

# The Gas Line

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Swap Meet!

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## President's Corner

Hello Friends!

It is hard to believe that June is just around the corner. Thankfully, we are able to get back to somewhat a more normal life since the pandemic Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy order.

The June meeting will be held at Gary and Dawn's and will be a potluck. Dawn is providing Sloppy Joe mini-sliders, and the club will provide drinks, plates, tableware. Please bring a potluck dish to share. This is our first social event of the year; actually, the first social event in about 18 months. Wow!

The main topic for the meeting will be to finalize details for the Swap Meet. We need volunteers to help with manning the club booth, working a shift in the club food booth, providing treats/money for the club food booth, working a shift during the car show, set-up/clean-up. Many hands will make light the work. If you are unable to attend the potluck meeting and would be willing to sign-up to help during the Swap Meet, please call Rhonda to sign up (208.524.1337). We need YOU to again make the Swap Meet a huge success.

**June Monthly Meeting**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 3 at 6:30 P.M.**  
**Gary and Dawn Schwartzberger**  
**439 3rd Street – Idaho Falls**

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting,

Douglas

## CHAPTER EVENTS

**Jun 3** – Chapter Potluck Meeting, Gary and Dawn, 339 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Idaho Falls at 6:30 p.m.

**Jun 5** – North Highway Café Car Show and Soda Springs Car Show

**Jun 19-20** – Swap Meet and Car Show

**Jul 1** – Chapter Potluck Meeting, Mark and Diane, 6457 N 12th E., Idaho Falls at 6:30 p.m.

**Jul 14** – Vintage Flying Airplane Group

## MEETING TREATS

Jun	Bill & Sandy
Jul	
Aug	Paul & Lona
Sep	Diane & Mark
Oct	Dawn & Gary
Nov	Bob & Celine
Dec	

## NATIONAL EVENTS

**Jun 6-10:** Nickel Tour - Planes, Trains & Automobiles, Troy, OH Rick Lindner (614) 263-3673

**Jun 6-11:** Lewis & Clark Regional Tour, Yankton, SD to Moberge, SD. Jim and Judy Johnson, (605) 390-4410 or [jim.judy.johnson@rap.midco.net](mailto:jim.judy.johnson@rap.midco.net)

**Jun 13-18:** 1&2 Cylinder Tour, Fremont, OH. Marty Tansey & Jerry Martin [dmtansey@ncwcom.com](mailto:dmtansey@ncwcom.com)

**Sep 12 -17:** 2021 Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Saratoga Springs, NY. Bill Preston (315) 224-5759 or [75thglidden@gmail.com](mailto:75thglidden@gmail.com)

## Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2021

President Doug Schwartzenberger conducted the meeting and previous meeting minutes were accepted as read by Secretary/Treasurer Joy Eagle. A treasurer's report was not given.

Thank you to Bob and Jane Hoff for providing an awesome venue for our meeting. A special thank you to Bob Thompson for the wonderful April treats. Congratulations to Brian and Deb Edgerton who received their 25-year VMCCA member certificate.

**June Potluck Dinner Meeting** – June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Time Change to 6:30 p.m. at Gary and Dawn Schwartzenberger's home, 439 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Idaho Falls. Dawn will supply Sloppy Joe mini sliders and the club will supply dinnerware and drinks. Members bring a dish to share!

**July Potluck Dinner Meeting** – July 1<sup>st</sup> – Time Change to 6:30 p.m. – Mark & Diane Schwartzenberger's home, 6457 N 12th E., Idaho Falls. More details to come.

**Market Lake Clean Up** – Saturday, May 1 – Mark and Diane Schwartzenberger. It was a beautiful day out at Market Lake, cloudy but no rain. 18 – 20 people in 11 vintage cars attended the event. The most popular beer brand was Miller Light. There was a much higher quantity of trash in the area to be cleaned up due to a burn of the roadside – 2 pick-ups and one station wagon full of trash! Well done!

**42nd Annual Swap Meet and Car Show** – June 19-20.

- 30 Booths have been rented – Joy Eagle has received several requests for information about our car show.
- Food Vendors include Billmans, T&T Dogs, and Icee.
- Porta Potties – Bill Beery has located a supplier.
- Our contact at the city, Mason Hanke is leaving, so we will be contacting the new parks manager.
- Publicity – Radio Stations, TV, Idaho Falls Magazine – Are there other places to advertise?
  - Community Calendar – Rhonda
  - 107.1 – Doug
  - Post Register – Dawn & Joy
  - Riverbend Communications, Cannonball 101 – Bob Thompson
- Car Show – Bob Thompson, lead (Ken Avery has volunteered to help). Spaces have been lined out with tools from the IF Parks Department.
- Cones to block driveways & water spigot – These will be rented from the IF Parks Department – Joy.
- Sign - to stop entry by zoo and block entry to one-way exit. – Joy.
- Security – Doug has contacted Blue Line Security for the event, price to come.
- Kitchen – Rhonda Schwartzenberger routed sign-up sheets. If you can't make a treat perhaps you can donate to buy some delicious goodies.
- Dinner Saturday night – Diane Schwartzenberger will plan.
- Hit & Miss Engines – Brian Edgerton and Rick Therman will arrange.
- Plaques & Insurance – Joy

Soda Springs has also announced a Car Show on June 19

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## When One Man's Trash Is Another Man's Transmission

By Mercedes Lilienthal, New York Times, May 6, 2011

A man in Arizona builds his shrunken cars out of refrigerators, but you'd never know it by looking at them. In Washington State, a teacher built his car from a boat, and there's no mistaking it.



Their creations turn heads, bring smiles and get them around town, all because they see promise in materials most of us would never put to use in the garage.

Tim Lorentz, a special-education teacher in Spokane, Wash., loves both cars and boats. He has raced cars and has owned a variety of muscle and exotic vehicles. "Car guys always want to own or drive a unique car that no one else owns," Mr. Lorentz said. "I created an eight-passenger convertible. Why not a boat mounted over a convertible? I have never seen another one like it." And so, the LaBoata was born. Mr. Lorentz, now 65, built it in 2009 using a Chrysler LeBaron, a car he was well acquainted with. He has owned 10 in all. They're "cheap, dependable ... nobody wants them," he said in an email. Although Mr. Lorentz's wife didn't know of his plan, he bought a white 1993 LeBaron convertible for \$700. "I had to have a tri-hull boat," he said, to hide the car's wheels entirely. A V-hull, he said, would have given away the secret.

A hundred dollars landed Mr. Lorentz a used 17-foot boat, provided he return the motor and the trailer after the Frankensteinian project. It took two days to cut out the bottom of the boat and another one to mount it onto the Chrysler. The LaBoata was "instant fun," he said, until he received a letter from the Washington Department of Motor Vehicles canceling his registration and title. The authorities had noticed his converted convertible, and they weren't amused. "The complete car is under the boat, except for the hood," he said in his defense. "I used the bow cover as the hood." He removed the boat shell, drove the car to the D.M.V. and had it reinspected, reinstated and relicensed. He went home and popped the boat back on, and he has had no issues since. Over the last decade, LaBoata has had some work done. The first LeBaron, with 155,000 miles on it, blew a head gasket. Rather than deal with a costly repair, Mr. Lorentz simply swapped in a fresh LeBaron with just 70,000 miles.

Ernie Adams is 80 now, living in Maricopa, Ariz. When he was 15, growing up in Harvard, Neb., he spied a train passing by the family home, and through the weeds he saw an old refrigerator on its side and a tire swing beside it. The scene reminded him of a black fender on a white car. "In my mind I saw a small open-top car" recalling some classics from the 1920s, Mr. Adams said. An added benefit to his daydreamed invention: "Old fridges were free," he said.

He started his first fridge car in 1965, a miniature replica of a 1928 Chevy two-door sedan. The car is less than four and a half feet high and is just nine feet long — about 70 percent the size of the original. The engine clocks in at 13 horsepower, with 12-inch pneumatic tires and a three-speed transmission "from a 1964 three-wheeled mail cart," he said. "I didn't have room for a full-size car in the trailer park we lived in, nor money to buy one, so I built my own little car," he said. The project used nine old refrigerators and "was a work in progress for eight years," Mr. Adams said. The car is nicknamed the Grandpa Dwarf because it was the first dwarf car Mr. Adams built. It was far from his last. Some are for show or charity drives only, and others, like his street-legal replica of a 1949 Mercury Coupe nicknamed Rebel Rouser, are for pavement-pounding fun. His collection spans the 1928 to 1954 model years and is showcased at the Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa.

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## Meeting Minutes (continued)

**Vintage Flying Airplane Group Stop in Blackfoot** – Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> - Bob and Jane Hoff. There will be about 30 vintage airplanes that will start in Washington and make stops as they travel across the country. They will arrive at the Blackfoot Airport at 2:00 p.m. on July 14th. Our club will arrive in Blackfoot at 8:00 a.m. to prepare for their arrival and have a car show. There will be other activities as well – it will be a fun event!

**Duck Race Car Show** – August 4<sup>th</sup>, Idaho Falls Green Belt, arrive ~ 7a.m. – Bill Beery with Kevin Call. Bill would like to see our club represented at the Car Show this year and is willing to rope off a section; he just needs to know how many members will attend.

**Regional Tour** – Bob Shilkett & Joy Eagle. Perhaps September after Labor Day a Monday-Tuesday tour to Lava Hot Springs and surrounding area.

**Car Photo Opportunity with Photography Club** – Debbie Tate with Doug Schwanzenberger. Debbie has approached Doug about having an event with the cars and models in a location where the cars can be spaced far enough apart to allow good photos. The photo club would take photos and perhaps supply some copies for participating EIVMCCA members. The photos could not be sold unless the car owner signs a release. Their group does not make money from the photos, they may like us to critique photos after event. Questions – what time of day, could the images be made into a club calendar?

**Bonneville Regional VMCCA Meeting** – Bob Shilkett, TBD in November.

Thanks to Louie and Carol Rounds for providing excellent treats and Bob Hoff for a tour of his hangar.

## Local Car Events

Date	Location	Description
6/5	Malad	Classic Car and Motorcycle Show - Pending
6/5	Idaho Falls	North Highway Café Car Show – (208) 522-6212
6/5	Challis	Classy Chassis 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
6/5-6	Twin Falls	Western Days - \$20 entry fee
6/12	Twin Falls	Car Show and Rusty Nuts Swap Meet 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
6/12	Idaho Falls	Old Guys' Classic Rod Show – must RSVP to <a href="mailto:oldguysclassicrodshow@gmail.com">oldguysclassicrodshow@gmail.com</a>
6/12	Mud Lake	Car Show
6/19	Boise	Idaho Chariots Boise Car Show – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
6/25-27	Helena, MT	Blast from the Past Car Show and Drag Races
6/26	Swan Valley	Art/Car Show – Registration Required at <a href="mailto:swanvalleycarshow@gmail.com">swanvalleycarshow@gmail.com</a> 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
7/3	Menan	\$20/car donation to register (208) 754-8876
7/10	Rigby	Car Show <a href="mailto:rigbycarshow@gmail.com">rigbycarshow@gmail.com</a> (208) 589-6600