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What a summer we are having. It seems like no one has escaped either forest or range fires in their area and all are suffering from poor air quality. After a winter and spring that brought above average moisture to many areas of our state and a prediction by the Forest Service is for a milder than normal fire season---what is happening to our state is unbelievable!

In an unprecedented move, the Fall tour in Hamilton was cancelled for safety and health reasons. The Lolo Peak Fire is still growing and it is threatening that

area while many smaller fires are surrounding that area. Our thoughts are with all our members and their families, some of which are fighting these blazes. We hope all are safe.

Hamilton has volunteered to take the Spring Tour in 2018. Thank you! Helena is in line for the Fall 2018 tour and the Hi-Line club will do spring of 2019! Whew! Are we organized or what?

A meeting is being planned for this fall to discuss the issues we would have handled at the Fall tour, such as election results, website, finances, etc. A loca-

tion and date will be announced soon and we would like to have a member from each club attend.

There still should be some local touring still going on and it isn't too early to get your wish list to Santa for repair and refinish parts or supplies for the projects you have planned this winter.

I hope all clubs are finding new ways to add new members to our ranks. I welcome to hear about any new ways to accomplish this.

I hope all are well----GO GRIZ!

Doug Winz

## Pay your dues for 2018

### Q: Who opened the first drive-in gas station?



A: Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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## Fall Board Meeting

Great Falls, MT

President Doug Winz called the meeting to order. Sie asked for the roll call, present were 4 officers, 7 clubs and 19 directors, and fashion consultant Kathy Meuchel. Minutes of the installation board meeting were read. A motion was made to accept, it was seconded and passed.

Treasurers report by Mary Seelmeyer. As of August 31, 2017 Russell checking \$3,871.73, Russell C.D. \$9,857.45, Russell savings \$566.51 the total of all accounts is \$14,295.69 Motion was made to approve, it was seconded and passed. The interest item came up, after some discussion a motion was made to move the CD account into a savings account. The interest would be less, but if some funds were needed to pay bills that would be better from savings. There was a second and motion passed.

Old business: President Doug reported on the web site, Greg has been doing a great job. Doug asked if any one has used it, the response was good. Greg's e-mail address is gw4300@gmail.com so if any club or member wants to send a story about their club or doing a car show or swap meet. Doug asked if the Hamilton club wanted to report on the fall tour that had been canceled. Kathy thanked everyone that sent their registrations. But due to fires and very heavy smoke and a chance that Highway 93 would be closed. The Hotel and other parties that were going to help were very happy that it was canceled. Doug mentioned that the 2018 spring tour was still open. So the 2018 spring tour will be at Hamilton. The dates are June 15-18, 2018. The fall tour will be at Helena for 2018 no date was mentioned.

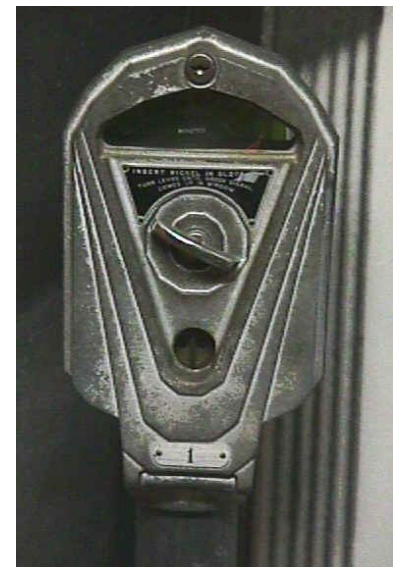
So watch for it in the Times or on the Web Site. Doug had appointed 2 ladies to count the ballots for the 2018 President and Vice President, after the ladies accounting firm gave the official count for President Doug Winz and vice President Dan Costle. Doug thanked the firm for doing the job. Congratulations to Doug and Dan. There was a motion made to destroy the 2017 ballots, motion passed. Doug asked if any club's were considering 2019 yet. So Lewistown asked for the spring tour and Butte will do the fall tour. Also for 2018 there will be the international tour at the Great Falls area. Doug asked for any other business, Doug thanked everyone for coming and see you all in April for the annual swap meet and installation meeting at Great Falls, Montana.

Secretary Sie Schindler

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***Q: What city was the first to use parking meters?***

***A: Oklahoma City, on July 16, 1935.***



# Club News



## EXHAUST

BITTERROOT VALLEY DUSTERS

Joann Hosko, Reporter ([joann.hosko@gmail.com](mailto:joann.hosko@gmail.com))

By the time you read this, it may be October's bright, blue Indian summer – or not. But as I write this on September 15, Dick and I are returning from Helena, where we have gone to pick up our latest acquisition's extra 235 engine. It's not a prerequisite to be insane to do old car stuff, but it helps. We (?) chose the wettest day in four or so months for this adventure. The positive – no smoke. The negative – 4-6 inches of new snow on MacDonald Pass, some of which was sticking to the road. At least, we had 700+/- pounds of engine in the Diesel's bed.

Our latest acquisition? Glyn and Belva Verzatt's pretty little 1952 Chevy Skyline Deluxe. Had there been a fall tour in the Bitterroot, attendees would have toured along with this car. While Glyn and Dick loaded the engine, Belva and I chatted. (Hey, if you have your choice of jobs, I say pick the one best-suited to you.) She said Glyn had just finished his Capital Carriages contribution to the TIMES. I wondered aloud whether I was in the mood for editorializing about fires, smoke, and wanton destruction of public and private property. With more than 1,000,000 acres of Montana burned this season, we know many members across the state

have felt the impact. See below. Here, in the Bitterroot, it's the new normal, since 2000. Being in flyover country, we don't get the national notoriety of hurricane country, but we hope we can at least sympathize and empathize with each other. The decision-makers have posted that they have priorities as to whose property is, or is not, defensible. What was not destroyed this year may very well be, in the future. Something to look forward to.

So how did our club while away the summer, between snow and smoke? The last week of June, we catered three meals for 130 members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America's National 4-Cylinder Tour. Between tours in my 1928 Chevy Coupe, we assisted about ten other BVDs with our little food trailer, to transform our bank account from the seriously red column to the more comforting black. On July 12, we were invited to a more-than-you-could-ever-dream-of-eating buffet at member Dave Anderson's place on Skalkaho Creek. We viewed a clutch of about 30 beautiful and interesting cars on tour from Oregon.

July 16 was a nice, pre-fire day and saw 19 members gather at the Babcock/Hosko Museum for

a meeting, with leftover spaghetti and ice cream cups from one of the aforementioned catered meals. Spaghetti sauce improves with age. Ice cream, not so much. Dick followed that with a tour of the many garages and cars. He must have it all memorized to the gnat's eyelash.

Several of us accompanied the food trailer to Lolo on July 29, to cater lunch for the Missoula Shifters show, thereby padding our piggy bank a bit more. Our August 13 meeting was a BBQ pork/potluck hosted by members Lee and Shirley Hopkins, at their beautiful home near Florence. Fifteen attended. With the Lolo Peak Fire already near them that day, they were soon to be evacuated, moving what they could and waiting it out. Fortunately, they escaped damage and loss.

August 29 - September 3 saw Bill and Kathy Meuchel camped out in their Fifth Wheel, at the BVD's Ravalli County Fair display. Amid smoke, dust and wind, (the tent canopy was ripped from its moorings and destroyed the first night) the below-listed members took turns working security duty.

Thanks to the following for bringing their vehicles. I understand the comment was heard, from walk-throughs, that they

wished we would have different cars to show each year. I guess they want us to invest a few thousands and keep everything we have up and running, for their viewing pleasure. What we had: Dave Anderson's 1972 Chevy pickup, original, one-owner, with a color-coordinated 1971 Honda motorcycle gliding along in the bed; Dick Babcock's 1912 Model T Depot Hack, 1929 Franklin Model 130 Sedan, and his and Joann's 1952 Chevy; Boyd Cobb's 1948 Dodge Power Wagon, which he parked with the Tired Iron antique machinery just because they gave a ribbon and we did not. The Power Wagon did win a tug-of-war with a sad Case tractor; Lewis and Betty Condon's 1986 Toyota pickup; Allan and JoAnn's Dutton's 1937 Ford V8-60 Pickup and 1955 Cadillac; Dan Duttons' 1924 Buick and 1937 Cadillac; Desi Dutton's 1967 Mustang; Ross and Wendy Dutton's

1935 Harley Davidson, 1936 Cadillac Fleetwood, and 1957 Corvette; (No Duttons, no display! Not quite, but they bring a lot!); Bill and Kathy's 1968 Shelby; Bob Schumacher's 1969 Buick Electra Convertible; Shirley Sorenson's 1977 Camaro; Brian and Monica Sutherland's 1940 Ford Sedan, 2007 Mustang, and 1927 Model T-Bucket; Dave and Doral Vial's 1968 Plymouth Valiant; and Robert Voit's 1983 AMC Army Truck, larger than the whole row of other vehicles combined, or nearly. The BVDs own 1927 Dodge fire truck rounded out the show. Member Arlene Beavers donated many hours of security duty.

On September 10, we met at Bill and Kathy's, for a 2 PM breakfast/brunch/lunch. We were consuming some of the breakfast makings you would have had, had there been a tour. Sorry. There were 21 members and two guests present. Breakfast must be a really popu-

lar meal. Bill and Kathy do a great job. It was a pretty, smoke-free day. I guess we also were breathing sighs of relief that our summer duties were over, one way or the other.

My apologies for any omissions. Take it out of my next check. But seriously, I do, and all of our club members should, appreciate all the work the worker bees in our club do.

It has been decided that the BVDs will be hosting the Spring 2018 tour. We already have a lot of the work and planning done, and no other club has stepped up. I guess we owe one. If there are fires in June, we are all in trouble. There will be information in the January and April TIMES.

Have a good fall and a happy and healthy Holiday season. I can't believe that's all not so far in the future.

## ***Q: Where was the first drive-in restaurant?***

***A: Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921.***







## Bozeman Antique Auto Club



Stu Coleman, Reporter ([atascoleman@wispwest.net](mailto:atascoleman@wispwest.net))

One of the nicer shows each summer since it's inception, is the All Original Show in Billings. The folks really put on a Class One Meet in a lovely setting and if you have never attended, it should be on your bucket list. This year several of the gang from BAAC went and entered cars, but not just any cars, but Packards! Erv Hintzpeter brought his restored 1935 120 business coupe and John DeVries his 1937 sedan. Erv was entered in the Restored Class and won a first and that was over a nicely done Chrysler Airflow. John's was also a winner as the Best Original on the field. If I would have been there, I would have made the judges roll the windows up and down in John's Packard as he took the mechanisms all apart, cleaned them up and re-lubed everything. I tell you it is like running a knife through hot butter when you roll one of John's windows up or down!

In July the club toured over to the Hornet's Nest for an afternoon potluck in Paradise Valley. The guys were pressed into service to hear my 1942 Hudson short bed pick up truck run.....or try to run, and then tell me what is wrong. As soon as it fired into life, the guys almost shouted in unison "Shut It Down!" Big trouble in the inside of the little 212 cubic inch "splasher" six. Other than hearing that pronouncement, it was a good gathering with 42 in attendance with lots of food and cheer.

There were lots of Corvettes in attendance as the Ashley drove their 2003, the Hintzpeters their 1997 and the DeVries their 2007. John Earls drove his 2011 Dodge Challenger, the purple one, and it was pressed into service. You see Jeanne's son's family was up from Layton, Utah for the weekend and Nick, the nine year old who is fascinated with anything on wheels, got a ride in John's car. Nick also stood behind the DeVries' Corvette when it started it so he could hear the exhaust pipes! Who said the young are not interested in older cars!

Attendees also got to see the bevy of unfinished, half finished, and "want-to-be" projects here at the Nest. I figure I have enough to keep me busy until I am 125! And the men told their wives, "See I don't have too many vehicles, look how many he has and most aren't even finished!" But alas, I long ago figured out, it is the path to the restored car rather than the finished product that most interests me. Shame, oh shame!

Speaking of John DeVries, he celebrated an anniversary of late, well not exactly, but his business did. The Harley Davidson Dealership of Belgrade marked its 30th year in business. John, who isn't with the dealership anymore, started it from scratch with a loan and an idea. During his years as owner-operator he had dealings with the likes of Peter Fonda, Michael Shoemaker (Eight times

Formula One Winner), and a hard core biker gang from Canada. It is well worth engaging him in a conversation about his adventures.....seems not all Harley riders are doctors and lawyers!

Some of the BAAC members (including yours truly) were invited and attended the "Kick Off BBQ To Bonneville" at Peter Hendrickson's (aka Pedro) garage in Bozeman. The weather cooperated this year and the salt was ready for racing. Pedro, Chris King and the rest of the Montana Dodge Boys Fast Four Kabul were making last minute adjustments and were prepared to leave the next day for Bonneville. I am even happier to report that they did indeed set a record in "The Prior to 1935 Four Cylinder Open Class". They went 150.135 with the 1928 Dodge four banger. They were very pleased with the results as the end of the 5 mile run had some rough salt.

The problem with the summer season in Montana is that it is way too short (or it seems that way) and it forces you to pick and choose events to attend. It is virtually impossible to attend everything! Such was the case with BAAC members. Jim Johannes took his nice 1950 Chevrolet Fleetline Deluxe sedan to the Manhattan Potato Festival on the 19th of August. This is a good show if you are in the area and it also features a parade of the cars.

Others took vehicles to Cruisin' On Main in Bozeman August the

20th. The club was offered a mobile Texaco Filling station island by Diamond T Richard Vinton. Diamond T has this beautiful island with two vintage pumps and accessories that would have made a tremendous center piece for the club's participating cars. But it was not to be, as the overseers determined they could not have any product advertising at the show! Go figure.

We did have an excellent showing of vehicles to include Mel Howe's 1977 Cadillac Sedan de Ville, Bill Dorgan's 1952 Chevrolet Styleline Deluxe sedan, Russ Ludeman's 1948 Buick Roadmaster sedan, Stu Coleman's 1947 Hudson Brougham and the Hov-

ey's 1965 Barracuda, 1968 Cadillac de Ville convertible and their 1973 International Travelall. That was quite a feat to drive three vehicles since there is only Rich and Gay but they managed to do it by a series of shuttles.

Erv and Jan Hintzpeter were the gracious host for the club's August get together. Their stone and wood house on the banks of the Gallatin river has been in the Hintzpeter family for several generations and a lovelier spot would be hard to find! Erv said that deer walk-throughs were a routine occasion and the last week a moose came through. Oh yes, and they can expect a bear or two each year especially in the fall when

they are bulking up for a winter nap. We drove the 1947 Hudson, the Ludemans a 1948 Buick, DeVries got the repro Ford Cobra with an honest to goodness 428 ci engine and four speed out a for spin, and Jim and Rose Cain the 1964 Dodge Polara. The Pruitt's brought out the shiny black 1960 Chrysler Crown Custom. That car isn't seen enough as it is a splendid example of Mopar styling of the period. They have had some reliability problems with it, but I am sure Dave will get it worked out to Patricia's satisfaction.

I don't know if two years running makes an annual event, but it looks like it is becoming one. BAAC members met at the Hor-



*Bill & Cathy Dorgan's 1952 Chevrolet Skyline Deluxe Sedan*



net's Nest for a trip into Yellowstone and Tower Junction where the Roosevelt Lodge is located. The Lodge is sort of low key with a big front porch and lots of rocking chairs and a nice atmosphere. The Lodge is the first concession run facility that shuts down after the summer season and it is always just after Labor Day each year. Jeanne and I always wait until after the 25th of August (most kids and their parents are gone from the park by then) but before closing and last year ask if club members would like to go. The answer was yes and the same for this year with even more members participating. Sounds to me like we had a tradition starting!

What a nice way to end up the reporting quarter, an ice cream

social at the Ludemans. Unfortunately the weather wasn't conducive to eating ice cream as it was rainy and cool, but we all persevered and filled up on desserts. And no one was sad with the rains that dampen the busy fire season. Isn't it nice to see the mountains again without smoke and to see stars at night too. What a fire season it has been and here's hoping by this printing it will only be an ugly memory.

Funny thing happened at the ice cream social. Our youngest member, Andrew Lavery, was in attendance and relayed the following story. Andrew bought a 1987 BMW Model 325 a few years ago from a family. The only one that was sad was a young boy who didn't want the family to sell it. Fast forward a few years,

the young boy is now 15 and inquired of Andrew if he would sell it back to him. He then asked all kinds of questions about where parts could be purchased, how to you find out how to repair things and the like. Andrew took the time to explain after market suppliers, shop manuals and the like and told him he would sell it and would hold it for him. The young man worked from April to September and saved all his money and bought back the BMW. Andrew said he was one happy individual. Who said the young are not interested in old cars! And congratulations to Andrew and Kristyn upon their engagement to marry.

Remember to keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road.

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## ***Q: True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black.***

***A: False. The 1953 'Vett's were available in one color, Polo White.***





## Capital Carriages

Glyn Verzatt, Reporter ([verght@bresnan.net](mailto:verght@bresnan.net))

Back in July when preparing the article for the times I mentioned that it was just a short time till Summer was officially here. After spending the winter mostly in the house staying warm, sometime outside was welcomed. Well it seems that for most of July, August and September a lot of time has been spent in the house avoiding smoke. What a fire season this has been. The forecast is for a change in weather this coming week (September 12) hopefully so as we certainly need the rain and or snow.

At spring tour, we learned that Capital Carriages is going to host the 2018 Fall tour. Since then a group of members has been talking about where to have the tour and all the other details. Some progress has been made and a preliminary decision on where to headquarter the tour, has been made. We should have it mostly all together by the time the January 2018 issue of the times is printed. Wes Tintinger and Don Wood our president and vice president are on it.

Way back in 1998 or so I pur-

chased a 1952 Chevrolet and later joined the Capital Carriages, well the Chevy is now gone, it has moved to Hamilton where it will have a good home. Hated to let it go but for a lot of reasons it no longer fit our needs. We will be looking for some kind of replacement in the future. To fill the empty spot in the garage I have moved my 1991 S-10 Blazer inside, first time it has been garaged since I bought it in 1993. It needs some TLC and we are in the process of providing that. I tend to hang on to things I like and the fact that I have had the same wife for 65 years kind of proves that.

The annual meet with Great Falls did not happen again this year, that makes two years now. This time it was the smoke in Lincoln that caused the cancelation. 8 of us did decide to make part of the trip any way and made it over to Avon to the Avon family restaurant and had a great breakfast. Peg Barnekoff brought the 55 Ford with Tucker driving for her, and Randolph Vogel showed up with a spanking new bright red Mustang. The bride and I took our

new 2017 Malibu. Not exactly an old car trip but fun just the same.

Our annual steak fry/meeting took place in August, this year we did it a little differently and held the event on the patio of the NCO club at Fort Harrison, each member was mostly responsible for cooking their steak, the ladies as usual out did themselves with lots of salads and desserts. The weather was good but smoke was present most of the day.

Several of us went up to Fort Shaw, for the anniversary celebration there. Lots to see and hear, lots and lots of people, we had a great \$6.00 hamburger at the Senior Citizens center. For 6 bucks you got a burger, salad, soft drink, and chips as well as a dessert, try and beat that McDonalds!

Jim Black acquired the Crosley Hot shot that former member Greg Pollack had recently restored. Garry Guettler was responsible for almost all the work that went in to that restoration.

Well that is about it for now.

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***Q: What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette, and other legal street racers of the 1960's?***

***A: Carroll Shelby's Mustang GT350.***





## Central Montana Trail Dusters

Sie Schindler, Reporter

Living in Montana we know that there is about 6 months to our car shows. Our August meeting was in Lewistown at the Eagles Club, having a delicious meal. Being in town there was a very good turnout and we signed up more new members. It is a surprise who has very nice vehicles hidden out. President gave a report on the Chokecherry Car Show September 9th. We had no pre-registration forms sent out to other car clubs. So on Saturday morning at 7:00 am we started lining up vehicles. By 9:00 am there were 70 vehicles from Great Falls, Hel-

ena, Billings and other areas. A very great turnout and everyone enjoyed the cars and the all the things to do on Main Street. Then on Sunday the "What the Hay" at the Hobson and Utica area so it was a full weekend. Thanks to Dan and his family and the members who helped with registration and lining up vehicles. Some members went to the Burning the Points car parade and show in Billings, others went to a National vehicle show. The club was invited to Monarch for their railroad fund raiser car show. Our October meeting will be in Lew-

istown again, being it's getting dark so early it's best with the deer problems. Normally we have had our October pot luck meeting at Larry Carrell's place but due to family health, everyone will miss that but lets remember the family in our prayers. As in the past our year-end Thanksgiving/Christmas will be at Jacks Hangar in December. I attended a State club board meeting Saturday the 23rd at Great Falls. Our fall tour was cancelled due to fires so it was a make up meeting. Well that is all I have so have a great Fall.

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***Q: What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?***

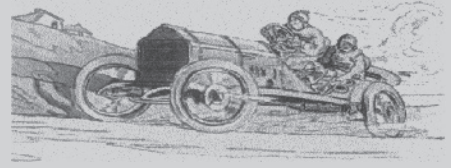
***A: The 1960  
Plymouth Valiant***





# Flathead Pioneer Auto Club

Dave Cooley, Reporter ([cooley@centurytel.net](mailto:cooley@centurytel.net))



It was a beautiful day on Saturday July first for our club mini-Tour to Joyce Lawrence's lake property near the head of Swan Lake. She has a nice private spot there which we all enjoyed very much. Unfortunately your Secretary was unable to go on that Tour, so I have little to report on it except that from what I have heard, it was a beautiful day, a pleasant drive, and a great time for everyone!

They met at 11am at the Swan River School parking lot which is just East of the Echo Lake Café on MT 83. They continued on Hwy 83 for 15 miles or so to the town of Swan Lake. Members were encouraged to bring along any company they might have had here for the Fourth of July Weekend.

Ivan Polus called in early July(?) with a sad and frightening tale. He was at his Farm, about half way between Whitefish and Eureka, fixing a hole in the roof of one of his buildings. On his way back down he had a mis-step and fell off his ladder and down 10 feet to the ground which broke his hip and pelvis. He was all alone and had left his cell phone in his pickup. He couldn't crawl to his pickup so he lay on the ground all night, enduring spring rain and chilly temperatures. The next morning a Flathead Electric technician came to read a meter or something and heard Ivan calling for help. After the technician

found Ivan he called 911 for a helicopter to get Ivan to the Hospital for surgery. The surgery went well and Ivan is still recuperating. A lucky man indeed.

Our next meeting and August mini-Tour was a great one – not only in distance (170 miles), but also it was through neat country many of us had never seen. A dozen cars including a few “modern” and about 20 people turned out for the adventure. It was basically a clockwise route from Kalispell out US 2 to McKillop Road just past Happy's Inn, then North on back roads (all paved and in good condition) to Trego then back to Whitefish on US 93. Our member, Bob Smith, had scouted the route a couple of weeks earlier, and wrote it all up for us. There is a small but great new restaurant in Trego (the “Trego Pub and General Store”) close by the Post Office where they serve great food and beer and sell snacks and convenience items in the “General Store”. It is most definitely worth a visit and a meal. We all stopped there for Lunch and no one was disappointed.

If anyone was still hungry on the way home, they could stop in Whitefish to have a slice of one of our member Mary Lou Covey's World Record Pies at Loula's Restaurant, 300 E 2nd St. (Hwy 93) in Whitefish.

Speaking of Bob Smith, he was one of the kingpins in planning

and executing the National Model T Tour our local Rocky Mountain Model T Club hosted in Whitefish for both National Model T Clubs this last July. At the end of the first day of the Tour when Bob was driving his Model T Speedster down his steep driveway it appears his Ruckstell (two speed differential) popped out of gear so he had no brakes. He got going too fast so he couldn't negotiate the turn at the bottom resulting in the car striking a fence and rolling over onto Bob. Fortunately Bob survived with only some broken ribs, a collapsed lung and some internal bleeding, all of which is healing well. The doctor warned that it will take a lot more time to get back to new, but that Bob is doing very well. Bob has already started work to get his Speedster back on the road, so hooray for Bob! Another lucky man.

Our President, Merry Nelson, sent a report on the Ladies Luncheon which was held at Perkins Restaurant on Saturday August 12th saying it was a fun time with 16 ladies attending. Roxy Ming had planned it and she did a great job of it. Each person brought a picture of themselves from their younger years and they had fun trying to guess who was who. Merry said she recollected that Kathleen Vernon had identified the most photographs correctly.

For our September mini-Tour we had planned a North Fork/Camas

road tour and picnic for Saturday September 9th. We were to meet at the golf course restaurant across the road from Woody's, (junction of MT 35 and MT 206) planning to leave from there at 10:30 a.m. After our picnic (on the Camas Road?), we had an option to stop in Apgar for ice cream and after that we would proceed on to

Hungry Horse Dam for a stop on the way home. Unfortunately the smoke from surrounding Forest Fires was so bad that we thought it best to cancel the mini-Tour altogether. It was so smoky that we wouldn't have been able to see the scenery anyway, and there were rampant air pollution health warnings in the area.

It looks like Summer has rocketed past and Fall is on its way. The big Tours and Events are over, although we should still have some beautiful days for driving old cars coming up before the snow flies. Get out while you still have a chance!!

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***Q: What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?***



***A: The 1924 Chrysler.***



***Q: What was the first car to be offered with a “perpetual guarantee”?***

***A: The 1904 Acme, from Reading, PA. Perpetuity was disturbing in this case, as Acme closed down in 1911.***





## Goggles & Dusters

Roger Thomsen, Reporter

Where did the summer go? Heat, fires, smoke – and then 2 days of rain, and it's Fall! Summers are so very busy!

Our July meeting was held at the home of Scott and Phyllis Galles. We sat in the shade of their patio and backyard and were treated to a great barbecue. There was a good turnout, including some family members from out of state.

Mid-July is when we help sponsor the Billings All Original Car Show at North Park in Billings. All

old cars in mostly original condition are invited. They must be at least 35 years old and at least 90% original – restored or a survivor (never restored). This year, July 15th was a HOT day, but we still had over 170 cars on display. This is a free car show, no entry fee, no admission. We are sponsored by a group of very generous businesses.

Our August 1st meeting was held at Bell's Custom Automotive. Doug Bell gave us a presentation

of what his shop does – which is complete anything automotive, including cars, trucks, and tractors. He does a complete nut and bolt restoration or a mild restoration, whatever the customer wants. We then ate lots of pizza and other goodies. Car clubs seem to know how to eat.

On August 6th, the Yellowstone Roaring 20's Auto Club invited all the local old car clubs to picnic in Pioneer Park. They provide the food and drinks and hope every-



*Jerry Koch's finished 1937 Ford Pepsi Delivery he completed for Pepsi.*





*Dan DeCoster at a National meet in 2015 with his 1941 Mercury coupe*

one drives their old cars. About 80 old cars did show up. Many of us belong to several of the clubs – the Roaring 20's, Goggles and Dust-ers, Model A Club, Early Ford V 8 Club, and the Studebaker Club. It was a great chance to socialize and eat too much.

August is very busy! On August 12th, Doug Braun invited us to lunch at his new building in Columbus. Doug collects Model T Fords, among other things. Doug now has one for every year they were produced, 1909 1927. And they are very nice. Doug had just bought several cars and tractors at an auction in North Dakota. His prize was a beautiful 1911 Model T that finishes out his goal of having a Model T for every year produced. Doug plans to gradually move his collection to the new building.

Our September meeting also involved food. We met at Riverfront Park for a bring it yourself picnic. It was a pleasant evening, and the bugs were minimal. It was perfect for driving our vintage cars.

Several of our members have been busy with projects or new purchases. For example:

1. Jerry Koch was able to finish up the restoration of the 1937 Ford Pepsi delivery van. He has been working on this truck for over a year. It was partially burned in a fire. Jerry finished just in time for the Billings All Original Car Show. The final blow was when the newly painted fenders showed up in the WRONG shade of red. But the body shop managed to re paint them in the correct shade in time for the show.

2. Rich Anderson has always

wanted a 1950 Oldsmobile coupe since he saw one in Butte when he was in high school. After a disappointing trip to Idaho this spring to look at one, he finally bought a 1952 Oldsmobile coupe in July. This is a two owner car fully repainted and upholstered by a collector in Indiana. It had been a one owner car until the collector bought and restored it. This is beautiful and sports a super rare option: The hood is a dealer display item – a hood with an oval plexiglass window on either side so a buyer could see the engine running in the show room. When the car was sold, the dealer would replace the original hood and transfer it to another show room car.

3. Other members have been busy too, but I'm out of time and space, so see you down the road!

# Great Falls Skunkwagon Auto Club

Kurt Baltrusch, Reporter ([baltrusch@q.com](mailto:baltrusch@q.com))



Hot, dry, and smoky pretty well typifies Great Falls since June. Aside from cancelling the fall tour at Hamilton, it has not slowed down the Great Falls members much.

The annual Corn Feed was held at Harry Mitchell's Ayrshire Dairy and we had about 80 members attending. The Dairy operated into the 90's and Harry remembers his kids asking for "Ayrshire" milk when they went out to eat. The old milking barn was slowly sinking, and this summer's earthquake settled it a little more. Finally, the day before the salvagers were scheduled to start the dismantling, the major roof portion gave way. Harry also discussed the crosses on the northeast corner of the property. While many think that this is where Colonel Einar Malmstrom crashed his airplane, it was actually an earlier crash that killed two crewmen. Harry's mother placed the two crosses on the bluff which is very close to the portage route that the Lewis and Clark expedition used.

The club toured to Monarch for its annual celebration, and several cars came from Lewistown as well. We stopped along the way at Phil and Deloree Haglund's home for coffee and enjoyed that as well as the spectacular view of the Sluice Box Canyon. A train ran through that canyon from 1890 to the mid-forties, and you can still walk parts of the old rail bed.

We also attended the 150th anniversary of Ft. Shaw and learned of the area's history. The girls' basketball team was very successful and in 1904 was proclaimed "Champions of the World" at the St. Louis World's fair after beating all other more well-known teams. There is an interesting PBS documentary on that. It was great to see Vernon Cassidy's 1913 Model T Touring car there, along with many other Great Falls and Helena vehicles.

The Mehmke family hosted a steam and tractor show on their property east of Great Falls and the rumor is that the Culbertson steam show will move to this location. Firing steam engines is getting to be more complicated as they have to be closely inspected and operators must be licensed. It is fun to watch these old engines run and thanks go to the Mehmke daughters for getting this going again.

Jay and Helen Robertson picked up an early 80's Eldorado to use as a tour car and Jay is very happy with it. He did a little detailing, had the vinyl top repaired, and has now decided to give it a new paint job as the old paint was presentable but very thin. Jerry Dolson purchased Al and Sue Smith's late T coupe and has started on that learning curve. He also bought a 1928 Buick Sedan and is starting to do some woodwork for the headliner as well as

getting it running. Mel Rustad sold his 1947 to a man in Lewistown who seemed very excited to have the car.

Many years ago Robin Neil purchased a 1928 Moon sedan in outstanding original condition. Robin has stored the car in excellent condition all that time, and decided to try to sell it some time ago. A collector on the east coast heard about the car and drove all the way here to pick it up. This car has a radiator that resembles a Rolls Royce but was missing its radiator cap. Someone had given the purchaser the appropriate radiator cap some time ago, so the buyer just found a car that it fit. The car will probably be maintained in original condition as it is a true survivor.

The Model T group had a nice tour in mid-September around the Sweetgrass Hills. Special thanks go to Harold Olson for opening up the Conrad Museum and also showing them around his collection. We also stopped at Gallup City (no buildings left) to see the roundhouse where 13 rod lines stretched out to pump jacks as far as a mile away. These were run from a 38 HP natural gas engine and were common back before electric lines went to each well. We went to Leonard Matteson's farm to see his museum, to the Marshall's wagon collection, and to the Ernie Taft farm where we watched Ernie shoot bowling



balls out of his homemade mortar. When loaded up with lots of black powder, the bowling balls are shot out of sight! The group then went west of Sweetgrass to Little Jerusalem, a rock formation, and then to a Hutterite colony. Harry Mitchell's 26 T pickup finally gasped its last, and a rebuild

is on tap for this winter. My old touring car needs some TLC prior to the next long tour and I will be looking at that.

There are several "Original Owner" cars in the area and those always have interesting stories. Right now I think that Sue Strickland's Avanti and Chuck Harant's

(B+B Heating) 1965 Plymouth Satellite are the two I know about, and there are probably more. My great uncle bought my 1935 Packard new, but I have no history on that car. Please let me know if you know of more "one-owner" vehicles.

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## ***Q: What American luxury automaker began by making cages for birds and squirrels?***



***A: The George N. Pierce Co. Of Buffalo, who made the Pierce Arrow, also made iceboxes.***

## ***Q: What car first referred to itself as a convertible?***

***A: The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.***





# Hi-Line Auto Club

Ruth Fenger, Reporter



A beautiful but busy season, we were able to attend only one car event this summer, so my heartfelt thanks to all my “spies” and “ghostwriters” for making this article possible!

Father’s Day Sunday this year brought a spectacular June day, perfect for celebrating Dads everywhere, but especially at the Show & Shine, potluck and barbecue at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.

This event, honoring Dads and getting them to church with their families, provided a Dad’s Day church service, lots of food, fellowship, cars and even a trip to Joel and Ruthie’s Awesome Autos Museum. The five Peoples Choice award winners were Harry & Shirley Heimbigner’s 1976 VW Beetle convertible; Joel & Ruthie Fenger’s 2001 Jaguar XK8 convertible; Austin & John Dorr’s father and son project 1970 Dodge Swinger; Wally and Marjorie Duchscher’s 1984 Porsche 944; and Barb and Jim Vinson’s all original 1952 Plymouth Cambridge. The trophies presented each year should get their own award for originality and delightfulness, and this year was no exception!

On the night of July 19th we went Crusin’ with “The Other Guys.” Held at “Ford’s” in Great Falls, a fifties-style burger drive-in, there was such a wild variety of vehicles (classic, unmolested,

souped up, tricked out and fully customized) that the event spilled over to the adjacent gas station and into the streets. Had the pleasure of meeting lots of car people and eating some terrific burgers, too! Our President (Pastor John) took a bunch of pictures and created a DVD presentation for our August meeting where we all learned a lot as we had fun combining our knowledge to correctly identify the make, year and model of the numerous rides he’d documented in the pictures.

On Wednesday, August 23rd, we went cruising to the Hi-Way Bar and Restaurant in Hingham, MT. Harry and Shirley Heimbigner and Pastor John and Jeanie all had car trouble and had to take alternate vehicles (a little more maintenance guys! LOL). Doug was smart and brought his pick up (no problems). The group enjoyed a good meal, good company and a bit of highway time.

This summer two of Joel Fenger’s antique trucks attracted the attention of a Canadian company that produces a series for television. They ultimately bought them, and a fellow who helps with driving on set and also is very much involved in keeping the vintage vehicles in running order has been sending pictures of the trucks in their various roles.

The episodes currently being

filmed are scheduled to be aired on NBC this fall.

Both trucks were “survivors”—unrestored and left original, just as they came off the farm. The 1926 International had not been run for 52 years. They cleaned the carburetor, pumped up oil pressure, and it fired right up!! The other one, a 1932 Ford, had been run more recently. It likewise started willingly, and both are proving to be dedicated, reliable members of the cast.

In July, Wally Duchscher went to a huge car show in Iola, Wisconsin. The car show and swap meet occupies over 300 acres, showcasing over 2200 cars as well as swap spaces, car corral and vendors. One of the biggest events in the U.S. for car enthusiasts, its size alone affords attendees the luxury of variety and is, in short, big enough for everybody.

Wally has gone to Iola several times, and he related a great story about a time when he and several friends had camped at the show in a huge motor home. Two of the guests were from out of state, a young gal and her father who had bought a Mustang from Wally; and she and her Dad had restored it. The girl had been quite impressed with Montana while here, and among other things had purchased a “Griz” shirt, which was part of her wardrobe at Iola. When they got

home, Marge was sorting laundry and asked Wally when did he buy a “Griz” shirt? Puzzled, he responded that he didn’t own a “Griz” shirt and was even more

puzzled when Marge held it up for him to see. All they could figure was dirty clothes bags were lined up next to each other in the motor home, and the shirt ended

up in the wrong place. They had a good laugh over it and made sure the young lady got her treasured Montana souvenir back.



*Both trucks performing on set,  
helping to portray arrival of the carnival in town*



*~~Laughter is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.~~*





*Photo was taken on set recently in southern Alberta during filming of a series for television, which is scheduled to air on NBC this fall. The 1932 Ford truck is an all original survivor sold from Joel and Ruth Fenger's collection earlier this year.*





## Missoula Hellgate Auto Club

Perry Francis, Reporter

On Wednesday, the 28th of June, in perfect summer weather twenty of us in thirteen old cars headed west down I-90 nine miles past Frenchtown to the USFS's Ninemile Remount Depot and Ranger Station. After our lunch under the large shade trees, we took the self guided tour of this historic remount station, home of the Forest Service mules. Unfortunately, we did not see the mules as they had recently departed for their summer work at the many national forests in the West. Up to 200 mules winter over here each year. A second glitch in the tour occurred when the nearby "Rusty Nuts" vintage and classic tractor man could not accommodate us at this time. We will catch his collection later. However, we more than made up for these setbacks with presentations from two club members on two other items of interest in the area. First, Stan Cohen our historian, gave us a talk about the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp established next door in 1933. With 600 men it was one of the largest in the country. In an old group photograph taken at the camp, we picked out the father of members Karen Winz and Beverly Berry, both present on our tour but about eighty years later. Next, our geologist Norm Smyers, showed us up close some glacial till sediments deposited by Glacier Lake Missoula. Norm often points out these features on our tours and gradually we are understand-

ing the magnitude of these flood events from about 12,000 years ago. They exited western Montana valleys at a rate equivalent to the flow of sixty Amazon Rivers.

Our participation in the July 16 Camp-Mak-A-Dream benefit car show was down this year from previous years. Out of 110 cars there, our club had five people enter eight cars. There were mixed reviews about changing the location from nearby green grass and shade trees to asphalt parking and a pavilion for shade. The very hot weather discouraged some also. This was the first car show held at Phase One of the recently opened thirty nine million dollar Fort Missoula Regional Park facility.

On Thursday, July 20, the Hellgate Club showed nineteen cars at Ruby's Restaurant in Missoula. Our arrangement with the restaurant is to show our cars there at dinner time. The customers vote on their favorite cars and we all get a two for one dinner. The top three favorites each get additional free dinner prizes. The top three this year were: Fred William's 1987 El Camino, Dave Gasvoda's 1953 Ford Victoria hardtop and Frank Wrynn's 1951 MGTD.

Our August meeting is traditionally an ice cream social. This year it was hosted by Anne and Greg Wood on a warm and smoky evening. The Woods live just across the Bitterroot River from Lolo and have a nice back-

yard view of the Lolo Peak fire. It was too smoky to see flames, but we saw some spectacular photos of the flames from some previous clear days. Greg is also the State Webmaster for the MPACAC web site. Check it out when you have a chance at [montanapioneerand-classicautoclub.org](http://montanapioneerand-classicautoclub.org).

On September the 10th the intrepid Hellgate Club ventured out in light smoke and drove south down highway 93 to Hamilton getting a view of the Lolo Peak fire on the way. As of that date, the fire was at about 50,000 acres and over fifty million dollars had been spent in the two months it had been burning. In Hamilton, we were guests of the Dutton family and Dutton Restorables, a classic car restoration business run by Ross Dutton and assisted by Ross' father and brother--all members of the BVD's car club. Any gear head would drool at the sight of the dozens of restored classics and the dozens of restorable rigs in the Dutton collection. I think Ross is too busy restoring other people's cars to get very involved with many more of his own. To get an idea of what the Dutton's have, take a look at the BVD section of the MPACAC Roster.

As summer comes to a close we are looking forward to some rain and clear blue skies. I know most of the State has also been impacted by these fires, so wish you all the same.



## Vintage d' Fenders

Dar Costle, Reporter

Hello to all, and Merry Christmas, hahaha! In our neck of the woods anyway. It sure helped with the smoke.

Well to the Hamilton group, we are sorry about the cancelation

of the fall tour. We were looking forward to it.

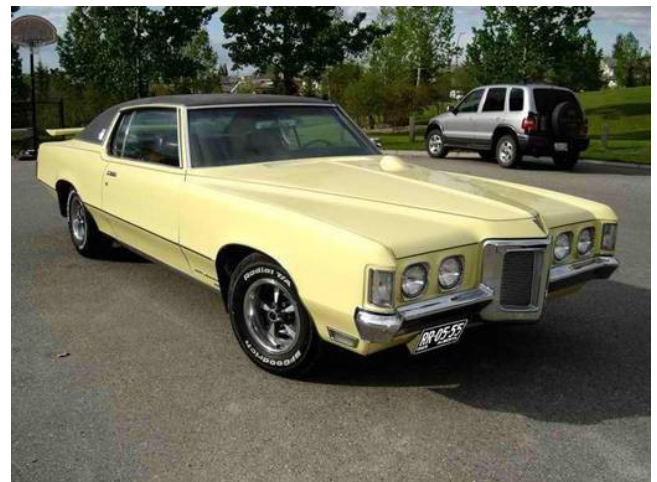
As far as any car doings there have been none for this group, we didn't even hold a September meeting due to weather. However

we did get new members to our club, Nancy and Gary Lacheski from Anaconda very happy to have them.

That is all I have for now. See you all in the Spring.

***Q: What car was the first to have it's radio antenna embedded in the windshield?***

***A: The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.***



***Q: What car used the first successful series-production hydraulic valve lifters?***

***A: The 1930 Cadillac 452, the first production V16***





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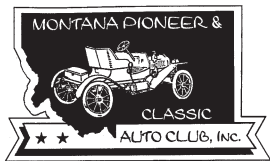
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