

# The Gas Line

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## Chapter Meeting – October 3



Our chapter meeting will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Idaho Falls Activity Center, South Room starting at 7 p.m.

We'll talk about the October activity on the 29<sup>th</sup> as well as the Harvest Daze and the Christmas Party, so don't miss the fun.

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## President's Corner

Happy fall y'all,

Summer has come to an end, and there is definitely a cool crispness in the air. Our tomatoes aren't even ripe yet and need a blanket at night.

Hope you had a good turnout for the fall cleanup at Market Lake. We are currently in Indianapolis but will be home Tuesday. Hopefully, there will be some nice evenings for a couple more Cruise Nights.

Have a great fall. See you at the meeting on Thursday night.

Doug

**CHAPTER EVENTS**

**Oct:** Idaho Falls Ghost Walk – Joy Eagle

**Nov:** Harvest Daze – Joy Eagle

**Dec:** Christmas Party

**MEETING TREATS**

October 3

November 7

December Christmas Party

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Oct 21-25:** Orphan Car Tour, Western, Colorado. Alex West [oenovaclean@gmail.com](mailto:oenovaclean@gmail.com)

## Chapter Meeting Minutes – September 5

Vice President Lynn Erickson conducted the meeting and Joy Eagle presented a treasurer's report.

Thank you to Paul and Lona Joy Engberson for hosting a fantastic summer BBQ at their home, Ken and Carol Avery for an excellent meeting alternative picnic at their beautiful home and Doug and Rhonda Schwanzenberger for arranging the August activity - Playmill Theater Tour.

Annual Report to the State of Idaho – Joy Eagle. There is a new system for submitting our annual report; it is confirming the current officers for our club. However, the new system also has us listed as a non-profit corporation D.

2019 Car Show and Swap Meet – Recap from the Board of Director's Meeting, June 15-16, 2019 – Larry & Clyde Christian.

- We made \$1,907.51 at the 2019 Swap Meet and Car Show! We added 3 new members and had 2 people renew their memberships in our club at this event. 3 people paid their local dues.
- The Spaghetti dinner created a loss of about \$200, next year we will make a reservation at a local restaurant and members will be responsible for their own dinner.
- Other locations were discussed, but the Tautphaus Park location is still preferred. We will meet with the Parks representative, then the City Council of Idaho Falls, if needed, to see if we can reduce expenses of this event.
- We want to think of new ways to find car-related vendors for the event. Yale is willing to contact the Utah Chapters about participating. We need to ensure that swap spaces are not given away to people that did not register for a specific swap space.
- Many Swap Meets have flyers to contribute to their scholarship funds, do we want this? We could also add a voluntary fee to park a car in the show. May scare people away?
- Next year we should print 350 plaques for the event. Passing them out only on Sunday.

EIVMCCA Scholarships – Recap from Board of Director's meeting

Our Chapter currently awards \$1500 to CEI Automotive and Diesel mechanics programs in 2 - \$750 awards. We also donate \$1500 to ISU in the Sustaining Scholarship fund set up by Mark and Mary Bunce. We use \$200 of the \$1500 to pay for club spaces at Chrome in the Dome, since they also use the money for scholarship.

Fairwinds Car Show, Lutheran Church, Snake River Landing – August 10th Car Show.

Playmill Theater Overnight Tour – Rhonda Schwanzenberger – August 27. A fantastic show at the Playmill Theater, with a beautiful tour to West Yellowstone.

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## Blast from the Past – 1999 Western National Tour

Bill Polkinghorn, Eastern Idaho VMCCA *Note: This was an article in the Gas Line from 1999.*

“Good Times in ‘99” – Sequim, Washington

The Western National Tour for 1999 was held in Sequim, Washington September 12 – 17<sup>th</sup>. Sequim is located on the Olympic Peninsula between the Olympic Mountains and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. We arrived in Sequim Sunday noon and checked into the Ramada Inn, which was also the tour headquarters. After registration and visiting in the hospitality room we drove to Port Angeles to visit with some friends. The activity for the evening was a welcome get together and lite dinner at the Olympic Cellars Winery. We were also able to sample some of their wine.



Monday started out with a tour of the Sequim Valley area. The first thing on the agenda was a demonstration of chain saw carving. Don Dykema is widely known locally as a fine carver. In about an hour's time he carved an eagle from a log to a point where it was ready for some fine detailing to finish the carving. After that we stopped at the Cedarfield Ostrich farm for a self-guided tour. The ostriches are slaughtered when they are about a year old. The meat comes mostly from the thighs with a small amount from the back. There is no breast meat. Next was lunch at the Sequim Prairie Grange then on to the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge.

We had a great view of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and of Vancouver Island and Victoria, Canada. A visit to the Purple Haze Lavender Farm was next. We were served lavender flavored lemonade. Finally, we visited the John Wayne Marina. Wayne had many friends in the area and was a frequent visitor to Sequim. His favorite anchorage for his yacht the “Wild Goose” was Sequim Bay. The day ended with a seafood dinner at Carrie Blake Park, which included clams, oysters and salmon. It was very good.

Tuesday's tour was a drive to Keyport near Bremerton and located on the Kitsap Peninsula. There we visited a Naval Museum that covered a history of undersea activities and progress from very early to present day. After the museum tour we drove to the Elks Club in Bremerton for lunch then on to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. At the shipyard we were able to tour the USS Bridge, the Navy's newest fast combat support ship. The ship's mission is to provide fuel, ammunition and stores in support of fleet operations. This ship is 753 feet long and 107 feet wide. Its power is provided by four gas turbine engines each producing 26,250 horsepower. The ship's speed is 30 plus knots. After visiting the ship we returned to Sequim stopping at Discovery Bay Oyster House to try their seafood chowder which was voted number one on the peninsula. It was very good.

Wednesday was a free day. Many of the tourists boarded the ferry for an all-day trip to Victoria, which included a bus tour of Victoria and a visit to Butchart Gardens. We opted to spend the day with our friends in Port Angeles. On Thursday we traveled to Rialto Beach, traveling on secondary roads because highway 101 was closed due to Cougar sightings. We had lots of traffic including many logging trucks. The beach was on the Pacific Ocean and located in Olympic National Park. We traveled through some very scenic country and had views of the Strait of Juan de Fuca often.

Friday we drove to Hurricane Ridge which is over 5200 feet above sea level with a 7% grade from Port Angeles. From the ridge you can see the Olympic Mountains, the Strait and Vancouver Island. In the afternoon some of the local members allowed us to visit their garages. Some of the more interesting things we saw were a 1908 Ford, a 1931 Stutz Phaeton, and some old motorcycles.

The tour ended with a banquet at the Sunland Golf Course and Country Club. All together we drove our 1951 De Soto 2800 miles making a loop through Butte, Spokane, Sequim and back through Portland and Boise. We were able to visit all three of our children on this trip.

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Bonneville Region Yearly Tour – September 19-22 – Bryce Johnson & De Johnson. Contact Bryce Johnson [brybryce@hotmail.com](mailto:brybryce@hotmail.com) to reserve your spot! Cost for the tour is \$50, the tour is limited to 25 cars. This tour will headquarter from the Lodgestone Hotel in Vernal, Utah; (435)789-4200, \$67 single queen, \$79 for 2 queens, ask for the VMCCA Regional Tour Rate.

Features: Dinosaur National Monument, Flaming Gorge Dam, Utah Field House Museum, Uinta Count Heritage Museum and wonderful camaraderie. The Bonneville Regional Meeting of the VMCCA – originally scheduled for September 20th during the tour – was postponed.

Market Lake Clean-Up – September 28 – Mark and Diane Schwartzenberger. No Hunters! Meet at Mitchell's Restaurant 8am for breakfast before heading to Market Lake. Everyone is invited. If it is rainy, we may reschedule for the next weekend.

October Event – Archimedes at the Museum of Idaho (unfortunately the exhibit is closed).

Instead - OCTOBER ACTIVITY - GHOST WALK Discover Downtown Idaho Falls History, Mysteries & Ghosts! October 29 7 p.m. (arrive 20 minutes early) Starts from Civitan Park on Park Avenue, Idaho Falls. About 90 minutes of a walking, stopping and listening tour including about 10 stories from our history! Dress Warm! This is a wheelchair friendly activity. Bring your cell phone to use their app on the tour and we will share! Price \$15/person - CASH (sorry no children) Contact Joy Eagle 208-529-9450 or [joyfuleagle@aol.com](mailto:joyfuleagle@aol.com) to reserve a spot.

November Event – Harvest Daze Membership Drive – Joy Eagle. Meet for Coffee and Donuts, renew our dues, harvest dish competition, and a mystery tour, (would you like to drive to Blackfoot?) – details to be discussed at the October Meeting.

December Event – Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>?, 1 p.m. – Joy Eagle. Possibly at the North Hi-Way Café event center. Details to come! We are looking for ideas!

Special thank you to Mark and Diane Schwartzenberger for wonderful treats – so yummy!

## Market Lake Cleanup Update

The Market Lake Cleanup activity for September 28 was rained out. Seven brave souls gathered at Mitchell's for breakfast, but decided it was too wet. Brian Edgerton made a valiant effort and gathered two bags of trash – Miller Lite was the winner for those keeping track of cans. We will discuss a possible makeup date at the October meeting.