gotham Comedy Club in Manhattan. He called the cars “the largest Corvette barn-find in history.”



In 2020, they will be given away in a contest. It will be the second time they have served as contest prizes, but this time, the collection will be broken up. There will be 36 winners, not just one.

The current owners, the Heller and Spindler families, did not win that first contest, a VH1 promotion in 1989. They bought the cars from the artist Peter Max, the psychedelic art phenomenon who had put eye-popping colors on postage stamps, pianos, posters and even a Boeing 777. He had not entered the VH1 contest, either. He bought the Corvettes from the actual winner, who did not even have a garage. The winner — Dennis Amodeo, a carpenter from Huntington, N.Y. — heard from Mr. Max, who offered to buy all 36 cars. It was not the first time Mr. Max had bought in bulk. Hunting for postcards in 1970, he snapped up the complete contents of a collectibles store. In 1989, at an art show at the Seventh Regiment Armory in Manhattan, he bought a satinwood-walled room inspired by designs for the Ford pavilion at the 1939 World's Fair. As for the cars, Mr. Mazzilli said that Mr. Max dreamed of driving them into Yankee Stadium.



The owners have set up a group called Corvette Heroes and have promised money from ticket sales to the National Guard Educational Foundation. One ticket — one chance to win one of the Corvettes — costs \$3. There are discounts for larger purchases: five tickets are \$10, 20 tickets go for \$25 and so on, up to 7,200 tickets for \$5,000, according to the schedule on the Corvette Heroes' website. The 36 winners will be chosen at random, said Scott Heller, one of the owners. Another drawing will decide which winner gets which Corvette.

The '53 is perhaps the rarest, since Chevrolet made only 300 Corvettes that year. The story circulated at the time of the VH1 contest that the company that rounded up the cars for VH1 had had a chance to buy the '53 two weeks before it took on the VH1 project, but had said no — the price seemed exorbitant. Then it took on the contest project. Needing a '53, it bought the same car, but for \$7,000 more than the earlier price.

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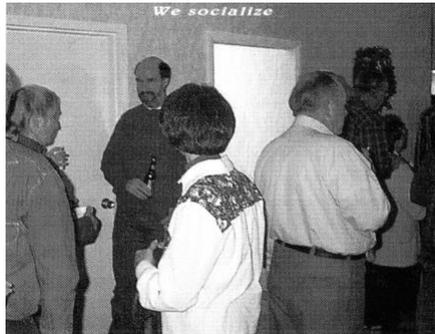
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Blast from the Past – 1999 Christmas Party

Here is part of the writeup and photos from the 1999 EIVMCCA Christmas Party.

December 10, 1999 – Eastern Idaho Chapter Christmas Party. The party was held at the Stardust Motel. It was a cold night with snow on the ground; what better setting for a Christmas party! The room was small and the seating for 40 people made for close quarters. As with most parties we socialize when first arriving as the picture shows.



Next on the agenda was to eat. They had a turkey buffet and our leader host decided that those farthest from the buffet bar should get their food first. Lucky I was in the middle, so I didn't have to wait as long as some. I'm sure no one went home hungry.

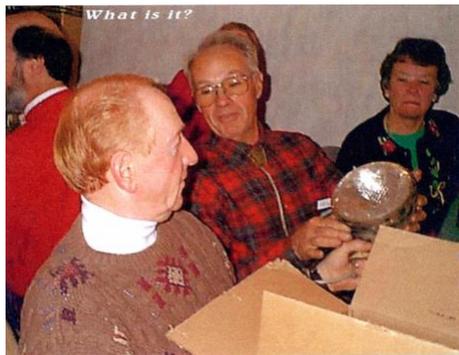
After dinner we each got to pick out our very special "White Elephant" gift, what a chore that was to make an educated decision for the right gift. Of course, I knew that

someone was about to take it away from me as my past experiences have shown but wait! Our leader host had other plans and decided to read us a story, and it wasn't even

bedtime yet. Leader host says "Follow the story's instructions" – was I back in the service? Left, right, left, right, right, left; I am getting dizzy and my arms are getting tired – when will this stop? Finally, the leader host says you may now open the present in front of you. The sound of ripping paper prevailed. What is it? What vehicle should I be looking for so I can install it? Heads are put together



and speculation takes place. Such is life in this club – so full of trying decisions. Please note; if somebody got what you wanted, don't despair because Santa may bring it for you next year.



A drawing was held for some door prizes donated by Eddie Heath and Dawn Schwartzenberger. The winners of the Eastern Idaho jacket logo patches were Doug Schwartzenberger and Larry Waters. The VMCCA jacket logo patch was Darla Waters, the VMCCA antenna flag was Bud Cheney, and the large decorator wreath was Joy Eagle.

What a fine way to end a great year and may our next year be nothing but clear and enjoyable motoring.