

The Gas Line

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From the President's Corner:

Hello and thanks attending the July meeting at the Library. I was attending the 40th anniversary of Hot August Nights so I missed the meeting. Hot August Nights was a good car show, actually multiple car shows, and evening cruises were enjoyable to watch.

There were plenty of car shows this August including the Duck Race, Eagles, Ucon Founder's Day, Ammon Day's, Conrad Bishoff, The Gables of Idaho Falls, and Fairwinds Car show. I hope everyone had a chance to participate.

Please plan on attending the September meeting at the Idaho Falls Library. It is nomination time for club officers. As we updated our charter, we now elect officers in November so it does not interfere with the Christmas party.

Here are a few car show opportunities for September.

Sep 3-7, 2026 World of Speed Bonneville Speedway, Wendover, NV

Sep 9, 2026 5 PM – 8 PM, Dixie's Diner Car Show, Dixie's Diner, Idaho Falls, ID

Sep. 12th, 2026 - 9AM, Idaho Chariots 6th Annual Free Car Show, Mountain Home, ID

Sep 11-12, 2026, 8 AM -5 PM, Peach Days Car Show, Brigham City, UT

Sep 11-12, 2026, Rides & Rods, Elko, NV \$40 entry

Sep 19, 2026 10 AM – 2 PM Budweiser Malt Plant 5th Annual Car Show \$20 entry

Sep 19, 2026 8 AM, Blast on the Grass Show & Swap Meet, Hagerman City Park

Sep 26th, 2026 8 AM 22nd. Fall Swap Meet, Firebird Raceway Eagle, ID

Oct. 3rd, 2026 9 AM – Noon, Vintage Car Show, 395 Lindsay Blvd., The Nice Spot

That is all for now,
Bob Thompson

CLUB ACTIVITIES

September – Open
October – Market Lake
November – Membership Drive
December - Christmas Party

MEETING TREATS

September – Mark & Diane
Schwartzengerger
October – Paul & Lona Engberson
November – Bill Beery
December - Christmas Party

NATIONAL EVENTS

TBD

Send your car photos for
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Inline Icon – 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air



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You don't need a small-block V-8 to drive a cool 1956 Bel Air four-door Sport Sedan

Lots of ads for sellers of flathead Ford speed parts. Lots of copy in those ads to the effect of “six in a row will never go.” To which we respond, balderdash. This hardtop has been getting along quite nicely with Stovebolt power. Not only that, it's been in the extended family of the current owner since it was brand new in Maryland. And it's a Chevrolet Bel Air hardtop out of 1956, from that triumvirate of sacred Tri-Five years, only it's a four-door hardtop. With the Stovebolt, three-on-the-tree and overdrive. And yes, it's all original, including the paint.

Bill Clark, who owns our feature car today, literally grew up with the car. Bill was living in Severn, Maryland, when his Uncle Fritz bought the Bel Air from the inventory of A.D. Anderson Chevrolet in Baltimore in March 1956.

So what, then, makes a 1956 Chevrolet. It obviously boasts an evolutionary appearance but when you get to what constitutes its look, the changes from 1955 were comparably minor. The biggest visual upgrade stemmed from the simple step of opening up the wheel arches and giving them a pronounced teardrop shape, as opposed to the squared-off openings of the inaugural Tri-Five year. The effect was dramatic, set off by a revamp of the taillamps and the headlamp brows.

His uncle used the Bel Air for going to church (Aunt Melva didn't drive), Saturday hunts for groceries at the A&P, maybe about 2,500 miles a year. He worked, coincidentally, at a Baltimore factory that produced piston rings with Chevrolet as its biggest customer. Philosophically, that gave him another reason to buy the Bowtie brand.

“It drives like a new car but gets more attention than a Lamborghini. I always thought I would 100 percent restore her, but everybody encouraged me to preserve it, keep it 100 percent original,” Bill says proudly. “I've loved this car since I first saw it new in 1956. She makes me feel so young every time I take her for a spin. I'm loving the spin I'm in. She has real magic in her.”

See photos at the bottom of Page 4.

Pictures from the Gables Car Show

From Yale Harker:

"I want to thank everyone who came with their prize possession. I hope you all had an enjoyable day. I know I did. It was good to see the club members again. I wish you well in your future endeavors."





June Meeting Minutes

The June 4, 2026 meeting of the EIVMCCA was called to order by Vice-President Scott Skinner at 7:01 p.m. There were 19 members in attendance.

The May meeting minutes were read and approved with one correction. A previous member who is on Hospice was incorrectly noted as Ira Hall and should be Ira House. The treasurer, Holly Crawley, gave the treasurer's report. We have \$12,721.54 in the bank account.

The Swap Meet was discussed:

- Dawn reported that we have 26 vendor spaces sold including 18 trailer spaces.
- Bill Beery noted that he has reserved two porta potties, one handicapped porta potty, and one wash station. They will be delivered on Friday morning and picked up Saturday evening or Sunday. The rental charge has been paid.
- We need several people to help Saturday morning to stripe the area for the car show. Bill has the framework for striping. The City of Shelley will provide the striper and paint. Workers need to be at the park no later than 8:00 a.m. and need to finish before the vendors start showing up at noon. Help is also needed to park the vendor trailers.
- Food vendors have requested more space in the food court area for those waiting in line. A plan is in place to reconfigure placement of selling vendors to hopefully avoid congestion.
- Will contact the LDS church and request use of their parking lot.
- John and Scott will put out Swap Meet signs.

New Business:

- Holly informed the club of the passing of John Hoff. He was a long-time member and is a brother of Bob Hoff. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Hoff Ranch, possibly in July. The club will provide a bereavement card.
- Update on Bob Shilkett. His surgery went well and he seems to no longer have back pain. However since his surgery, he has had a heart attack and has pneumonia. He is still in the hospital.
- There will be a 250 Year of America Celebration at the Waterfront. The celebration is July 11, 2:00–10:00 p.m. There will be bands, food vendors, etc. We have been asked to provide cars for a car show from about 2:00–5:00 p.m. Membership showed an interest in participating. It was noted that this is the same day as the Rigby Hot Classics Car Show.

Scott thanked John Walrath for providing treats for tonight's meeting. Glenn Miller made a motion to adjourn, John Walrath seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Side Note:

- Tom and Debbie Clements, our newest members, were welcomed into the club. They have a 1968 Chevelle.
- Louis Vallente cars/estate will be on the next Blue Mule Auction.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Schwartzenberger

July Meeting Minutes

The July EIVMCCA meeting was held at the Idaho Falls Library on July 2nd, 2026. The President, Bob Thompson led the meeting. There were eleven members in attendance.

The June meeting minutes were not read as the President did not have a copy available. Those minutes will be added to the next newsletter and read at the August meeting.

The President thanked everyone for their participation in another successful swap meet and car show.

The President listed several upcoming car shows as a reminder of the near term shows in the area.

The treasurer provided details on the present status of the account. Rhonda Schwartzenberger provided a summary of the earnings from the kitchen. The kitchen was able to generate more income than the previous year.

Overall, the swap meet and car show was enjoyed by all who participated and the City of Shelley has invited us back for next year. We had about 200 cars in the show and about 22 automotive vendors at the swap meet.

The core team that organized and volunteered for the swap meet and car show plan to meet July 15th to discuss ways to improve the 2027 swap meet and car show.

Those in attendance discussed the activity for July and decided on a picnic at Kate Curley Park on July 22nd at 6:00 PM.

There was no other new business or discussion so the meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed treats provided by Dawn and Gary Schwartzenberger.
