

# The Gas Line

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Sun Valley in Fall

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## President's Corner

Happy Fall Y'All,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather. Rhonda and I finished our fall yard work, the leaves are raked, the lawn mower is stored, and it's getting closer to time to get out the snowblower.

Our monthly meeting will be Thursday, November 4, at the Skyline Activity Center, 7:00 p.m., 1575 N Skyline Drive. Please consider nominating someone for a club officer or, better yet, consider yourself as a candidate to run for an office! We will vote for officers at the Christmas party.

AND, we hope you will participate in our Pumpkin Daze Membership Drive and Garage Tour, Saturday, November 6. Be sure to read the minutes from last month's meeting in this newsletter for details. This should be a fun event and might be our last chance to drive our cars before the snow flies! Also mark your calendar for Saturday, December 4, for the Christmas gathering. We will send out a flyer with all the details within the next week.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Your Prez,

Douglas J.

**Skyline Activity Center  
1575 N Skyline Dr.  
Thursday, November 7  
7:00 P.M.**

**CHAPTER EVENTS**

**Nov 4** – Chapter Meeting, Skyline Activity Center, 1575 N. Skyline Drive, Idaho Falls – South Meeting Room, 7 p.m.

**Nov 6** – Pumpkin Daze – meet at the Skyline Activity Center, 1575 N. Skyline Drive, Idaho Falls – South Meeting Room at 9:30 a.m.

**Dec 4** – Christmas Party – North Highway Café Event Center, 1 p.m.

**MEETING TREATS**

Nov	Bob & Celine
Dec	Christmas Party

**NATIONAL EVENTS**

**Nov 7 – 13:** Western National Tour, Cottonwood, Arizona. Malcolm Stinson, Tour Director (928) 368-7442 or [swstudebaker@live.com](mailto:swstudebaker@live.com)

**Jan 13 – 16:** 83rd Annual Meeting and Award Banquet, Tempe, AZ. Steve Partman, (630) 470-3749 or [smpartman@outlook.com](mailto:smpartman@outlook.com)

**Apr 3 – 9:** 2022 Western National Tour, St. George, UT. Steve Fitzgerald, (970) 209 7814 or [studebakersteve@bresnan.net](mailto:studebakersteve@bresnan.net)

**Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2021**

The meeting was held at the Idaho Falls Activity Center. There were 12 members in attendance. President Doug Schwartzenberger conducted the meeting and Joy Eagle took the minutes and provided a treasurer's report.

**Old Business**

Some Like it Hot Tour – It was a fun tour – thank you all for making it a safe and fun event. There was a profit from the tour which will be donated as follows:

- \$300 increase to the CEI Scholarship
- \$300 to the Chesterfield Foundation (the Eastern Idaho Chapter will add \$300 for a total donation of \$600 to Chesterfield Foundation).

Scholarships – Two - \$1250 each for CEI (Automotive and Diesel majors) and One - \$1500 for ISU sustaining scholarship dedicated to Mark and Mary Bunce.

**New Business**

National VMCCA Awards – Check your Bulb Horn cover for categories – Eastern Idaho should make some nominations. We also have our Michael Derbidge Award – it was discussed that we can contact some of last year's nominations if needed.

Assisted Living Car Tour around Idaho Falls – October 13-14, 10:30 to 2:30 – Dawn Schwartzenberger/Jody Staten. Meet at first stop then we will caravan to the various living facilities. Dawn has maps for the tours. She needs a head count to prepare for lunch.

Market Lake Clean-Up – date change to **Friday**, October 15<sup>th</sup> – Mark and Diane Schwartzenberger. Meet at Outback Restaurant parking lot, 970 Lindsay Blvd, Idaho Falls, ID 83402. Meet between 8 and 8:30 a.m. for drinks, donuts and signing forms. We will caravan to Market Lake at 9:00 a.m. Remember to dress warm, prepare to be outside, and bring gloves.

Pumpkin Daze - Membership Drive & Garage Tour – November 6<sup>th</sup> – 9:30-10:30 a.m. Meet at the Activity Center to collect dues for 2022, drinks and sample harvest goodies for the Harvest Gnome challenge – the winner will be announced at lunch. We will proceed to Lewis and Carol Round's home for a garage tour from 11-12:00. Then on to Kevin Call's garage (courtesy of Bill Beery) from 12:00-1:00. Lunch will follow at Sonic Drive-In, 2785 E 17<sup>th</sup> St., Ammon, ID.

Photo Shoot at Rainbow Ranch – Doug Schwartzenberger, Bob Hoff & Debbie Tate – On hold for now.

Nomination of Officers for 2022-2023 – Board of Directors will prepare a list of wonderful candidates to be reviewed in November.

Ugly Sweater Christmas Party – December 4<sup>th</sup> – North Hi-Way's Valarie Room (entrance and parking on Cleveland) - Doug and Rhonda Schwartzenberger Election of officers and White Elephant Gift Exchange. More information to come.

Lewis and Clark Tour – Our Section in 2023 – Bob & Holly Crawley More information to come! This is a major tour for the Eastern Idaho Chapter, think about ways that you can help make it a success!

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## Coast to Coast in a Classic Car

By Jim Motavelli of the New York Times, September 7, 2021

Austin-Healey's Mark I Sprite, a little racer known as a Bugeye, is perhaps not the first car you'd consider for a cross-country drive. For one thing, there's no trunk lid (access is from behind the seats), nor external door handles or actual glass windows — there are removable "side curtains" instead.

Under its hood is a tiny four-cylinder engine with all of 45 horsepower. Getting to 60 miles an hour takes about 20 seconds, and these British roadsters, built between early 1958 and late 1960 (48,987 were made), are not exactly known for reliability.



But their fun factor can't be measured, and Karen and Thomas Jeffrey Larrick of Mount Vernon, Wash., were recently at the Bugeye Guy restoration shop in Branford, Conn., taking delivery of their pale yellow 1958 Sprite, nicknamed Ducky. The couple were near the start of an epic journey — they planned to drive 4,000 miles home, on a route with many stopovers along the way.

David Silberkleit, the aforementioned Bugeye Guy, had made roughly 150 nonoriginal modifications meant to keep Ducky rolling toward Washington, including a Ford-sourced five-speed gearbox for more relaxed cruising, disc brakes all around, electronic ignition,

an alternator and — crucially — a beefy aluminum radiator with six-bladed fan. Mr. Silberkleit said he planned "to sleep with my cellphone under my pillow" until the couple made it safely home.

Sure, it's an adventure, but possibly a uniquely enjoyable one for classic car owners. For Tom Cotter, the host of the online show "[Barn Find Hunter](#)," slow-paced cross-country trips like this are all about "going through towns bypassed by the interstate highways, where you can smell the just-mowed grass, eat in little diners and stay in hotels built 100 years ago."

In 2017, Mr. Cotter experienced this firsthand, driving 3,700 miles in a 1926 Model T Ford — with some appropriate modifications, including electronic ignition, disc brakes and a period engine upgrade. The route followed [the old Lincoln Highway](#), one of the [first to link the East and West Coasts](#), when possible.

Many of Mr. Cotter's barn finds, all over the United States, were the reward for long-distance trips in his 1939 Ford Deluxe woody, a vehicle he found "resting against a barn" when he was 15. He paid \$300. Today, the Ford looks original but travels with many modern mechanical upgrades. A trip from Key West, Fla., to Fairbanks, Alaska, is on the horizon, and Mr. Cotter said he would like to do it in "some significant car."

Jonathan Klinger, vice president for car culture at Hagerty, the classic car specialist, agrees that seeking out the blue highways is part of the challenge — especially in cars that strain to reach 70 miles an hour.

"It's more the journey than the final destination," he said. "You figure out what attractions are along the way and connect the dots with secondary roads. In the end, it's a fantastic road trip, instead of 'Gosh, I'm so glad I'm here.'"

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## Meeting Minutes (continued)

Regional News – Bob Shilkett  
There are new National VMCCA Officers, listed online and in the Bulb Horn.

2021 Regional Meeting – Date and time to come.

Thanks to Dawn and Gary Schwartzenberger for wonderful treats and drinks!  
Yummy!

## Photos from the Past – 2012 Swap Meet and Car Show

