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**Central Montana Traildusters
make a stop on their tour for home bound
residents last year.**

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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.

MP&CAC DUES

**delinquent December 1 of each year;
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– FOR SALE –



FOR SALE: Ford 1930 Model A Phaeton Two Door Deluxe, Washington Blue, black fenders, and cream color wheels. Two side mount spare wheels. This Ford has been in the family since the summer of 1963. It was a 1960s restoration project the whole family participated in. In 2020 it was used as a shutdown work project for us and the grandchildren. Four new wheel and tire assemblies were purchased from Coker®. A professionally serviced O.E. carburetor was installed. Other new parts included a radiator, water pump with sealed bearings, fan belt, radiator fan blade and sheave, lower water pipe, coolant drain petcock, coolant hoses, Optima® 6V battery and special battery bracket for it,

generator band cover, electronic charging relay, front motor mount assembly, and a new exhaust manifold. Once running again we enjoyed driving around the neighborhood and gave rides to family, friends, and some neighbors. Old radiator, wheels and tires, and carburetor included. \$12,000. Dan Case, Bozeman, MT, 256-227-3317 (day time only please), rollright64@aol.com

FOR SALE: 1917 Model T Ford Depot Hack "Woodie". Runs and drives well, body is an excellent reproduction (from a fine quality Kit), sound and attractive, has a starter, runs on Mag or Battery. All mechanical parts good. Great for Touring or taking kids or friends in parades. \$12,500. Call Dave Cooley at 406-253-7253. Kalispell.

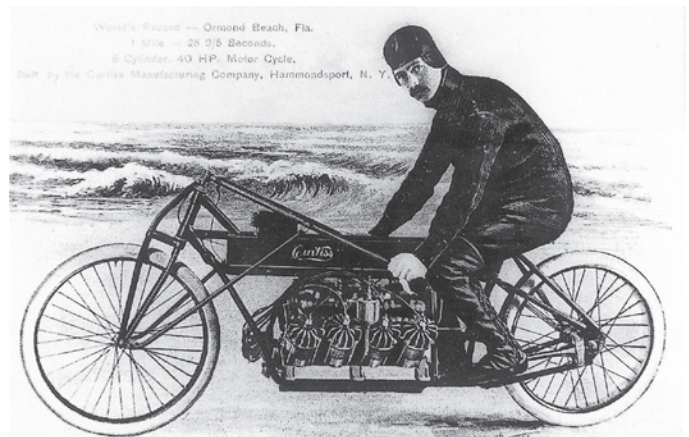


– WANTED –

WANTED: 1948-1950 Packard Standard Shift Transmission with overdrive. A GOOD ONE that doesn't need a rebuild. Stu Coleman, 13 Cedar Lane, Livingston, Montana 59047 (406) 333-4964.

WANTED: 1966-70 International Scout for a project. Running gear not important, body must be fairly straight with minimal rust issues. **Also Wanted:** 1940-1941 ½ Ton Ford Pickup, VGC. Kurt, 406-868-0735

WANTED: 1927 Fordor. Must trade my 1921 Buick Touring model 45. This car is unrestored and 99% complete. A Centenarian, new wheels & tires. Randall Vogel, 406-266-3349



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well, due to the lingering covid issues there will be no spring tour. There will be only one tour this fall hosted by Great Falls in September.

I'm hopeful we can finally have a board meeting to get on with necessary business & this covid debacle will be behind us.

Billings is in line for the "tentative" spring tour of 2022. Please plan to attend the state tours, as the hosting clubs will really need our support.

On another note, there has been speculation that the state club is disbanding. This is not the case.

Our membership is down due to many factors. But as long as we have active & willing members we will continue regardless of lower membership numbers.

Due to circumstances, the roster will be on hold until next year. Hopefully we'll be back to some normalcy by then.

I for one am looking forward to getting out this year as much as possible, & I'm hoping everyone else is as well.

Please be vigilant for any possible new members to support our club & hobby. Be a promoter and an advocate.

Until next time stay healthy & happy! Take some vintage iron out for a spin...



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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July Issue: June 20th

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Attn: Antique and Classic Times

Thank you for your help!

In Memory
Millie Higgins
Glyn Verzatt

2021 MPCAC SUMMER TOUR

September 10-12, 2021 Great Falls, Montana

Tour Headquarters: Heritage Inn-1700 Fox Farm Road

Driver _____

Passenger Name _____

Driver's Address _____

Local Club _____

Phones _____ email _____

Vehicle Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____



Registration Fees

Number of Adults _____ @\$90 each \$ _____

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

Late Registration after August 15th _____ @\$10 each \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check and mail to the Skunk Wagon Car Club c/o Bill Caffyn, 2515 4th Ave. So. Great Falls, Mt. 59405

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: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Special Diet _____

The Skunk Wagon Club will not be held Liable for any loss sustained nor can it be named in any judgment or suit. I affirm that my possessions are covered by all necessary property and liability insurance.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club Summer Tour

Presented by the Skunk Wagon Club

September 10-12, 2021 Great Falls, MT.

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

Friday, September 10th

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, September 11th

Breakfast on Your Own

8:00 AM	Car judging and Late Registration	Heritage Inn
9:30 AM	Line up for tour	
10:30 AM	Tour of Fort Shaw	Fort Shaw
12:30 PM	Lunch and Fun Costume Judging	Fort Shaw
1:30 PM	JC Adams Stone Barn	Sun River

Free time to follow

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

Sunday, September 12th

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 SUMMER TOUR

Presented by the Skunk Wagon Club

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2021

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 August 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

Bill Caffyn: 406-452-5789

Kurt Baltrusch: 406-868-0735

Carol Rustad: 406-217-1717



Club News



EXHAUST

BITTERROOT VALLEY DUSTERS

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

Spring has arrived, at least by the movements of this frenetic Earth and that lazy old sun. We hope those of you reading this have wintered as well and as safely as possible. If January and February typically drag, this year it felt like we were the ones being dragged along.

I wasn't sure I could find anything to fill my obligatory contribution to the TIMES, but today our club finally met for the first time since October 8. David Anderson generously agreed to host the group in his spacious garage on Skalkaho Creek, even adding a heating system that kept us a toasty 70 degrees on an early spring day. There were sixteen members and two guests present for a potluck that consisted of the ham and turkey frozen since we cancelled our planned Holiday party for December 2020. Kathy Meuchel employed her culinary skills with the meats, as well as dressing and gravy. Added potluck dishes rounded out a delicious meal.

Having not met for five months, we found much to discuss. Several auto-related activities are tentatively planned for western Montana this summer season, but whether they come to fruition is yet to be seen. We anxiously await the April TIMES, to learn

what the State MPCAC plans may hold, for 2021 and the future.

We were saddened by the loss of Millie Higgins. Gil and Millie had dropped out of the club a year or two ago, but were BVD Charter Members. They served as our Treasurer(s) from 2002-2014.

I wanted to share what some of our members have been working on during the past few months.

David Anderson is presently restoring a 1966 Chevrolet Impala's interior. Last summer, he moved about twenty 1950s-1970s Chevys, Fords, and Mercurys from property he was selling, to Skalkaho. I don't believe any of these vehicles were moving under their own power, so it was a Herculean job.

Arlene Beavers, our club secretary, bought a 1999 Buick Park Avenue, a nice car she really likes to own.

Dan Dutton is restoring a 1962 Cadillac Eldorado convertible.

Ross Dutton has had multiple projects going. Among these are a 1969 Cadillac DeVille convertible. He has finished painting it black. It has a good interior and runs well, but needs a new top and exhaust system. He is currently polishing the stainless for it. He bought a 1960 Chevrolet Biscayne utility/sedan delivery/

station wagon from a local person, Chuck Burress. Ross repainted the white section of his blue and white 1990 Suburban. Today, he and Wendy drove the 1971 Mark III Lincoln Continental he purchased from former BVD member Mike Massa.

Bill Meuchel has been eyeing a 1929 Model A pickup, for several months. Earlier, the seller wanted more than Bill was willing to pay, but now the seller has called back, with a better deal, so Bill is rethinking the situation. More as that develops! Also, he has been helping his grandson rebuild the engine for a 2005 6 O Ford diesel. I hope I have that part right, as it sounds like a strange designation.

Shirley Sorenson is getting new tires, alignment, and brakes for her 1977 Camaro. Now, we will never be able to catch up with her!

And it sounds like David Vial will give Shirley a run for the money, as he replaces his 1968 Plymouth Valiant's engine with a 340 Mopar. Additionally, he has worked on a 1989 Jeep Cherokee for his Seattle grandson.

On the home front, Dick and I have had a pretty bleak winter, although it obviously could have been worse. On January 19, I was on a ZOOM call (yes,

I have been dragged kicking and screaming, into the 21st Century) with a Legislative Committee, seeking a grant for the Victor Museum. Dick slipped out on a frosty morn, went up on a ladder to measure a roof, the ladder slipped on the frost, and he took a tumble, fracturing his upper right humerus, just below the

shoulder (not very humorous). It is pretty much healed by now, and he is in physical therapy, making progress. For myself, in spite of all this COVID free time, I have little direction or motivation to catch up on my many projects. Too much uncertainty, I guess. Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead just thought it had

been a long, strange trip. They hadn't seen anything.

Closing out, we wish the best of coming times to you all and hope things will somehow return to "normalcy" while we are still here to appreciate it. Take care, and we hope to see you somewhere down the road.



Bozeman Antique Auto Club



Karin Ludeman

Thank you, Rose Cain, for serving as the club president for the past two years. New president, Erv Hintzpeter took over the reins at the January 9, 2021, club meeting, which was held at the Kountry Korner Café. Fourteen members were in attendance for lunch, the meeting, and socializing, quoting one of our members, "The dirty dozen and two good folks". Rose Cain, Jan Hintzpeter and Karin Ludeman volunteered to serve on a committee to come up with ideas for the meetings, activities and outings for the coming year. Rose filled in for Bill and Cathy Dorgan, secretary and treasurer officers. David Pruitt won the 50/50 drawing for \$ 9.50.

The Tuesday morning breakfasts continue at the Kountry Korner Café. Several of the club members have contracted the Covid virus, with varying degrees of illness and post-virus residuals. Other members are remaining super vigilant and choosing to not participate at this time. We are looking forward to when everyone

can return to breakfast times and monthly meetings and outings. One of the breakfast mornings, the ladies in attendance signed and addressed Valentine cards that were then sent to members who have not been able to attend.

The February 13, meeting started with a tour from Four Corners to Manhattan, Montana, and the Garden Café. President Erv has a workshop at Four Corners, and, in spite of a temperature of about 10 BELOW zero, fourteen members braved the elements to meet there. Erv and Jan Hintzpeter were the wagonmasters, and those in tow were Rose and Jim Cain, Marty and Andrea Westland, Tom and Connie Crystal, Russ and Karin Ludeman, Linda Dean, and Joanne Nitcy. John and Connie DeVries met the group at the café. Their guided tour wound through the Four Corners area, to River Road, then Cameron Bridge Road to Churchill, and north to Manhattan. The folks at Garden Café had a meeting room waiting for us. The monthly meeting,

lunch, and "First annual Valentine Auto Tour" was celebrated with several Valentine treats provided by Jan Hintzpeter and Rose Cain.

The March monthly meeting was held on the 13th, with members again meeting at Erv Hintzpeter's workshop. What a beautiful blue sky, sunshine day! President Erv again provided wagonmaster leadership, even handing out maps to the drivers, in case someone took a wrong turn. Four Corners area onto Jackrabbit Lane, Valley Center road, to Thorpe Road, headed north, even under the interstate overpass, through Central Park, Dry Creek Road, and in to Manhattan, again to the Garden Café. Several "old" cars made the trip, including Jim and Rose Cain's '64 Dodge Polara, Marty Westland's '65 Chevy Stationwagon, Jim Johannes '81 Buick Riviera Convertible, Erv and Jan Hintzpeter's '78 Corvette, Bill and Cathy Dorgan's '93 Cadillac, Patricia and David Pruitt's '62 Imperial, Tom and Connie Crystal's '69 Buick, and Russ and Karin

Ludeman's '48 Buick. Linda Dean and Shirley Wyckman were passengers with the Ludemans. (My apologies to members if I do not have the year of your car correct). Rich and Gay Hovey, Joe and Bonnie Ashley, and Stu and Jeanne Coleman, also joined the caravan with their "everyday" vehicles. Following a very nice lunch at the Garden Café, President Erv, called the monthly meeting to order. St Patrick's Day treats were at each place setting along with table decorations to brighten the day. Along with regular business details, Rose reported that the annual April tri-club gathering (Bozeman, Butte, Helena clubs), is of interest and tentatively planned for April 17, 2021, at Sparky's Garage in Butte. Various other car shows and tours that may be possibilities this year were discussed. Jim Johannes won the 50/50 pot -- \$16.00!! The April meeting may be a pizza party at Buffalo Bump

Pizza, near Four Corners.

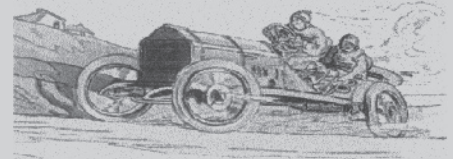
As I told the fellows, when I quizzed them about car projects, they could probably give me "Fake news", and I would probably never know the difference -- my car knowledge is pretty limited, but this is what they told me: Tom Crystal is tuning and updating his 1963 Dodge. Larry Bode is working on his 1966 Plymouth Sport Fury convertible of which only 55 were built. It has a 4 speed transmission and 440 engine. David Pruitt will be getting the 1962 Imperial spiffed up for upcoming outings. Erv Hintzpeter says his 1940 Packard is nearing completion. It is painted and upholstered and the chrome is done. Wiring and wood grain on the dash still needs to be done. This is the first car he ever owned. Jim Cain is working on a 1947 Ford, 2 door sedan, which is the first car he ever owned and purchased in 1964, for \$25.00. The car has al-

ways lived in Bozeman, and when he purchased it, he was able to drive it home. John DeVries is working on a 1971 Mustang for his son, along with attending grandkids ball games. Russ Ludeman is dusting off and making short runs with the 1948 Buick, to make sure it will be ready to roll when tours and activities start, and the road isn't muddy. The ladies all have had projects, or been busy watching sports or traveling a bit. Patricia Pruitt really enjoys shopping at thrift and antique stores, especially to find jewelry—and she has found some lovely things. Rose Cain has just recently designed and made a portable fabric matchbox car carrier that holds 7 matchbox cars, has a race track and all, for her two year old grandson.

Stu says he will be ready to be the reporter for the next issue of the TIMES. So, until next time, stay well, and take care.

Flathead Pioneer Auto Club

Dave Cooley, Reporter (cooley@centurytel.net)



The Covid-19 Virus continues to play havoc with our normal Chapter activities. We cancelled our Holiday Dinner, and skipped our November and January meetings. Our December meeting brought in six of our hardest members, all of whom decided that we should skip our January meeting and reconvene on February 7th!

It was a cold (10 degrees) crisp winter's day at 2:00 PM on Sunday February 7th when 7 hardy souls

gathered at the Flathead Valley Bridge Club for our February Meeting, the first since December 6th, 2020. Those attending (heavily weighted toward Brass), were President Jeffrey Sweet, Vice President Chuck Covey, Secretary Dave Cooley, former President (Now Director) Merry Nelson and husband Director Leon Nelson, Sunshine Lady and Chief Coffee Maker Fran Meerkatz, and Gary Gudmundson. Earlier

fears and misgivings about who would bring treats were rapidly dispersed when five of the seven attendees brought goodies to eat with our coffee. A great group of stalwart Members for sure! Most of us wore Masks in hopes of warding off Covid-19, and most are still anxiously waiting for our Vaccinations.

President Jeffrey Sweet called our meeting to order shortly after 2:00 PM. Before Covid-19 reared

its ugly head, our Club was planning to present to the officers of the State Club the good economic, logical, and informative effects of sending out our State Club publications by email. The cancellation of the State Club meeting last March prevented that, and similarly there is no State Club Meeting this year, so we won't be discussing it this year either. We were supposed to host the 2020 Fall Tour State Club Tour, it was put off until 2021, and probably will be put off again this year until 2022.

There was some discussion about the Nelsons' Potluck Picnic on Finlay Point. The word from Mark as of the 17th of March is that he is very much planning to put it on again this year. They usually hold it on the last Sunday before Memorial Day Weekend which would put it on Sunday May 23rd this year. It is always lots of fun with 30 plus antique cars attending – a great Kick Off for old car events to follow. Mark said he is worried about what to do for Lunch with the Corona Virus still rampant. He isn't sure whether to run it as a Potluck or to ask everyone to sit by themselves and bring only what they want to eat. He would appreciate hearing from those intending to be there whether they would rather see it stay as a Potluck or would prefer to bring their own picnic. There would be a lot of possible Covid exposure if everyone sat at tables inside the shop as they usually do it. At this point, he is thinking of trying to accommodate everyone by putting tables both in the shop and outside in front of the shop.

If it will be a Potluck event, bring a dish of something good, and bring some goodies for the Silent Auction, the proceeds of which go to the Polson Food Bank. We always have a dozen or more of our member's cars show up. The Nelsons always have a couple of Prize Drawings as well as a "People's Choice" award for the favorite car. The Nelsons always put a lot of work into the event – mostly cleaning their shop, setting up tables and chairs as well as cooking up Meat Balls, etc. The Model A Folks pick up some fried chicken on the way to Nelsons' from Missoula. Mark said he would appreciate hearing from folks about their preference between Potluck and Picnic, so give him a call at 406-249-3104. Your Secretary is voting for Potluck with the option to sit wherever you want as it has been for years.

The GSRA Swap Meet will again be the Saturday before the Nelson's Picnic (May 22nd). This event has been growing every year, and is well worth attending. We have not yet received the flyer for the meet, so in the meantime, please call a friend in the GSRA if you want some sales space. It will be held in the field behind the Majestic Valley Arena by Milepost 120 on US 93 North of Kalispell.

Looking ahead, we decided to skip the March Meeting as we have been doing lately, so our next meeting would normally be at 2:00 PM on Sunday April 4th. That date is Easter Sunday this year, so the Club Officers decided to hold our meeting at 2:00 PM on Sunday April 11th at the Flathead Bridge Club Building. So far

as I can remember, no one volunteered to bring goodies to the April Meeting. It worked well last time, so we'll try it again: If you feel like it, please do bring goodies to share with others to have with our Coffee.

As for the May Meeting, we thought that since we couldn't go to the Markuson's last year (Covid again) that perhaps the Markusons would be interested in doing it this May. In a conversation a few days ago, Duane said he is very much interested in having the May meeting in their expanded "new" garage – he is planning to be at our April 11th meeting, so we'll hear about it and probably make some plans.

The discussion then turned to other Tours and Activities we might plan for this year's doings. First considered was a near repeat of the White Oak, Plains, Ronan, and home Tour we took a couple of years ago. Several modifications were proposed including the Perma Road from Hot Springs, Lunch at the Ronan Café, the Antique Store and excellent Garden Shop in Plains, the guy with old cars on Camas Prairie, the guy with Gas Pumps in Pablo, etc., etc. We can always bring picnic lunches, which might be a good idea in these Covid Times. Other events we could enjoy closer to home are the Aircraft Museum in Fortine, the GSRA's Toys for Tots Lunch in September, make up our own Garage Tour to Members' Garages and Picnic. We are planning to make an effort in April to nail down some of these mini-Tours...

Fran Meerkatz, our "Sunshine

Lady who, among other jobs, sends out cards to members who have been in accidents, are battling health problems, etc, has sent me an email requesting that members let her know (257-3702) if they know of members needing some sympathy, encouragement, or just plain well wishes. She also included the following:

“Roberta Struck is down-sizing her parent’s (long time former members Allan & Dorothy Quick) home in Columbia Falls.

She has many antique car related items - clothing, derby hats, memorabilia, books, etc. that she would like the car club members to know about now. Fran will have pictures of items to show at the April Meeting. “Roberta hasn’t gone through the garage yet, but would be willing to let the club members look through that too - by appointment only. [Your secretary suggests that it might be best if those interested

in going through the Quick’s Garage get together and make an appointment with Roberta to go as a group. My guess is that she might prefer that to having people stop by individually at odd days and hours.

If interested in any of these estate items, call Roberta for an appointment at: 406-261-1381 or call Fran at 406-257-3702 for more information.”

In addition to their Swap Meet, the GSRA will be putting on “The Shindig” (by the DeSoto Grill Restaurant) on June 19th and their garage tour and “Toys for Tots” lunch the Saturday after Labor Day again this year, both events we enjoy. It also looks like the big Car Show in the Conlins parking lot the first Saturday in August will be happening again this year.

We have a new Chapter Policy which may be described as “No Dues, No News”. After this Newsletter, if you are not current in

paying your Club Dues, you will no longer receive our Newsletter. This is typical of virtually all Clubs where Dues are to be paid. Your secretary has been a bit lax with this in the past, but the Club now has a new and more strict policy.

After we have a chance to talk about events in our April Meeting and after we get more information on local “doins” we’ll include a Calendar of Events in the Newsletter.

From our friends in the Lethbridge Club:

“I never thought I’d be a person who’d wake up early in the morning to exercise, and I was right.”

“In the span of 11 years, 115 people died in a weightlifting accident at the gym. In the same 11 years, only one person died eating a donut. Think about it.”

“All my passwords are protected by Amnesia”



Photo courtesy of Dan Costle



Capital Carriages

Paul Christofferson, Reporter (pachris1972@gmail.com)

As the final snows melt (I hope) here in the Elkhorn foothills I am sitting down to write my first Times article. Unfortunately this duty passed to me with the untimely passing of Glyn Verzatt our previous reporter.

A few members of our club met at the St Helena Cathedral parking lot last Saturday to drive part of the normal St Patrick's Day parade route. Our mini parade included club members Jeane Didriksen in her 1970 Plymouth Duster, Peg Barnekoff in her 1941 Super Deluxe, and me in my 1972 Pontiac Lemans. We were joined by Peg's daughter in Peg's 1955 Ford Fairlane and Jeane's grandson in a Ford Mustang. Being new to the reporter game, and terrible with names, I did not bring along my notebook to write down the non-club member names, nor the year of the grandson's Mustang, but I at least was able to report their attendance! Peg and Jeane both brought along friends as drivers. Last Saturday would have normally been the day for Helena's St Patrick's Day parade but

as with most events this year this did not happen. Afterwards a few of us (a few of the few) met at the Pizza Ranch for lunch. Participation in this parade is traditionally the kickoff of our events for the year here in the Helena area, if the weather allows. The last couple of years the weather did not allow.

I apparently am the only current club member that is working on any old car projects. The one I feel most guilty about is my 1949 Ford F-1 pickup. The 49, purchased by me in 1969, was my first vehicle. Previously owned by a Helena carpenter, Les Lyle, the truck already had a few external bruises, along with a bush paint job when purchased. However, it ran like a top. While attending high school I worked part time as a laborer and carpenter's helper, using this truck as a work truck. I continued to use this as a work truck and a fishing/hunting rig throughout high school. It was my primary transportation until I purchased a 1965 GTO in 1971. Although slow going down the road it was extremely dependable,

and fun to drive, once I learned to double clutch it through the gears in the four speed transmission. I had the vehicle overhauled in the early 1980s and have had trouble getting it to start since then. As a result it was parked most of the time. Now, with it finally in the shop, I hope to remedy the truck's starting issues and restore it to original. The 49 was a player in events that make some pretty funny stories, but I won't go into those here.

I anticipate the Capital Carriages club will return to normal this summer. If we don't have a get together with the Butte and Bozeman clubs in April we plan to restart our monthly meetings. To my knowledge all of the club members already received vaccinations for COVID, or will have by then, so life should resume. Hopefully I will have more of my personal collection presentable enough for car shows this summer. Unfortunately my summer building projects tend to get in the way of car reconstructions.



Photo courtesy of Dan Costle



Goggles & Dusters

Roger Thomsen, Reporter

The weather is getting better – I can almost see spring around the corner. COVID has continued to keep old car events pretty quiet. The Goggles & Dusters did resume meetings starting in February. Attendance has been reduced, but as people get their vaccinations you can see a slow increase in attendance.

This time has given many old car people a chance to upgrade their vehicles. I see members replacing parts, fixing things that need fixing and considering trades of parts and vehicles. I get calls weekly from people looking for parts. I also get calls from people looking to buy or sell various vehicles.

Jerry Koch continues to tinker with his Model A – should be a perfect runner by now. He also shows up at my garage on a regular basis. We have been practicing removing and installing the engine in my Model A. Last time we took the engine out it took us just 2 hours and 20 minutes. I've been fighting a persistent oil

leak.

Larry Malmstrom has also been playing the in and out game with a Model A engine. Seems the coolant doesn't always stay where it belongs. The Model A guys insist that the most fun with Model A's is working on them. I prefer the driving part, but have to participate in the mechanical fun too.

Ziggy Zickefoose has been working on a somewhat newer Pontiac he bought cheap. By now the parts and work on the car has his investment up to a respectful level!

Norm Clark has his 53 Ford in good running condition. Now he is ready to part with some of his project cars. He has 2 – 1953 Ford parts cars, 2 – 1934 International pickups, a 1948 Ford pickup, and a good running 1947 Ford coupe for sale. Call Norm if you want the details. 406-670-5362

Gary Donovan has been moving up from 4 cylinder cars to 8 cylinder cars. Last year it was a 1940 Ford coupe. This year



Lined up!

he recently added a 1934 Ford cabriolet – Al Jenkins restored car “Apatchy”. This was Al's first restoration. Now Gary is really into flathead Fords.

Note: 4 of Al's 6 restored cars were bought by local club members.

As I look out the window I see sun and blue sky – with temperatures to be in the 60's today. Spring and time to drive those old cars!

Our Broke After Taxes stew feed is on for April 10th.

So that's the news from Billings. See you down the road.



Touring A's



Lunch on Tour

Great Falls Skunkwagon Auto Club

Kurt Baltrusch, Reporter (baltrusch@q.com)



Well, here's hoping to a better year and the ability to get out and meet with friends at shows and on tours. The Spring MPCAC tour in Great Falls, originally scheduled for early summer, 2020, is now scheduled for September 10-12. You will find more information in this issue of the Times. COVID restrictions were lifted in Great Falls March 17 and the April Car Show at the fairgrounds is scheduled. We just hope we are through this and will meet in person for our April 2 meeting and it will be great to see everyone.

The club has elected to close its box at the Post Office, so send any information to Bill Caffyn, 2515 4th Ave. S, GF, 59405. There are several who have not paid dues so hope that you will get back up to date, and thanks for your support.

It seems some cars are coming out of the woodwork. Mike and Seth at Fritzes have been working on a very nice, family owned, 61 Impala 348 convertible as well as a 57 Chevrolet 2 door sedan which will be a driver. A friend brought home her grandfather's 55 T-Bird and she says we will see it being used around town. Seth's old Mountain Bell truck was damaged in a flood and will receive a transformation – watch for that.

Fritz also got the AC unit in Harold Woyth's 59 Cadillac working again. With all the glass in that Caddy, Harold could have a hot-house for plants without the AC. Mel Rustad and Bob Dige have been working on several of Bob's projects, including an early horse drawn doctor's buggy. They are also trying to solve the heating issue in one of Bob's cars.

Fritz Seitz had a light stroke in January and has fully recovered. Ray Leonhardt is still recovering from a serious bout with COVID and most of our local members have done okay. Carol Rustad's cancer surgery went very well and Bob Loague is also improving. Al Smith had his second knee replacement and is recovering well.

Car prices at the big auctions seem to be trending lower, with some exceptions. However, sales of antique motorcycles still seem to be strong. However, a 59 Cadillac convertible in the same color as Harold's brought \$218,000 at a Sotheby's Arizona Auction in January.

Hemmings Classic Car, one of my favorite magazines, recently spotlighted a 1935 Packard Super Eight Convertible Sedan much like Glen Whyte's car here in Great Falls. The Big P's of the 30's, Pack-

ard, Peerless, and Pierce Arrow, were all fighting the effects of the Depression, and, along with its large 8 and 12-cylinder machines, Packard introduced the 120, a less expensive but still 8 cylinder auto and that model saved Packard at the time. While Lincoln and Cadillac offered less expensive versions, they were renamed Zephyr and LaSalle. Many felt that calling the new Packard a Packard cheapened the brand and led to Packard's demise in the 50s, but the days of the independents was over by then. My great uncle purchased his 1935 120 in New Ulm, Minnesota, and I bought and drove the car to Billings in 1968, and still have it. Interestingly, the 120s had features, such as insert bearings and independent front suspension, not offered on senior Packards until later.

In 1907 Glenn Curtiss set an unofficial speed record of 137 mph on a V-8 powered, shaft driven motorcycle, a record which stood for several years. However, experts today are challenging that claim, stating that the speed was statistically not obtainable. The bike still exists at the Smithsonian and was part of my inspiration for building my own V-8, shaft-driven bike.



Central Montana Trail Dusters

Jordan Stilson, Reporter



July 4th there is the Independence Day parade and this year there will be a music concert at the chamber in the evening that will have a local car show to supplement the fourth festivities.



The primary purpose of the Central Montana Trail Dusters, like many other car clubs, is to be a social club with the primary interest being cars. Last year the social aspect of things was definitely different and somewhat sparse. As spring approaches, we are excited to start planning our social gatherings. It will be nice to see everyone's vehicles and projects again.

There are several events that we are beginning to plan for in the club and for the community. The Lewistown Chamber of Commerce has asked our club to participate in some events this summer. On

Another Chamber and Downtown Association sponsored event is called Hot Summer Nights and will have a car show that all are welcome to attend from around the state. This is a fun event to draw people to Main Street and support local businesses. During the fair, we usually participate in the parade. When we know the details we will be sure to spread the word. Of course in September we will have our annual car show in accordance with the Chokecherry Festival; this is a car show that is open to the whole state as well. September 11th from 9:00 AM till 4 PM is the car show.

Our first meeting of the season will be on April 22nd in Lewistown. We usually meet every fourth Thursday of each month following that. This year we are thinking of doing a Christmas in July party; December can be a hard month for folks to make it to the meeting/party.

There is a lot of events that are in the beginning stages of being planned and we look forward to what this upcoming season of social gatherings and car shows bring.

Be safe and have a good spring,





Missoula Hellgate Auto Club

Perry Francis, Reporter



Jeff Stevens' 1996 Jaguar XJS

Since our last report in the January Times regarding the Missoula Mall's indoor car show, a few new things have come to light. First, as previously reported, there was a fire caused by a car from another club. This caused the section that our six cars were in to be evacuated and closed for cleanup and repairs for two days. Some of our members went home but others drove their cars around to an unaffected part of the Mall where they re-entered and the show continued in the undamaged section. Fortunately, two of our members who re-entered (Doug Ruffato and Dave McIntosh) had their cars voted as in the top ten of the show. The best news that we have heard is that despite the fire in their Mall, the owners do not wish to discontinue the longstanding tradition of a large indoor Missoula Mall Car Show. A September date has been scheduled for a new show to make up for the partially aborted one in April 2021 and in 2022 the annual show will continue, probably in April as before.

The Hellgate Club has pretty much taken the year off, but an exception is Jeff Stevens. He is always looking for near mint condition classic cars to add to his collection. This winter he has acquired two new low mileage nice ones—a 1978 Continental Mark V and a 1996 Jaguar XJS (see photograph). Jeff also helps Montana Automotive Technologies coordinate and organize the Mall Car Show so this helps the Hellgate Club stay in the loop as to what is going on over there.

The word is out that the Missoula Cruisers will continue last summer's successful informal Saturday evening "all comers" cruises on Reserve Street. They are planning to start as early as sometime in April.

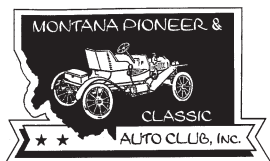
Unofficial news is starting to trickle in about what plans other clubs are making for summer events. One date that is quite firm is June 12 when the Silver Auction Company will hold classic car auction at the Big Sky Brewery located across from the Missoula Airport. For now the Hellgate Club is taking a "wait and see approach" regarding our summer plans.

I apologize for what is coming next, but as

there is not much to report on at this time of the year I am going to fill this extra space with some unadulterated trivia. It's about what is probably the least understood and least appreciated part of the Early Ford V-8 (EFV8) ignition system: the ignition resister. This little 20 cent part (in 1932) fits under the dashboard on the firewall and no EFV8 will run for long without it. The EFV8 coils were designed to run on 3.5 volts and this resister in the primary circuit cuts the voltage from 6 volts to 3.5 volts. Also, as the resister heats and cools it changes its resistance and ingeniously regulates the primary current to the coil so it has just what it needs at all engine speeds. This same little part was used in every EFV8 car from 1932 through 1948. A similar but different part was used from 1949 through 1953 when Ford stopped making the flathead EFV8's. Very little was ever mentioned about this part in Ford books or service manuals. I wonder why Ford did not just use a 6 volt coil?



Flathead Fords will not go far without this 20 cent (in 1932) part.



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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(PL & PD insurance is required if you participate in any MP&CAC events)

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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