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Emmett Lions Club Shows Off with “Show and Shine”



Emmett Lions register cars at Show and Shine.

Cars, cars, cars... You can't think about cars in Emmett without thinking of the Emmett Lions Club that sponsors not one, but two, car shows every year.

The annual Show and Shine Car Show and Swap Meet has been an Emmett staple for 22 years, with the Lions club sponsoring it for the last five. Last year on the 3rd Saturday in July, over 850 cars jammed the city park to show off their shiny fenders and sparkling engines to thousands of visitors. Both registration for the cars and admittance to the park is free. In addition to the cars on display, auto owners and vendors can bring items for the swap meet—anything goes from car parts to hubcaps to “project” cars. Over 50 vendors typically

take part.

In the morning of the event, the Lions cook up a pancake breakfast complete with ham and eggs and typically serve around 1,000 people. They also hold a raffle—this year for Southwest airline tickets, a small

block Chevy engine, and a 350 turbo.

A smaller but even more long-running event, the car show at the Emmett Cherry Festival in June has been in existence for over 30 years. When the show was in danger of folding, the Lions took over the sponsorship of it as well. While this show is only about 80 cars, it's a traditional part of the Cherry Festival. This year it's on June 18th.

With the funds the Lions raise with these two shows and a few other small fundraisers, they are able to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 323 and Cub Scout Troop 323, NASA Discovery school family night program, and scholarships for local high school seniors. In addition they are able to purchase eye-

glasses for those in need in the community.

Members troop leaders, pack leaders and den leaders for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Other service projects for the club include recycling ink cartridges, cell phones, aluminum cans and pull tabs, and, of course, collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling at the Idaho Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. The Lions also test vision and hearing in the schools.

The Emmett Lions Club was formed in 1933 as a way to sponsor the Boy Scout troop in Emmett, which was also chartered in 1933. The club has 21 members. They meet every Tuesday at noon at La Costa Mexican Restaurant in downtown Emmett.

For more information about the cars shows, visit the website at www.emmettshowandshine.com.

Have a Story?

Do you know a Lions Club with a story to tell? We're looking for feature stories about signature projects or fundraisers or an outstanding Lion.

LAST YEAR, OVER 850 CARS JAMMED THE CITY PARK AT THE ANNUAL “SHOW AND SHINE”.

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Lions Clubs of District 39W

February, 2011

Our Mission

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Our Vision

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian services.

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Spotlight on Vale Lions

Chartered: May 13, 1954

Meeting Time: Thursday, 7:00 pm

Meeting Place: Chavelitas Mexican Restaurant, 148 A. St.

Number of Members: 25

Best Fundraiser: The Lions have a concession booth at the school football games in the fall. They also open the booth

for spring sports.

Other Fundraisers: Fourth of July fundraisers are a breakfast, popcorn sales, and a duck race. They also sell calendars and hold a 50/50 raffle.

Donations: The Vale Lions make donations to various activities at the school, including the Arts Club, Boys and Girls State, the cheerleaders, the

library, third grade dictionaries, and baseball program. In the community they donate to the food bank, Help Them to Hope, Ronald McDonald House, Optimist football, youth basketball, the 4th of July parade, fireworks and many more projects. Their largest expenditure goes to help purchase eyeglasses for those in need.

A Challenge Met by Burley Lions Club

The Idaho-Eastern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation needed nearly \$40,000 to match a grant received from Lions Clubs International Foundation to remodel a building recently donated to serve as office space and as the Eye Bank. The Burley Lions Club challenged all the other Lions clubs in southwest Idaho and

eastern Oregon to give according to their ability and vowed to match the funds donated up to \$20,000.

But the Burley Lions went above and beyond. When donations in February were less than expected, the Burley group decided to make sure the Foundation had what it needed and donated over \$32,000 them-

selves.

Last year, the Burley Lions Club donated \$10,000 in vision equipment to the Foundation, with all funds coming from their annual Spudman Triathlon.

Burley Lions Club has set a shining example of what "Lionism" is all about.

All About the Cascade Lions

Chartered: March 26, 1971

Number of Members: 13

Meeting Time: Varies, call for information

Claim to Fame: The Cascade Lions Club has been cooking and serving a pit barbeque lunch at the Cascade Fourth of July celebration for nearly 40 years. The Lions get together to cut 4 cords of wood for cooking and get the beef ready to cook prior to the event. The barbeque takes place at noon following the parade. Last year they

served over 400 people.

Youth Projects: The Cascade Lions stuff plastic eggs and hold an Easter egg hunt for area children. At Christmas time, they treat the area children to sacks of candy and other goodies. The Lions volunteer to help with vision screening at the Special Olympic Winter Games in the Cascade area.

Interesting Fact: The Cascade Lions club members include four husband and wife teams.

Follow the Lions

Want to hear more about the Lions in Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon? Read our blog at www.Lions39W.com, "like" us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Lions39, and follow us on www/Twitter.com/Lions39W. Just looking for the facts? Try our website; www.Lions39W.org.

Upcoming Events

For more information on upcoming Lions Club events, visit the online calendar at www.Lions39W.org/Calendar.

Date	Event	Place	Time
March 11	Boise Capital Lions Serving Breakfast at Ronald McDonald House	Ronald McDonald House Boise, ID	7:00-9:00 am
March 11-12	Opening Eyes at the Special Olympics Winter Games	Cascade, ID	2:00-6:00 pm & 4:00-8:00 pm
March 12	Payette and Payette Syringa Youth Services Breakfast	Payette High School Cafeteria	7:30-11:30 am
March 16	Leo Night at the Idaho Stampede (fundraiser)	Qwest Arena	7:00 pm
April 9	Leo Convention		9:00 am
April 30	Boise Sunset Lions Fishing Derby	Parkcenter Pond Boise, ID	8:00 am
May 12	Boise Host Golf Tournament	Shadow Valley Golf Course, Boise, ID	8:00 am

District 39W Loses Its Oldest Lion at 99

District 39W and the Gooding Lions recently lost its most senior member, Valdo Gray, who passed away in February at the age of 99.

Valdo joined the Gooding Lions in 1942, just six months after the club was chartered. Over the years, he held the offices of secretary, director, and president, and most recently served as Lion Tamer, the watchdog of the club property. He often received the 100% Attendance award and had received the 65 Year Monarch Milestone Chevron. He was a Melvin Jones Fellow, receiving the award in 2006.

In addition to his membership in the Lions club, Valdo supported the community of Gooding

through many organizations. He served on the city council and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce where he received the "Citizen of the Year" award. His work with the Boy Scouts earned him the "Scouting Silver Beaver", and he was named as a "Distinguished Citizen" by the Idaho Statesman. He was also a member of the Knights Templar, the Elks Lodge, and the Masonic Lodge.

Valdo was active in all the projects and activities of the Gooding Lions Club and attended club meetings regularly even in his later years. President Pat Bishop stated that "he was just always there". A businessman and sales-

man by profession as owner/operator of the OK Tire Store, Valdo enjoyed selling advertising for the club calendars and liked to sell bulbs and brooms when the Lions went door to door making sales several years ago.

A Lion for nearly 70 years, Valdo Gray is the perfect example of the Lions' motto, "We Serve."



Notes from Around the District

Council Lions conducted vision screenings at New Meadows Elementary and Council Elementary Schools.

Meridian Noon Lions volunteered at their local food bank.

The Mountain Home Lions brought the Mobile Screening Unit to the Mountain Home Senior Center and conducted screenings for vision, hearing, blood pressure, and blood glucose levels. They also delivered eye tissue to the Eye Bank.

Did you know?

Many club members attended the Midwinter Convention at the Courtyard by Marriott in Meridian February 11-13.

Bill Woods, a member of Boise Riverside Lions, was elected 2nd Vice District Governor for 2011-2012.

Clubs celebrate their birthdays each year with charter nights, dinners, and parties—it's a time for fellowship and networking.

This year's Lions International Convention is in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8.

Lions Clubs love guests! Visit a Lions Club meeting in your community.

We Serve.

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Protecting the Environment



Emmett Show N Shine

The focal point of this year's Lions International Presidential Theme "A Beacon of Hope" is service. To show the strength of our worldwide network and to shine our light even brighter, Lions have the opportunity to participate in four special service action campaigns. The fourth campaign is taking place in the month of April-Protecting our Environment.

Pollution, lack of clean water, and loss of plants and wildlife are just several of the growing threats to our communities. According to the

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), only about 20% of the world's population has access to clean water. In fact, each year more people die from unsafe water than from all forms of violence. Including war. Moreover, during the last century alone, the world lost over 80% of its original forests.

During April, Lions around the world will be shining a light on the environment, raising awareness of the importance of improving and protecting the environment in connection

with Earth Day on April 22nd, or organizing projects throughout the month that make a difference in local communities.

To be a part of this worldwide service campaign, contact your local Lions club, choose an environmental project, and begin planning something in your community. A future issue will highlight Lions environmental service projects.

(Information taken from Lions International website)