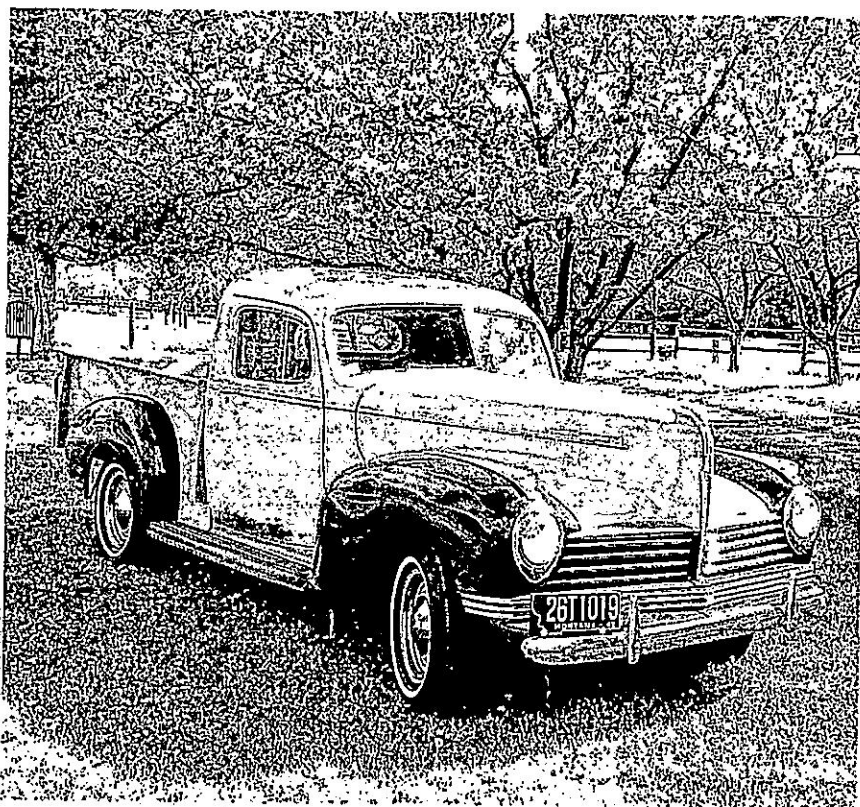


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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

Flathead Pioneer Auto Club: Regular meeting first Sunday of each month 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.

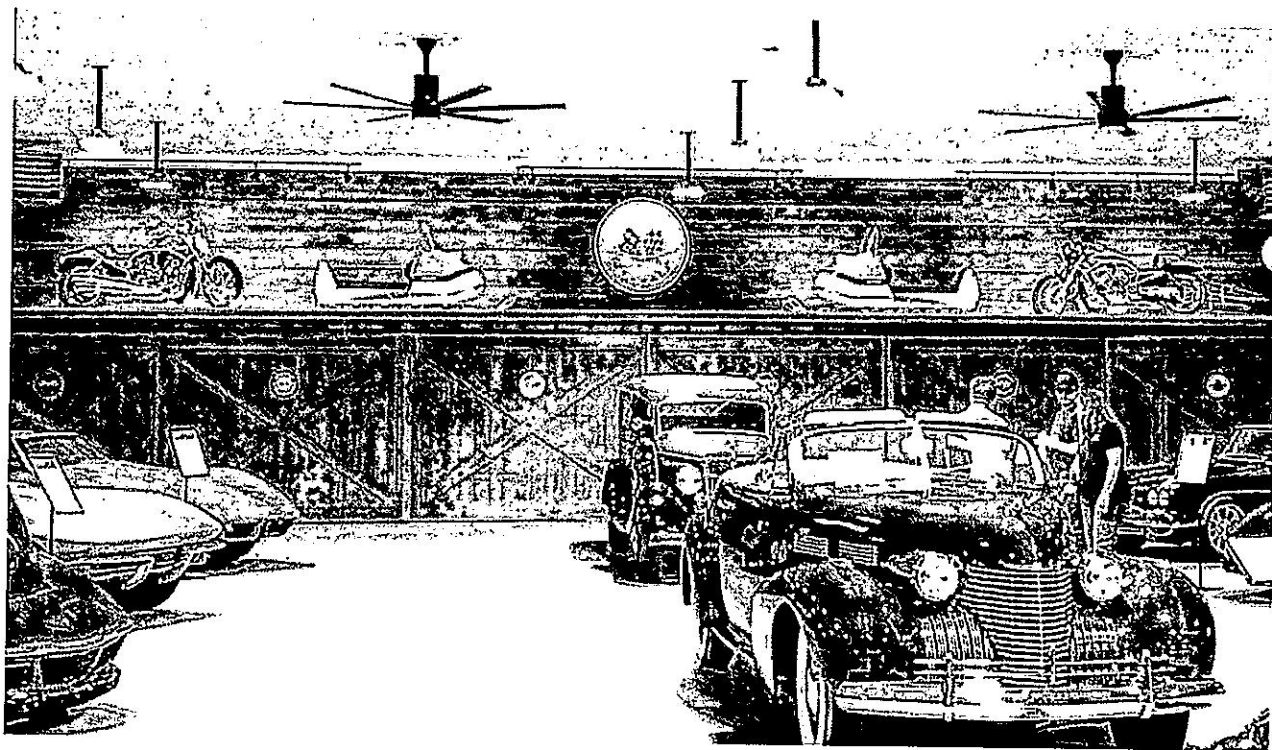
Missoula Hellgate: Regular meeting third Monday of each month, American Legion Hall in Missoula.

Vintage d'Fenders: Regular meeting first Saturday of each month, 6:00 p.m. Clube Moderne, Anaconda

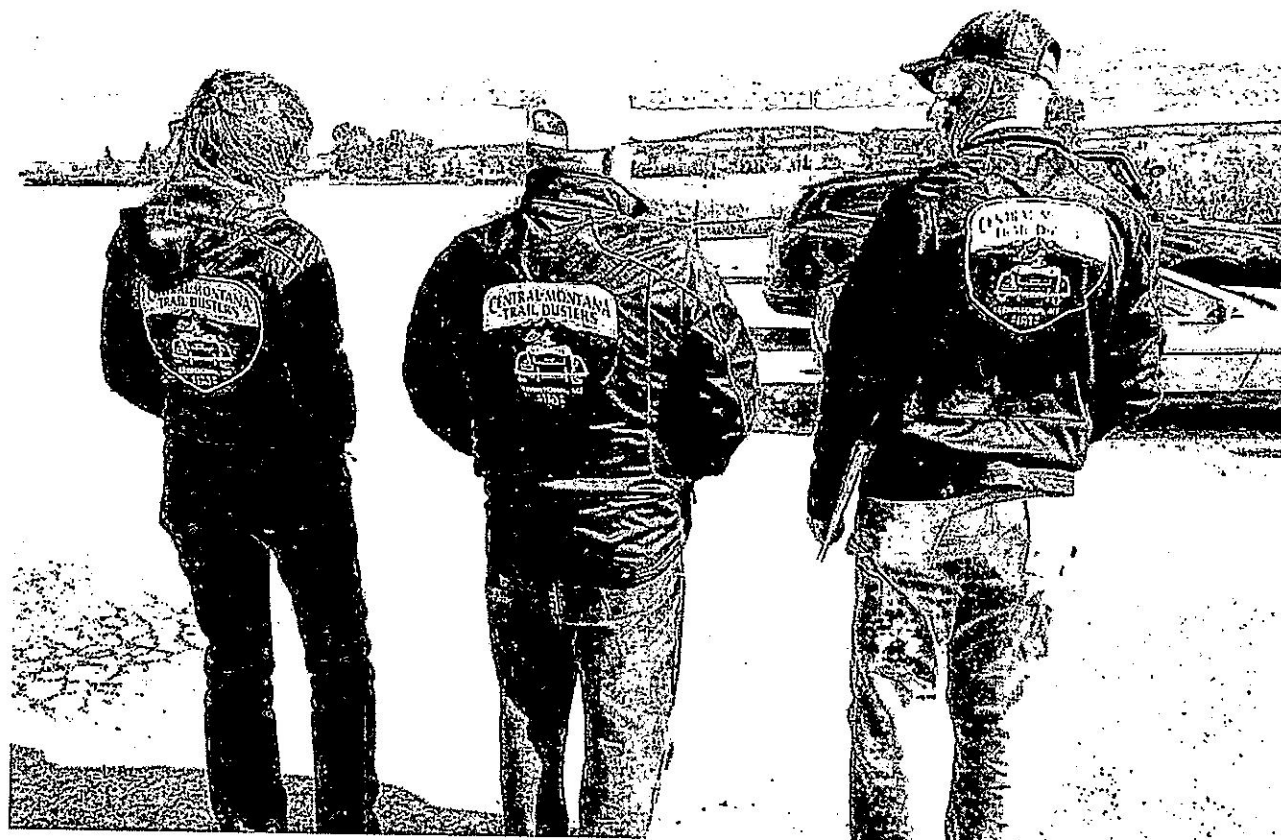
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**delinquent December 1 of each year;
payable September 1 of each year.**

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Some of the cars that will be on display during the Spring Tour.



Members of the Central Montana Trail Dusters show off their club jackets.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This President's Last Message,

Well, it's spring! Time to start the tuning and dusting of the vintage tin! (That is if it stops snowing soon...) I'm looking forward to getting out and about, as it seems to have been a very long winter. Hopefully we'll see you all at the board meeting and the spring tour. Kudos to Doug and Ross for taking over soon and

moving forward. And thanks again Kalispell!

Please attend the club functions if at all possible. Remember, participation is the fun part! Seems that since COVID hit no one has been getting out much. Hopefully that keeps improving with time. Again, please stay healthy and safe until our paths cross again! Dan

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello from the President-to-be!

Happy Spring! I hope this finds all well and ready to begin our functions, both at the state level and the local club events.

We have the State tour with the Kalispell club in June with no Fall tour planned. The Bitterroot Club, (BVD'S) are hosting the Spring Tour in 2024 and the Fall Tour is to be decided soon.

I will be moving into the President position, and we

welcome our new Vice-President, Ross Dutton. Submit your club events to him so he can get them in to his column in the TIMES.

I would like to thank Dan Costle for serving his term and extra time due to COVID. He has done a tremendous job to keep our state club going during this ever-changing world. These will be hard shoes to fill!

I hope to see everyone soon.

Tour on, Doug Winz

**Installation Dinner
and Board Meeting
April 29, 2023
Black Bear Diner
1420 Market Place Drive
Great Falls
Happy Hour ~ 6 p.m.
Installation Ceremony ~ 6:30 p.m.
Dinner ~ 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting ~ 8:00 p.m.**

**Dinner Choices:
Roast Turkey - \$20.50
Santa Maria Tri-Tip - \$22.50
Salmon - \$24.50
Beer and wine available for purchase
Price includes gratuity**

**Send RSVP by April 22 to:
Skunk Wagon Car Club
c/o Bill Caffyn, 2515 4th Ave. S.
Great Falls, MT 59450**

EDITOR'S NOTE

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Attn: Antique and Classic Times

Thank you for your help!

Great Falls Auto Parts Swap Meet

April 28-29, 2023

(Apr 28, Friday 12:00 – 7:00; and Apr 29, Saturday 8:00 – 5:00)

Location (same as last yr) **MT Expo Park Fairgrounds Heritage Building**

Number of spaces very limited in smaller building:

Indoors (\$30) ~ Outdoors (\$10)

(Register by April 20 to avoid late fee)

Contact Annette or Jim Terry

(406) 454-1155 theterrrys70@yahoo.com

Sponsored by:

- Skunk Wagon Antique Car Club
- Altered Classics Car Club
- Other Guys Cruisin' Association
- Russell Country Ford & Mustang Club
- Great Falls Motorsports
- Montana Muscle Cars

Public one-time Admission = \$5 (good for both days) - (Children 12 and under free)

In Memory

Robert Thorson

Carol Rustad

Terry Dolson

April 2023

Great Falls Car Parts Swap Meet - Vendor Application (April 28-29, 2023)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Number of people working your booth _____

E-mail Address _____

RV/Camper Space Needed _____

Space Rental: (Additional charge for late payments after April 20.)

Inside Spaces (10 x 10) \$30 x _____ = _____

Outdoor Spaces (10 x 20) \$10 x _____ = _____

Table Rental (order now) \$10 x _____ = _____

Late Registration Fee (after April 20) \$10 = _____

Total Payment Enclosed = _____

Make checks payable to: GF Skunk Wagon Car Club

Mail completed application and payment to: Jim Terry, 2316 4th Ave SW, Great Falls MT 59404
(Payment must be received within 2 weeks of telephone reservation, or space not saved.)

Overhead door will remain closed during business hours, and will be opened only during set-up.
Set-up for vendors is April 27, Thursday 1:00 - 7:00 pm, and April 28, Friday 8:00 - 11:30 am.
(All vehicles must be out of the building by 11:30 Friday. Additional merchandise must be hand-carried through walk-in door after that time.)

Vendor Passes will be issued prior to admission into the building.

Passes must be worn at all times to enter the building.

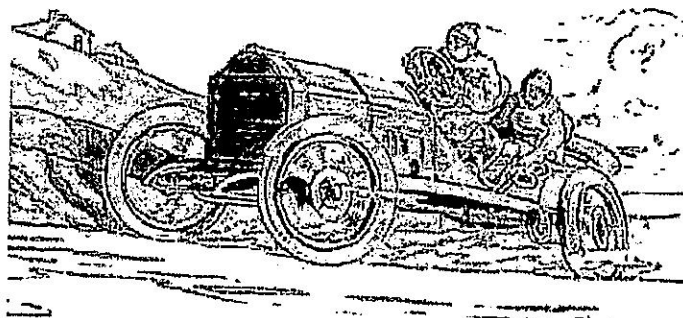
Vendors **MUST** remain during swap meet operating hours, and not leave early because it causes too much disruption. (Hours: Friday 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm, and Saturday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Questions: Annette or Jim Terry at (406) 454-1155

No Alcohol or Firearms are permitted in the building.

Liability: Entrants, participants, and/or spectators release Great Falls Car Parts Swap Meet Committee from any and all damages, injuries or losses, or claims suffered by the entrant to his/her person or property.
I have read and will abide by the rules of the Great Falls Swap Meet.

Signature _____ Date _____



The Flathead Pioneer Auto Club Presents MPAC SPRING TOUR 2023

June 2, 3, 4, 2023

Headquarters and Accommodations

The Red Lion Hotel

20 N. Main ST.

Kalispell, Montana 59901

Phone: 406-751-5050

Rooms Blocked until May 15th, 2023

Call and ask for the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club RATE

Other Motels in the Area

Hilton Garden Inn	1840 US 93 S	406-756-4500
Hampton Inn	1140 Highway 2 West	406-755-7900
Holiday Inn Express	275 Treeline Rd	406-755-7405

Camping Sites

Rocky Mountain Hi Campground	825 Helena Flats Road	406-755-9573
Spruce Park on the River	1985 Mt Hwy 35	406-752-6321
North KOA Holiday	5121 Hwy 93 South	406-862-4242

Tour Contacts:

Jim Davy	Home 406-890-2871, Cell 928-257-7115
Kathleen Vernon	Home 406-756-6126, Cell 406-249-1116
Rob Desch	Cell 406-755-5608

MPCAC Spring Tour Schedule

June 2, 3, 4, 2023

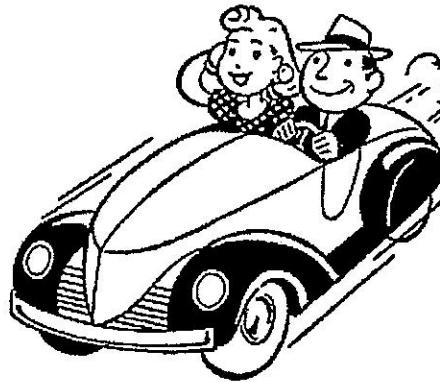
Hosted by Flathead Pioneer Auto Club

Tour Headquarters:

The Red Lion Hotel

20 N Main Street

Kalispell, MT 59901



Friday June 2nd

2:00 to 5:00 PM Registration Red Lion Fireside Room

5:00 to 5:30 PM Costume Judging

5:30 to 7:30 PM Tour to Bob King Car Collection and Dinner.

Rescue Dog Combo with a can of soda, BYOB

8:00 PM Board Meeting Red Lion Fireside Room.

Saturday June 3rd

6am to 9am Breakfast Hotel Guest: Complimentary

Non Guest: \$9.95 or Breakfast on your own.

7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 Late Registration.

7:30 to 8:00 A.M. Judges Meeting. Fireside Room Red Lion.

8:00 to 9:00 Front Parking Area Red Lion: Car Judging

9:00 to 11:00 A.M. Tour to Noble Car collection, Coffee and Donuts onsite

11:30 to 12:30 AM Tour to Dave Cooley car collection.

1:00 to 2:00 Pm Lunch at the Fish Hatchery Pavilion: Box lunch provided.

2:30 pm Tour to Art Olson car collection

Afternoon on your own.

5:30 to 6:30 No Host Cocktails Red lion Fireside room.

6:30 Banquet & Awards

Sunday June 4th

6:00-8:30 Breakfast Hotel Guest: Complimentary

Non Guest: \$9.95 or Breakfast on your own.

8:30 to 9:30 General Meeting.

9:30 Adjournment and Farewell.

April 2023

The Flathead Pioneer Auto Club Presents
MPCAC SPRING TOUR 2023

June 2, 3, 4

Headquarters: The Red Lion Inn
20 North Main Street
Kalispell MT, 59901

*****REGISTRATION*****

Drivers Name _____

Passengers Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Local Club Affiliation _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____

Vehicle Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Miles Traveled to Kalispell Driving _____ by Trailer _____

Registration Fee

Number of Entrants _____ \$100.00 each = \$ _____
Late Fee after May 2nd _____ \$30.00 per person \$ _____

Registration deadline is June 2, 2023. Registrations postmarked after that date must include a \$30.00 late fee.

Would you like Registration Confirmation sent to the above email address? ☐ yes ☐ no

Make checks payable to Flathead Pioneer Auto Club, P.O. Box 3282, Kalispell, MT 59903

Questions?? Please call one of the tour contacts.

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.

I hereby release and hold harmless the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club, its officers, member 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.

Club News

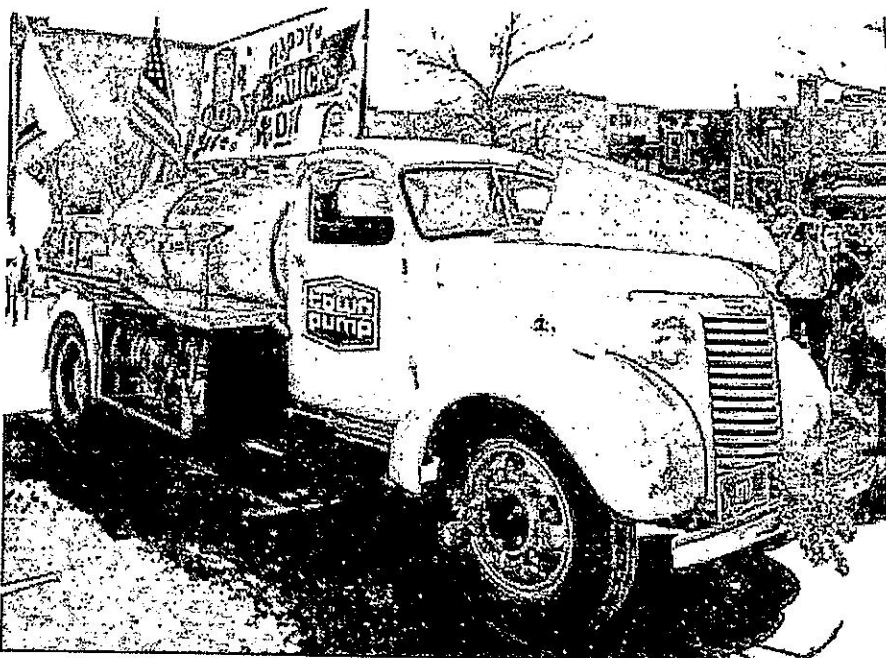


Vintage d' Fenders

Deb Beauchamp, Reporter

Hello once again from the Vintage d'Fenders. We have all survived the St. Patrick's Day celebrations that took place in both Anaconda and Butte. The weather was very cooperative for the parade and the festivities this year. After a winter of chilling and sub-zero temperatures it was wonderful to be outside and participating in some serious fun and shenanigans. Town Pump Corporation drove their beautiful Chevy fuel truck in the Butte parade and entered a couple of other very nice cars. This is always a sure sign of the coming of spring. Nice to see as there is a very stubborn 18 inches of snow that insists on occupying our yard in the Highlands south of Butte. The parade and nice weather gives me some hope that there really is spring (at least in some parts of this beautiful State of Montana).

This month brings our club a bit closer to planning for our annual car show taking place the first part of May. We will firm up that date soon. Our car show is definitely not for the faint of heart. One of our past activities, at the show, was making very cute snowmen. LORDY. Hopefully that will not be the case this year. Our members are great sports and have cars that withstand our fickle weather in this neck of the woods. Those Ramblers can roll- come sunshine, rain, or snow. Last



Truck in St. Patrick's Day parade in Butte.

year we had about 30 attendees. Again this year the car show will take place at the Club Moderne in Anaconda on Park Street. There is always great fun to be had. There is talk of a summer run to Virginia City again with a day of being entertained by the Virginia City Players and perhaps a road trip to Bannack State Park?

As the winter months seem to stretch on and on, we are hoping this finds you with many of your winter car projects nearing completion. Dean still has his 1930 Model A apart, eagerly awaiting for some parts to be returned. Jim still has a bit to go in getting the 1930

Phaeton back together. We would have much more done but for the beautiful vacation we took to Maui in February. Hands down it was much nicer to be in Hawaii than in our garage working. Dan is still working on his 1972 Chrysler Town and Country 9 Passenger Wagon. It is coming along very nicely. He would be further along but for the little vacation he took to Arizona to assist his son in his car project down there! It is nice that Dan has a warm place to go visit and still be able to get his daily dosage of car work. Wish us all luck in getting those cars on the road for this summer.

Our meetings during the winter

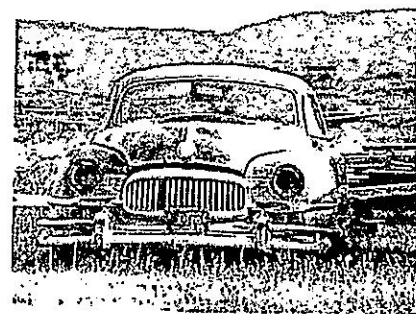
months found us enjoying the company of our club members and eating and imbibing way too much. Our January meeting took place at Christina's Cocina Café in Butte on Saturday, Jan 14. February 4 found us back at the Club Moderne in Anaconda for a yummy pot-luck affair. These meetings were very well attended. I am pretty sure we are all quite eager to get out of our houses during these dreary winter months and meet up with like-minded car folks. For our March meeting, we will be getting together at Sparky's Garage in Butte on the 25th of the month.

We are looking forward to seeing many of Bozeman and Helena members at the Tri-Club Luncheon. Fingers crossed for great weather day and dry road conditions allowing us to all drive

those wonderful old cars to lunch. The date and time are still being firmed up as this is written. This is a fine way to get those beauties on the road and get this year off to a fun start.

The Spring Tour, sponsored by the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club, is rapidly approaching. Dates are June 2,3, and 4, 2023. This will be here before you know it. Please, everyone, get those registrations in the mail. It certainly looks to be a very interesting opportunity to view a number of car collections in that area and meet up with members from across the state. Thank-you to the Flathead Pioneer Auto Club for all of the hard work and time you have devoted to make this happen. See you in Kalispell.

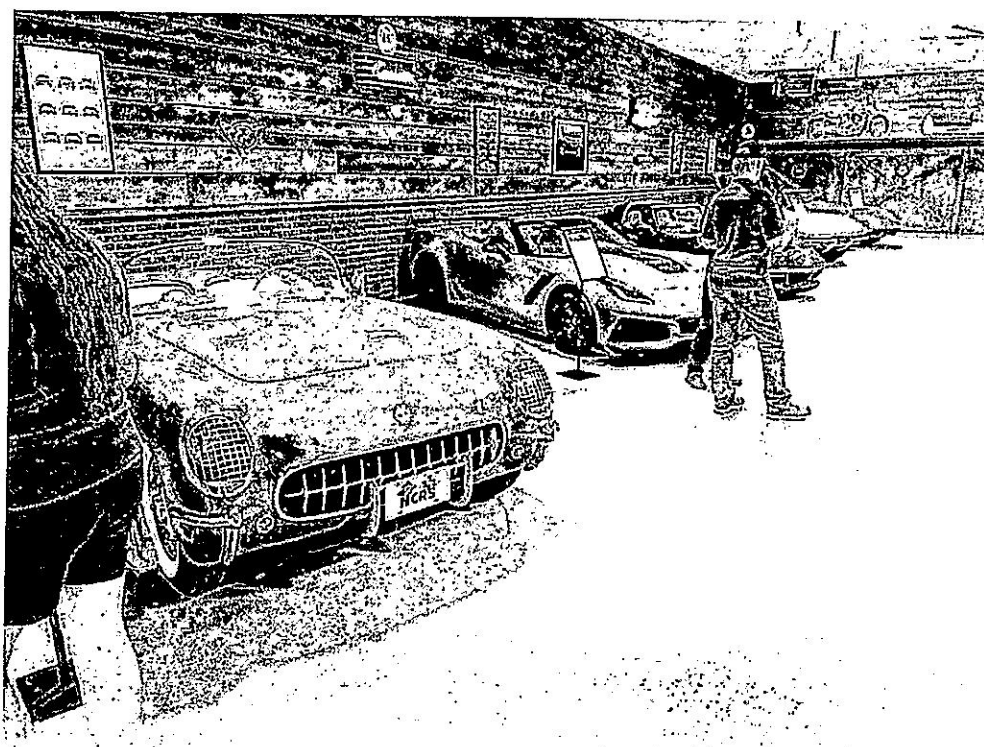
To all attending the Portland Swap Meet at the end of March and



1951 Nash

into April, happy hunting! Enjoy our ever warming weather and safe travels to all.

Oh yes, please check out this photo- Here we have it folks- a beautiful 1951 Nash Ambassador. Someone had the somewhat dubious distinction of having one of their treasures featured on the 2023 Hemmings calendar for abandoned autos this month! Hum-m-m-m.



Those attending the Spring Tour in the Flathead will get to see some amazing garages around the valley.

Photo courtesy of
Flathead Pioneer
Auto Club



EXHAUST

BITTERROOT VALLEY DUSTERS

Joann Hosko, Reporter

When this submission sails out into the wide, blue yonder for publication, it will be the vernal equinox. It has been a long winter here, as well as most of the country. Unlike east of the divide, we are low on snowpack, not a good thing. But winter has still dragged on, in some form, since the first of November. Enough!

On Jan. 15, 15 members were present at BJ's Restaurant, Hamilton. Following eating and a brief meeting, we held a little auction, a "fun" little activity. Members brought items they didn't really need, and members bought items they didn't really need. President Bill Meuchel demonstrated a previously-unknown aptitude for auctioneering. Two of Ross and Wendy Dutton's grandsons were spotters and runners. Money was the BVD Bucks we are rewarded with for participating in and working at club activities. They are non-negotiable in the real world, with value not too different from US money.

Feb. 19 saw us eating and meeting at the Frontier Café near Stevensville. There were 23 in attendance. I guess people really wanted to get out. It was a dreary, gray day in the Bitterroot. Our main order of business was planning for a Show and Shine on May 27. We still have several details to fill out prior to the event. We had been asked to consider hosting the fall tour 2023, but we decided it is really late notice and many of us already have a full summer/fall schedule. We agreed we would host the spring tour of 2024, if that is the wish of the state club.

On March 19, we held our annual corned beef and cabbage soiree. Dick Babcock does pretty much the total preparation, which pretty much takes the whole weekend, what with watching the beef simmer for several hours. It does smell a lot better than watching paint dry. Thank you, Dick. David Anderson hosted party at his great venue on Skalkaho Creek. He insulated the building this winter. It's a really nice "car club clubhouse." Thank you, David. Members filled out the menu with tasty salads and desserts. It was a beautiful day. We saw our second group of spring robins. The first arrived about three weeks ago, in a snowstorm, looking totally disoriented. We saw them after the snow stopped and the sun came out, but then they disappeared. Strange.

I can't say about other restorers, rebuilders, and mechanics, in the state, but Dick has not spent much auto time in his shop. That worries me, as we have a 1929 Franklin and a 1927 Chevy, each with some possible concerns, scheduled for major tours in June. He says he is waiting for better roads before he takes them for practice runs, but that might be June. Don't suggest I work on them. That's not my bailiwick. I'm just along for the planning, directing, and the open road.

I asked other club members about their winter activities and this is what they offered:

Ross Dutton – Put a radiator in his Corvette and is painting a 1979 Ford pickup for his son-in-law.

David Anderson – Put a transmission in a 1965 Chevy Impala and the engine in a 1956 Ford Town Sedan. That, and insulating the garage/meeting place.

David Vial – Worked on a 1917 Model T and a 1968



Group luncheon

Plymouth engine.

Lee and Shirley Hopkins – Snowplowing and wheel barrow loads of firewood. Working on their new/old 1970 Cougar convertible, mechanics, repairing upholstery, etc.

Shirley Sorenson – Worked extensively on getting a title for a vintage Ford camper special pickup given by her late husband to their son-in-law. It involved a highway patrol coming out and a great deal of paperwork. This reminds me of two vehicles my late husband, Fred Hosko, bought at auctions. Buyer beware, or buyer be aware. The first was a 1959 Chevy Apache Fleetside pickup. I had to trace down the surviving brother of the "owner" in a veteran's home in Utah to get a title. I can't remember, offhand, where we sold that pickup. The other was a 1946 1 1/2 ton Studebaker truck with a sugar beet box. The woman having the auction had already moved out-of-state, without properly signing the title for sale. That took a bit of time, too. I still own that truck, for whatever reason.

David Ross and Kathy Schlapman – Dave worked on a Jeep Grand Cherokee and a VW Bug. Kathy says she learned some new vocabulary while listening to Dave work on them.

Bill Meuchel – Built an engine for his daughter, Brenda's, 2005 Ford Sport Trac. He says he learned more new computer stuff than he ever wanted to know. He also got an engine in his 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee. He also has the replacement transmission for Dick's and my 1952 Chevy Styleline Deluxe ready to assemble. The '52 was hopping out of gear on hills.

Bob Schumacher – Worked on his skiing skills.

Boyd Cobb – Spent the winter cutting, splitting, and burning firewood, his one source of heat. They say doing that warms you twice, but a tough way of doing it. I was raised with central heating - a wood stove on either side of the wall/chimney. If you got more than a few feet from the stoves, you were always cold. It's charming in Don Greytak pictures, but I don't ever want to live that way again.

Time to close this down and get it to the publisher. We hope to see many of you in Great Falls and/or possibly Kalispell. Enjoy the coming spring and stay safe and well.



Skunk Wagon Auto Club Great Falls

Kurt Baltrusch, Reporter

I apologize that our last submission was not included in the Times. I have included that in this article.

The Skunk Wagon club held its annual Christmas Party at the Elks Club Dec. 11. The food and entertainment were great, with 70 members attending. Thanks go to Bob and Rita Dige and the others who helped organize the party. Carl White and friend provided music. We will definitely have a white Christmas and very cold weather prior to then, with considerable warming after Christmas. While we may not like the cold weather and snow, the area needs the moisture.

Longtime member and past Skunk Wagon president Carol Rustad passed away Oct. 20. She had been dealing with cancer for some time and her dedication to the club will be missed. Our thoughts go out to Mel and the family.

Member Jerry Dolson passed away Sept. 26. Jerry had several cars and was working on a late 1920s Buick sedan and our condolences go out to his wife Karen and family. Former long time member Howard Jones passed away March 9. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Past member and Cadillac owner Marie Brown moved to Florida to be closer to family. Harry Mitchell

is recuperating from several issues at Grandview, and Homer Christensen and Jerry DeMarco are at Highgate.

A friend asked me if I could help get his 1956 Chevy pickup running, and it has quite a story. He bought it in 1972 in California prior to driving it to Montana to go to college. He then met his future wife and as her father felt the truck was not appropriate for his daughter, they negotiated a deal to use the truck on the farm and he got a different car. Anyway, after years of irrigating use, the truck ended up sitting in the barn for 20 years and they wanted it fixed up. Now it is being rebuilt in recognition of their 50th anniversary.

When we started to rebuild the pickup, the owner felt he would just like to get it running and drivable but once started, where do you stop? Before long, the bare frame was on the floor of my garage! You have all experienced that and there is no such thing as "I just want a paint job."

A friend has a similar issue with his 1933 Ford coupe which has been in the family for many years, if not since new. It is in very good shape with just a little rust and he was quoted \$20,000 for a "paint job." As we marvel at the high sales prices of some of the cars at auction, many of those cars have

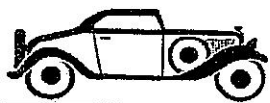
much more money in them. These costs are just one of the challenges facing our hobby.

Harry Mitchell is in the process of listing his 1918 White truck on Bring A Trailer, the well known internet auction site. He got the truck in 1947 from the original owner who used it at the Big Ox Mine near Marysville to install telephone poles in the country. Harry still has the trailer used to transport the poles.

Charlie Aron continues to work on his 1950 Buick Convertible and he and his son are making progress on an MGA. Both of these cars were in very poor condition, but Charlie thrives on those projects. Robin Neil sold his 1964 Corvette to a long-time friend who is really enjoying totally rebuilding it.

I was looking through some of my old collection and found an owner's manual for a 1910 Premier, a high dollar car sold in the teens and early twenties. I called Robin Neil to ask if he had ever heard of a Premier, and he told me that he knew of a guy by Lewistown who is restoring a 1910 Premier. Needless to say, he got the manual.

We look forward to the Great Falls Swap Meet April 28 and 29. Annette and Jim Terry are doing a great job with this and report that there is considerable interest. We hope to see you there!



Bozeman Antique Auto Club



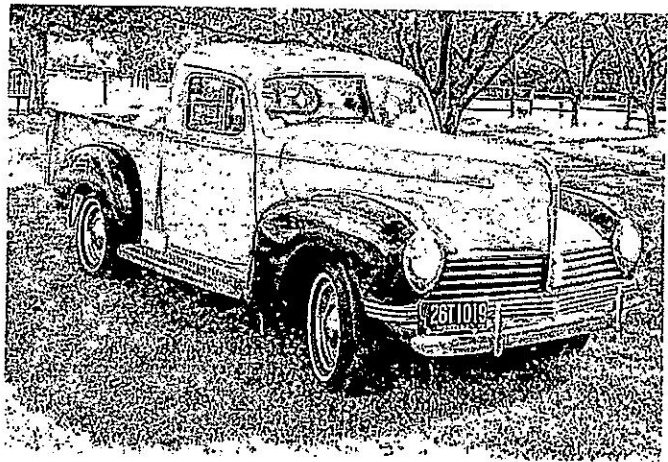
Stu Coleman

I would like to begin this quarterly column with a big shout out and a gracious thank you to my main contributor and currently our Club President, Karin Ludeman. She provides detailed information and nuances about club members and club happenings that this writer would otherwise miss. So thank you Karin for all the things you do so tirelessly for our Bozeman Club.

Well, we are in the doldrums of the tail end of winter when everybody is sick and tired of snow and cold weather and those indoor winter projects in the garage still remain undone. But brighter (and warmer) days are just around the corner and soon we can wake the vintage machines to once more start touring, participate in shows, and just a cruise in your favorite vehicle into yesteryear.

BAAC started the New Year with a presentation by one of our own at the Hyalite/Sourdough fire hall in Bozeman, which has become our "go-to-place" when we are not frequenting the Korner Kafe at Four Corners. Larry Bode, of Mopar expertise, took the club to Italy, vicariously of course. Larry was a student at MSU many years ago and had completed art courses in metal, painting, sculpturing, and the like, but was short on art history to complete his studies. Then he heard about a MSU art tour to Italy that would qualify for the missing art history requirement, and after wife, Jennifer's (an artist herself) encouragement, he applied and was accepted to go.

The group consisted of 31 students and two teachers, one of which had been to Italy before and spoke fluent Italian. So Larry's presentation through photos and words took the club to Rome, the Vatican, Naples, Sicily, Pisa, Venice, and more, always through an artist's eye. He said that the trip to Venice was notable because of a period of extremely high water, of course the city always has a water, but this required walking in places on hastily constructed board platforms to keep dry. One of their stays involved three days at a Villa run by a very successful family that featured exceptional food. The family group included two boys that taught "hands-on" training to post graduates that were looking for such things above and beyond just "book-learning." It also included the patriarch of the family that had redesigned, and much improved, the



Stu and Jeanne Coleman's 1942 Hudson shortbed pickup truck

local electric company. His trip was 31 days long and made everybody wish they had been along!

In February, we returned to our Korner Kafe haunt for a Valentine Celebration lunch and meeting. I think it is noteworthy to mention that three members braved the winter snow and ice to drive their vintage iron, and they were the Hintzpeters in their 1978 T-Top Corvette, the Crystals with their 1969 Buick LaSabre 2-door hardtop and the Dorgans in their 1993 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham sedan. Nice to know these cars are not just "show ponies" but are driven on a frequent and regular basis. We all could do better at that, methinks. The get together was topped off with red velvet cake and ice cream in keeping with the Valentine spirit and when the club attempted to pay for it, the manager, subbing for our beloved Betty Nason who was still under the weather, said no, this cake is on the house! I am telling you, you just can't go wrong with the folks at the Korner.

I am more than pleased to announce that BAAC has become a couple richer in its membership roles. We have added Bill and Valerie Otto from Belgrade, and do they have some interesting vehicles. Let's start with their 1914 Overland T-80 Touring sedan that has been owned for about 12 years. The Toledo, Ohio built Overlands were large vehicles and targeted for the well heeled New York type crowds and were not inexpensive. They sold for about \$3K when a Ford Model T was \$275! Bill even has an Overland catalog

that describes various enhancements that could be added, like a rear facing seat.

They also own a 1943 Willys war-type Jeep. The Willys Overland Company went all-in for the war effort in producing vehicles needed. Henry Ford did contribute, but did so only after being ordered by the US Government. He mainly taught the setting up of assembly lines, most notably in the production of aircraft. The Ottos also own a 1950 GMC 6 x 6 truck as well as an assortment of 1960s and 1970s John Deere log skidders, backhoes, and roadgraders. Among them are three 1941 Dodge Command Cars and a 1941 Dodge ambulance. Bill says they are mostly parts cars, but there is enough there to put one Command Car together, if someone wanted too. So welcome to the Ottos.

Across the hill from Bozeman and on March 4, the Livingston Wheels Motoring Club (LWMC) held their 16th annual swap meet at the Livingston Fairgrounds. Rich Hovey and yours truly vendored at the meet along with a couple dozen other vendors. The crowd was steady all morning and were in a buying mood. The Swap Meet is gently growing each year with increased vendor ship and attendance, which doesn't seem to be the trend these days.

Now this column is not supposed to be a travelogue, but darn if our members haven't been to some unusual places in the world. The Kings, Jeff and Sara, took us on adventures to Botswana and the national parks there for our regular monthly meeting in March. For scale, Botswana is about 1.6 times the size of Montana with about 2.6 million people. Their major industries are diamond mining, beef, and tourism. They toured the parks in open Land Cruisers which put them "up close and personal" to elephants, lions and leopards. And the campgrounds where they stayed were not protected by any kind of protective fencing, so the animals were free to walk through camp when and where they pleased. Now how do you get a good night's sleep with a lion growling and moaning a few yards away from you!

And did you know that the country has 18 different species of antelope, and of course, the large predators that prey on them. On one occasion, they even had a close encounter with the deadly boom slang snake, no thank you in that regard! Thanks again to the Kings for sharing that excursion with the club.

I am not sure members of the state club are aware that last fall we all lost a giant of the old car hobby. Although not a member of the MP & CAC, he was nonetheless an important cog in all things antique, especially Studebaker. I am talking, of course, about

Ingvar Vik of Livingston, who passed in October in his mid-90s. He owned and operated Vik's Machine Shop in town and used to advertise that "His welds were stronger than a Norwegian was stubborn!" He will be missed by all that knew him and benefited from his wealth of knowledge.

Remember to be careful out there and keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road.

For Sale

1937 Ford deluxe four door touring Sedan, 239 Mercury enging, new wide whitewall tires, Rouge winner at 10 Western Regional meets. Excellent driving and running condition. Second owner health forces sale. \$15,000, photo available on request.

Harold Olson, 505 S. Illinois, Conrad, MT 59425

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FOR SALE

Two sets of a pair each of Montana license plates. These have been professionally straightened and restored to the correct Montana colors for the year. The 1939s are orange on black and the numbers are: 43 T 204, and the 1953s are white on black and those numbers are: 15 T 229. Each set (pair) \$100. Also have a set of the small fold on silver tags for 1956 (When added to a 1955 set of plates makes them 1956s). Those numbers are: 16 01351 and are priced at \$35.

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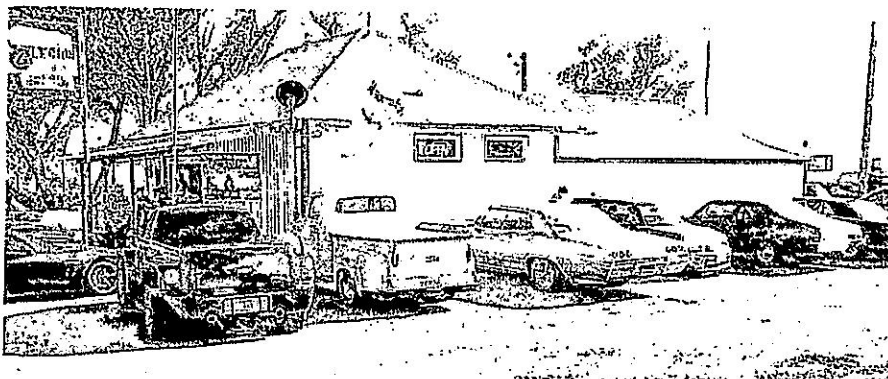
Central Montana Trail Dusters

Jordan Stilson, Reporter

Greetings car enthusiasts, The snow has set in since November so the Central Montana Trail Dusters haven't met since our Christmas party in December. Spring can't get here soon enough so we can all get out our "winterized" vehicles. The Trail Dusters car club continues to grow becoming the second biggest club in the state. People enjoy the social club with the common interest of cars. Some people have new cars, others have complete restoration vehicles, and some have work in progress cars. We enjoy and are open to all car interests which makes the club approachable by even the young folks.

Our first meeting of the season will be on April 20. We usually meet every third Thursday of each month from then on. Even though the club has not met yet, the community has already been asking for cars at different functions.

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 July 4 there will be the Independence Day parade with line up

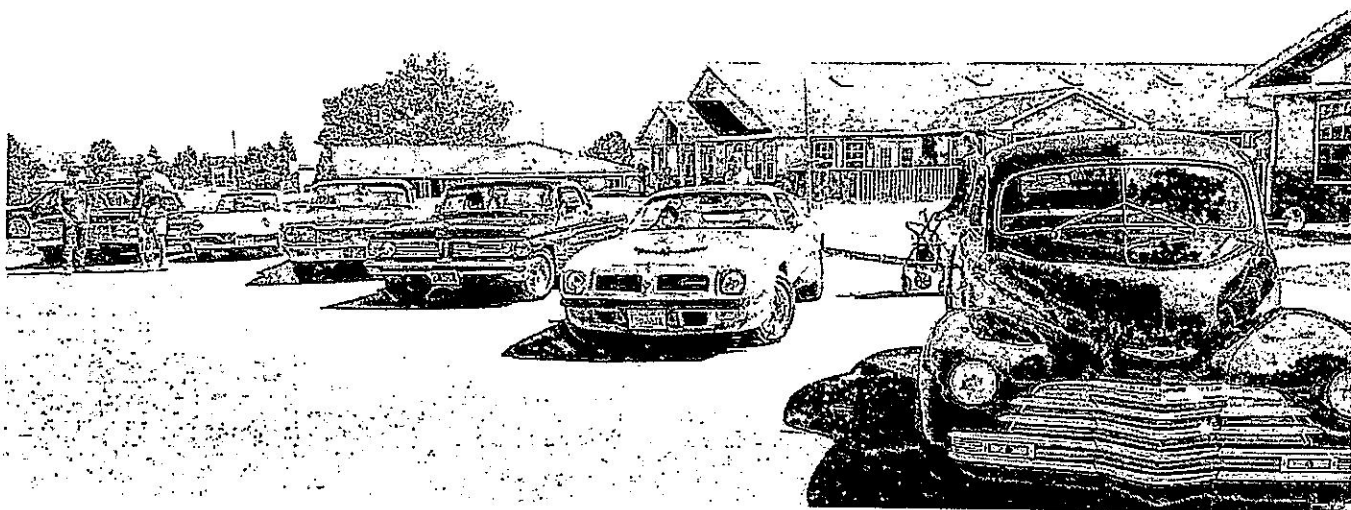


Members gathered in Roy, Mont. for dinner at the Legion Bar.

at 11 a.m. on 7th Street by the Library. 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. On July 22 is the Hobson days. They invited the car club to join for a parade that day. During the fair, the last week in July, we usually participate in the fair 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 car show is open to the whole state and is \$10 per car in the show and will take place Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. on Main Street near the courthouse.

Lots of other events will come about this year for the car club to participate in. In years past we have been asked to do a parade for the homebound folks and make appearances for other events. Some talk of having cars at the Winter Fair in Lewistown next January is in the works. There is not much to report other than this for now, so happy trails and adventures. Be safe and have a good spring.



Trail Dusters cars on display last summer.



Missoula Hellgate Auto Club

Perry Francis, Reporter

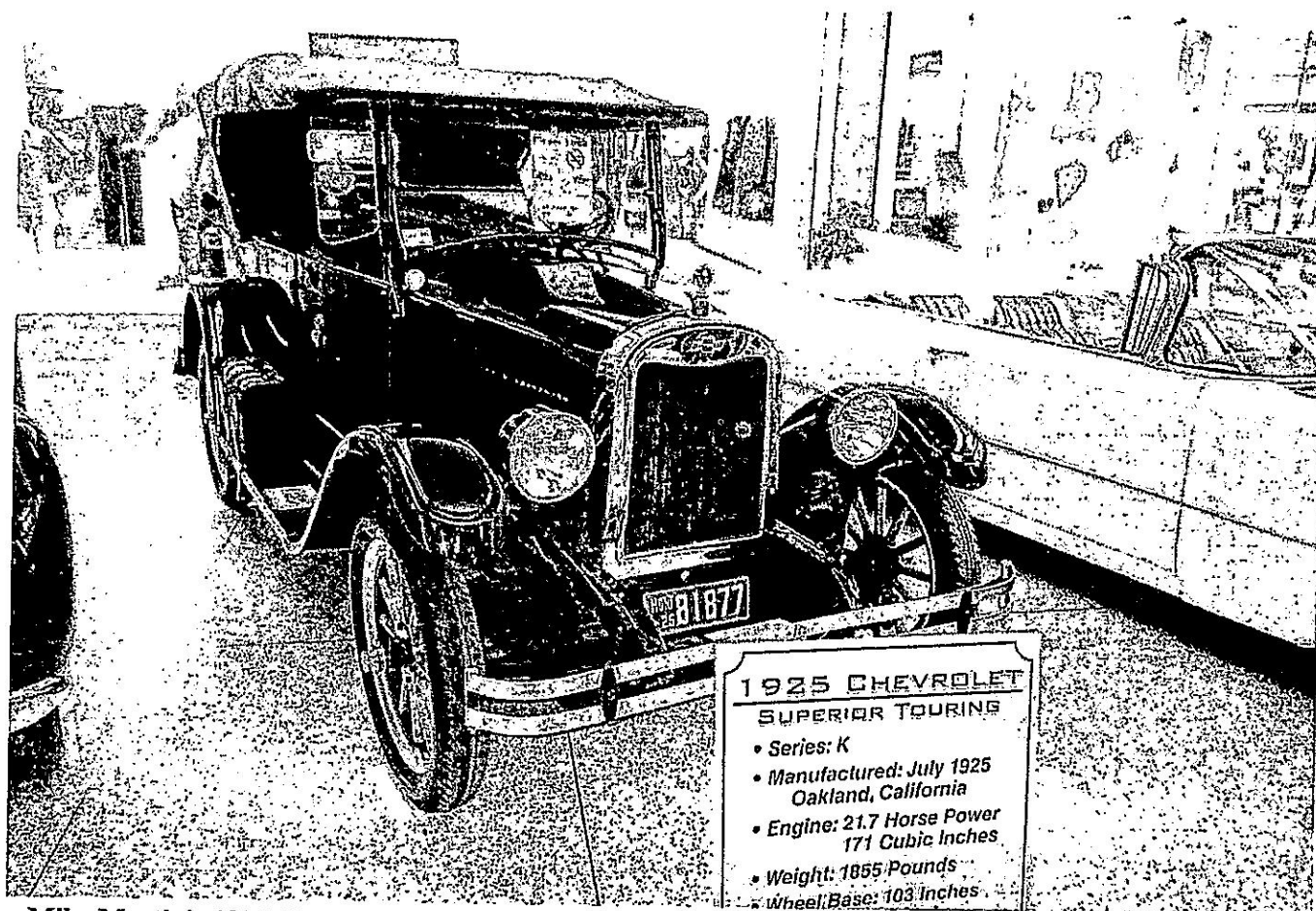
Following a long tradition, we started off the New Year with our Hawaiian theme pot luck and meeting at the American Legion hall in January. A few members still bring pineapple based dishes and wear Hawaiian shirts in a valiant effort to duplicate Hawaii while in Montana in January. The meeting ended with a presentation by Dan McCaffery, a former English car mechanic, on the English SU carburetor. This carburetor sometimes has a reputation as a cranky device often in need of tuning and adjustment. What makes them interesting is to see how basically different they are from conventional carburetors on American cars. Dan debunked the cranky reputation and showed us how easy it really is to make them work properly.

Oh, you guessed it, another potluck dinner. This time it was a tradition for February meetings—a chili feed. We had a selection of six different chili's and it was a difficult decision to decide from which one to choose. The evening

concluded with a slide show highlighting some the club mini tours we have taken during the last twelve years.

An interesting observation from within the Hellgate Club is the reduced number of antique cars we have had in recent years. In the past the club had many cars from the 1910s and 1920s with marques such as: Sears, Maxwell, Oldsmobile, Reo, Nash, Overland, Hupmobile, Franklin, Ford (Model Ts), Chevrolet, Dodge and Marmon. Today Dave Ault and Doug Winz have a nice collection Model As and Mike Martin has a 1925 and a 1927 Chevrolet, but that is about it. Personally, I miss not having those old cars around and often wonder where they are now.

Vice President and tour coordinator Stan Cohen is working up an interesting schedule of mini tours for this summer and we have the State tours to look forward to. So, the by next issue of the Times, we should have a more interesting report. In the meantime—safe driving.



Mike Martin's 1925 Chevy.

**1925 CHEVROLET
SUPERIOR TOURING**

- Series: K
- Manufactured: July 1925
Oakland, California
- Engine: 217 Horse Power
171 Cubic Inches
- Weight: 1855 Pounds
- Wheel Base: 103 Inches



Goggles & Dusters

Roger Thomsen, Reporter (rathomsen@msn.com)

Winter weather has pretty well shut down club events for the first quarter of the year. We've had some mild weather followed by super cold and snow several times. Good time to sit by the fire and read a good book! The cars are all tucked away for the winter.

The few meetings we have tried have been poorly attended.

What car activities that have occurred generally have happened in nicely heated garages. Jerry Koch and Giles (Ziggy) Zickefoose have found a string of non-running tractors to bring back to life. It's amazing to me that they find these old tractors in a field somewhere that haven't run for years. They pull them in, check them over, replace small parts and get them started. Tires and batteries are the usually the biggest expense. They often need just a little TLC and a bunch of labor (retired guys work really cheap). This winter I have seen Fords, John Deeres, Cases, and Allis Chalmers pass through Ziggy's shop. I'm proud of these guys for saving the old tractors.

Speaking of saving things – the next time you are near Edgar, Mont. (south of Fort Rockvale, on your way to Wyoming), turn down the road to Edgar and see "car henge." Just past the Edgar Bar on the right, Greg Nelson has saved a few old cars. Car Henge will surprise you! Also, the bar is a good stop for lunch or dinner.

Greg Childs has been busy maintaining and up grading his fleet. One lesson learned was to be careful if you leave a car up in the air with loose parts. His rear axle fell off the jacks and resulted in some major damage to the drive line and overdrive.

I have spent the winter getting my new knee healed up. Sure is nice to have gotten rid of the pain. Several other club members have followed my lead and have also had knee operations. It's good to get the new knees, but it kind of slows down the garage work. I have managed to up-grade the wiring on several of my cars. It's a good idea and will help avoid future problems.

This may be the last report from me about the Goggles and Dusters Club. Our club has suffered from a decline

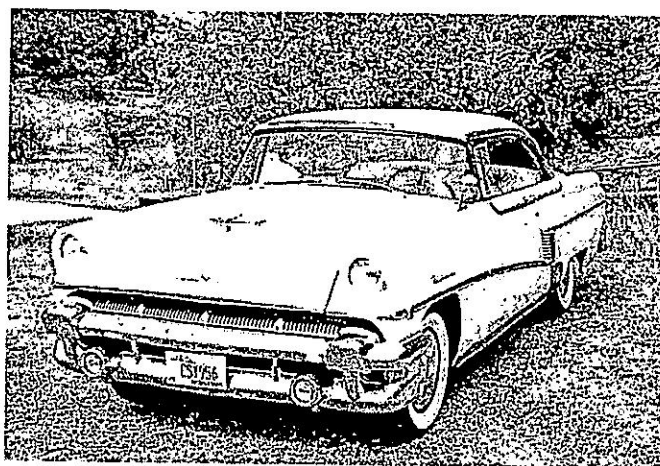
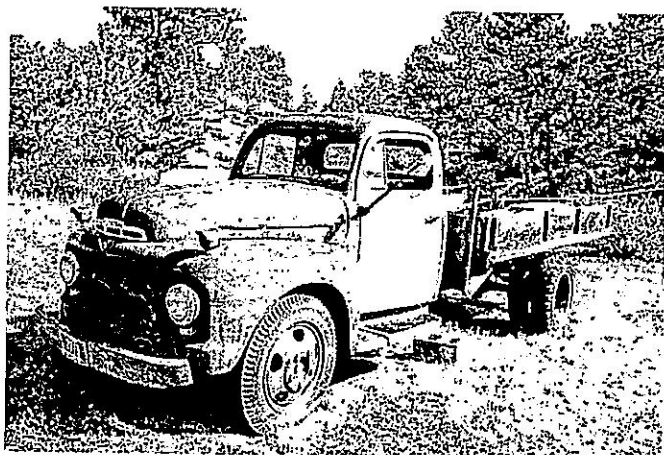


Mercury lineup

in membership, much like other clubs around the state. Participation from the remaining members has also decreased. We have seen deaths and poor health take it's toll on the club.

After considerable discussion over several months, our club voted at our March meeting to end our affiliation with the state club. Goggles & Dusters may go on it's own, or merge with another club, or cease to exist. Time will tell. One factor in this decision is the existence of four other old car clubs in Billings. These four are all stronger and more active than the Goggles & Dusters. Many of our members and former members are active in the other clubs.

I'll still be driving old cars – so – see you down the road, friends!



Roger's Mercury

Army truck



Capital Carriages

Paul Christofferson, Reporter
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Hello all from the Capital Carriages members!

Capital Carriages held our first meeting for 2023 in March and planned to participate in the Helena Saint Patrick's Day parade the following Saturday. Unfortunately, Old Man Winter intervened with snow beginning the evening before, and lasting until the parade's scheduled start time. As a result, we canceled the club's participation in the parade. If Helena held the parade on the actual day, instead of the Saturday before (so we do not compete with Butte's much larger celebration), most members would have participated. Not a great start to the events for 2023! Additionally, in our March meeting we discussed attending this summer's local Helena area events as a group to bring more attention to the club and potentially draw in some new members.

We are in the process of planning our spring joint meeting with the Bozeman and Butte clubs. Currently Karen Ludeman, president of the Bozeman club, is working with Lahood to set this up. Hopefully Old Man Winter doesn't step on this event like he did on the Helena Saint Patrick's Day parade! Last year Helena and Bozeman both had snow the day of the meet but once you drove out of town the weather cleared. Because of the distance from Butte to Townsend only one of their club members attended. Located much closer to Butte and not too far from Helena and Bozeman more club members should attend this year.

Several of the Helena club members plan to attend the Great



1973 Ford pickup

Fall Skunk Wagon swap meet. Tony Cerovski and I plan to share a vendor space, inside if possible. We may be too late for an inside space so may be "ousted" to the outside instead. May we have good weather if we are outside! Now to decide what extra parts each of us are willing to let go of. Hmmm.

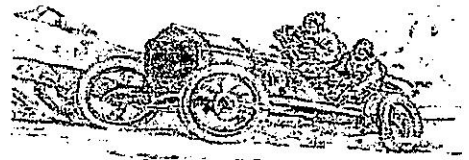
At my house, above Montana City, we received so much additional snow over the last couple of weeks (it is snowing again today), I can no longer drive any of my classic cars into town. Even though we did a reasonable job of plowing, and moving, snow all winter the last couple of storms, combined with a few 40 degree days of snow met, built a layer of ice on one corner of our private road making it impassable for all but four, or all, wheel drive vehicles. I am afraid to

tackle this with my tractor for fear I tear the road up. What a mess! I think the restoration of my 1973 Ford High boy is moving up on the to do list. I included a picture of the truck with the article. Along with 1948 to 52 Fords, 1950-62 Internationals, and 50s GMCs, the 1968 through 1979 Ford trucks are my favorite trucks. As you can see I am not too picky! Visitors to my shop look at my projects and quickly realize I like at least some of the models built by each of the "American" automakers. This is not to say I have one from all of them. They each had their great models and some failures. At least that is my opinion!

The capital carriage members all wish all of the other club members a great summer full of fun drives in the old cars that we love.

Flathead Pioneer Auto Club

Rob Desch, Reporter



I don't know if all of you are like me, but when I travel, I am always on the hunt for a car event or museum. Currently I am writing this while on the road to the next event. My first event on my trip was the Goodguys show in Scottsdale. I didn't get there until the last day of the show and was shocked that at least 80% of the show had left on Saturday. We did get to see all of the show winners, there were several very nice restorations that placed. There was a nice afternoon show during the week at a memory care facility with about 40 cars. Then on to San Diego to where I caught a swap meet and picked up a few items for my 35 Olds build. The following day was a Cars and Coffee event off Mira Mesa in a store parking lot. As I write this, we are about to get back on the road for

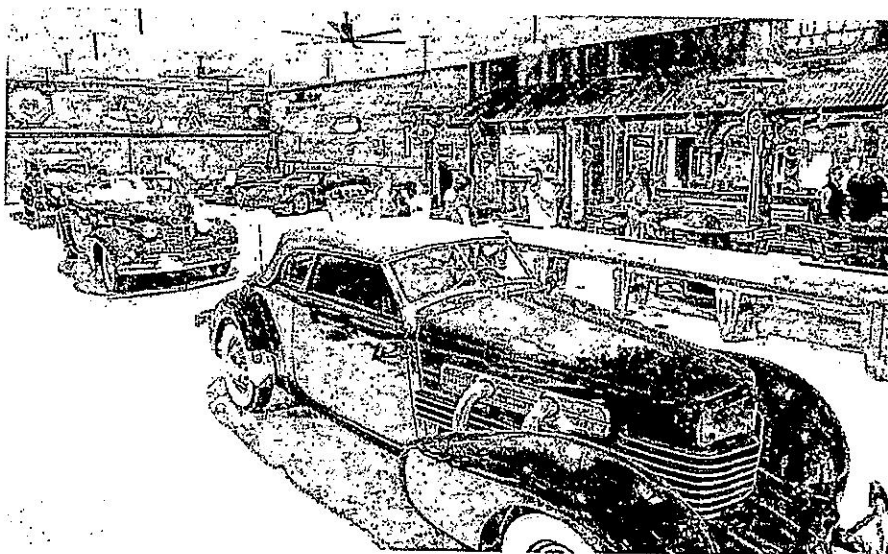
the Portland Swap Meet. Seems like there is always something to bring home, luckily I know some people that can bring some big items back. Last year it was an awesome deal on a hood. But not anticipating on bringing back much, I had brought my car. We were solid packed to the ceiling in the back seat and every square inch of the trunk. 4 nos redline tires, 5 wheels in the box, as well as other items. It's amazing how much a 2014 Camry will haul.

On to this coming Spring Tour here in Kalispell. It is going to be a great time visiting garages around the Flathead Valley and driving some scenic roads. I've thrown some photos in for a teaser of what is to come. Friday after registration, we will go out to check out Bob Kings collection. It is eclectic with

everything from a Music Room, Vintage Pop Machines, Commercial Trucks, Antique Cars, as well as a couple Hot Rods. Bobs' collection is a don't miss. Saturday, the Nobles' have a nice collection of Corvettes, some Antique Cars and other fun items, such as early snowmobiles. Dave Cooley is going to show off his workshop, his T's and such. Then off to Art Olsons to see his lifetime collection. He doesn't have a car there that I don't love. Especially his 35 Olds like the one I am working on.

As a club, we are looking forward to getting back on track with several mini tours, maybe some impromptu get togethers. I'm sure by the next Times, I'll have more information then I can put in the space we have. Looking forward to getting some new members, now that it possible for us to get together. We have so many new cars and collections here in the Flathead Valley with our new residents.

I don't know about you all, but I think I have to many projects going on right now. Between working on 3 pickups and a car that are my drivers. To my Chevrolet Monza 70's style Hot Rod, my 50 GMC that has been in the family since new, to a 53 Ford F600 that I am getting ready to haul gravel and put to work. I know a few members have some upgrades going on to get ready for the new season also. I'll be getting my Uncle Floyd Skogens Oakland ready for the tour,



One of the garages on the Spring Tour.

minor stuff mainly, fix a couple fuel leaks and tune it up a little. Last time I had it out was a trip to Mark Nelsons after it had sat for over 20 years. The trip was uneventful.

We hope you all can make the Spring Tour here in Kalispell, we look forward to seeing you there.

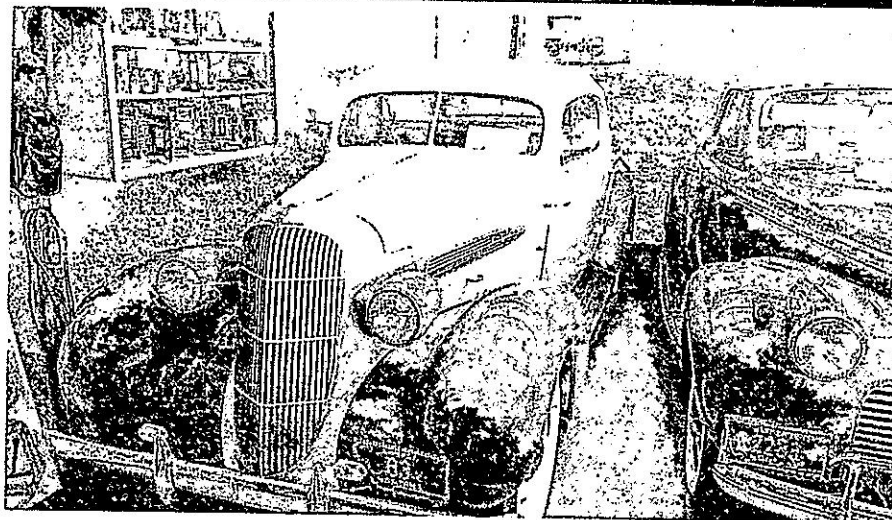
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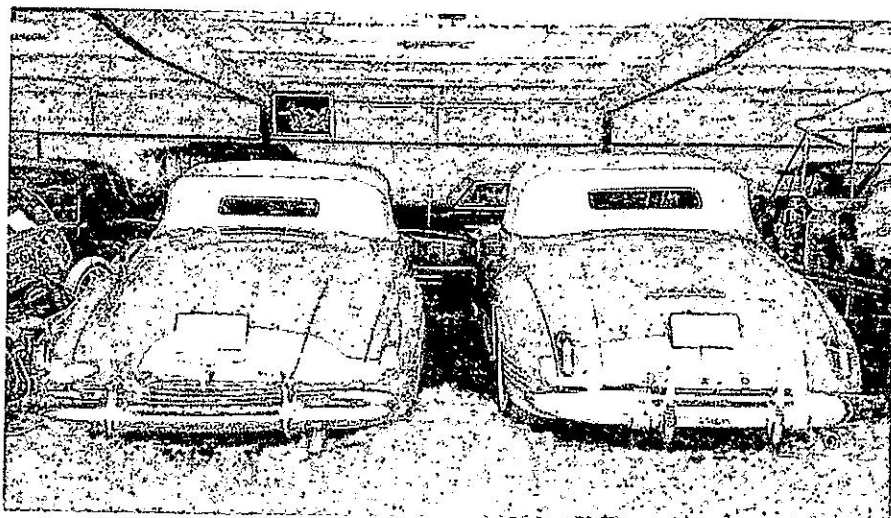
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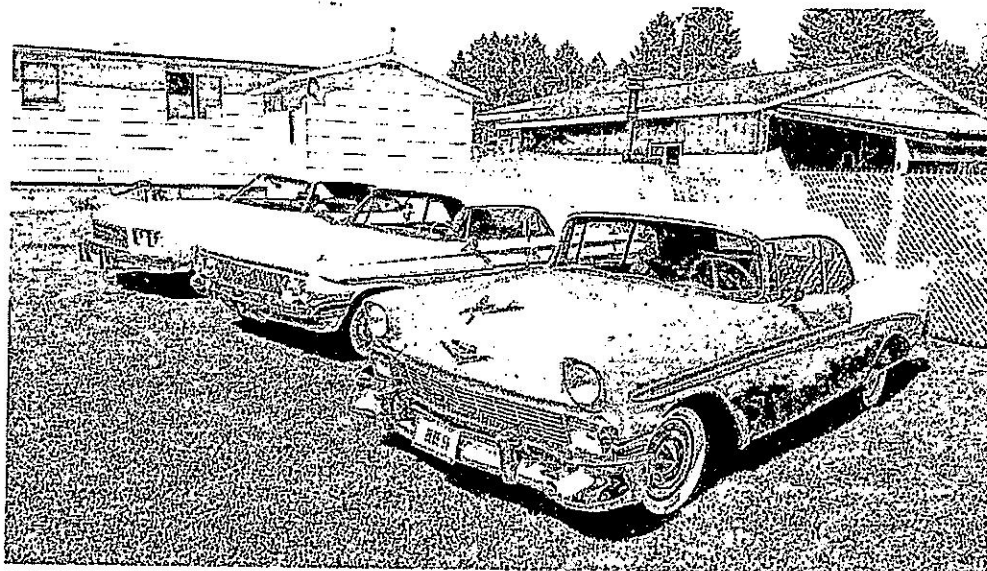
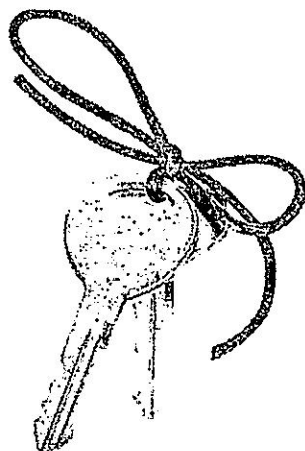
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1935 Oldsmobile



Here are some
"teasers" of what
people will get to
see on the Spring
Tour.



April 2023

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 _____

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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 Member Signature _____ Date _____

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