

# The Gas Line

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Chrome in the Dome  
March 15-16

## President's Corner

Hello, and thanks to those who were able to attend our Valentine potluck meeting on February 1 at the Idaho Falls Activity Center. We had a great variety of food and plenty of it. Everyone enjoyed chatting with folks and having an excellent meal prepared. Thanks to Joy for arranging for the chicken to be picked up at Fred Meyers even though she was not able to attend.

As Joy was tending to family in California, I was not able to provide the results of the voting for the new swap meet and car show location. The voting was very close after talking with Joy, so the Board of Directors met on February 15 at Dixie's Diner and completed the task of selecting the location for the next car show and swap meet. The park in Shelley will be the location and it will be a one-day event on Saturday of Father's Day weekend.

While at Dixie's Diner, a discussion on the monthly meeting also took place, and Bill Beery stated the Idaho Falls library was available at no cost. Bill is confirming the availability and cost. We will have further discussion on the swap meet and car show at the March meeting.

Thanks, and hope to see you at the March meeting.

Bob Thompson



**CHAPTER EVENTS**

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

**Mar 15-16** – Chrome in the Dome Show, Holt Arena, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID. Friday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 – kids 12 and under are free.

**MEETING TREATS**

Feb Valentine's  
Potluck

**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](mailto:b.shores@sbcglobal.net)

**Apr 28-May 3** – VMCCA Chrome Glidden Tour, Clarksville, AR. Raymond & Sammie Sue Harrill, Hosts. [raymond.harrill@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:studebakersteve@bresnan.net)

**Jun 3-7** – Great Lakes Region Tour, Cadillac, MI. Ron Kovacs, Tour Director 231-649-4438 or [Rek231@aol.com](mailto:Rek231@aol.com)

**Jun 9-14** – Lewis and Clark Regional Tour, Carl Edem. [Carldedem.52@gmail.com](mailto:Carldedem.52@gmail.com)

**Meeting Minutes – February 1**

The February 1, 2024 meeting was held at the Idaho Falls Activity Center. There were no minutes read. Joy Eagle was unable to attend this meeting so minutes were taken by Mark Schwartzenberger. President Bob Thompson conducted the meeting.

Bob indicated that Joy was in California assisting her mother with medical concerns and mentioned that Dawn Schwartzenberger was also dealing with medical concerns and was reported to be doing well.

**New Business**

Bob indicated that the user fees for the Activity Center have doubled and asked if the members would like to continue with the regular meetings at the Activity Center or possibly do dinner-type meetings at different venues, such as Dixie's Diner (where last month's meeting was held) or investigate meeting at different conference room venues at local hotels, etc.

The concern with looking at various venues for the Swap Meet and Car Show (Shelley, Bonneville County Fairgrounds, Sandy Downs) was to have been discussed at this meeting. However, as Joy is currently not available, results of the e-mail voting have not been tabulated.

Also, as previously discussed, Jeff Pack had asked for someone else to take over the newsletter and web site maintenance. Jeff is available to assist whomever would like to take over this task and guide them in what is needed to keep this endeavor moving forward. The responsibility needs to be taken over REAL SOON, and if interested please let Bob Thompson or Joy Eagle know quickly.

Chrome in the Dome is coming up (March 15 & 16) and there are 8 spots available for our members' cars, all of which have been filled.

As Joy was not available, discussion of the By Laws will be scheduled at next month's meeting. If you have any questions/concerns/comments, please send these to Joy.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**New Monthly Meeting Location**

The user fees for the Activity Center have doubled, so we are moving our monthly meeting place to the Idaho Falls Library at 457 W Broadway starting March 7, 2024. Please plan on going to our old meeting place at the library!

## Chrome in the Dome 2023

by Jeff Pack

I thought I'd share some photos and descriptions from last year's Chrome in the Dome car, truck, and bike show. It's always a fun event and you never know what you'll see!



So how often do you get to see a 1936 Auburn Supercharged Boattail Speedster in Idaho? Well, if you live in Twin Falls, you might see it more often, but this magnificent auto was in Pocatello last year. According to Wikipedia, they only made 143 of these, so this is quite a treat to see. Maybe it will be back for 2024 – the only way to find out is to come to the show.

This is Kevin Barrentine's 1930 Ford Model A Coupe, and it is a great example of one of America's most popular cars. Ford cranked out approximately 4,858,644 of these between 1927 and 1931. I say approximately because every source I checked has a different total.

Now you might think that 1928 was the first model year, and you'd be right, but they started making them in 1927. Millions of Americans wanted to see the new Ford after they were introduced on December 2, 1927.



Finally, this is Yale Harker's excellent 1963 Chevrolet Corvair Coupe. These cars were produced to compete with the Volkswagen Beetle and remain the only mass-produced American car with a rear mounted, air-cooled engine.

The name Corvair is a combination of Corvette and Bel Air. It was unfortunately targeted by Ralph Nader in his book "Unsafe at any Speed," but his concerns were unfounded as demonstrated by further studies. They are popular with car collectors.



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## Original Ford Model A Announcement

This is the original announcement of the Model A that ran in newspapers nationwide on December 1, 1927. You may have to zoom in to read the words.

BOSTON EVENING TRANSCRIPT, THURSDAY DECEMBER 1, 1927 FIVE



**NEW FORD TUDOR SEDAN**  
The smallest of the five members of the new Ford line. Its distinctive roof and wide front grille are its chief features. The new construction gives it a wide, low, and sturdy appearance. The front end is broad, giving it an easy-to-see and single-track steering. The wheelbase is 100 inches. The price is \$495.  
F. O. A. Detroit

## First Pictures of the New Ford Car

*Get complete details*  
**TOMORROW**  
at Ford salesrooms

FOR SEVERAL YEARS we have been working on the new Ford car. For weeks and months you have been hearing rumors about it. For the past few days you have been reading some of the details of it in the newspapers.

Whatever you do tomorrow, take at least fifteen minutes to get the full story of this new automobile.

You will realize then that it is an entirely new and different Ford car, designed and created to meet modern conditions—a car that brings you more beauty, speed, quiet, comfort, safety, economy and stamina than you ever thought possible in a low-price car.

Automobile history will be made tomorrow, for the new Ford is not only new in appearance and performance . . . it is new in mechanical design. Many features of it are exclusive Ford developments. Some are wholly new in automobile practice. Its low price is a reflection of manufacturing improvements and economies that are as epoch-making as the car itself.

Nineteen years of experience in building 15,000,000 automobiles are behind the new Ford car and have counted in its making. Resources unmatched in the motor car industry are its heritage and its birthright.

The Ford policy of owning the source of raw materials, of making virtually every part, of doing business at a small profit per car, has cut many dollars off the price you would ordinarily have to pay for a car like this.

So we say to you—learn about this new Ford car tomorrow. Compare it with any other car in the light-car field for beauty of line—for comfort—for speed

—for quick acceleration—for flexibility in traffic . . . for steadiness at all speeds . . . for power on the hills . . . for economy and low cost of up-keep . . . for its sturdy ability to stand up under countless thousands of miles of service.

Then you will know why tomorrow will be remembered as one of the greatest days in the entire history of the automobile industry. . . Then you will know why the new Ford car will be *your* car.

**NOTE THESE FEATURES**

- Beautiful new low body lines*
- Choice of four colors*
- 55 to 65 miles an hour*
- Remarkable acceleration*
- 40 horse-power*
- Four-wheel brakes*
- Standard, selective gear shift*
- Hydraulic shock absorbers*
- 20 to 30 miles per gallon of gasoline*
- Theft-proof coincidental lock*
- Typical Ford economy and reliability*

**STANDARD EQUIPMENT ON ALL NEW FORD CARS**

Steering	Dashlight
Five steel-spoke wheels	Mirror
Windshield wiper	Rear stop light
Speedometer	Oil gauge
Gasoline gauge	Tools
	Pressure grease gun lubrication

**NEW FORDOR SEDAN**  
A big money car. With many exclusive features. Four and six seat. Four cylinder motor. Hydraulic brake system. Built exclusively and independently designed. Great value. The price is \$570.  
F. O. A. Detroit



**NEW FORD ROADSTER**  
A Sun, Sea, Shanty car. The car of the hills. Wide door. Deep cushion. Rich upholstery. Full mechanical equipment. Beauty and economy. The price is \$385.  
F. O. A. Detroit



**NEW FORD COUPE**  
There is a lot of the economy in the new Ford coupe. It is a car that is built to last and will give you many years of service. The price is \$495.  
F. O. A. Detroit



**NEW FORD SPOT COUPE**  
Combines the great economy of the roadster and the advantage of a closed car. Beautiful and economical. The price is \$550.  
F. O. A. Detroit



**NEW FORD PHAETON**  
Available only in the States. A big money car. The car of the hills. Wide door. Deep cushion. Rich upholstery. Full mechanical equipment. Beauty and economy. The price is \$395.  
F. O. A. Detroit



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