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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.

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

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I'm not sure where the summer went, but I seem to have missed it! Before you know it, we'll be putting our cars away for the winter.

I'd like to thank Lewistown for all their hard work & hospitality on the spring tour. It's unfortunate the weather wasn't more cooperative. But I believe everyone enjoyed the activities & outings regardless.

I also need to thank all of our

"D'Fenders" that made the fall tour successful & possible. The prison tour was great, & thankfully the weather held. The intuitive prison staff tried to lock Fritz up, but alas he escaped. (There may be a reward posted somewhere, but I'm not sure) For those of you that haven't visited the Deer Lodge Prison/Car Museum in a while, it's worth the trip.

We as a club & members, need

to encourage everyone to get out & participate. Both in your state tours & local outings or shows. Take a kid, a neighbor, or even a texting teenager to a car show function if you can. We should encourage interest in younger generations whenever possible, or our passion for old iron will soon be forgotten.

Until next time, everyone please stay healthy & safe. Happy motoring! Dan Costle.

In Memory

*Founding
Member
Lyle Larson
passed away
September 10,
2019*



Duane "Kraut" Kucera

Duane Knox

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Montana Pioneer and Classic Auto club
September 6, 2019

Fall Tour Board Meeting

Anaconda, MT

The meeting was called to order by President Dan, roll call was taken with 8 clubs present, 21 directors, 4 officers and Fashion Consultant Kathy. Minutes of the spring tour board meeting were read, a motion to accept with changes, the motion was seconded, motion passed. Treasurer's report by Mary Seelmeyer; September report Russell FCU checking \$1,416.86, CD \$5014.16, Savings \$5437.80 total of accounts \$11,868.82 was reviewed, a motion was made to approve and a second was made, motion passed.

Old business: The fall tour was given by Dan, tour to Big Stack was canceled, the tour around the Anaconda area was done. Dan also thanked everyone for coming.

Mary gave the report on the spring board meeting and swap meet April 24th-25th, 2020 in Great Falls, MT. The 2020 spring tour at Great Falls will be June 12th-14th, 2020, mark it on your reminder dates. The Heritage Inn will be

the headquarters. The January Times will have all the information.

The 2020 fall tour at Billings will headquarter at the Billings Hotel, no date set. Check the website or in the Times. No further report.

New business: Dan asked if a ballot count was done, the B & K accounting firm was asked to do it again. The results were for 2020 President Dan Costle 41 votes, for Vice President Fritz Seitz also 41 votes. Welcome, Dan & Fritz job well done.

Dan reminded all club secretary's the 2020 dues are \$30.00 for a couple and \$25.00 for single.

Carol read a letter from the 2020 tour chairman concerning to make changes to have no vehicles judged, have a people's choice awards like vehicles from 1915-1948 and 1949-25 years old, and tours with more time to visit the area. After lots of concerns with allowing the spring tour at Great Falls for 2020. This would be a policy change of the

present tour rules, with that as a change it would require all clubs for their vote. So a motion was made to make a written notice to all 10 clubs from the Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto club Inc. of the tour rule change for the 2020 spring tour at Great Falls, MT. It was seconded and the votes of the clubs will be asked for a spring board meeting in April 2020, the motion passed.

Dan asked if any clubs were ready for the 2021 tours, Doug Winz asked for the spring tour at Missoula then the fall tour maybe at Kalispell. They will consider it and report at a later time.

President Dan thanked everyone for attending the tour. Vice Fritz thanked those who helped with the judging and the vehicles that were judged.

Fashion consultant Kathy thanked the ones that had costumes judged. Kathy was glad to have a young girl involved.

With no further business meeting adjourned.
Secretary Sie Schindler

General Meeting

Lewistown, MT

Sunday morning Dan opened the meeting. Sie gave a brief report of the Friday evening board meeting. Dan reminded the dues are due \$30 for couples and \$25 for single.

Dan also thanked the Butte Club for a job well done, for everyone coming and drive safely. See you all at the swap meet and board meeting in 2020. Fritz thanked the judges and ve-

hicles owners. Kathy thanked the ones for the fashion judging. Meeting adjourned

Secretary Sie Schindler

Club News



EXHAUST

BITTERROOT VALLEY DUSTERS

Joann Hosko, Reporter (joann.hosko@gmail.com)

The summer that took its own sweet time about getting here, has slipped away. Just shy of the autumnal equinox, we have yet to see frost here in Grantsdale, and few trees show signs of color, well, besides green. We've had a strange year, but maybe the little girl from Sweden and her cohort can get everything under control. Editorial license.

In July, thirteen of us met at Bill and Kathy Meuchels' on the evening of July 15, with a little food trailer work party after. It was chilly, as was much of the summer, and Bill made us a cozy campfire. The only problem was no hotdogs or marshmallows. On July 20, Boyd Cobb towed the little trailer to Lolo, where we were the concessionaire for the Shifters Club's car show. Bill and Kathy were attending an event with Kathy's jewelry, but they prepared the trailer ahead of time. Shirley Hopkins did a great job of filling in for Kathy that day, aided by Boyd, Dave Ross, Dave Anderson, Dan, Ross, and Wendy Dutton, Laurie Vanderlinden, and Dick Babcock. Collecting money in the shade, it took me until noon to shed a coat and jacket. But it was a lovely, smoke-free day. Lee and Shirley Hopkins won a trophy for their 1939 Lincoln Zephyr and Ross and Wendy took a trophy for their 1957 Thunderbird.

On July 17, Dave Anderson host-

ed his bi-yearly eat and greet at his beautiful property up Skalkaho Creek. Along with the collector car family and folk from western Oregon, the BVDs were invited to participate. Another nice day. July 27 saw some of us displaying pre-WWII vehicles at the Daly Mansion: Ross and Wendy, 1936 Cadillac; Dick, 1929 Franklin; Joann, 1928 Chevy Coupe; and Dave and Doral Vial, 1917 Model T Ford. We represented a variety of social strata at the Daly home.

After much planning, we finally chose August 11 for our day to drive to Polson to visit the Miracle of America Museum. Wouldn't you know, it poured rain much of that afternoon. I guess that's what windshield wipers are for. Luckily, we drove a car that had two functioning wipers. Some don't. We ate at 4Bs, and were allowed to meet in the Museum, followed by touring indoors, and out, between deluges. Fourteen members, three guests, and two dogs made the trek.

For the first time in several years, the Ravalli County Fair enjoyed pleasant weather and smoke-free air. Members displaying vehicles were Dave Anderson; Bill and Kathy Meuchel; Lewis and Betty Condon; Ross, Wendy, Dan, Desi, Allan, and JoAnn Dutton; Dave and Doral Vial; Bran and Monica Sutherland; Bob Schumacher; Shirley Sorenson; Robert Voit; Boyd Cobb; and Dick

and Joann. The Club's 1928 Dodge Brothers firetruck rounded out the display. Nearly all of the above dedicated some time to guard duty, as did Arlene Beavers and Dave Ross. An especially large thanks goes to Bill and Kathy, who spent five days camped at the fairgrounds in their trailer. We welcomed new members Wes and Debbie Young.

Bill and Kathy, Ross and Wendy, and Dick and Joann attended the fall tour in Anaconda, hosted by the Vintage D'Fenders Chapter, Butte. It was a nice, laid-back tour and the banquet at Barclay's II was stupendous – a meal to equal Lydia's, in Butte. Just because the little 1928 Chevy Coupe turned out to have no working headlights doesn't mean we were entirely in the dark.

Back in the Bitterroot, our September 19 meeting was attended by 15 members. We drove to Missoula to visit collector/restorer Rick Nash at Zip Auto, and some of his beautiful and unique vehicles. We enjoyed the two-hour tour and narrative. This was followed by dinner at Denny's, which isn't Barclay's, but... During our meeting, the current officers were re-elected. And we didn't even have to campaign, or debate, or fend off two dozen competitors.

Enjoy the fall, celebrate the Holidays, and dream of spring, when we can once more tour and travel. Take care, all.



Bozeman Antique Auto Club



Stu Coleman, Reporter (atascoleman@wispwest.net)

As usual, the last half of the summer has been a flurry of events with members of BAAC going this way and that. One thing is evident, our club likes ice cream! Ice cream tours were held to first the Dairy Queen in Belgrade and then the next month one across the hill in the Pickle Barrel in Livingston to enjoy “World’s Most Famous Ice Cream”, Wilcoxson, made right there in Livingston. The usual suspects showed up for both drives, but one new (old) car made the trip to the Barrel, and that was a 1950 Willys Overland Jeepster driven by yours truly. The run of Jeepsters was short, actually three years (1948, 1949, and 1950 with left over 1950s titled as 1951s). Even with the six cylinder and overdrive I can attest that this vehicle is very slow! A parade vehicle at best, methinks.

On July the 23rd it was the “La-

dies Night Out”, or should I say the “Ladies Day Out” as they came across the Bozeman Hill to Livingston where Jeanne Coleman and grand daughter Lily met them at United In Light. It is a rescue facility for older and no longer wanted draft horses and is run by a very caring lady. After viewing the horses and hearing about her efforts, they went to the new high end Sage Lodge in Emigrant for lunch. The Sage Corporation has a series of lodges all over the world set in spectacular settings, and none of them any better than this one with Emigrant Peak filling the floor to ceiling windows in the main lobby.

Erv Hintzpeter continues to rack up wins with his very fine 1936 Packard 120-13 business coupe. This was to be Packard’s Plain Jane but the original owner wanted a bit more and paid for

top fender lights as well as other accessories that really sets that yellow paint off. Erv and Jan were a winner at the Virginia City Road Agent-Vigilante Car Show and again at the Manhattan Potato Festival and Car Show. And joining him as a winner at Manhattan was the 1937 Ford of Louis and Sharon Cantaruti. This is a resto rod slant back 2-door sedan powered by a modern engine and automatic in dark maroon paint that looks a foot thick.

But unfortunately, not all was good at the Manhattan Show. The Case’s, Dan and Martha, displayed Martha’s bright red 1965 AC Cobra and as they were leaving the show, a car cut the corner and collided with the left front of the AC! Last quarter I reported that Russ and Karin Ludeman hit a deer in their 1948 Buick Roadmaster sedan and now this to the



Stu and Jeanne Coleman's 1955 Chevy p/u nestled among visiting Corvettes in Livingston

Cases! Russ has been having some time getting a body garage to take on the repairs and the Case's even more so. You see the real Cobras were aluminum skinned and not just anybody has the expertise to repair them. Dan said he saw the impending accident unfolding before his eyes and hurriedly tried to jam the transmission into reverse, but just couldn't get there in time.

Speaking of the Cases, they opened up their house (and garage) to BAAC members on August the 12th for a backyard BBQ and potluck featuring authentic Southern pulled pork, which was an unmitigated success. Their house and grounds are very nice, but oh the garage! The garage is where their two AC Cobras live when not in use. Not only are the Cobras sheltered from the elements in a tremendous setting of parts and models, but it also houses big boy tools for fabricating many parts for Cobras which otherwise would not be available. And Dan provides that service. The floor of the garage is literally so clean you could eat off it. Just the same I ate with the other members on the backyard patio!

Other shows enjoyed this quarter by members were the always well done All Original in Billings and the Cruisin On Main in Bozeman. The Bozeman show now takes up three to four blocks, both sides, and spills over to a number of side roads as well. Lots of good viewing to be sure.

BAAC members also traveled to the Missouri River Headwaters State Park for a potluck picnic. We were greeted by some showers, but by eating time, it cleared

off just enough to make the outing most enjoyable. There are some great state parks in Montana and they are free if you did **not** check off the extra fee on your license plates.

Richard Vinton was busy as well as he entertained and presented to one of the street rods clubs in Bozeman, The Good Guys, in his state of the art machine shop. He actually makes truck beds for his favorite marque, Diamond Ts. In fact, he said that he negotiated a barter for one of the beds for an early May West gas pump (no further explanation necessary here). He had been looking for one for awhile to add to his extensive petroleum collection. If I haven't mentioned it before, he has a complete Sinclair gas island with two pumps that can be lifted by a fork lift and moved for display purposes.

August closed with the BAAC's annual caravan to the Roosevelt Lodge at Tower Junction in Yellowstone national park. It has become the "closer" to summer (where did it go) for the club each year. It is a chance to once more enjoy the camaraderie in a meal together and as the Grateful Dead guitarist, John Mayer's (a resident of Paradise valley) song goes, "put your feet up next to mine" on the front porch of the lodge. You see there is a whole fleet of wooden rockers that just fit the posterior and are just asking to be used, perhaps with a glass of white wine after the meal. A group lead by President Rose Cain and Jim were a little late as they took the scenic route to Roosevelt and unfortunately the D'Ardenes were not able to join us as the 1963

E-Type Jaguar decided it did not want to wear its fan belt any longer and discarded it at Mammoth Hot Springs on the way to Roosevelt! Ray said it is a fairly complicated fan belt arrangement and no easy corner filling station fix. He was able to limp back down the hill to Gardiner where he and Tesa had a meal and waited for the transport truck to carry them home courtesy Haggarty Antique Insurance Company.

An interesting event took place in Livingston on the evening of August the 23rd. A caravan of Corvettes overnighted as they headed to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. It was a collection of vehicles from the Pacific northwest moving together and picking up cars as they moved east. They filled the better part of five motels and before the NW Corvettes reach Bowling Green they will be 850 strong with a total of 5,000 expected at the museum show! That is the museum a few years ago that had the floor cave in taking five of six Corvettes with it. The majority of them now being restored and placed back on a shored up floor. Their next stop will be in Rapid City. The buzz among them was the new 2020 mid-engined Corvette that was to be featured at the museum event. Reported to start at about \$60,000 and as one owner told me but he said at that price you get a steering wheel and four wheels so with accessories the price will be around \$90,000! Whew, guess I will stay with my Ramblers.

How would I describe them:

Some were blue as they drove to the show

And some were red and green
 But all of them did glow
 Some were silver
 And gray and black
 They drove this way and that
 Some so yellow
 But no matter the color
 All made sounds that were quite
 mellow

Some were so fast
 Others appeared so
 No matter their age
 All could go!

(my apologizes to Dr. Seuss)

The Devries (John and Connie) and the Colemans (Stu and the fair haired Jeanne) learned about another interesting tour group that came to Montana in September. They call themselves "Going To The Sun Rally" and they pick a venue and time and all meet for the rally. This year featured Bozeman as the hub with trips out to see the area, with emphasis on enjoying the driving adventure. We caught the rally on one of those spokes from White Sulphur Springs to Harlo where they had lunch. And these were no ordinary antique and special in-

terest autos. Included in the tour were Mercedes 300 SL gullwing and roadster, Ferraris, Porsches, XKEs, E-Types and XK-140 Jaguars, a 1956 Chrysler 300 B, a racing stripped Cobra and our own BAAC members Ray and Tesa D'Ardenne in their mighty fine 1963 Split Window Corvette coupe with the Rochester fuel injection set up. At lunch Ray said that the rally was a bit pricey to run, but a full ½ of the entrance fee goes directly to charity. My favorite vehicle, (sorry Ray) in the event was a Ford GT-40 that brought tears to my eyes when he started that machine up! Did you know the GT-40 got its name from the height at the roof.....40 inches!

And we have a new entry this quarter to the old car collection. Marty Westland has just acquired a shoe box, or I should say a 1949 Ford 2-door sedan with flathead V8 power. The former owner has fitted one of those toothy Buick grilles in the front, so everyone at the Tuesday morning breakfast club is waiting to see it.

And lastly, yours truly and Jeanne took part in was the High Plains Car Show held each second September weekend in Miles City. We took the 1942 Hudson short-bed pick up truck to display after working hard the previous month on making an engine transplant. The Cases drove east in their newer model Mustang convertible and joined us and other Hudson folks in what I think may well be the best Mexican restaurant in Montana for the evening meal. The place you ask, Mexico Lindo. The weather certainly did not cooperate and definitely dampened the enthusiasm of the Saturday event. With temperatures in the mid-50s and intermittent rain the original preregistration of 240 plus vehicles dropped to 143. But as one fellow mentioned to me, well this is Montana and the weather can and does change quickly, get used to it!

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



Ray and Tesa D'Ardenne's 1963 Split Window Corvette on the "Going To The Sun Rally" lunch stop in Harlo



Central Montana Trail Dusters

Sie Schindler, Reporter

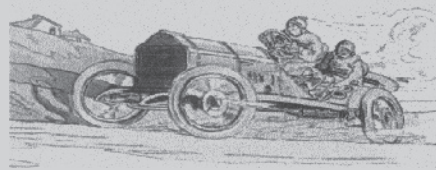
Well, the season is about ending for car shows or just a Sunday drive, for we that stay home. But the birds that head south have all year to enjoy shows or Sunday drives. The club did the 2019 spring tour in June a very good attendance, the weather was not great, but all went well. The club members did a very good job adjusting some changes. Thanks to all. Our July meeting was driving to the Oxen Yoke in Utica. That is a nice drive and the food is always good. The August meeting was at the Steak House in Winifred. That was a Pizza night for us, it was attended very well also. Just leave before it gets dark due to the deer. The September meet-

ing was at the Oxen Yoke in Utica along with the Skunk Wagon club from Great Falls. It was a very fun event. The Oxen Yoke people did a good job serving. The Busch's had some of the club members come by their home and view their vehicles plus lots of restored snowmobiles and Clayton's toy train set up. By the pictures I've seen, it looks very real. For the balance of 2019, our October meeting will be a potluck at Larry and Kathy Carrell's, and the November-December meeting will be in December at Jack's Hangar. Sherry Stilson does a featured car every month, in July it was Elton and Jill Owen's 1957 Ford then in August it was Dale and Kathy

Longfellow's 1946 Chevy Coupe and September it was Mark and Lois Daniels' 1964 Ford Falcon. The local car show in September was well attended with vehicles. Sorry, I could not attend due to the State Club's fall tour in Anaconda, MT. The Busch's were also at the State Club tour, the Butte club did an outstanding tour. The tour to Deer Lodge was very interesting and we got to tour the Ed Towe museum. I guess now it's called the Deer Lodge Auto Museum. One of our late club members has 4 vehicles there yet. So that was nice to see the vehicles are well taken care of. Well, for now, drive safe, have a great fall.

Flathead Pioneer Auto Club

Dave Cooley, Reporter (cooley@centurytel.net)



Duane and Patty Markuson invited the Glacier Street Rod Club, the Corvette Club, our Club, and other friends to join them on the "Far West" tour boat for a cruise on Flathead Lake on Friday June 21st. It was a "Pot Luck" event and the notice was a bit short, but it was certainly an excellent idea and fun for those who went. Your

Reporter was unable to make it, but I'm sure everyone had an excellent time. Many thanks to the Markusons!!.

On Saturday July 6th we had our "Long Tour" from Whitefish to Eureka on US 93, down MT 37 to the foot of Lake Koocanusa then to US 2 East of Libby, on to Happy's Inn and back to Kalispell.

The weather wasn't the best, but no rain, and cool and dry, which isn't all bad!

On Saturday July 27th, Dave and Linda Russell hosted us and a few Glacier Street Rod Association members to a Steak Fry at their residence on Foothill Road in Bigfork. The Russells supplied the Steaks, Bread, Onions, and some

Salad for a modest fee, and our Club members brought the Desserts. We had good weather and an excellent time – many thanks to the Russells!!

The Proctor Tour on August 11th went as planned, kind of... We met at the White Oak in time to leave at Noon with 5 antique cars and a couple of “moderns”. The weather was looking pretty ominous, but it held off until the very end of our venture. The original leader of the Tour, Bob Smith, was unable to be with us due to a number of relatives who had come to visit, so our Secretary, Dave Cooley “took over”. We left at noon, proceeded South on US 93 to MT 352 where we turned Right and headed into Proctor. Dave thought he knew how to get to our final destination, but he did not.

Chuck Covey led us off on the right road (Big Meadow Road) which put us within a few hundred yards of John Pomajevitch's ranch (our destination) on Dayton Creek Rd., but neither Dave nor Chuck knew it. We turned around and headed back into Proctor, tried a couple of roads, and found Mr. Pomajevitch's General Store Museum. In the meantime, someone found an address for the place we were trying to find, and with the help of a GPS, we got there. All this was a bit frustrating, but we all enjoyed the fine scenery we were exposed to in the process. It turned out that Mr. Pomajevitch had forgotten we were coming, and he was having a nap to recover from a week long session he had just completed for a group that was interested in making and

fitting wood spoked wheels. Once he was alerted that we had arrived, he jumped up from his nap, talked to us as we ate our Picnic Lunches, and gave us a most interesting tour of his collections and workshop. He showed us the process and intricacies of putting wood spoked wheels together as well as his collection of horse drawn vehicles which included a Stage Coach, some “Stage Wagons”, a “Prairie Schooner” a few Freight Wagons, Sleighs, etc., all of which was very interesting.

Gib and Judy Davis had brought their open Model A Roadster and they were the first to take off for home to get ahead of the obvious rain that was about to start in earnest. They did get back to Whitefish without getting a bit wet. We who left a little later encountered heavy rain, but we were in closed cars, so all was well. We never did get to see John Pomajevitch's General Store Museum in Proctor itself. In spite of the hiccups trying to find his ranch and the dicey weather, it was a fun, scenic, and very interesting Tour – maybe we'll try it again on a nicer day some time as other members would no doubt enjoy seeing it all.

On September 7th we joined the Glacier Street Rod Association in their Garage Tour and their “Toys for Tots” Lunch at the Colbys' residence on Cayuse Lane near Lake Blaine. The price of the Lunch was a new unopened Toy for the “Toys for Tots” Charity. Young Carter Colby (11?) supervised the Toy Gathering operation, and by the looks of the pickup overflowing with toys, he did an excellent job! Last year they gathered over

500 toys, and it looked like a similar harvest this year. The lunch itself was catered by the DeSoto Grill (as before), and it was great with lots of pulled pork, hot dogs, buns, beans, drinks (both Adult and Juvenile), etc. There were literally hundreds of people consisting of GSRA Members, FPAC Members, Antique Motorcycle Club Members, and other folks. This is a great and fun event and it provides an excellent “End of Season” Tour for Gearheads from throughout Western Montana. Many thanks and kudos for an excellent job to the Colbys and the GSRA Club!!

There was also a “Poker Run” in association with the Garage Tour, and this year there were at least two garages of our members included in the Tour – the Aklestads' Collection in Bigfork and Dave Cooley's garage at Creston. At Cooley's garage our Treasurer, Bob Smith, took on the job of “certifying” the Poker Run credits, while Dave Cooley and John Ahles served as host/guides in the garage. It seemed like Trump sized “huge crowds” came through – there really were a lot of folks, and they all seemed to enjoy their visit.

Lately the days are getting much shorter and the weather a lot cooler, so it looks like the Touring Season is about over. It sure went by fast, but we were blessed with a very mild Fire Season this year, so no complaints!! Best of luck getting all those accumulated car projects done in the long winter season, and we look forward to having a great year on the road in 2020.



Capital Carriages

Darrell Beckstrom, Reporter (mtbeckstrom@gmail.com)

Well, I cannot believe that it is fall already; as usual the warm months of the year are behind us. But, what a great summer it was. First of all, I want to thank the Butte club for the wonderful fall tour. It has been some time since I have been to the Prison Museum, and forgot all the vehicles they have.

The club had a busy year, starting with meeting the Butte and Bozeman clubs at Lahood Supper Club near Cardwell, there were around 50 people attending lunch. We also met with the Great

Falls club at the 7R Guest Ranch near Wolf Creek, with around 40 attending. Twice a month on Thursday evening, the club meets at different places to have dinner. In July we went to the Dinner Bell in Gold Creek. They serve a tremendous meal with all the trimming, and it is all-you-can-eat, including pie and ice cream. They only have the dinner on Thursday evening, and feed around 120 people at once. However, the group that puts this on are Mennonites, and they are moving to Minnesota, so they are closing in

September. Sorry to see them go.

Our annual picnic was again held at Fort Harrison in August at the Service Club. About 17 members showed up including one guest. Lots of great car shows this year, and the one in Townsend in October is always one of my favorites, and plan to be there with one of my vehicles.

Have a great Fall season, and don't forget to winterize those vehicles before putting them away for the winter.



Goggles & Dusters

Roger Thomsen, Reporter

Can you believe – Summer is gone! It's been very busy for our club members.

It started June 1st with the Roaring 20's Swap Meet and Auction in Billings. The swap meet had its usual group of vendors with all kinds of good car parts and misc items. The auction saw a number of cars change hands. The second day hosts a car show – lots of nice cars. Some cars you have never seen show up.

Next was the Goggles & Dusters meeting at Riverfront Park. Lots of good food and talk. The park had lots of geese and not too many mosquitoes. Saw lots of mem-



Yellowstone Park bus in front of Lake Hotel

ber's old cars. Some of the Model A group were about to take off to Canada for a week. They do a "big" tour every June.

The July meeting was held at the park in Huntley – more good food.

On July 13th we headed out for a short tour to Plenty Coups State Park near Pryor, MT. This was the home of Chief Plenty Coups. They have a nice visitor center where you can learn a lot about him and the surrounding area. His home still stands there – built mostly of logs. Even though he had the log house he mostly lived in his teepee. There are springs and an orchard on the property. We had lunch in the nice picnic area. Down in the creek there is the remains of a large car of teens vintage. Not much left, but one of our guys thought he could identify it.

A week later was the 12th annual Billings All Original Car Show. The park was shady and cool for a change. Lots of nice original cars showed up. An added bonus was about 50 Model Ts that were in Billings for a national tour. That put our total cars attending at over 200. The show features cars at least 90 percent original or restored to original.

The first Sunday in August was the annual picnic at Pioneer Park hosted by the Yellowstone Roaring 20's Auto Club. All of the old car clubs are invited so there is a good variety of cars that show up. You can usually see at least 80 cars lined up in the park. All the food usually attracts bees and yellow jackets but they took the day off this year so it was a pleasant cooler day.

Cleo and Ziggy Zickefoose host-

ed our August meeting at their house. We got to eat in the shop. The half restored John Deere tractor got kicked out to make room for the tables. The guys got the tour of Ziggy's shop. Once again lots of good food.

On August 10th we toured to Greybull, Wyoming. We toured the Air and Fire Fighting Museum. It is right behind the Rest Area if you happen to go that way. The museum isn't large, but they have about 8 planes on display. You can walk around them and even get in a few of them. There used to be a company that made its home at Greybull that fought forest fires using surplus military aircraft. Several of their planes are on dis-

play there.

The last event our members attended was the 33rd annual Miles City Car Show. This is a great show with no entry fee if you register before September 1st. This year there were over 250 cars registered. The day turned out to be cool and rainy so there were a lot of no-shows. Our group from Billings still had a great time. A LITTLE MIST WON'T STOP US. One of the draws is that they give away \$1500 at a drawing for all registered car owners, \$50 at a time. Our group had quite a few winners.

Well – that was our Summer. See you down the road.



Old cars lined up for a tour



Visiting a ghost town can be fun!

Great Falls Skunkwagon Auto Club

Kurt Baltrusch, Reporter (baltrusch@q.com)



Summer took forever to get here and it is already October. It seems like every weekend and many week days and nights were busy with various car shows and tours. We really appreciate Fritz Seitz's efforts to get photos of most of these events as no one can make every one. We visited several assisted living homes and members and residents enjoy those outings.

It is with sadness that I report Lyle Larson's passing. Lyle was a charter member as well as an honorary member and was a great asset to the club and its members. Lyle did some amazing work and the before and after photos of his '38 Chevy Roadster showed what he could do. Lyle was a mentor to many members and we will miss his humor and mischievous grin. The family held a very nice remembrance for him Sunday, September 22.

Members tell me that the Anaconda tour was one of the best, even with the rain. Along with the great Saturday night meal, Great Falls won the attendance award. Bob and Rita Dige's Plymouth Police car won 3 awards and Bob and Mel Rustad continue to make that car better all the time.

Those Plymouth Coupes seem to be popular as in addition to the Dige's car, Mel Rustad, Pete Goodwin and I each have one. Al Smith just bought a 1938 Plymouth coupe from a relative in Big Fork and it is a very nice car. Dodge and Plymouth were probably the last to abandon the true 3 passenger coupe design in the early 50's.

We had planned to go to the Anaconda tour but there were just too many choices that weekend. I elected to go to an antique motorcycle ride in Columbia Falls, and that included a steam show, a Dave Cooley garage tour, and a benefit "Toys for Tots" type of car show and picnic. The sponsors of the car show invite anyone to the picnic and the entry fee is a toy. They filled up the back of a pickup with toys for Christmas.

Fritz Seitz has his 30 Cadillac on the road and it is an impressive car, especially when compared to the more common cars of the era. He plans to keep it in mostly original condition. It has a flat head V-8 engine and massive frame and running gear.

Jerry Kakalick and his son painted his 1972 Ford Gran Torino and it came out looking great. This car had been Jerry's Dad's and has been in the family for 40 years. Bob Dige is working on a 1939 Chevrolet flat bed fuel truck which was once owned by the Bell telephone company. Mel Rustad is helping with that as well, but as it is a Chevrolet, Mel won't let it into his yard.

The Chateau steam show was September 21-22 and John Rummel participated in that. John Rummel, Harry Mitchell and I picked up a Model T engine that had been cut in half for a portable power plant and I hope to have that running for next year's Chateau show.

About 18 Skunk Wagon members met about the same number of Lewistown members in Uti-

ca September 21 for the typical great lunch. Afterward several drivers stopped at Clayton and Joyce Busch's home to see their Thunderbirds, snowmobiles and electric trains. The weather had been threatening but the day turned out great.

The Rocky Mountain Model T club held a 350-mile tour out of Great Falls and the highlights were a trip to Lost Lake, the Riverview Hutterite Colony near Chester, and Joel Fenger's museum. We had two experts explain the history and geology and they offer a bus tour of the area which would be a fun club event. The road is a little rough for most restored cars.

Next August will be the 70th anniversary of the Pebble Beach Concours and this year's best of show went to a 1931 Bentley open tourer. Times have changed at Pebble Beach, as they now have a hot rod class and this year historic 1960s era Ed (Big Daddy) Roth cars were entered.

With winter approaching I hope that everyone will make progress on our projects and hope to see you on the road next summer!



1919 or 2019?



Missoula Hellgate Auto Club

Perry Francis, Reporter

We initiated the 2019 season and our cool July with a well attended (11 cars and 21 people) tour to the Lochsa Lodge in Idaho. The Lodge is on highway 12 which is a federally designated All American Road in Idaho—one of only 31 such designations in the United States. This designation places it one notch above a National Scenic Byway so it goes without saying that the drive itself is a nice experience and lunch at the lodge is an exclamation point.

We broke tradition this year and had our annual August ice cream social and monthly meeting inside at the American Legion hall. Elections were held at this meeting and congratulations to Doug Winz who is our new President. The other officers will remain at their positions for another year.

Just when we think we have seen it all and done everything, our tour coordinator Fred Williams pulls something new out of his hat. This time he found an obscure restoration shop in the Mission Valley tucked up against the Mission Mountains. It goes by Ron's Rod Shop and Vintage Gas Pumps. Ron seems to restore anything that has Chevrolet on it and specializes in Camaros, Corvettes, mid fifties cars and pickups. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of these cars. Most of his cars look like they just came off the assembly line in Detroit and he admits that he seldom even starts some. His present project is a 1957 fuel injected Chevy and

is one of only 1500 made.

On our way to the restoration shop we had a scheduled stop at the Ninepipes Museum of Early Montana where we received a personal tour by Bud Cheff, a long time Indian artifact and reservation history collector and the creator of this near Smithsonian quality museum. To cap off the museum tour we walked across the parking lot to the Ninepipes lodge where they accommodated all twenty six of us for lunch or the breakfast buffet. The highlight of this day was to recognize Marvin and Olga Troutwine's seventy third (73rd) wedding anniversary at our lunch. They are long time members of our club and lifetime members of the Missoula and Blackfoot valleys. Marvin is known for his exceptionally long original 1959 Cadillac convertible. He is also widely known for his 1916 80 h.p. Case steam

engine which faithfully chuggs away each year at the Western Montana Fair and also powers the demonstration sawmill the Fort Missoula museum. The Troutwines do not list their steam engine in the MP&CAC Roster, but maybe they should. This engine is now owned by Marvin's son and club member Bruce. The tour was concluded with a brief presentation on the formation of the Mission Valley by our geologist Norm Smyers.

Our last event in this reporting cycle was on September 12 when we were asked to participate in a car show at the Springs, a retirement home in Missoula. This event is a fund raiser for Alzheimer's disease and our twelve cars joined ten other cars as guests of the home. The residents chose Dave Ault's original 1961 Rambler American Sedan as their favorite car.



The Troutwines's 1916 Case Steam Engine



Vintage d' Fenders

Dar Costle, Reporter

Hello all, I'm sitting here on Friday the 13th looking at the beautiful sky. Looks like it is going to be a nice day. First of all, THANK YOU LEWISTOWN for the great tour you put on. I love that drive.

Well a nice long summer we had! (not) I demand a re-ride!

I would like to thank all that attended the fall tour! I think it turned out "pretty good" - I know we had a few hiccups, but those are to be expected & what we learn from. We all need to keep in perspective that we attend these functions to enjoy the cars, travel to interesting places, and to see &

visit with each other.

My husband informed me only three more car shows left in our area, so we will keep our fingers crossed the weather holds out.

Here's hoping you all have a nice fall & enjoy the fall colors & foliage.

Dar Costle

Hi-Line Auto Club

Judy Tempel and Renee Kralic, Reporters



Blast to the Past! Several members and guests traveled to Rudyard Montana to taste and share

the old Diner vibe! Kim & Rory Seidlitz and family purchased the early 1950's Valentine 10 seater

Diner opened first in Chinook MT as the Diesel Diner in 1953. Ira Hall House moving moved the Sugar Shack to Conrad, MT in 1958 to become the Trail Café and in 1995 Ira Hall House moving moved it to Chester, MT where Pete & Maxine Woods ran the diner on a lot south of the Lion's park. Located right on Highway 2 it did a booming business for nine years until help and energy ran out. This past winter it was relocated to Rudyard, MT. An easily visible eatery just off Hi-Way 2, new paint, refreshed neon, and interior rejuvenation were completed and opening was May 14th. The menu includes Diner staples: burgers-Big Bopper anyone?, 'real' fries, onion rings, hard ice cream shakes, cones, malts, and sundaes, dog selections, and



Early visitors Ruth & Joel Fenger in 66 Mercury Monterey

a few sandwiches. Desserts make appearances often-watch the Facebook page for treats. Common beverages soft drinks, ice tea, lemonade, floats, and add the Italian soda in a variety of flavors. Banana split? Cookie sundae? Hot fudge Brownie anyone? The Sugar Shack Diner in Rudyard, MT –home to” many nice people and one old



Kenley & Carter Tempel in front of Dad's '67 Pontiac GTO



Interior rejuvenation

sorehead”-make it your next eating destination!

A beautiful summer evening with car club friends and family was enjoyed by all.

*Note Kim said they're closed until next spring.

{daywear}

{bowling shirts}

The bowling shirt, that fabulously fun-colored short-sleeved shirt with a squared-off body and embroidered sponsor or league name, has become scarcer since the mid '80s when the classic made way for knitted polos and T-shirts. Although contemporary manufacturers are trying to replicate shirts that were sported in bowling alleys in the '50s and '60s by imitating their cut, style, and stitching, they rarely have the quality and fit of the originals. And they definitely don't have the karma.



Made from gabardine, rayon, or silk, the typical retro bowling shirt is boxy in cut to allow for a full swing and to ensure a super-comfortable fit. Paired with flat-front chinos or slim '60s pants, the look is laid-back and authentic. Keep an eye out for labels such as King Louie, Nat Nast with the original lion logo, Two Legs Inc., and Hilton. Shirts from the '40s and '50s can be as much as \$100, while shirts from the '60s and '70s can range from \$15 to \$40.

This beautiful example of a fifties gabardine bowling shirt features bowling pin buttons, an embroidered name above the breast pocket, and league tags on the sleeves. Strike!

a sure strike

What to look for in vintage bowling shirts:

- Buttons that match the color of the collar. On some old shirts, buttons are shaped like bowling pins.
- Collars in contrasting colors to the body of the shirt.
- A few shirts have the figure of a bowler embroidered on the collar.
 - Sleeve hems in contrasting colors.
- Bodies with contrasting front panels, or a different color yoke across the front and back shoulders.
- Embroidered names located above the front pockets; the team logo or sponsor name on the back of the shirt.

{daywear}



circle skirts

Made of many yards of fabric, they hit the fashion scene in the late 1940s. Worn over layers of crinolines, the circle skirt was the perfect attire for "Big Band" dancing and the jitterbug. They were usually worn with pullover sweaters, sweater sets, cardigans, and cute little blouses, and adorned with sequins, ribbon, rhinestones, hand-painted or silk-screened motifs, and embroidery. A popular fabric, especially for poodle skirts (that could also have squirrels, kitties, or other cute little creatures appliquéd on them), was wool felt, the ideal weight for achieving the smoothest possible twirl effect.



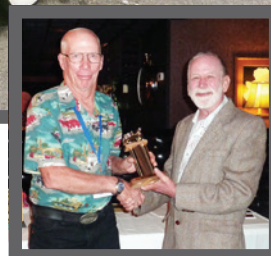
Fall Tour Car Awards



Antique & Pioneer Cars
1917 to 1933
Dean Hersey
1927 Ford Model "T"



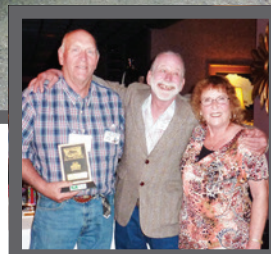
Open Cars
1955 to 1965
Clayton Busch
1960 Ford T-Bird



Closed Cars
1955 to 1965
Gary Carle
1956 Imperial



Best Originals
1945 through 25 yrs old
Mike & Colleen Doran
1979 Lincoln



Fall Tour Car Awards



Muscle Cars
25 yrs. old or older
Ruggie Nelson
1966 Dodge Charger



People's Choice
Bob Dige
1942 Dodge Hwy Patrol



Modified
Mary Murray
1967 Chevelle



Pioneer Car Refund
Richard Babcock
Joann Hosko



Hard Luck
Fritz Seitz
Locked key in car



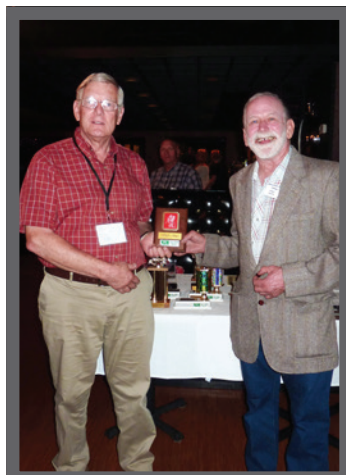
Furthest Driven
Bob Dige
1942 Dodge

Club Participation
Great Falls
Skunk Wagon

Fall Tour Fashion Awards



1930's Man
Don Stephens



1940's Lady
Nancy Taylor



1940's Man
Chuck Vernon



1950's Lady
Jamie Costle



Fall Tour Fashion Awards



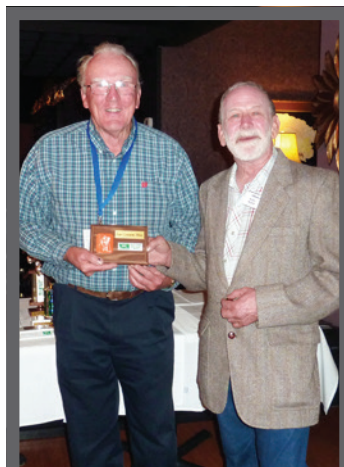
1970's Lady
Patricia Pruitt



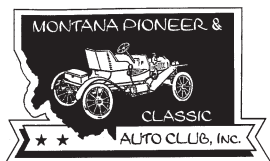
Best Dressed Girl
Amy Costle



Fun Costume Man
Bob Dige
1940's Hwy Patrol



...still searching for that lost key



Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club
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Listed Manufactured vehicles must be at least 25 years old. Be sure to indicate if this is a modified car

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

PR Partly Restored - Work has been done to restore car toward making it presentable.

R 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.

O Original - Presentable with original paint, upholstery, engine (minor repairs are acceptable).

M Modified - 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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1. _____ 2. _____

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New Member Signature _____ Date _____

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