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**Chauncey Cassidy and his 1914
Apperson Jackrabbit Touring car
after a parade - Great Falls**

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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 2 p.m. at Flathead Valley Bridge Center 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 third Tuesday 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;
payable September 1 of each year.**

Single Adult - \$25.00 Couple - \$30.00

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well, by the time you read this it will be 2022!! Time just keeps chugging away. Hopefully everyone had a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Great Falls has graciously offered to do a spring board meeting in April. Thanks Great Falls! Hopefully there will be no covid cancellations. There are tentative plans for other car clubs in Great Falls to continue with the swap meet. More to follow on that I'm sure. Officers will remain status quo for 2022 to allow time for necessary meetings & discussions. The roster is still on hold as well. Please plan on attending the spring tour in Missoula and the fall tour in Billings if possible. I'm already looking forward to it. In the interim stay warm, happy, & healthy! Dan

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



In Memory

Jerry Kakalecik

Daryl McKenzie

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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MPCAC SPRING TOUR 2022

"On the Road Again"

June 17, 18, 19

Headquarters: The Broadway Inn Conference Center
1609 West Broadway
Missoula, Montana 59808

*******Motel Accommodations*******

Broadway Inn & Conference Center

1609 West Broadway

Missoula, MT 59808

Phone 406 532 3300

Rooms Blocked until May 17, 2022

Call and ask for the rate for Hellgate Car Club

OTHER MOTELS IN THE AREA

Staybridge Suites 120 Expressway (406 830 3900)

Hampton Inn 4805 N Reserve (406 549 1800)

LaQuinta Inn 5059 N Reserve (406 549 9000)

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Jim & Mary's RV Park 9800 N US Hwy 93, Missoula (406 549 4416)

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Question or Comment
Please Call Tour Coordinator
Doug Winz
406 240 0851

MPCAC SPRING TOUR
Hosted by the Missoula Hellgate Car Club
Tour Headquarters : The Broadway Inn Conference Center
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Missoula, Montana 59808

*******SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*******

* all times subject to change

FRIDAY June 17th

1:00 - 5:00	Registration	Broadway Inn Conference Center
5:30 - 7:00	Tour to Friday Location & costume judging	
8:00	Directors Meeting	Broadway Inn Conference Center

SATURDAY June 18th

Breakfast is on your own

7:30 - 9:00	Late Registration	Broadway Inn Conference Center
7:30	Judges Meeting	Broadway Inn Conference Center
8:00 - 9:00	Car Judging	Broadway Inn Conference Center

We will be touring to Fort Missoula
Fun Costume Judging & Lunch will be included
Departure time & tour route to be determined

Afternoon on your own

5:30-		
6:30	No Host Cocktails	Broadway Inn Conference Center
6:30	Banquet & Awards	Broadway Inn Conference Center

SUNDAY, June 19th

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast and General Meeting	Broadway Inn Conference Center
9:00	Adjournment & Farewell	Broadway Inn Conference Center

Have a safe trip Home and thank you for coming!

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*****REGISTRATION*****

Driver's Name _____

Passengers Names _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Local Club Affiliation _____

Insurance Carrier _____

Policy # _____

Vehicle Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Miles Traveled to Missoula _____ Driving _____ by Trailer _____

Registration Fee

Number of Adults _____ @ \$90.00 each = \$ _____ \$ _____

Number Under 12 years _____ @ \$40.00 each = \$ _____ \$ _____

Late Fee after June 6th \$10.00 = \$ _____ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____ \$ _____

Registration deadline is June 6, 2022. Registrations postmarked after that date must include \$10.00 late fee.

Would you like Registration Confirmation sent to above e-mail address? ____ yes ____ no

Make checks payable to Missoula Hellgate Auto Club. Mail to % Bev Berry, 2317 42nd St, Missoula, MT 59803

Questions ?? Please call Doug Winz @ 406 240 0851

Are you willing to judge cars? ____yes ____no Are you willing to judge costumes? ____yes ____no

Are you having your car judged? ____yes ____no Are you having your costume judged? ____yes ____no

* To be eligible for car awards, the car must complete the Saturday tour

*Please let us know about any special dietary needs

I hereby release and hold harmless the Missoula Hellgate Auto Club, its officers, members and directors from any liability, damage, injury, losses or claims, personal or otherwise, that might be incurred or arise out of or in connection with this event. I affirm that my possessions are covered by all necessary property damage/liability insurance.

Applicants

Signature _____

Date _____

Club News



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

The winter I dreaded is upon us, although nothing very drastic, yet. We are past the earliest sunset and closing in on the shortest day. By the time you read this, the lazy old sun should be on its way back, from all directions. At least it's reliable, so far. Can't say as much for some other areas of existence, as we approach two years of strangeness. Apparently we have to run out of Greek letters before we run out of variants.

We got through the Fall in our usual manner, with eating and meeting. Those we are good at. Nineteen members and two guests met at David Anderson's toasty and comfy garage on October 24, for our annual steak fry. Dick Babcock did the honors with the steaks, members added potluck sides, and we all contributed our appetites to see it was appropriately appreciated. The club gained a family of new members, Joel and Heather Williams and their daughter. They are youthful, so we hope to not scare them off by speaking of the things "old" people sometimes dwell on! They own a 1929 DeSoto Model K Sedan and a 1956 Bentley SI Saloon. And I thought Dick had an eclectic collection! Welcome to the Williamses!

Twenty, including one guest, attended the turkey and trimmings potluck Thanksgiving dinner on November 14, again hosted by David Anderson, thanks again to his generosity of time and effort. (If you attended the Spring tour of 2018,

this is where you came for the Friday night burger burn and meeting.) Kathy Meuchel prepared the turkey, gravy, and dressing, and once more the members added tasty sides. We gathered, or were herded, into a group picture, following the meal. See in this article. Apparently, the tryptophan in the turkey made us more silly than sleepy, but we got it done.

During our meeting, we discussed hosting a car show this spring. We really need to get back into the swing of normalcy, if we can remember what that looked like. Dick, Bill, and Dave put our firetruck to bed in Victor, for the winter, while visions of its rehabilitation danced

in everyone's head. Another job for spring.

On December 19, we gathered for our Christmas party and another potluck, at the Senior Center in Victor. (Again, if you attended the 2018 Spring tour, this is where we brought you in out of the pouring rain, for the coffee/donut stop on the Saturday tour to Metcalf Wildlife Refuge.) Kathy again worked her magic with ham, gravy and scalloped potatoes. And guess what? More great potluck offerings. When all else is uncertain in life, fall back on good food. Only sixteen members attended, but still we enjoyed playing a trivial auto game and exchanging presents. Joann neglected to bring the an-



Thanksgiving dinner at David Anderson's garage

swer key to the game, so anyone's guess was as good as anyone else's. Many of the men received tool sets, so more tools to scatter around and misplace in the shop, but also more opportunity to be able to accidentally stumble upon the one needed for a given job. It was a warm, drizzly, gray day, but at least, the roads

were bare.

David Anderson was chosen as recipient of the Kyle Babcock Memorial traveling trophy for 2021, for contributing the most benefit to the club. We voted to place "COVID 19" on the trophy for 2020, as it contributed most to our lack of activities last year.

That about wraps it up for this year. Again, hope springs eternal, and we can only hope 2022 will be better than the past two years. We wish you all the best for the Holidays and the Winter, and plan to see you in the Spring/Summer. Take care.



Bozeman Antique Auto Club



Stu Coleman

The October 9th BAAC meeting was a wash out, well almost. The scheduled hamburger BBQ at Erv Hintzpeter's Four Corner garage got changed to an indoor spaghetti feed when a dour pour was in the forecast. Jan provided both regular and gluten free pasta and the members the many side dishes, and the feast was on.

Every now and again you find a cute little place to have a sit down meal, and that is exactly what BAAC did on the 13th of November for a lunch time/business meeting. The place you ask? The Farmhouse Cafe in Gallatin Gateway south of the Four Corners area. Not only is it cute with old timey photos on the wall, but the food was good, as well as a great wait staff. When was the last time you encountered that trifecta?

The business meeting following lunch included a new slate of officers, well almost. Karin Luderman will take control as President and Martha Case as Vice-President. We thank Erv Hintzpeter and Mel Howe who had served us well these past two years. Secretary and Treasurer will remain in the capable hands of the Dorgans, Kathy and Bill. And yours truly will remain as Times

reporter, spelled, and aided, from time to time by Karin Luderman. I am beginning to think that the later three positions might be permanent! Karin and Martha volunteered for the top two positions in an age when few people volunteer for anything, and we all certainly appreciate their willingness to do so.

BAAC had their annual Christmas Party on December the 5th, early enough to avoid the many commitments that members and families have at this special time of the year. Our favorite restaurateur, Betty Nason at Four Corners, out did herself this year (did I mention she is in her mid-80s!). She had decorated the tables with bright Christmas tablecloths with white candles and greenery down the centers. Rose, Jan, and Martha added to the favor with gift bags of chocolate spoons, Hershey kisses, hot chocolate mix and M & Ms with a Christmas verse.

And did I mention the food: appetizers of mini taco bites and chips, and Chinese pork and very hot mustard. And then a turkey/beef buffet and side dishes, topped off with dessert. As they say in East Tennessee where I spent 9 years, "It don't get no better than that, do it!"

Now we have talented people in

our club, but maybe none better than resident artist, Jennifer Bode (Larry's better half). She did a charcoal picture of Betty and the club had it framed and presented to her at the Christmas dinner.

We also drew upon our own for the Christmas program, Dan Case. He shared his love and passion for cars and how he became fixed on the hobby at an early age. His mechanical abilities are just amazing, and he comes by them honestly as his dad was Lead Metallurgist for the U.S. Space Program! In his work for General Electric and later in the automobile hobby he designed and/or made special tools for specific applications.

Have you ever come upon a problem getting something loose or even getting to it with a standard wrench, I have. Frustrated you go to the shop manual look it up and it specify's "Use Tool J-715"! Just great. You are lucky if it has a photo of that special tool as most manuals don't. Oh boy, what to do now. I have several Ken-Moore Special Tool catalogs that show specialized tools used on Hudsons, but just because you have the picture, you still don't have the tool. Well, now you understand how important



New member Steven Donaldson's 1977 Porsche 911 Targa

Dan's skills and abilities are in fabricating special tools. He has made, perfected, and altered those kinds of tools especially for Model A's and Cobra's. As they say in Australia, "Good On You, Dan!"

As it is our custom to do at this time of the year, the club gathered food for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, 93 pounds this year. It was augmented with \$100 in checks and two \$15 gift certificates.

In a time when many antique auto clubs have seen a dwindling membership, we are happy to report BAAC has added members! We welcome Steve and Nancy Donaldson of 3139 Spring Ridge Drive, Bozeman and Julie Parrilli and Jacoby O'Conner of 1809 West Silver Circle in Belgrade.

Steven brings along a 1977 Porsche 911 Targa. Steven who was born in Fairbanks, Alaska had always wanted a 911 and after retirement said, now is the time, so be it! The car shows 150K on the odometer but has undergone extensive engine work to bring it up to a good running and now enjoyable condition. As a retiree, we have welcomed him into the Tuesday morning breakfast "discussion" group with open arms.

Julie and Jacoby join us with a 1940 Packard 120 4-door sedan. The 120 was Julie's dad's car

and she took ownership with his passing. Her father was a collector and his cars included a 1936 Buick, 1938 DeSoto, and a 1946 Pontiac one time or another. They have been in Montana since June and love it. (Editor's note, Hey, who doesn't love Montana!)

As John Earls was driving along in Bozeman, last October he noticed a Club member, Sue Howe, walking along the sidewalk and pulled over to say hello. She said that their modern Jeep Cherokee was in the shop for transfer case problems. John said why don't you drive the 1977 Cadillac DeVille? Sue replied that thing is too big and isn't running right now. Well that piqued John's attention, and being the good guy he is, he went to the Howe's to see if he could get the Cadillac up and running again.

The DeVille is parked in a garage but the sides allow access by critters and when he opened the hood, John said the only thing visible was the top of the air cleaner! A resident marmot had taken up living on top of the 425 cubic inch engine. That was the bad news, but the good news was that, he or she, had not chewed any wires. So after a thorough cleaning and a fully charged battery, the engine roared to life once again. I don't know if there is a moral to

this story or not, but nature does always try to reclaim what is hers.

John and Connie De Vries have officially moved to Ryegate to a newly constructed house and garage. Oh, they will still maintain a small residence in the Manhattan area and we hope to continue to see them, but by and large they have moved from the Bozeman area. And John has decided to downsize his collection, keeping the 1935 Ford pick up, the 1934 fiberglass Ford coupe with the modified flathead V8 and the early VW bug, but the 1937 Packard Super 8 has found a new home. I remember visiting John when he was working on the Packard and he had just completed work on the driver's side window mechanism, and he said try it. I rolled the window up and down several times and it was like running a knife through hot butter! And that is the way things work better whenever John touches them..... someone now has a very nice '37 Packard.

Which brings me to the very hard conclusion that we all face, myself included in spades, too many antique vehicles, and too old to work on them anymore. What to do? This is especially difficult if the offspring don't share your enthusiasm for vintage iron. Deserves some thought for sure.

An interesting discussion popped up at the weekly Tuesday morning breakfast club, why not update an old vehicle with modern electrics? Now wouldn't that be a hoot the next time you pulled up to a stop light and there is a Camaro in the adjoining lane. And it was suggested, to add insult to the injury of blowing the wheels off the Camaro is to have the sound track of a four cylinder engine during the contest of speed. I suggested it might be most difficult to find a totaled Tesla to cannibalize the running

gear from and was informed that Ford had recently produced a crate electric engine for sale! Since Marty Westland, our resident engineer of all things mechanic, wasn't at the table that morning, we agreed he should put such a vehicle together! My personal choice would be to use something like an AMC Gremlin as the donor vehicle.

Lastly, just a few words about the other scourge that still plagues us.....cancer. All of us have experienced friends, relatives or even ourselves that have had this terrible disease. At least there is a vaccine against covid-19 and it's variants, not so with cancer. A young man from Lewistown experienced it first hand when his dad was diagnosed with it.

His dad, Dale Dean, had purchased a 1955 International ½ ton from his uncle who in turn had bought it brand new in Billings for \$1,384. Dale sold the truck to a

fellow in Circle where it sat for the next 42 years. Well, Dale bought it back in November 2018 and always had intended to restore it and drive to Chicago to buy and eat a "Chicago dog". Dale grew up in that country and remembered well those famous hot dogs. But with cancer advancing he never was able to start the restoration. Enter his son, Adam, who vowed to restore the International for his dad and take him to Chicago. But it was not to be, and Dale only got to ride in the partially restored truck one time before he passed.

Adam finished that restoration, at least mechanically if not cosmetically, and made that trip for his dad and ate a Chicago dog while there in his dad's memory. Adam had "Drive Out Cancer" T-shirts made (yours truly bought one and made a contribution to the effort) and sold them. He pledged to raise \$5000 during the trip and donate

it to the cancer effort in his dad's name.

On September the 25th he began that 2721 mile journey to and back. Many times along the way he was joined by antique and classic cars from various clubs that tagged along for a ways. He admitted that he did miss the creature comforts of modern cars, like power steering and overdrive. You see his top speed was 45 miles per hour in the International! Not only did he conclude the trip, but he raised \$15,000 for the Cancer Research Institute. Oh yeah, he ate that Chicago dog, but admits that he enjoyed Chicago-style pizza even more.

Remember to be careful out there and keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road. Again, get those shots against covid-19 if you haven't already, none of us are really safe until all of us are safe!



Capital Carriages

Paul Christofferson, Reporter (pachris1972@gmail.com)

As the snowflakes drift to the ground here in Montana City I am finally sitting down to write the final times article for year 2021, or is it the first for 2022. Technically the latter, but the due date falls in 2021, so I am considering it the former! Christmas projects (mostly) moved to the forefront, with the only car activity some last trips to the wrecking yard for 1973 Pontiac Ventura Sprint parts. The year's Christmas letter is written and the last cards are



Don Wood's 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air

ready for the mail so authoring the Times article is next on this Santa's list. So moving on to the business at hand....

The club met at Jorgie's Grill again in December. Attendance was up at the meeting but could still have been better! In the meeting (and prior to) I attempted to obtain a volunteer for the position of president, without success, so I was elected to continue in that role for one more year. Other officers elected included Don Wood continuing as Vice President, Jerry Burrows as our new Secretary and Sharon Burrows continuing as Treasurer. A motion passed suspending meetings through the winter months of January and February. We will meet again in March, just in time for the annual St. Patrick's day parade. Hopefully this will take place in 2022. Last year we were the only participants! My primary goal as president of the club is recruiting more members, while retaining our current ones. To accomplish this I hope; the club members participate in local car shows, and if possible; to sponsor one of our own. I personally hope to have more of my vehicles in show ready condition but will attend with my original condition vehicles until the others are ready, something I did not do until the November car show this fall.

As noted in the club's December newsletter two of



Paul Christofferson's 1950 International L130

us participated in a very late YMCA Supporters car show and tied for the people's choice award, the only award given. I included pictures of the winning vehicles in the club's monthly newsletter and am including them with this article. The two co-award winning vehicles were Don Wood's 1956 Chevrolet 2 door Hardtop Bel Air, and my unrestored 1950 L130 (1 ton) International Flatbed Dump Truck. Since Don's car arrived a little later I didn't get a picture from the show so he provided one. It appears people love both the restored and unrestored cars and trucks! Being a truck enthusiast (in addition to cars, especially Pontiacs) I really liked the 1954 GMC 2 ton in the background. Although it was cold, at least there was no

snow! If they do this again next year they will have it earlier in the fall. Other members would have attended but the remote location in the Helena valley and the fact that their vehicles were already put away for the winter prevented their participation.

We have one more meet and eat scheduled for 2021 at Perkins. With the snow on the ground classic vehicle attendance is very unlikely. However at least a few of us will be there to eat a piece of their very delicious pie! When we meet at Perkins we will discuss having these "meet and eats" continue through the winter. Even though our attendance in the winter is normally very light, even in a normal year, my vote will be an Aye!



Goggles & Dusters

Roger Thomsen, Reporter

It's that time of the year that sees our cars going into storage and car club events are slowing down.

The final driving event of the year for the Goggles & Dusters was our annual color tour. We seem to always head for the mountains and enjoy the colors of the aspens and the other mountain trees. This year we partnered with the V-8 Club for a trip to Fishtail for lunch. The lady who owns the Cowboy Bar is a fan of old cars. She always treats us well when we come to lunch. The Cowboy is a fixture of the area. By the way, she is ready to sell the bar, so if you want a new challenge – here it is.

There is a hard core group of our members who don't put away our cars just because the leaves start to turn. We decided we would do a "circle" tour in October to circle a part of the state of Montana. Starting from Billings we would visit Great Falls, Fort Benton, Chester, Shelby, Essex, Big Fork, Missoula, Stevensville, Hamilton, Wisdom, Butte and back to Billings.

As tough Montanans, we left Billings Monday morning in the midst of the first snow storm of the year. Big wet flakes were trying to block our windshields (remember our vacuum windshield wipers). Heading north out of Billings we soon ran out of the snow storm. By the time Lewistown came into view the storm was behind us. The roads were dry – except for the construction at Eddie's Corner. All of the nice clean cars received a good coating of mud. On to Great Falls.

The second day we headed to



Touring Montana in October

Fort Benton by way of Highwood. We were warned away from the construction on the usual route. Our friends Jack and Sharlin Arnst had coffee and fresh baked sweet rolls waiting for us in Fort Benton. We got a tour of Jack's collection.

Then on to Chester for lunch. Joel Fenger and Harry Heimbigner had set up a place for us to have lunch. After lunch we headed to Shelby for the night. We got in early so we found a car wash to get rid of Eddie's Corner mud. We asked

the front desk clerk at the hotel to recommend a nice restaurant for dinner. Seems she thought a bar with pizza was what we needed. It was good pizza, but not the nice restaurant we were looking for.

In the morning we woke up to 18 degrees and frost on the windshields. No problem. On west to Browning. One of our members remembered a pawn shop that used to have good antiques, car memorabilia, etc. No longer. Now it's mostly Indian made trinkets and junk pawn shop stuff.



Coffee break time in Fort Benton

Well where to have lunch? On to Essex and the Izaak Walton Inn for lunch at the 1930's vintage hotel. Stop in if you've never been there.

One of members had never seen the Lake McDonald Lodge. We made a right turn at West Glacier and on up to the lodge. Even though the lodge was closed, we walked around the outside and the lake side. In October we didn't need a reservation ticket to drive into the park. Back down the road and on to our hotel at Big Fork. Our friend Doug Morton met us at the hotel and we spent some time talking.

In the morning we headed over to the west side of Flathead Lake and down to Polson. The traffic was pretty bad. Now down to Missoula to meet Rollie Morrell and Perry Francis. Our plan was to gas up on Reserve St. Right across from our station was a gas truck lying on it's side. The driver must have taken the corner too fast! Rollie and Perry took us to a store outside of Stevensville for lunch. Great sandwiches!

Then on south to Hamilton and Lost Trail Pass. There had been a good snow fall, but the roads were now clear. Left turn towards Big

Hole Battlefield and the big city of Wisdom. By now we were tired and ready to get to our hotel in Butte. We went to a well known restaurant for dinner. The food was good but we decided the prices were a bit high.

Next morning we headed for home with a lunch stop in Big Timber at the Grand Hotel. Back in Billings after five days and four nights our odometers indicated a trip of 1143 miles. That's the way to handle a Fall tour.

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



Lunch time at Izaak Walton Inn



Lost Trail Pass with a little snow.

INSTALLATION DINNER & BOARD MEETING

APRIL 30, 2022 6:00 P.M.

EAGLES LODGE
1501 9TH ST SO
GREAT FALLS, MT

SEND TO BILL CAFFYN
2515 4TH AVE SO
GREAT FALLS, MT 59405

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING _____

PRICE HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED. WILL BE POSTED IN THE APRIL TIMES

Great Falls Skunkwagon Auto Club

Kurt Baltrusch, Reporter (baltrusch@q.com)



We are deeply saddened by the loss of Jerry Kakalecik in November. Jerry and Barb are long time members of the MPCAC as well as other clubs, and he will be greatly missed. COVID continues to take its toll among our members but we hope for a return to normalcy. Our thoughts go out to Barbara and her family.

I had reported earlier that I felt some old car values had been dropping but since have seen some unbelievable results, especially on the "Bring a Trailer" auction site (BaT.com). For instance, a 1967 Ford pickup, originally a two-wheel drive but converted to a 4x4, tastefully updated with power steering, AC, etc., but with body with primer spots, sold for \$130,000. Then an older Dodge Power Wagon, treated to a Cummins diesel engine and extended cab, very well done, sold for \$405,000. A low mileage BMW 800cc motorcycle, normally available for under \$10,000, sold for \$36,000. Go figure.

Great Falls Area Car Clubs will hold a swap meet April 29 and 30 although it will be smaller than the Skunk Wagon meets were. It will be in a different building with limited spaces and vendors are asked to sign up early. There is information in this issue of the Times and thanks go to Annette and Jim Terry for organizing this.

A collector in Shepard used COVID money to purchase four of Lyle Larson's cars and was arrested recently. The money was supposed to be used for his restaurant business and it looks

like he will have to pay restitution and also forfeit the cars, along with possible jail time. I suppose those cars will be up for auction at some point, and include Lyle's 39 and 41 Ford convertibles.

One car we will miss seeing around town is Don Stephens' 1935 Chrysler Airflow which went to Don's brother. This is a great example of Chrysler's attempt to streamline its cars but was not accepted by the buying public. Around 1931, Chrysler put a car body on a frame backward and drove it around the country to show that the normal car then was more aerodynamic travelling backward than forward. Interestingly, in 1935, Toyota copied Desoto's Airflow body, used an engine based on the Chevrolet stovebolt 6, with running gear ala Ford, and called it the Toyota AA. Possibly only one example exists, a car found in Russia.

Al Smith's 1938 Plymouth Coupe is getting some attention with radiator and engine work to prepare it for next year's touring. He is looking for an overdrive unit to make it more comfortable at speed but the engine work should help with that. Marie

Brown's Caddy convertible is getting a different engine after an overheating issue.

Harry Mitchell is planning to sell his 1918 White truck and will advertise it nationally. This truck is in all original condition and has had a recent minor overhaul. Harry's mother bought the truck in 1947 from the original owner who used it at the Big Ox mine near Marysville. The truck has always been stored inside.

The Rocky Mountain Model T club is planning a tour based in Lewistown starting Father's Day, June 19. We hope to see some Central Montana tourers come along and we will visit area historical sites and ghost towns. The Montana 500 will be the week before, running out of Glendive. Interestingly, the Hemmings Great Race will go through eastern and northern states and end up in Fargo.

We wish everyone to have a great New Year.





Central Montana Trail Dusters

Jordan Stilson, Reporter

Hello fellow car enthusiasts,
What a fall it has been. Between the fires, sickness and deaths this fall around central Montana has been a challenging place. Despite all the challenges it is always fun to meet at car club events and drive our fun vehicles. Car club is really about the social health; conversations that you get to have with folks that you don't see that often and get caught up on their lives is well worth the outings.

In October the club met at Brooks Market in Lewistown. In December we had our Christmas party at Jack's Hangar at the Lewistown airport. The hangar is such a neat place to gather and we a plethora of good potluck food, great fellowship and trivia games. It has been a tradition that the club support the Toys for Tots benefit so that was a fun to see the generosity of the club members. The club won't meet again till April.

Blessings to all those who are traveling down south for the winter and I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



Christmas party at Jack's Hangar



1979 Ford Ranger owned by Dan & Sherry Stilson carrying Santa in the Christmas Stroll parade





Missoula Hellgate Auto Club

Perry Francis, Reporter

The Hellgate Club started out year 2021 full of optimism with plans for tours, pot lucks and other social events customary for a return to normal year. We soon determined that 2021 was not going to be a normal year and due to the persistent threat of Covid19 we started trimming back our plans for the year. On October 5 our final tour of the year was to Saint Ignatius and the historic Mission Parish Church. It was only the third out of town trip we have made all year. Ten cars and twenty one people participated in this tour and it proved very interesting, educational and worthwhile. A most welcoming Dominican Sister, Margaret, gave us a special presentation in the church and a guided tour of the museum and grounds afterwards. The church was built in 1890s and the grounds established earlier. The historic frescos are presently being restored inside the church—a very exacting and expensive process. The weather cooperated and we capped off the tour with an outdoor lunch and a grand view of the Mission Moun-

tains at the Amish market and deli located in the Mission Valley out beyond the airport.

We are getting back to our regular monthly meetings at the American Legion Hall, Post 27. True “normalcy” will have occurred when we resume the pot lucks normally as part of these meetings. At the November meeting Fred Williams stepped down as vice president and Stan Cohen assisted by Jeff Stevens agreed to step up and serve out the remainder of Fred’s tour of office. The club thanks Fred and Mary for the roles they have played in the past years in keeping the club active and hope they stay as active as Fred’s health permits. Some of their activities have been: coordinating the Christmas party and mall car show, arranging tours, actively recruiting new members and making the Williams’ garage/museum available for club meetings and activities.

On December 5 we resumed our attempt at return to normalcy by again holding the annual Christmas party. The Westside Lanes

Bowling Alley was our new venue and 28 people attended the party with the usual happy hour, buffet dinner and white elephant gift exchange. The atmosphere was maybe a little more subdued this year with the pandemic threat still with us and we missed the late Sam Johnson who for years had presided as Santa Claus for the gift exchange.

Our last club event for 2021 was Monday afternoon on December 13 when we visited the advanced auto mechanics votec class at Missoula County (Sentinel) High School. We were impressed at the advanced level of work these boys and girls are doing. Our host and class instructor, Brian Boot, told us that any student that graduates from the advanced class can step right into employment from one of the local businesses looking for trained entry level technicians. Many graduates from this class are employed locally, thanks to this training. As local taxpayers, we left with a very favorable impression of this program.



Vintage d' Fenders

Joni Ehman, Reporter

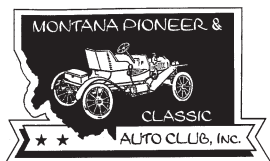
I was wondering if winter would ever come! We finally have snow and it’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Our November meeting was

held at the Revolver. It is such a lovely place to gather and visit and the service is great.

We had a wonderful dinner at Barclays for our December

meeting. There was a good turnout and the food was delicious. We had to end the night early due to a power outage but it was still a great night.



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".

ANTIQUE AUTO INSURANCE CO _____

(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
: Local Annual Dues: Single Adult \$_____ Husband & Wife and/or Guest \$_____

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 _____

SAFETY IS NEVER OLD FASHIONED

Trade Winds

Classified ads for the Trade Winds are free to MP&CAC members. Other advertising is subject to review by the Ad Committee and current advertising fees will apply. Please call for more information.

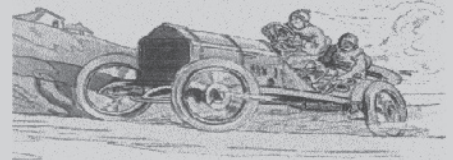
– WANTED –

WANTED: Top irons/bows for early Dodge 4 cylinder touring. Call Dan Costle, 406-439-2671

WANTED: Laycock Model J overdrive unit as installed on early Volvo cars, as well as other British cars. Call 406-868-0735

Flathead Pioneer Auto Club

Dave Cooley, Reporter (cooley@centurytel.net)



It was a fine Autumn Day on Oct. 3 when 9 members showed up at the Bridge Center for our Substitute “regular meeting” instead of our cancelled Annual October Breakfast Meeting. The Breakfast Meeting was cancelled because we didn’t have enough participants to interest the Buffalo Hills Golf Club to put on a breakfast for us. There were plenty of treats to have with our coffee thanks to the broad participation by our attending members.

Our first order of business was to hold our Election of Officers which resulted in the following new slate: President: Chuck Covey, Vice President, Dave Russell; Secretary, Dave Cooley, and Treasurer: John Barr. All, including retiring President Jeffrey Sweet, were thanked for their past service and were offered best wishes for every success in the 2021-22 year. The bulk of the meeting was taken up in discussing and recommending ways to bring the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club to the attention of the car loving Public in hopes of stimulating interest in our Hobby and Club, and to correct erroneous published information such as inaccurate listings of meeting sites, meeting days, and contact numbers.

Our Winter meetings can be pretty dull, so we could revive the practice of having members tell us stories about their cars and accounts of progress in restoration projects. Leon Nelson made a very strong case for getting us back to being an old car club and less of a social club. He did it for us a number of years ago when he was our President. At the time, about all we did was eat potluck meals at our meetings. After Leon’s influence we heard some great stories, kept up on

members’ projects, and started going on Tours again, all of which spurred much interest back in our Club.

We decided to have regular meetings at the Flathead Valley Bridge Center at 2:00 PM MST on November 7th, December 5th, January 9th, and February 6th. There was some talk about possibly having some sort of Holiday event on January 9th. Our Treasurer, John Barr, volunteered to bring treats to eat with our coffee at our December meeting, so we are well situated for snacks!!

It was a chilly (40 degrees) gray day on November 7th, 2021 when 10 members gathered for our Monthly Meeting. A number of members brought goodies to eat with our Coffee, including President Chuck Covey with one of Mary Lou’s triple berry pies, so we were fine in that regard. There was plenty to eat, and quite a bit left over, so we’re doing our part.

The Whitefish Credit Union statements are still being sent to Bob Smith’s address. On November 24th, Secretary Dave Cooley and Treasurer John Barr met at the Kalispell office of the Whitefish Credit Union to have John be recorded as Treasurer and to make out a new form with John Barr, Dave Cooley, Leon Nelson, and Dave Russell the recognized signatories to our Savings account. We still need to have Leon and Dave put their signatures on the form which Dave Cooley will then return to the Whitefish Credit Union – perhaps they can sign it at our December 5th meeting.

Secretary Dave Cooley showed and talked about what the Mountain Trader does these days for ads and notices printed in the Mountain

Trader.

The Daily Interlake and perhaps the Mountain Trader will put a minimal notice of our meetings (plain type, borderless and colorless) for free because we are a non-profit entity. Perhaps we should do that and include a contact number. If someone calls, we could answer their questions and invite them to our activities when they start to happen.

It was suggested that we would probably get the most notice if we made it a point to show up at established car events with a sign, a few cars and some members to answer questions about the cars and our activities. This sounds like an excellent idea – we should be prepared to ask permission to do this with the sponsors of the event (GSRA, Bigfork Chamber of Commerce, etc.).

Gary Gudmundson brought a couple of his albums of articles and information about Stock Car Racing in Kalispell, mostly in the 1950’s. He has done an excellent job with it and he has finished a number of albums of information and history of the sport. The next step would be a book which would serve to preserve his efforts and turn them into public records for others to research, or to use in their research.

Now is the time of year to build a fire in the garage and get to work on all those projects we’ve been getting ready to do since last Summer – I’m always sure I’ll get them done, but seldom do before last minute half done rushed projects finished just before the July Tours. So what else is new??

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.