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Greg Childs 1951 Mercury at Arches National Park

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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.

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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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It's hard to believe it's that time of the year again, amazing how the time slips away! So here's hoping everyone had a very Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

Now is the time to get that vintage iron in shape for the coming season.

Spring will be here before you know it! And by then we'll all be

anxious to get out. Hopefully the winter will be kind. Everyone take care, & we look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

- Dan Costle

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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

Thank you for your help!

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

Eagles Lodge
1501 9th Street South So
Great Falls, MT

April 25, 2020

Social Hour 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Served at 7:00 p.m.

Parking & Entrance are behind the main building on the East side.

\$15.00 per person

Number Attending _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Make Check payable to : Skunkwagon Car Club

Send completed form along with payment to:

Skunkwagon Car Club

MP&CAC Installation Dinner

PO Box 1305

Great Falls, MT 59403

Deadline for Reservations is April 10, 2020. After that date \$5.00 extra

Please Indicate any Specific Dietary Requirements _____



**Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club
Skunkwagon Chapter
49th and Final "One and Done"
Antique Auto Parts Swap Meet
And Collectibles
April 24th & 25th, 2020**

Friday Noon - 6:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am. - 5:00 pm

Livestock Pavilion at Montana ExpoPark Great Falls, MT

(Formerly Cascade County Fairgrounds)

RV Spaces Available to Rent thru Mt ExpoPark

\$3.00

One Time Admission Good for Both Days

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Friday Lunch

12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Breakfast

Saturday Lunch

7:00 am - 10:30 am

11:00 am - Until Gone

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

For additional Information call Mary at: 406-761-1643

Calls will be returned or email at - gmseelmeyer@gmail.com

NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

**The Skunkwagon Club cannot be responsible for accidents or losses of any kind.
PLEASE REMEMBER - WE ARE IN A NON SMOKING BUILDING. THANK YOU**

Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club Spring Tour

Presented by the Skunk Wagon Club

June 12th-14th 2020 Great Falls, MT.

Tour Headquarters: Heritage Inn-1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls, Mt.

Friday, June 12th

3:00-5:00 PM	Registration	Heritage Inn
6:00 PM	Evening Meal	Moose Lodge (Black Eagle)
7:30 PM	Costume Judging	Moose Lodge
8:00 PM	Director's Meeting	Moose Lodge

Saturday, June 13th

Breakfast on Your Own

8:00 AM	Car judging and Late Registration	Heritage Inn
9:30 AM	Line up for tour	
10:30 AM	JC Adams Stone Barn	Sun River
12:00 PM	Lunch and Fun Costume Judging	Fort Shaw
12:45 PM	Tour of the Fort Shaw	Fort Shaw

Free time to follow

5:30-6:30 PM	Social Hour	Heritage Inn
6:30 PM	Awards Banquet	Heritage Inn

Sunday- June 14th

8:30 AM	Breakfast and General Meeting	Heritage Inn
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Adjournment and Farewell.

Thank you for coming and have a safe trip home.

MONTANA PIONEER & CLASSIC AUTO CLUB SPRING TOUR

Presented by the Skunk Wagon Club

June 12-14

Tour Headquarters: Heritage Inn

1700 Fox Farm Rd. Great Falls, MT. 59404

Motel Accommodations

Heritage Inn: 406-761-1900

1700 Fox Farm Rd.

A block of rooms have been reserved till May 25th. Mention the Skunk Wagon Club.

Motel 6: 406-453-1602

2 Treasure State Dr.

Crystal Inn: 406-727-7878

3701- 31st ST. SW

Dicks RV Park: 406- 452-0333

1403 11 St SW

Tour Contacts

Carol Rustad: 406-761-8519 or 406-217-1717

Bill Caffyn: 406-452-5789

Kurt Baltrusch: 406-868-0735



2020 MPCAC SPRING TOUR

June 12-14, 2020

Great Falls, Montana

Driver _____

Passenger Name _____

Driver's Address _____

Local Club Affiliation _____

Phones _____ email _____

Vehicle Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

Registration Fees

Number of Adults _____ @ \$85 each \$ _____

Number under 12 years _____ @ \$40 each \$ _____

Late Registration after May 29th _____ @ \$10 each \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check and mail to the Skunk Wagon Car Club, P.O. Box 1305, Great Falls, Mt. 59403.

Are you planning to have your car judged? Yes _____ Are you willing to judge cars? Yes _____ No _____

Are you planning to have a costume judged? Yes _____ Are you willing to judge costumes? Yes _____ No _____

Miles driven to tour _____ Year of vehicle driven _____

Cars must complete Saturday Tour to be eligible.

Banquet Choice: Steak _____ Chicken _____ Special Diet _____

The Skunk Wagon Club 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 and liability insurance.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Club News



EXHAUST

BITTERROOT VALLEY DUSTERS

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

Today, the Winter Solstice, was a very nice day, with a high near 60 degrees. We are now past our earliest sunset and the day of shortest daylight, and, by the time you read this, will be beyond that dreary old latest sunrise. Those autumn snow storms made us wonder what kind of winter we were facing, but so far, at least here in the Bitterroot, is has been generally dry and mild.

Looking back, our October 13 meeting was the annual steak fry, held at David Anderson's beautiful property on Skalkaho Creek. We lucked out, with a mild autumn day for Dick Babcock's grilling of the steaks. There were 22 members and 6 guests present. One of the guests proposed an antique vehicle parade with the vehicles decorated with Christmas lights. It sounds intriguing enough, but maybe not practical in the winter, in Montana. This isn't Pasadena, CA. I do remember an icy parade in Victor, when the town turned 100, in December 1981, but it wasn't the greatest thing, and was not held in the dark. We decided

to table the lady's suggestion, at least until global warming kicks in a bit more.

Our November 17 meeting saw us at the Nazarene Neely Center, in Victor. There were 26 members, and four guests, present. Kathy Meuchel prepared turkey, dressing, and gravy, and with all the potluck offerings added, I think this was the tastiest Thanksgiving feast we have had to date. We discussed the Show and Shine we have scheduled for May 23, at Murdoch's, Hamilton. We finalized plans for our Christmas dinner/party.

For those of you who know Dick, and even if you don't – on November 21, he was using a stool to reach a 1974 International pickup carburetor, when the stool slipped, and he connected harshly with a fender. Even though we immediately knew he had suffered a large hernia, it took two weeks for the doctors to get it diagnosed and to surgery on December 4. At that time, it was discovered that his appendix had necrotized, the dead tissue had to be removed,

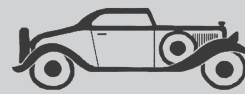
and fear of infection made for a less-than-ideal surgery. Try not to require medical care near a holiday. The good news is that no infection developed, and he is slowly mending. With luck, he will be back where he started, by Valentine's Day. It could have been much worse, but nevertheless...

The Christmas get-together was held on December 20, at Sapphire Lutheran, Hamilton. As always, Shirley Sorenson did excellent work in making arrangements, so it all came together well. There were 35 present – 30 members, and five guests. Following dinner, we played a game involving vintage auto-related logos, had drawings for door prizes, and exchanged gifts. Shirley Hopkins was voted the recipient of the Kyle Babcock Traveling Trophy, for 2019.

We (maybe I should not speak for others, but I) look forward to winter passing with all due speed. Spring cannot come soon enough. I wish you all a safe and healthy winter, and plan to see many of you in April.



Bozeman Antique Auto Club



Stu Coleman, Reporter (atascoleman@wispwest.net)

The 9th of November the club met at our favorite haunt, the Kountry Korner Cafe, and listened to an interesting presentation involving the demise of passenger trains and in particular in the Bozeman area. The speaker, Dale Martin, began with the era of the steamliners with observation decks as a means of long range travel in comfort. But by the end of the 1960s things had changed, motor vehicles were faster and more comfortable as were highways like the Interstates they traveled on, and people could travel on jet airliners as well. Both means were faster travel than the trains. Even the US Postal Service abandoned the trains in 1967 for more efficient air transportation. So one more era faded into memory.

Our annual Christmas party was once again held at the Vinton's Texaco Garage on December 8th. Karen and Richard (aka Diamond T Richard) are always so gracious to open their home (and garage) to the club and we all thank them immensely. Since last year Richard has acquired yet another gas pump, this time one of those hard to find "May West" visual type pumps in remarkably good shape. It now stands outside next to his Texaco pump island.

Once again the garage was spiced and span with tables and tinsel all over. Of course, the ladies lead by our fearless leader, President Rose

Cain, added more decorations to the atmosphere. And Richard's (excuse me, it is Karen's) 1949 Diamond T pick up truck was the center attraction as a backdrop to a table filled with holiday candies that were sampled and traded among the members.

After a buffet of ham and turkey and the trimmings catered by our favorite, Betty Nason of the Kountry Korner Cafe and our Tuesday morning breakfast hangout, the fun began. Santa made an appearance (he looked a lot like Tom Crystal) and assisted Rose with some games and present hand outs. In addition Rose had prepared a bottle of hand scrub for each lady in attendance. This is a specially prepared substance of Rose's that is guaranteed to soften even the roughest of hands. And then a winner at each table was awarded a wind chime created by Rose that consisted of a

bicycle sprocket and dangling car parts and trim. Now how creative was that!

As well as the Diamond T pickup truck in the garage, there sat Richard's next project. He has been looking for a "big truck" project and he found one in the form of a 2 ton International. When I ask what year the International was, Richard said it was a Diamond T! You see 1949 was the last year that Diamond T made their own cabs and there-



Karen Vinton's 1949 Diamond T pickup truck adorned with Christmas candies to be traded



*Dave Pruitt admires
Rose's wind chime creation*

after International made cabs for them as well as REO and several others. So the cab will now be a Diamond T as Richard has plenty of extra parts to make it so. It sits on a 1997 Dodge 1 ton frame with front disc brakes and the Cummings diesel engine. His target for completion you ask? In time for the 2020 Miles City High Plains Show in early September. I am beginning to think Richard is the energizer bunny and I am betting he will beat that date!

When last we talked, and I mentioned that the Club enjoyed a backyard potluck featuring Martha Case's Southern pulled pork, I raved about Dan's impeccable garage with a his and hers AC Cobra in it, but I omitted something important. In the Cobra garage was also a 1930 Model A. But this is no ordinary Model A because of its history. This very vehicle was stationed at Warm Springs, Georgia which is where President Roosevelt (FDR) spent

down time. The Model A was offered to those dignitaries visiting for their personal transportation uses. So there it is.....a very special Model A indeed.

If Louis Cantarutti didn't have bad luck, he wouldn't have any luck at all! You may remember that several years ago their home in the San Mateo, California area was under the threat of forest fire and he and Sharon were able to escape the flames in their pick up truck with walls of fire on each side of the escape road. In fact a burning branch fell on the hood of the truck which suffered such damage that it was totaled by their insurance company. The Caturuni's home was saved but they lost their four unit rental. Now some two years later, as Louis was working on his home he tumbled from a scaffold and broke his shoulder and seven ribs! Damn!

Now this is a publication about club events and not a travelogue of activities abroad, but I just have to mention a recent trip by Martha Case and a group of women to Iceland. They enjoyed a first hand view of the northern lights. How neat was that! And while speaking of trips, I also have to recognize Roy Tunby Jr.'s recent trip to the Monterey, California area. Of course the big event there is the Vintage Car Show on the 18th green where some of the most rare and

expensive vehicles in the world are displayed. But no less of an event occurs right around the corner at the race track at Laguna Seca. Roy said he was impressed with the informal atmosphere surrounding the racers and the pits, sort like the atmosphere at Bonneville methinks.

Last quarter I reported that Tom Cotter had come to Bozeman at the invites of Dan and Martha Case. You see they share a like for early Cobras and had recently spent time on a tour in the Ozarks which Tom hosted. Tom and his video crew filmed footage at Marty Westland's eclectic collection of vehicles including a Stanley Steamer and a 1951 Nash Rambler station wagon and then at the Coleman's Hornet's Nest. His show is called BARNFIND HUNTER and is on YOU-TUBE. I mention it here because the two episodes are now available for viewing and they are #64 (Marty's) and #68 (the Hornet's nest) if you are interested in two guys that have way too many cars and trucks!

Even though it is the holiday



President Rose takes a break on Santa's lap

season there has been some horse trading going on (or should I say car trading). Ray D'Ardenne has gone American! I should explain that. Ray and Tesa had a beautiful dark green 1962 E-Type Jaguar roadster, but they can be a bit temperamental and he decided to own something easier to work on and so sold the E-Type. In its place Ray bought not one but two Corvettes and says he now has "book ends", a 1963 split window coupe (the first of that body style) and now a 1967 the last of that style as well. Both Corvettes are the desirable L 71s with the 427 cubic inch 435 horsepower and the 1969 has a rare automatic in it and it has an incredibility low 23 K on the odometer. Ray shed himself of a Jaguar and Marty West-

land bought one! He purchased 1964 right hand drive sedan Mark X. And it has some unusual history too. When the Queen visited Canada in 1964 this is the very car that she rode in. How cool is that! Now Marty is looking to sell his Cadillac to make room for the Mark X. Interested, give him a call.

And we are happy to report that Russ Ludeman has his 1948 Buick Roadmaster sedan back from the repair shop and it looks very good too. If you remember, Russ had collided with a deer last April and has had a time getting the work done, but is good now.

And lastly just a note or two about our very senior members of the club. Roy Tunby Sr. will be 99 on February the 12th.

And our other four score and ten year old members are Dewey and Lois Adams. Dewey started the slippery slope with the love of old cars with the purchase of a Model A in the early 1990s. He still has that same vehicle today and takes it out for a spin every now and again. Roy has shed himself of his 1965 Mustang convertible to his daughter, but still has his 1928 Durant 4-door sedan. We all grow old, but these members have done so most graciously and we continue to wish them well!

Unfortunately, we also have several other members with medical challenges and we also wish them well.

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



Central Montana Trail Dusters

Sie Schindler, Reporter

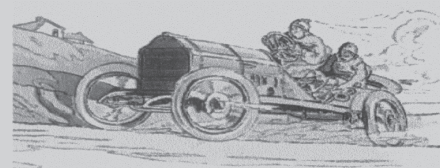
Hi from the Central Montana Trail Dusters. This past year has been a different year, with late spring and then we missed our fall colors, those became white with snow. But they tell me to stick around next year will be better. The club had a busy year doing the State Club Spring Tour. The weather was not that good but everyone enjoyed it. Attendance was very good and makes it worth doing the tour. Our monthly meetings were well attended, the food was great. The October meeting was at Larry and Kathi Carrell's place I call it

the Mustang Ranch. A nice attendance and always fun to look over the car collection. Then our Thanksgiving/Christmas meeting was held at Jack and Ann Morgenstern's Air-Car-Tractor hangar. The club provided the turkey and Dan & Sherry with Jordan's help cooked it up to be served with our potluck meal. The club did the toys for kids to help the local Kiwanis club with their project. Members enjoy giving a gift for the kids and the hangar is a wonderful place to have it with Christmas trees, ribbons and the ice cream bar. Sherry gave a car quiz

with questions like; What vehicle has a deer shaped animal? that was an easy one - a Chevy Impala. Also, the Stilsons made some nice table centerpieces. The centerpieces were given to the lucky winners, which my wife was one. Thank you Larry & Kathi and Jack & Ann for all you do for the club. For now, the club has its first meeting in April 2020. Stay warm, if traveling, drive careful and we will meet somewhere sometime, have a nice winter, A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Flathead Pioneer Auto Club

Dave Cooley, Reporter (cooley@centurytel.net)



It was an overcast, chilly, and damp day when 29 Members, no guests and one antique car gathered at 9:00 AM on October 5th at the Buffalo Hill Golf Club for our annual October Breakfast. Most of the members were surprised and a few dismayed at the higher Dues Rates brought about by the State Club's boosting the "Singles" rate to \$25.00 and the "Doubles" rate to \$30.00. Our Chapter Dues of \$5.00 per membership made the total dues \$30.00 for Singles (was \$21.50) and \$35 for Doubles (was \$25.00).

At about 9:15 AM the line opened for Breakfast (Eggs, Ham, Bacon, French Toast, Potatoes, Salsa, Juice) and everyone jumped at the opportunity. President Merry Nelson opened the meeting at 9:45, drawing our attention to the fact that we traditionally have our election of new Officers at the Breakfast. After some discussion, Nominations were requested for all offices, but none were offered in competition with existing officers, and cur-

rent office holders were all re-elected for next year. They are as follows:

President: Merry Nelson; Vice President: Chuck Covey; Secretary: Dave Cooley; Treasurer: Bob Smith.

The usual term for President is two years. Merry Nelson said that she has been President for three years, that she would be willing to serve as President for one more year, but that she would not be willing to serve another year after that. No one expressed an interest in volunteering to take over the Presidency after Merry, so Director Dave Russell suggested that a committee should be formed to come up with a Nominee for President for the next election. Dave is to gather a Committee of Past Presidents to come up with a willing Nominee for President in our 2020 Election.

Merry cautioned that the next subject might be better discussed at our regular November Meeting when everyone can hear better and have a chance before

that meeting to think it over. She was thinking that the new higher Dues Rates were not well received, and that we should try to come up with suggestions as to how the State Club might make some changes that would make the rate hikes unnecessary. The principal benefits of belonging to the State Club are the Roster, the TIMES, and the Insurance Policy which "covers us" for Club activities. We have long been unsure about exactly who is covered and what the legendary "Insurance Policy" does really cover us for. Chuck Vernon suggested at the meeting that we contact the Insurance Company for valid information about the Policy. We did that, and it turns out that the coverage is indeed good and would cover the Chapter and its members for liabilities over and above the coverage we all have as individual car owners. We decided it would be worthwhile to include our newly found information about the State Club's Insurance policy in this

Chapter Report:

ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC AUTOMOBILE CLUB INSURANCE COVERAGE

WHAT COVERAGE?

Commercial General Liability
Non-owned Automobile Liability

WHO IS INSURED?

The Named Insured (The Chapter and Club)
All its Members including
Officers and Directors
Coverage is limited to Bodily Injury

And/or Property Damage Liability
 Arising out of an Occurrence associated
 With activities of the Club.

WHERE IS COVERAGE?

On Property rented, leased, or used by the Club, for activities of The Club.

Activities include, but not limited to Meetings, Dances, Tours, Picnics, Flea Markets, Banquets, Shows, Malls, and Shopping Center Shows, and Parades.

Clubs are covered for any Occurrence

WHAT ARE COVERAGES?

Coverages are listed (In summary)
 on the other three pages.

This Policy looks pretty complete as far as our Chapter (FPAC) is concerned, covering Members in circumstances in which we are active.

It was a relatively mild (45 degree) overcast day at 2:00 PM on Sunday November 3rd when 18 members and no guests gathered at the Flathead Valley Bridge Club building in Kalispell for our November meeting. After some discussion of the State Club's Insurance Policy, the next item of Business had to do with our dismay in view of the recent raise in Dues, and our belief that the State Club is not spending its (our) money efficiently when it comes to the services it provides. We decided to draft a letter for signature by our Chapter's Officers and Directors to be sent to the State Club and other Chapters with suggestions how to save enough money that the Dues would not have to be raised. The letter will be discussed and finalized at our January Meeting and sent out soon thereafter.

In Summary, with the high price of printing and distributing the MPCAC "TIMES" and the Roster, the old State Club Dues schedule of \$20.00 for Couples and \$16.50 for Singles, were not enough

money to print and distribute the TIMES and the Roster, and that is why the State Club wanted to raise the Dues to \$30 for Couples and \$25 for Singles. Looking at the numbers, if the Club would put the two publications online the old Dues Schedule would be ample – and would easily result in a surplus. The Roster would be much more useful in that the Members could run a "Sort" and find out in an instant who in the State had a particular type of car (1947 Plymouth?), or Model Car (Model T or Corvette??) rather than having to plod through the entire printed Roster, one member at a time. The recent increase in Dues would be totally unnecessary. More details on what we are doing will be available after our January Meeting.

Another subject that was discussed is the practice of Judging the Cars on our State Tours if for no other reason than that most of our judges aren't qualified to judge all of the variety of cars that show up for judgement. Why not leave the Car Judging to Hershey or the Single Make and Single Model Tours? The Great Falls Club, Hosts for the Spring 2020 Tour, has been trying to drop the Judging in their Tour, and they

have had a lot of resistance from the State Club. Awards like "People's Choice", "Hard Luck", "Farthest Driven", "Youngest Driver", "Period Costume", etc. seem better suited to our Tours.

It was a chilly but not cold winter evening with no precipitation, at 4:00 PM when 24 Club Members and guests gathered at Loula's Restaurant in the old (1915) Bank Building in Whitefish for our annual Holiday Dinner. Chuck Covey's wife, Mary Lou, who owns the Restaurant, had agreed to open and do our Dinner, and it was excellent. We were offered Steak, Salmon Steak, or Chicken Pot Pie dinners with all the trimmings and they were all great – the Salmon, deep pink Sockeye, looked like the winner, but it was tough competition for sure. The Dinner was topped with a slice of Loula's always outstanding pie. The cost was \$20.00 for the Dinner plus the price of any "Adult Beverages" you ordered to go with it. The FPAC Club Treasury covered the cost of the 20% Gratuity – all well worth it!

We didn't have a Business Meeting as everyone was having too good a time getting together. We didn't have our usual quiz-

zes, games, etc., at the Dinner, nor did we have our usual Food Drive for the Veterans' Pantry and the Bigfork Food Bank – perhaps in the confusion of changing

our usual venue, we forgot about it! We will probably do a food drive for the February Meeting instead! There are hungry people in the Valley all Winter long!

We will soon be in the new 2020 year – Happy New Year, y'all!!



Capital Carriages

Darrell Beckstrom, Reporter (mtbeckstrom@gmail.com)

I think everyone has had enough winter, even though as of this writing it is not winter by the calendar.

This fall we did not have very good attendance at our meetings, more than likely because the nominations and then elections are held in the fall. As far as elections, I (Darrell) am taking a break from the newsletter and Times reporting for a while, and will concentrate on the Secretary duties, and Glyn Verzatt will fill in, otherwise all the rest remain the same as the last couple of years.

Who is working on what: Dave Mitton has had someone restor-

ing his 1965 Chevy pickup, and found out that the 283 engine was bad, so he is having a 350 put in instead. The guy working on it went south for the winter, so no work on it for a while.

Wes received some new wheels (spoked rims that is) for his 1958 Cadillac. The biggest problem

other than paying for them was finding someone to put them on the vehicle! None of the tire shops would install them, and finally his mechanic who works on his vehicles said he would do it.

Our Christmas party held in Montana City was well attended, as we had 11 people show up despite the cold and snow that day. We not only had a gift exchange, but everyone brought Toys for Tots and items for Food Share.

Hope everyone had good holidays, and hope to see you in the spring!



Christmas Party in Montana City



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Goggles & Dusters

Roger Thomsen, Reporter

Fall has seen lots of people put their cars away for winter. However, there is a small group of hard core car guys in Billings that tries to get out for lunch once a month, driving an old car – weather permitting. Good to see those Model As and others on the road in the middle of the winter.

Club activity has been mostly monthly meetings and holiday parties. Our club drove up to the Beartooths for a color tour and

lunch at Fishtail. That is a pretty drive any time of year. After lunch we drove up to Woodbine trail head – a few miles up hill from the Stillwater Mine. There is lots of wildlife in the area. We saw Bighorn Sheep, Deer, Elk and big birds.

In September five of our members took their old cars on a tour to western Colorado and eastern Utah. They included Jerry and Bobbie Koch driving their 1935 Ford, Rich Anderson

in a 1985 Mercedes, Greg and Debbie Childs in their 1951 Mercury, Roger Thomsen in his 1951 Mercury and Norm Clark in a modern vehicle (claims he isn't ready to trust his 1953 Ford).

Our first day took us through Cody, Thermopolis, Riverton, & Lander over South Pass to Rock Springs, WY. It was a good test of the cars – all passed muster!

The second day we toured past Flaming Gorge Reservoir, over an 8000 foot pass down to Vernal,



Hole N' The Rock – see the jeep on top?



3 Montana Travelers



Bedrock - you can see the end of the world from here



Greg Childs 1951 Mercury at Arches National Park

UT. Then over another 8000 foot pass to Grand Junction, Colorado. Here we met 25 other old cars – members of the Early Ford V-8 Club. This was to be the start of a national driving tour sponsored by the V-8 Club. Cars were driven from as far away as Georgia, Arizona, California, and Texas.

The next five days were spent touring the Colorado National Monument, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, and Mesa Verde National Park. We stayed in Moab, Utah, and Cortez, Colorado over the next few nights. September is a great time of year to tour this part of the country. It is still warm but not hot like the middle of the summer. The parks had plenty of cars in them, but we always found a place to park.

We enjoyed seeing all the red rock canyons, arches, structures and vistas. It was also a good test of our cars brakes and overdrives. I learned how to get engine braking working with my overdrive – get out of “free-wheeling”. It saves your brakes! We went over Lizard Head Pass (10,222 feet) near Telluride, Colorado, with ease. Our tour ended in Cortez, Colorado – 800 MILES FROM Billings. We took our time getting back home – 2 ½ days. The back roads from Cortez to Grand Junction were beautiful – more canyons. After spending nights in Rifle, Colorado, and Riverton, Wyoming, we were glad to come down the Wind River Canyon to Thermopolis and on home to Billings. We covered 2000 miles with no car trouble. All of our well prepared cars did fine.

So that's the news from Billings. We're looking forward to what 2020 will bring.

See you down the road.

Great Falls Skunkwagon Auto Club

Kurt Baltrusch, Reporter (baltrusch@q.com)



This has been the weirdest fall that I can remember. Record breaking snow early on, varying temperatures, and now fairly warm weather make it difficult to plan much of anything.

We had a very nice Christmas party at the Black Eagle Moose Lodge with about 70 members attending. We thank Colleen Doran for arranging the party and we think that the group enjoys the afternoon venue better than nighttime. Marie Brown put together a nice slide show of the year's events. The club did lots of activities this year and it was fun to review those. Barb Kakalecik and Sue Smith sold raffle tickets and 4 members each won over \$50. As active Moose members, Sue and Lee Haman made sure that things went well.

It looks like our club membership numbers are down considerably from last year, and it is hard to determine if that is due to the dues increase or just a sign of the times. We have to do all we can to attract new members, but changes sometimes are difficult for many.

Along those lines, the Skunk Wagon Club has determined that the 49th Annual April Swap Meet will be the last one. I was told that the Spokane meet is also doing its last meet, and even large meets like Chickasaw are considering shutting down. It is sad as this was a great way to meet and greet members from across the area. However, the Internet and our aging membership are making these meets harder to conduct. We thank Mary Seelmeyer

and all the other volunteers who have worked so hard for many years to make these meets fun and profitable, as well as the vendors who come each year.

Bob Dige found a very nice 1939 ex-Mountain Bell pickup that he and Mel Rustad have been working on. Bob had to remove all of the interior to eradicate the mouse issues and Mel did some engine and other minor work as well. This truck is original and not perfect but in very good condition. It starts and runs well and Bob will use it as much as possible. It is interesting that it is unexpectedly high geared for a pickup so it might have been ordered for more highway use. Rumor is it that Bob and Mel are looking for someone with a stock 39 Ford pickup to compare the three's acceleration, and I bet they could do that without breaking the speed limit!

Charlie Aron is passing his interest and skills on to his children. Charlie and his son continue to work on an MGA which had been converted to a GM V-6 years ago, and they found an original engine and are returning the car to stock. Charlie and his daughter are working on a Volkswagen van which will get a Subaru engine transplant creating a "Vanaru". This is a popular swap that makes these vans more reliable and highway worthy.

Next year's officers were elected at the December

meeting and included Carol Rustad as President and Sue Smith as Vice President. Also named were Bill Caffyn as Treasurer and Kurt Baltrusch as secretary.

Harry Mitchell, John Rummel and I brought home a stash of mostly Model T parts that included several sets of very good rear fenders. The interesting part is that the fenders were all for 1923-1925 Ford sedans and won't fit anything else. If anyone out there is restoring one of those sedans, just contact one of us – the price is right.

The spring tour committee is finalizing plans and the sign-up forms and agenda will be in this Times. We hope to see you there and we look forward to a busy summer.



Bob Dige's 1939 Chevrolet pickup



Missoula Hellgate Auto Club

Perry Francis, Reporter

For some years now we have been following the progress on Mike Martin's complete restoration of his 1927 Chevrolet Landau Sedan. With the help of fellow club member Doug Ruffato, they have about got all the mechanical stuff completed, but have been bogged down with the really challenging body restoration. Well, this summer Mike drove to Wichita, Kansas and bought another intact 1927 Landau. He will use the body of this new acquisition on his restored chassis and hopefully have it up and running soon.

Every year at about this time we take note of the members we have lost and acquired. This year two

long time members passed away that will be especially missed. Harvey Olson was a retired highway patrolman and owner of a brass era model T and a 1929 Model A roadster, both restored by him to original condition. He had worked with the Patrol in many parts of the State both east and west and was widely known throughout. The other member lost was Garth Good who lived with his wife Millie out past Potomac in the Blackfoot river valley. He sold his collection of Oldsmobile cars years ago but he and Millie always rented a room and came back to Missoula for the club Christmas party. Garth was a retired North West Airlines

pilot who got his start in aviation at Johnson Flying Service in Missoula.

On Sunday, December 8 the Hellgate Club had their annual Christmas party at the Paradise Falls sports bar. The evening included a great buffet dinner followed by a lively white elephant gift exchange. Our room was well appointed with TV's featuring the Seahawks vs. the L.A. Rams, but it was noted that the attendee's were enjoying each other's company so much that no one was watching the game. It was a nice evening which capped off another good year and thanks to Mary Williams for setting up this event.



Vintage d' Fenders

Dar Costle, Reporter

Merry Christmas to all! It is Dec. 20th as I write this letter to send out to the publisher. I am sure he loves the last minute fools!!!! so here is hoping you all have a very Merry Holiday.

Not much to report, other

than this will be my last letter. I have passed the torch to our new secretary Joni. We had a wonderful Christmas dinner at Barclays in Anaconda with a great turn out.

I want to send my deepest

condolences to the Costle family for the loss of their mother Gladys. also the Wintz family for the loss of Karen's father, tough times.

So happy new year to all and we'll see you down the road!

Hi-Line Auto Club

Judy Tempel and Renee Kralic, Reporters



The best kept secret on Hi-Way 2? An amazing little auto museum with a gigantic presence. So if you're headed west on Hi-way 2 from Havre and you are almost to Chester and are thinking about a little break...Pull over at the Lion's State rest area in the "Heart of the Hi-Line" town of Chester...look south across the street and there it is! The Awesome Auto Etc. Museum owned, collected, and designed by Joel and Ruth Fenger. Ever wonder what to do with that awesome auto collection you've gathered over the years? That may have been what inspired the development of the Museum.

Awesome Autos Etc. opened in 2009. It houses 36 awesome autos-from 1903 Oldsmobile replica, custom built hot rod, and Model T's to a Jag! Many varied and interesting vehicles right up to a 2003 50th Anniversary Corvette owned by a local farm/ranch couple. Fenger's allow several "neighbors" to park their autos for show.

The reception/office as one enters the Museum is a Texaco Service station replica...check out the gravity fuel pumps! AND what would a Museum be without Elvis? Yep, he's singing your favs! Old candy, popcorn, and

cigarette machines decorate the area. Glasses counters are filled with wonderful memorabilia.

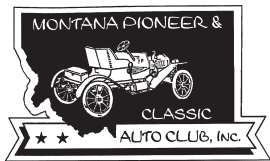
McNair Furniture of Rudyard laid the flooring of black tiles with yellow/white stripes that depicts Hi-Way 2 of up the center of floor. East and West 12 foot high X 24 foot wide vinyl murals were actual pictures Jerry Fenger took of Joel and Ruth driving on the very stretch of Hi-way 2 going by the front of the museum. They are driving the yellow 1928 Ford meeting a 1936 green Dodge! A Havre Sign company printed the murals off the actual prints. The murals are affixed to the doors to

allow easy opening and murals stay perfectly intact.

Tucked neatly in the corner is Ruthie's Diner. Black/white checkered floor highlights the 50's soda fountain replica drive in. The neon lights make it a showplace! Shsh-hh "it really houses restrooms and the boiler"!

So when you're headed west on Hi-way 2 near Chester, MT put your brakes on for the Awesome Auto Etc. Museum. You won't be sorry!





Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club
Application for Membership / Roster Update
(Please Type or Print)

Chapter _____ Roster Update _____

Name _____ Spouse/Partner _____

Address _____

City _____

Home Phone _____ Other _____ Cell _____

e-mail address _____

Occupation- If retired, please list previous occupation) _____

List cars / trucks (oldest to newest) and condition

Listed Manufactured vehicles must be at least 25 years old. Be sure to indicate if this is a modified car

Year	Make	Model	Body Style	Condition (UR, PR, R, O or M)
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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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New Members must be endorsed by two (2) paid up club members.

1. _____ 2. _____

Instructions: Dues must be paid to the Treasurer of your Local Chapter. Dues are paid September 1. Past due is December 1. We operate on a Fiscal Year (FY) of September 1 to August 31. We DO NOT prorate dues. To insure having your name listed in the Roster, dues MUST be paid before December 1.

MP&CAC Annual Dues: Single Adult \$25.00 Husband & Wife and/or Guest \$30.00
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Children of Members are automatically members of the club. At the age of 18 they may pay membership dues and become active members. Children of non-members may become active only if a club member-sponsor accepts full responsibility.

You will be issued a membership card, decal and a car placard. Additional decals, pins, placards and copies of the by-laws are available upon request. Check with your local chapter Secretary or Treasurer.

New Member Signature _____ Date _____

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