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### **CHAPTER MEETINGS**

**Bitterroot Valley Dusters:** Regular meeting third Sunday afternoon of each month at places previously decided upon in Hamilton area.

**Bozeman Antique Auto Club:** Regular meeting second Friday of each month at random locations in Bozeman.

**Capital Carriages:** Regular meeting second Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m. random locations in Helena.

**Central Montana Trail Dusters:** Regular meeting fourth Thursday of each month at places previously decided upon in Central Montana area.

**Flathead Pioneer Auto Club:** Regular meeting first Sunday of each month at Flathead Electric Co-op in Kalispell.

**Goggles & Dusters:** Regular meeting first Tuesday of each month at Elk's Lodge, 934 Lewis Ave at 6:00 p.m. (unless otherwise notified) in Billings.

**Great Falls Skunkwagon:** Regular meeting first Friday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Eagle's Lodge 1509 9th St So in Great Falls.

**Hi-Line Antique Auto Club:** Regular meeting third Sunday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Inverness Supper Club in Inverness.

**Missoula Hellgate:** Regular meeting third Monday of each month, American Legion Hall in Missoula.

**Vintage d'Fenders:** Regular meeting first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. Cavalier Room, Finlen Hotel in Butte.

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They say time flies, but man, these last four years have flown by! It seems like just last year that Harold Olson asked if I would consider his nominating me to be the Montana Pioneer and classic Auto Club's Vice-President. After discussing this with my wife we decided that it might be ok. Sure we had been members for many years, but now we could sit at the front table and eat first!

Oh there are things to do-

round up judges for Saturday morning and award trophies.... oh and each year I had to order dash plaques. Betty Olson said it is easier to be President for the second 2 years and you still get to sit at the front table and eat FIRST!

I can tell you the 4 years went fast and being an officer was a great experience because of wonderful support by all of you members—present and past. The support from past and current officers, and family got me through this. THANKS TO ALL!

I wish Dan Costle and Fritz Seitz well in their tours and state duties and I ask all to you to support them as you have me. The club is in great hands. We hope to see all of you over the coming years at the events and tours around the state and Canada for the International tour. Wishing you all well,

Doug Winz



## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Please remember to send in your information by the due date to insure this publication can be in reader's hands in a timely manner.

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Attn: Antique and Classic Times

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# Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club Skunkwagon Chapter

Presents Montana's Oldest & Largest 48<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Antique Auto Parts Swap Meet

And Collectibles April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Friday Noon - 6:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Livestock Pavilion at Montana ExpoPark Great Falls, MT

RV Spaces Available to Rent thru Montana ExpoPark

# \$3.00

One Time Admission Good for Both Days

Friday Lunch – 12:00 Noon – 4:00 pm Saturday Breakfast – 7:00 am – 10:30 am Saturday Lunch – 11:00 am – Until Gone

Vendors with Toys, Clothes & Jewelry and Interesting Collectibles are Welcome

For additional Information call Mary at: 406-761-1643 NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

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### Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club Installation Dinner Hosted by : Great Falls Skunkwagon Car Club

Eagles LodgeApril 27, 20191501 9th Street South SoSocial Hour 6:00 p.m.Great Falls, MTDinner Served at 7:00 p.m.Parking & entrance are behind the main building on the East side<br/>\$13.00 per personNumber Attending

Name:\_\_\_

Phone:

Make Check payable to : Skunkwagon Car Club Send completed form along with payment to: Skunkwagon Car Club MP4CAC Installation Dinner PO Box 1305 Great Falls, MT 59403 Deadline for Reservations is April 10, **2019** 

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Name:\_\_\_\_

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### Montana Pioneer and Classic Auto Club Spring Tour June 21-23-2019 Central Montana Trail Duster's Club

### Registration

Drivers Name					
Passenger's Name					
Additional Passenge	rs				
Address					
City, State Zip					
Phone		E-Mail			
Vehicle Year	Make		Model		Color
Insurance Carrier			Ī	Policy #	

Registration deadline is June 10th. (Registration postmarked after the 10<sup>th</sup> must submit a additional \$10.00 fee. Registration fee includes Friday night Barbecue, Saturday lunch, Banquet, Sunday breakfast.

Individual	\$75.00	\$
Additional Adults	\$75.00 x	\$
Children (12 & under)	\$30.00 x	\$
Late Registration	\$10.00	\$
Total		\$

Please Make Checks to Central MT. Trail Dusters. Mail to Sherry Stilson 388 Scott Crossing N Lewistown, Mt. 59457 Phone 406-366-5752 or call Sie Schindler Ph.406-350-3346

Are you planning to have your car judged \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Costume judged \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Are you willing to judge cars? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Are willing to judge costumes \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Also Miles driven \_\_\_\_\_year of vehicle driven \_\_\_\_.

The Central Montana Trail Dusters Club will not held liable for any loss sustained nor can It be named in any judgement or suit. I affirm that my possessions are covered by all necessary property damage and liability insurance

### Applicant's signature

### Central Montana Trail Dusters Club Spring Tour 2019 June 21-23

The Central Montana Trail Dusters Club is looking forward to hosting the 2019SpringTour. The tour headquarters will be at the Yogo Inn Hotel 211 E. Main ST. Lewistown, Mt.

#### Friday, June 21st

3:00 –5:00 PM	Registration	Yogo Inn Hotel	
5:30 PM	Jack Morgenstern air plane hangar	Lewistown airport	
6:30 PM	evening meal and ice cream social	Jack's hangar	
7:30-8:00 PM	Costume Judging	Jack's hangar	
8:00 PM	Directors Meeting	Jack's hangar	
This hangar is one of a kind (hint) the 50's. The ice cream social will have a free will			
donation, which will go to the local Boys and Girls Club.			

### Saturday, June 22<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM	Breakfast on your own and the Judges meet at the	Yogo Inn
8:30 AM -9:30 AM	Car judging and late registration	Yogo Inn
10:00AM	Tour to Mt. State fish hatchery	0
Noon or so	Lunch will be at Carrell's home of Mustang's and ot	her's

Saturday is fun costume day, so get dressed for fun

5:30 – 6:30 PM	No-host cocktail hour	Eagles Club 124 W. Main St. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. door is best to use	
6:30 PM	Awards Banquet	Eagles Club	
	Sunday, Ju	ne 23th	
8:00 AM	Breakfast	Eagles Club	
	General meeting, adjournment, farewell and a safe trip home. Thanks for coming.		

### Lewistown area accommodations

Lewistown offers over 220 hotel/motel rooms for lodging in the area. Make your reservations early, there are other functions in town also.

Super 8 Motel – 44 roo or 1-800-800-8000 1(		406-538-2581
Calvert Historical Hoto With a full breakfest	el 28 rooms \$149.00 +	406-535-5411
Yogo Inn 119 rooms	\$95.00 + tax 20 blocked	d rooms 406-535-8721
B&B Motel 36 rooms	\$99.00+tax	406-535-5496
Sunset Motel	\$65.00 +tax	406-535-8741
Trails End Motel	\$60.00 + tax	406-535-5468

The prices may vary some. They are based on 2 people. There is a Kiwanis camp area just west of town with no service, and a RV park at Mountain acres R V park 1-406-538-7591 there maybe other discounts ARP or AAA

So get your rooms early and get the registration in also, see you all in June in Lewistown, Mt. There will rooms blocked at the Yogo Inn and the Super 8 motel. Call early to get the blocked rates and refer to Mt. Pioneer and Classic car tour

## Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club Fall Tour Presented by the Vintage D'Fenders September 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2019

Tour Headquarters: Elks Lodge 223 Main Street, Anaconda MT

### Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

3:00-5:00 PM 4:00-5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:15-8:00 PM 8:00 PM	Registration Tours to the Smoke Stack State Park Evening Meal Costume Judging Director's Meeting	Elks Lodge S.S. Int. Site Elks Lodge Elks Lodge Elks Lodge
	Saturday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	
	** Breakfast on your own **	
8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Car Judging and Late Registration Line up for Tour	Elks Lodge
11:30 AM 11:00-3:00	Fun Costume Judging Show and Shine @ the Old Montana Prison Museum Lunch will be served at the Prison	Deer Lodge Deer Lodge
	** Afternoon on your own **	
5:30-6:30 PM 6:30 PM	No Host Cocktail Hour Awards Banquet	Barclay II Barclay II
	Sunday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	
8:30 AM	Breakfast and General Meeting Adjournment and Farewell	Elks Lodge

Thank you for coming to the Fall Tour we hope you enjoyed it. Have a safe trip home!

Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club Fall Tour Presented by the Vintage D'Fenders September 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2019 Tour Headquarters: Elks Lodge 223 Main Street, Anaconda MT

## **Motel Accommodations**

**Trade Wind Motel: 563-3428** A block of rooms has been reserved. The cutoff date for these rooms is August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort and RV: 797-8169

Hickory House Inn: 563-5481

Marcus Daly Motel: 563-3411

The Grizzly Den Motel: 563-7582

Seven Gables at Georgetown Lake: 563-5052

Travel Lodge in Deer Lodge: 1-800-760-6483

Big Sky RV Park in Anaconda: 563-2967



Address:\_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Registration deadline is the 24th August. Registrations postmarked after the 24th must submit an additional fee of \$10.00. Registration fee includes Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch and banquet and Sunday breakfast.

Individual \$80	\$
Additional Adults \$80 X	\$
Children (12 & Under) \$35 X	\$
Late Registration \$10	\$
Total	\$

Please make checks payable to **Vintage D'Fenders-Jamie Costle**. Mail to Jamie Costle 207 N Schuyler, Anaconda MT 59711. Contact phone numbers: Dar Costle (406) 490-1399, Jim Beauchamp (406) 490-5608 or Jamie Costle (406) 797-8120.

Your registration includes a tour to the Smoke Stack, will you attend? Yes No
Are you planning to have your car judged? Yes No
Are you planning to have your costume judged? Yes No
Are you willing to judge cars? Yes No
Are you willing to judge costumes? Yes No
Miles driven to the tour Year of vehicle driven
Banquet Choice: Chicken Steak Prawns

The Vintage D'Fenders will not be held liable for any loss sustained nor can it be named in any judgement or suit. I affirm that my possessions are covered by all necessary property damage and liability insurance.

Applicant's	Signature:
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Date:\_\_\_



Spring is upon us, and so are the mounds of late-winter snow. The best thing about having a late winter is that it can only last so long... and so long... and so long.

The high light of my winter, or sea level light, was an expedition cruise to Antarctica, with my daughter. We flew out of Missoula just as the massive snow was coming in, and it was always warmer in the Antarctic than it was here. More ice and penguins and seals and whales and albatrosses there, though.

Anyhow, back to reality. If there was a lot of excitement among the restorers, it is a well-kept secret. Dick did continue work on his 1941 Ford and the 1952 Chevy. Progress? Unknown. An example of maybe not the most exciting January was that 27 members showed up for the lunch meeting on the 20th, at BJ's Restaurant, Hamilton, suggesting an epidemic of cabin fever. We began planning for a spring show and shine, scheduled for Murdoch's, on Saturday, May 25. Bill Meuchel and David Ross will ramrod this. All are welcome to show, and there will be only one award, for people's choice.

Our February 17 meeting took place at the Bear's Lair II Restaurant in Florence. Twentyone attended, proving that food overcomes snow and wind. Even though it is a Bear's Lair, we were fortunately not part of the menu. Like the bears, we seemed to be in a state of winter lethargy, so not a lot of meeting took place.

March 17, St. Patrick's Day,

saw us at the Nazarene Church Neely Center in Victor, where we enjoyed a feast of corned beef and cabbage, thanks to the largesse of the club and the culinary efforts of Dick Babcock. Members brought side dishes, mostly desserts, to round out the potluck. We continued to firm up plans for the show and shine. We will serve lunches from our club food trailer. Also discussed was a plan to visit the Miracle of America Museum, Polson, sometime later this spring.

Having just returned from the end of the Earth, so to speak, you might think I would have had my quota of travel for a while, but you can never travel too much. I am ready to get started with the touring year.

Hope to see you all out there before too long. Take care.



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I thought we were going to have a mild winter here in the Southwestern part of the state, and then February and March came with multiple nights below zero and a lot of snow! Now I am sorry I planted the banana trees and tomato plants so early. Tried to fire up the wood burning stove in the garage but when the temperature fails to rise above 45 degrees, it is time to go in the house and grab a good automobile book and curl up in front of the fire. I imagine you all were faced with the same dilemma, but take heart spring and summer are just around the corner and I hear summer this year will be July the 17th.

Club activities were focused indoors and centered around the Kountry Korner Cafe in January. Our new President Rose Cain took over and as part of the business meeting poured over some possible summer activities including a trip to the museums in Deer Lodge and a tour to the Sage Lodge in Emigrant. The Lodge looks out on the Yellowstone river to the west and Emigrant Peak to the east through massive windows The Sage is a brand new high end establishment catering to the fly-fisher people of the world, but have been very community oriented too. For example after they opened, they had a local welcoming with lunch provided and expected about 400 to 450 people and instead close to 1100 showed up! The club will put a lunch at the Sage on our May calendar for sure.

22 people showed up for the February meeting which is pretty darn good considering so many of our members are snowbirds and take flight during the winter months. In keeping with the Valentine Day theme at the Kountry Korner, President Rose had made cookies of various kinds in the shape of hearts to pass out, and pre-printed paper cars for attendees. Remember the paper dolls girls used to punch out of pre-printed cards as a kid, well these paper cars were on that order. Then she had three containers full of valentine candies and members could hazard a guess of how many were in each without going over the actual number. The winners; Russ Luderman, Bill Dorgan and Rich Hovey, but then again we knew already how sweet they were! Where does Rose find all this stuff!

The program at the February meeting was given by our very own host and owner of the Kountry Korner Cafe, Betty Nason. Now let me tell you a little about Betty before she tells you about herself. She is in her early 80s and has been in the food serving business since 1976. She secured a loan from a local bank because of friendship with the bank's president in an age when "banks didn't loan money to single women" and she has never looked back!

She has enjoyed, and still does, a strong customer loyalty, including our very own Bozeman Club. Some of the locals show up as early at 6:00 AM, make coffee and converse in the dark until she arrives! Those same guys, brought their tractors and trailers to help her move her business across the street years ago to its present location.

She laughed when she said that she really didn't know how to cook when her food service adventures begin. Betty has owned a number of businesses including at one time a hamburger/ milkshake place. For decades, she has catered to wildfire hotshot crews leaving for remote parts of Montana. In her "spare" time she volunteers her catering service to an adaptive sports program called Eagle Mount and a non-profit that supports kids

with cancer. As she says, "The kids steal my heart". And Betty Nason, you steal our hearts as well!

We welcomed Linda Dean into the club with an antique vehicle. Oh wait, she has always been a long time member, but now her 1994 Lincoln is considered an antique at age 25. That must make most of us "Triple Antiques" in the club.

Lastly I must apologize to a couple of club members for errata published in the last Times. But as I tell club members if I don't have any news to report, I make it up. Some would say "Fake News", but I am not going to go there! John DeVries is in fact still working on a John Deere overhaul and is not finished, well sort of. He finished the one he was working on for a friend, but started the project with 2 1/2 1949 Model Rs diesels to make one. But heck, he still had 1 1/2 John Deeres when he finished it, so why not build a second one and that is exactly what he is working on. Incidentally if you haven't worked on an old John Deere, parts are hard to find and if you can find them...... they are very expensive. I had incorrectly reported that he was all done with his tractor repair last time we visited.

And secondly, the photo in the last Times credited the 1949 Diamond T Model 201 truck to Richard Vinton. WRONG! Richard corrected me in short order in that the '49 belongs to his wife, Karen. Sorry Karen I completely understand as "our" recently restored 1955 Chevrolet ½ ton short bed is Jeanne's now!

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



"Restoration on the 1959 Studebaker Lark VI 2-door station wagon has been delayed ever so slightly because of the February weather!"



# **Capital Carriages**

Darrell Beckstrom, Reporter (mtbeckstrom@gmail.com)

Greetings from the Capital city! It was a pretty mild winter up until the beginning of the New Year. The only people that I have heard that are working on vehicles is Dave Mitton, Paul Christofferson, and myself. One of my projects on my 1966 GMC pickup was to replace the old bed. The truck came with everything; I just had to put it in. I projected that it would take all winter, but it only took about 3 weeks. (However, I do not want to do another!) With all the bolts rusted, I had to use a sawzall to cut all 55 bolts off. The new bed is oak, with linseed oil finish. I also put on some side molding and gauges to replace the idiot lights. Dave has a 1965 Chevrolet pickup, and he is having a new bed put on also and some front end work complete with disc brakes. Paul is working on his 1950 International truck, replacing the bed with heavy duty planking. The club is busy trying to locate a place for our annual get together with the Bozeman and Butte club in April. Some ideas have not worked out, but there are still a couple of places in the works. We are hoping as the writing of this article that the weather warms up, but not too much, as here in Helena there is about 17" of snow.

Looking forward to a great year, hope everyone has a great spring!





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## **Central Montana Trail Dusters**

Sie Schindler, Reporter

Spring has finally come, what a month February was. The Lewistown club takes 3 months off like the snow-birds. Our first meeting is in April. So the news is short.

The only member that I know that did any vehicle work is Dan Stilson. He had purchased a 1965 Chevy Impala last fall. It was a 20 footer needing some loving care. So this winter he and his family did a very great job of polishing/detailing the engine area, interior and trunk and replacing some moldings. The vehicle is very well done. As always some members snowbird to the South Land. The State club Spring tour for Lewistown June 21-23 is going well. There have been some registrations mailed in already.

There are car shows started around Montana. April 5-7 is the Custom Car Show in Great Falls, the Skunkwagon Swap Meet is April 25-27 at Great Falls along with the State Club spring board meeting. Then on May 4th is the Great Falls Central Avenue Car Show for all models and years, plus many more around the area. There is a 2019 schedule of events around the State. So there are lots of car events plus the local club drives that we do monthly.

We are saddened by the loss of a great lady, wife, mother, grandmother Carole Lawrey. Our prayers and great memories for Darrel and family. Also prayers for Larry and Kathi Carrell losing Larry's brother Lloyd.

Let's get those special vehicle's out and dusted off, maybe a little polish. It's the vehicle that takes us to those events, to meet old and new friends. So drive safe and we'll see you all soon.



## Flathead Pioneer Auto Club Dave Cooley, Reporter (cooley@centurytel.net)

It was a 38 degree day with broken to scattered clouds and brilliant sunshine when 18 members gathered at the Flathead Bridge Club Building for our first 2019 meeting on January 6th. There were no guests or antique cars at the meeting. President Merry Nelson called the meeting to order and the only Old Business was the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report.

In the way of New Business, Art Olson announced that he had received information on the 2019 International Meet which is to be in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, over the weekend of June 27th through 30th. Both Art and Dave Cooley have the detailed information of the Event if anyone is interested in pursuing it. These guys put on an excellent Tour with lots of interesting activities, so it should be good.

In other New Business, Bob Smith and Dave Cooley have been updating the FPAC Roster of Members a copy of which will be included with this Newsletter. We would be much obliged if the Members would check out their information in the Roster and let Bob Smith know if there are any further corrections for the final version. If you don't let us know, the incorrect information will remain in the final version. Many thanks for your help!!

Merry asked the meeting whether the Members enjoyed our Mini-Tours and whether they would like the Tour Committee to propose some Tours for this Summer for the Membership to vote on like we did for the last couple of years. The response was that we would like to continue our Club Tours this Summer.

Dave Russell talked a bit about perhaps doing the Steak Fry again. He suggested that perhaps we should invite members of other Clubs to join us. He suggested that we could charge something more than our expenses for the benefit of a charity or perhaps our Club Treasury! Maybe we could include a Garage Tour as well.

Bob Smith brought and showed us a Video about the 10 Most Significant Automobiles which was fun to watch. Of course, "everyone knows" that the Model T Ford is Number 1, and that the VW Beetle is right up there, but it was fun to see what other cars these folks thought should be in the lineup. There were a few mumbles and grumbles – it might be fun some time to have the members write their lists of the Top Ten – maybe at the 2019 Holiday Dinner? How about the Jeep? Look at what that vehicle spawned!

The Tour Committee met on Friday January 18th and came up with a few ideas for our Mini-Tours this Summer. The final distribution of which Tour we do on which weekend (or weekday) will be made after we have our vote (April Meeting) and thereby have selected which Tours we want to organize. Some Tours come with dates such as the Glacier Street Rod Association Garage Tour / Toys for Tots Lunch on September 7th. Other events such as the Nelsons' Potluck Picnic on May 19th aren't counted as Tours but are more on a "be there if you want to go" basis with no Club Tour associated with it. The Club Tours we will organize are to be selected (by Vote) from the following candidates:

- 1. Tour to the Isaac Walton Inn in Essex for Lunch.
- 2. Tour to Procter to visit the Carriage Museum and Gen-



eral Store, Lunch at Lake Desoto Grill Car Show (June Mary Ronan. 22nd)

- Steak Fry at Russell's Progressive Dinner? Garage Tour?
- Tour on North Fork Road and Camas Road, ice cream at Apgar
- 5. Tour to the Creston Fish Hatchery Pavilion, Picnic Lunch.

LONG TOUR: Flathead Vallev to Eureka to Lake Koocanusa to Yaak, the Yaak Road to Libby and back to the Flathead by US 2 or by the McKillop Rd. and US 93. (Paved all the way). This will be a Tour that we will do in addition to the Tours we will select by vote in April, and it will be open to all who want to go. It will likely be in early July to avoid any part of the Fire Season - we talked about having it on July 5th, 6th, or 7th. We would also have a more modest "voted on" Tour in July for those who didn't want to go on the Long Tour.

OTHER EVENTS YOU MIGHT WANT TO GO TO:

GSRA Swap Meet (May 18th)

Nelsons' Potluck Picnic (May 19th)

22nd)

- Evergreen "Show & Shine" at Conlin's (August 3rd, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM)
- GSRA Garage Tour and Lunch (September 7th)

It was a very cold (10 degree) day with a 17 mph wind and blowing snow when 10 of the hardiest souls gathered at the Flathead Valley Bridge Club Building at 2:00 PM on February 3rd, 2019. This beat everyone's guess as to how many would be there. There were no antique cars or guests present, although Gary Gudmundson came very close to bringing one of his Kaisers to the event, halted only by the fear that the City Road Crews would decide to put some sort of a nasty "de-icer" on the roads while we were having our meeting.

President Merry Nelson opened the meeting at about 2:05 by having Secretary Dave Cooley read the minutes of the last meeting, which were accepted as read. Treasurer Bob Smith was battling the Flu and could not attend the meeting, so there was no Treasurer's Report. This also meant that there was no Video for our entertainment, but Gary Gudmundson arrived with 6-8 Kaiser steering wheels and one Frazer wheel which he had restored, which was most interesting and which along with Gary's explanations and insights provided lots of "entertainment" for the membership.

Merry then threw the meeting open for stories, restoration reports, etc.

Leon Nelson is coming along well with his 1950 Mercury Pickup. Everything is going well and it is looking like a pickup again.

John Barr is working on some sort of Dodge Hot Rod, and with the help of a hack saw, is making progress getting the camshaft fitted as he wishes.

Dwayne Markuson told the story of his acquisition of a nice looking 1956 Corvette. We look forward to seeing the car on the road this summer.

It was a brilliant, cloudless sunny day, but cold (7 degrees), with lots of snow and ice everywhere when 11 hardy members gathered at the Flathead Bridge Club Building at 2:00 PM on Sunday March 3rd for our March Meeting. Being that there were no other officers present, Secretary Dave Cooley presided. No guests or antique cars present.

In the way of New Business, Gary Gudmundson brought a selection of restored Hood Ornaments, again all but one of which were for Kaiser cars. Originally the Kaiser cars were built without hood ornaments,

certainly not typical in those days. Accessory manufacturers stepped into the breach and supplied ornaments you could buy and have installed on your car. Towards the end of production the factory furnished hood ornaments. Gary had a Buffalo Head ornament supplied by one of the accessory makers for use on a Kaiser car. Again, many thanks to Gary for bringing an interesting and rare/unusual group for "Show & Tell". His knowledge of the Kaiser/Frazer cars is encyclopedic. (Studebakers too, I'm told.)

Dave Cooley handed out summary descriptions of the proposed Tours for this Summer and for which we will be voting at our April meeting in order to select the most preferred Tours.

There was some discussion of Tours at this meeting: One member asked if there had been any changes to the Carriage Museum in Procter since the last time we were there. We don't know for sure, but we do know that there have been several additions to the General Store exhibit. The carriage exhibit has a number of interesting horse drawn vehicles as well as a few early cars including a Sears High-wheeler with tiller steering – sounds pretty interesting!

Dave Russell confirmed that he and Linda were indeed willing to host another Steak Fry at their place, "preferably in early August". In the past, the Steak Fry has been on the first Saturday in August – this is the same day as the Evergreen "Show & Shine" (August 3rd at Conlin's parking lot). This is over by 3:00 and the Steak Fry usually starts about 4:00, so there's time to do both, which some of us have done in the past. Dave repeated his suggestion that we invite the GSRA folks to attend our Steak Fry, and that we charge a bit more than our Cost (\$5.00 vs \$4.00?) with the understanding that the surplus should be turned over to the GSRA Club for donation to the Toys for Tots organization. This option will be added to the list of potential Tours for our voting at our April meeting.

We have since learned about the health of a few of our members – Lyle Akelstad has had 9 treatments for his cancer and says he feels great and is looking forward to rejoining us in May. Doug Morton is "holding his own" and is still busy restoring cars. Bob Smith is trying a new non-chemo regimen which shows great promise and he hasn't slowed down a bit. Hooray for our side!





## **Goggles & Dusters**

Roger Thomsen, Reporter

Well the snow is finally going away. I don't have much touring to report since the first of January. Everyone has been too busy removing snow and trying to stay warm. So this issue will just be a report on some projects I have seen this winter.

Dan DeCoster has finished up his 1949 Ford coupe. It looks

super and drives just as well. Now he can get started restoring his wife's 1950's Ford pickup. Sharen can't wait to see it on the road. Dan has all the parts he needs and the cab is off the frame. It is a nice rust free truck so we should see it on the road before too many years.

Greg Childs got his formerly

black 1951 Mercury back from the paint shop. It is now a two tone white car. It came out very nicely and Greg has all the trim, bumpers, etc back on. The car is slated to do a few long tours this summer.

The 1960 Studebaker I mentioned in the last issue found a new home. The four partners



1955 Ford snow mover

in the project cleaned and fixed enough to get it running and driving well. It's new home is with a Studebaker collector in Miles City. Nice to see it stay in Montana. The partners indicate there might just be enough money left over to buy their wives dinner out!

Our LONG time member and former state president, Al Jenkins, celebrated his 98th birthday in February. Keep it going Al!

Jerry Koch has been working on restoring a 1955 International pickup for the past few years. It is pink and white just like the one his dad bought new when Jerry was a young lad. The final task was finding a good front bumper. After years of fruitless search, Jerry gave up and decided to try to save the original bumper. It resembled a pretzel with extra iron welded on. Jerry ground off lots of weld and worked to straighten it. An old time body man finally stepped up and offered to help. It went to his shop and came back ready to bolt on. It looks brand new! He finally got "Pinkie" ready to tour.

Neil Schlaeppi hasn't done much car stuff. He's been too busy trying to keep the 40 horses he boards fed. Neil's retirement seems to be keeping the "farm" going.

Last fall Bob Voight bought a very nice 1949 Ford coupe. He has spent his spare time this winter trying to reverse some modifications back to stock. He's put some trim back on, deleted the lakes pipes and got it running more reliably.

My project was to get my 1929 Ford Model A radiator fixed. While checking the antifreeze last fall I noticed the filler neck had come loose. So we drained the radiator, leaned the lights



Bobby and Linda Fedric with their 1940 Ford

forward and took the shell off the radiator. Bill Witt came over with old style soldering irons and went to work on it. It looked great, so back on with the shell. Ooops – now the overflow tube had come loose. So – off with the shell again and this time we had to remove the radiator. Turned it upside down and re-soldered the overflow tube. Back in the car and reassemble everything. Now – hopefully – the A is ready for the road with its newly rebuilt (Thanks Mark Nelson) engine.

Oh yes, the tractors were getting some attention this winter. With help from Jerry Koch and Bobby Fedric we determined that my restored 1955 Ford tractor was hard to start - because it had 2 bad spark plugs. Replacing the plugs made a big difference at zero degrees. Ziggy Zickefoose acquired an old 2 cylinder John Deere tractor last fall. It hadn't run for many years. After a little coaxing it is now running well and is getting some new paint, new tires, and lots of TLC.

I didn't think I had much to write about, but "there it is". See you down the road.

*Oh yes – there were three 1951 Mercurys in the picture in the last issue.* 



*The best part of a tour – working on your car.* 

# Great Falls Skunkwagon Auto Club

#### Kurt Baltrusch, Reporter (baltrusch@q.com)



Wow – what a winter. With all the snow Great Falls has had a remarkable lack of wind and that has been good and bad. Good for drifting but bad for roofs that have never had that kind of snow load. Unfortunately the roof on the large barn at Mehmke's tractor museum caved in and damaged some of the machinery. It was a little hard to get out to garage in the cold.

Long time Skunk Wagon member Walt Featherston passed away recently and he will be missed. He had a lung removed over 25 years ago but his spirit kept him going all this time. Our condolences go out to Evelyn and Walt's family.

Mark Smith had open heart surgery in Missoula and Mel Rustad had rotator cuff surgery. Dan Barnhouse had back surgery and then slipped on the ice but now all three are recovering well.

Several Club members went to Arizona for the January auctions but came home empty handed. Fritz Seitz has been looking for a 1949 Cadillac Sedanette for his collection but those are getting hard to find. There was a good one on "Bring a Trailer" but someone wanted it a lot more than Fritz did, so he went a different direction and bought a 1983 Cadillac Cimarron in Florida Marie Brown and he flew down get that and to visit her relatives. Maybe he will have stories about the trip home!

We are preparing for the swap meet April 26 and 27 and will need help especially at the doors and in the kitchen. Mary Seelmeyer not only spends loads of time organizing the meet but also spends three days there. If you can help, please let club organizers know and their contacts are in the roster. This is our only fundraiser and we have used our money to donate to various needy groups around Great Falls.

Local attorney Channing Hartelius and his wife have purchased the Charles and Nancy Russell honeymoon cabin in Cascade and it is a very nice stop if you are in the area. We stopped on one of our tours and will probably include it on another tour as well. Another little known fact about Cascade was that resident J. Robert Atkinson, a blind person, published the first braille version of the King James Bible in 1919 and printed other books in braille. There is a statue of him near the honeymoon cabin.

Burglars broke into Lyle Larson's barn near Stanford and stole several items, including the Studebaker and Franklin radiator caps. Similar ones are pictured. Call Mel Rustad if you run across either of these items.

I have not heard of much car work being done, but I am finally getting my Model T Speedster nearer completion. This car belonged to Chauncey Cassidy and lay dormant for many years. It came with some very interesting parts, like restored 1911 acetylene headlamps, a RAJO cylinder head, and Hayes wire wheels. While Ford supposedly made the statement that "You could have a Model T any color you want, as long as it is black", the early Ts were Red or very dark green or blue. I did considerable research and this car will be the dark blue color. Speedster owners are often asked "What year is your car" and there is not a good answer for that, as they are really just put-together cars. This one has parts from 1911 to 1925, so maybe I should list it as a 1125, but that will really confuse the issue! Harry Mitchell got his 1926 pickup engine back from Tim Pearson. Tim installed a Scat crank and balanced everything and we are very anxious to see how this runs. I do know that Charlie Aron is progressing on the major restoration of his early 50's Buick convertible. I am hoping that Jerry Dolson gets his Model T running but has been sidetracked by his 1928 Buick project.



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# Missoula Hellgate Auto Club

Perry Francis, Reporter

The Hellgate club is slowly coming out of hibernation and is looking forward to some spring activities. For the second consecutive year we decided to cancel one of our winter pot luck meetings due to the weather. It seems that as our membership matures we are becoming more sensitive (and sensible) regarding being out and about in some of these harsh winter conditions.

Despite being in our seemingly lethargic state, some members have been quietly working in their heated garages and getting a few things done. Sam Johnson, for one, continues to work on his labor of love—a 1968 Oldsmobile 442 (Four speed, four barrel and two pipes). Someone essentially gave him a used 455 cu. in. engine with an unknown history and after straightening out some wiring problems he has it installed and running surprisingly well. It will be a while, though, before we see it on the street as body work, instruments and miscellaneous work remains. As some say, the last 10% is the hardest.

Mike Martin, another member with an ongoing project, continues on the restoration of his 1927 Chevrolet Landau. The mechanical work is pretty much done, but the real challenge now is reconstructing all the wood parts.

Frank Wryn, our English car guru, has been overhauling the SU carbs on his MGTD. These little English carburetors have a reputation of being a little tricky and often in need of attention but Frank has reportedly not had any problems

As for myself, the club cub reporter, I am doing a running restoration on a 1953 Ford Jubilee tractor. This model commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the Ford Company and has been in my family since then. It has been retired from active farm work, is mechanically

Sound and the restoration is mostly cosmetic.

Jeff Stevens has added two new classic cars to his collection, a 2003 Thunderbird and a 1956 Continental Mark II. Both cars are low mileage out of state gems and Jeff acquired them by bidding on the internet.

By the time this Times goes to press the annual Missoula Mall Car Show in April will be history. We expect to have eight cars on display and it is always our first event of the year. We will report on it in the July issue of the Times.





## Vintage d' Fenders

Dar Costle, Reporter

Hello to all! I hope everyone survived snow-magedden. Wow, that was a rough one! Not a lot of car news due to winter & weather. We are working on fall tour details. It all seems to be

coming together nicely.

It is St. Patty's day as I'm writing this, - so a little corn beef, boiled potatoes, &, carrots will be had by some. Irish or not. Hopefully by June we will be able to get our cars shoveled out. After that we'll see if we're driving, or boating to lewistown. Well, I think that's all for now. Hope to see you all soon.



Left: Tunic over pants in acetate and rayon crepe. \$18 [\$40-45] Thirties flare in a flippy dress of acetate and rayon crepe. \$17 [\$35-40] Lined bolero of cotton velveteen with silver-color braid curves over dress of acetate and rayon crepe bonded to acetate tricot. Tiesash; back zipper. \$20 [\$35-40] Victorian charmer. Empire-high acetate and rayon skirt bonded to a bodice of white pleated nylon. Trimmed with ribbon, bows, buttons. \$18 [\$30-35] Slinky fish jewelry. Bracelet. \$6 [\$15-18] Belt. \$10 [\$12-15]

**Right:** Textured double-knit polyester dresses keep their great shape. Cream front-yoke shoots straight up to a funnel neckline on easy-fitting skimmer. Back zipper. \$14 [\$40-45] **Zip-front dress** all checked out. \$14 [\$35-40] **Front-belt** buckles down a shapelyseamed skimmer. \$14 [\$40-45] **Long scarf** of rayon and silk twill. About 15 x 44 inches. \$3.50 [\$18-20]



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A play on color around curves and scooped out sides for a sleek, slim pump. Patent vinyl upper, 2.25-inch heel. \$7 [\$30-35] Envelope bag in patent vinyl with contrast-color fronts and handles. \$7 [\$25-30] Tone or texture interest. Uppers of soft leather or patent vinyl. 2.25-inch heel. \$8 [\$30-35] Envelope bag in smooth vinyl. \$5 [\$30-35]

Alligatorgrained cowhide upper with 2.25-inch heel. \$7 [\$18-20] Tailored pouch of alligator-grained vinyl. \$6 [\$15-18]

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### Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club Application for Membership / Roster Update

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UR <u>Unrestored</u> - Vehicle is NOT presentable. Need Paint/body work and/or interior and/or engine - drive train repairs.

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- R <u>Restored to Original Paint/body work and/or interior and/or engine/drive train has been reasonably brought to the condition as it could have come from the factory.</u>
- <u>O Original Presentable with original paint, upholstery, engine (minor repairs are acceptable).</u>
- M <u>Modified</u> Parts that do NOT belong to the year or make of car. Example Chevy engine installed into a Ford. Change to sheet metal to alter vehicle appearance and style. Complete description of modified will be in the "Times".

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# – FOR SALE –

- FOR SALE: Paul Sawyer, a member of the Vintage D'Fenders Chapter, is moving back to Vermont, and must liquidate his collections. They have been appraised using a 2017 Edition of the Collector Car Price Guide, Krause Publications, using the standard 1-6 condition classifications. A +/- denotes somewhat better or worse condition. Questions? Call Richard Babcock at 406-363-1509. For offers, contact Rick Douglas at 406-782-9060 or 406-490-9644. 1974 Chevrolet Caprice Convertible (3-) \$9,688; 1956 Ford Fairlane (3-) \$7,220; 1946 Chevrolet Style Master (3+) \$9,840; 1936 Chevrolet Standard Coupe (3-) \$11,235; 1933 Chevrolet Eagle Coach (3-) \$11,500; 1930 Chevrolet Roadster Pickup (2-) \$25,000; 1931 Chevrolet 2 Door Deluxe (2-) \$17,980.
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