

The Gas Line

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Chrome in the Dome – March 20-21



Hours are 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, March 20 and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Don't miss the cars and motorcycles at this show.

Our club has four cars on display this year – thanks to Bob Hoff, Sam Otero, Paul Engberson and Bob and Holly Crawley for sharing your great vehicles with the crowds.

We will have a club breakfast on Saturday, March 21 starting at 8 a.m. at Elmer's Restaurant, 851 S 5th Ave, Pocatello.

President's Corner

Hi all,

I cannot believe that it's already March.

Last month's meeting was short and sweet. We had a very pleasant Valentine's dinner affair with a short meeting. There were not enough members present at the January meeting, so the by-laws were not read. They also were not read during the February meeting. So . . .the by-laws will be read during March's meeting. The main topic for discussion will be this year's Swap Meet. Please plan to attend the meeting and consider signing up for a task for the Swap Meet. A sign-up sheet for providing treats for one of the meetings and hosting a monthly activity will be passed around. The big event for March is Chrome in the Dome. Thank you, Yale, for again organizing this event.

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CHAPTER EVENTS

Mar 5: Chapter Meeting 7 p.m. at the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 N. Skyline Dr.

More coming soon!

MEETING TREATS

Coming Soon!

NATIONAL EVENTS

Mar 19-21: 2020 Texoma Regional Tour, North Fort Worth, TX, contact Don Knight 972-641-4517 or dwknight3040@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

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

Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2020

President Doug Schwartzenberger conducted the meeting. Due to the Valentine's Potluck, no reports were given.

Vice President – Bob Thompson has agreed to fulfill the Vice President position for our Chapter for the remainder of this year. Thank you, Bob!

Funeral service for Lynn Erickson – well attended by our club. Military funeral honors were given including a 21-gun salute and an honor guard. There were 15 antique cars in attendance along with many family members and friends.

The club trailer is temporarily stored at Gary and Dawn Schwartzenberger's home with a planned move to Bob and Holly Crawley's home in the spring.

Las Vegas National VMCCA Meeting – February 27 - March 1, 2020 see the VMCCA website, the Bulb Horn, or there will be applications at the next meeting.

Michael Derbidge Award (formerly the Trash to Treasure Award) – The Michael Derbidge award will go to Rich and Collette Ahrens for their beautifully restored 1925 Rollin at the National Meeting in Las Vegas. Many members gathered for lunch after Lynn Erickson's funeral and the award information was reviewed and a winner was selected.

Chrome in the Dome – Yale Harker. March 20 – 21, 2020 – 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets \$5. Bring cars into the dome between 10 and 11 a.m. on Friday.

Slot 71: 1929 Model A Ford Roadster, Owner: Bob Hoff

Slot 72: 1930 Model A Ford Speedster, Owner: Sam Otero.

Slot 73: 1929 Model A Ford Roadster, Owner: Paul Engberson

Slot 74: 1931 Chevrolet 5-Window Coupe, Owners: Bob and Holly Crawley

Breakfast will be at Elmer's, 851 S. 5th Ave, Pocatello at 8:00 a.m. Saturday.

2020 Car Show and Swap Meet – June 20-21, 2020 – Larry & Clyde Christian
More soon!

Lewis and Clark Tour – 2023 – More information to come as the date gets closer! We will look forward to this event.

Thank you to all attending members for a lovely dinner!

March Treats – Lewis & Ginger Rounds

President's Message (continued)

Rhonda and I will be attending the VMCCA National Meetings in Las Vegas. As far as I know, Rich and Joy, Bob and Celine, and Bob and Holly also plan to attend the meetings. We will have a nice showing from our Chapter. Rhonda and I are then continuing south and east for some warm weather, visiting family and friends, and sightseeing. It will hopefully be MUCH warmer in Idaho Falls when we return!

Douglas

The Car Gene Lives

Terry McGean, Hemmings Motor News

Over the past several years, I've often heard the lament from seasoned enthusiasts that today's youth is simply not interested in cars. You've probably heard the same, usually followed by statements about kids today only being interested in cell phones and video games, etc.

After I came to terms with the recognition that I was no longer a member of a group that could be considered "young," I started to share these concerns. But, midlife crisis notwithstanding, I'm not worried anymore—I can say with confidence that there are plenty of young people who like cars. Considering how powerfully infectious automotive pursuits have been since the first motorized contraptions rolled under their own power, could that impact really have just evaporated with one generation?

It seemed unlikely to me, and I've discovered proof positive that the car gene continues to be passed on. Back in 2011, I started racing with some friends in 24 Hours of Lemons events, a series started in 2006 as a wheel-to-wheel competition between \$500 cars. What began as a goof quickly expanded to an annual schedule of 20-plus races, at noted tracks across the country.

Though the teams are made up of racers across a broad spectrum of age groups, I've been impressed by the number of guys—and girls—in their 20s who are building their own cars, racing them, and thrashing in the pits to keep them alive for the two-day duration of the events. Lemons provides a stage where youthful enthusiasts demonstrate their skills, and their ingenuity, on a regular basis.

For another example, I'll cite The Race of Gentleman, a drag race held on the beaches of New Jersey since 2012. The event is for vintage cars (with bodies from 1934 or earlier, powered by engines from 1953 or earlier) and motorcycles (built prior to 1948), and while demographics vary among participants, there are lots of under-40-somethings there. And again, the cars have to be built, they have to be kept running, and they have to be assembled from bits manufactured long before most participants were conceived.

In both cases, the events seem to invite people to get involved, which, in turn, inspires them to learn more about the subject matter. I've witnessed young people taking in these events as spectators, and then observed as these newly hatched car geeks pored over books, magazines, websites, and whatever else they could learn from, as they set out to build an old vehicle of their own to participate. Not so different from the way many of us got involved with cars.

I'm a part of what came to be known as Gen X—the generation that followed the Baby Boomers. We missed the first muscle era, or at least, were too young to appreciate it as it was unfolding. When it came time for us to get our own wheels, the decade-old mid-'70s models that might normally have been our first cars often seemed boring, so many of us gravitated to earlier stuff. Those cars were considered "old" even then, but as values for muscle cars were on the rise, we could still afford to buy cheap, battered examples. We boned up on the history, studied what made them go fast, and learned to tinker to keep them running and attempt to make them faster.

Over time, I think people of my generation who liked cars formed a sort of kinship with the older guys of the Boomer generation, thanks to our shared interests. But there is a sharp drop off when you look for people under 40, and most of the ones you'll find are there with someone older—usually the sons and daughters of a Gen Xer or Boomer.

I think that drop-off point has more to do with access than lack of interest. Functional examples of cars from the original muscle era are no longer inexpensive enough to be purchased casually. In spite of this, if you surf around on YouTube, you'll find lots of 20-somethings dragging clapped out muscle-era models from fields, barns, junkyards, or wherever they can find them, attempting to breathe life into specimens that were long ago left for dead and judged to be "too far gone."

Interest in these cars lives on, and fostering it seems to require little more than a nudge and access to a proper old car to tinker with. And maybe some insight from a more seasoned gearhead.

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Chrome in the Dome – 5 years ago

Here are some photos from Chrome in the Dome in 2015 – enjoy!

