

# The Gas Line

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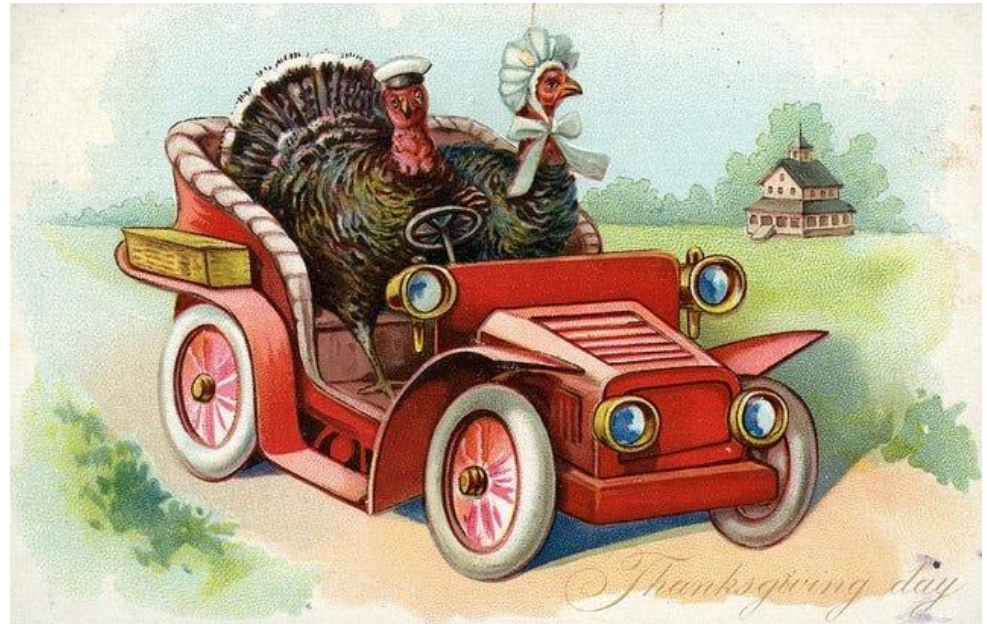
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Happy Thanksgiving

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## President's Corner

Hello, and thanks to those who were able to attend our October meeting in Spencer, Idaho after a pleasant morning cruise to the Spencer Bar & Grill on October 5, 2023. The outing was well attended, and a brief meeting was held. Two topics discussed were the Market Lake Cleanup planned for October 7, 2023, and the location for the annual Christmas party. The Nice Spot was chosen for the holiday get together. The date and time will be announced when set. After lunch and the brief meeting, we cruised back home.

I hope to see you at the November meeting.

Bob Thompson



**CHAPTER EVENTS**

**Nov 2** – Chapter Meeting at the Idaho Falls Activity Center, 1575 N. Skyline Dr. at 7 p.m.

**Nov 4** – Membership Drive – start at Edgerton's home between 9 and 10 a.m.

**Dec 2** – Christmas Party, 1-3 p.m. A Nice Spot, Mercantile and Coffee Bar, 395 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls. Murder Mystery, White Elephant exchange and canned food donations.

**MEETING TREATS**

Nov	Bob and Celine
Dec	Christmas Party

**NATIONAL EVENTS**

**Feb 8-12** – 2024 VMCCA Annual Meeting – Radiance of the Seas Cruise

**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)

**Meeting Minutes – October 5**

The October meeting was held at the Spencer Grill. Bob Thompson provided a summary of the meeting in his message on page 1.

**Upcoming Activities****November**

- Membership Drive – Joy Eagle. EIVMCCA Membership Drive/Garage Tour/Great Fall Vegetable Bake Off Tour - Saturday, November 4th, - Joy Eagle (208) 521-9344.

Meet at the home of Brian and Deb Edgerton, 6175 N. 5th W., Idaho Falls, ID, between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. (this is a staggered start, so come between these times). Brian and Deb will be opening their garage for us to enjoy their collection of machinery!

While there, we will have a treat, a drink, and we will be collecting dues for 2024. (Please bring the attached form to expedite dues collection - thank you!)

A map and timetable for the additional garages will be handed out at the Edgerton's home. There will be plenty of fun things to see and old car people to visit with on this tour around Idaho Falls.

The tour will wrap up at Papa Tom's Pizza, 1830 S. Woodruff Ave., where they have great pizza, sandwiches, and salads. We will each pay for our lunch as we order, but we will eat together in the "Big Room" and have the Great Fall Vegetable Bake Off - Everyone is welcome to compete to claim the traveling gnome, acknowledging the best dish of 2023!

**December**

- EIVMCCA Christmas Party - December 2nd - 1 to 3p.m. - A Nice Spot, Mercantile and Coffee Bar, 395 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls. We will have a delicious baked potato bar, drink, and dessert.

AHHHH! It's a Murder Mystery! Please come dressed as your choice of suspects from a 2023 casual observer, Mimi - the upstairs maid, Mr. Green - the gardener, Mrs. White - the cook, or maybe Ralphie - the chauffeur. OK, any character that strikes your fancy, or just come!

We will have our White Elephant Gift Exchange, a collection of canned foods for the Idaho Falls Food Bank and voting as required. Additional information will be coming, but please save this date!

**January**

- Dinner Meeting

Changing up our monthly Meeting! Thursday, January 4th, 6-8 p.m. Dinner Meeting at Dixie's Diner, 2150 Channing Way, Idaho Falls.

We will each order from the menu and pay for ourselves. It is always fun at Dixie's! We hope to see you there!

## 1912 Hupmobile Speedster Is Undergoing Conservation, Not Restoration

By David Conwill, Hemmings Motor News

Erasing the history a car has earned can be a disservice to posterity.

When new, a 1912 Hupmobile Model 20 like this one would have made a brisk-driving road car, much akin to the Ford Model T—though a Hupp runabout was \$160 more than a 1912 Ford (equivalent to a \$5,000 price difference today). But someone, after it was new (probably in the 1920s), cut down the body on this one and discarded the fenders and running boards to build an instant speedster of the simplest type.



Co-owner Derek Moore is the Curator of Collections at the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, Tennessee. His partner in the car is his dad, Kevin Moore, who runs Born Again Classics, a restoration shop in St. Charles, Michigan. Derek says that why this "speedster-ization" was done is almost equally cloudy as exactly when and by whom, but there is photo evidence that other Model 20 chassis saw some popularity on the dirt tracks of the 1920s. The 86-inch wheelbase and three-spring configuration were already similar to many a cut-down, dirt-track Ford Model T.

The car as it sits is a lesson in amateur race car building in the early 1920s. Beyond the cut-down body, the frame has added steel and there are friction shocks installed, which are correct for a Hupp Model 20 coupe, but aren't typically seen on the open cars. A final noteworthy modification is the adaptation of Ford Model T wood spokes (felloes) and non-demountable rims to the Hupmobile hubs, a frequent change done in-period when many obsolete early tire sizes became unavailable. Derek also notes that the Ford pieces are a strength upgrade compared with the Hupmobile originals.



All these changes will remain, along with the original paint, which can be saved with the careful application of heat and synthetic resin. Even replacement Model T wood spokes, necessary for safety given the dilapidated condition of the originals, are new old replacement stock (NORS) pieces from the '20s or '30s. The result will be a car that never loses its barn-find look but can still be used like you're a speed demon in 1923.



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## Spencer Meeting

Some great photos from the Spencer Grill and the October chapter meeting.



## Market Lake Cleanup

The Market Lake cleanup day was beautiful – lots of sun and blue sky!

