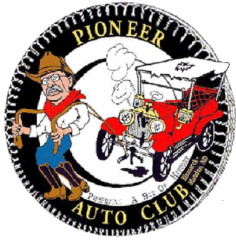


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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Volunteers pulled up to the Buckstop Gas Station Thursday, June 22. We started by noon due to rain. The crew got a lot done. All three buildings are scraped and prepped, ready for painting on June 29.



Thanks to Bill and Pat for bringing their power washers. After scraping the Gas Station, they power washed the building removing a lot of loose paint. Ron and Steve removed the signs, Diana painted the fascia boards red and started painting the entry door that Bubble Gum RED. Dale, Rick, Jo, Cherie, and Don rounded out the scrapers. We plan on painting the gas station in July so the wood can dry properly but the sales office and the garage have a whole new look.



Diana and I headed to Medora for a Medora Foundation function and participated in the car show. The Badlands Car Show sponsored by Boots Bar and Grill has taken over for the Medora Car Show. It was held on Saturday, June 24, located at the Marquis de Mores Chimney Park. It

rained that entire morning and cleared by noon. Twenty-seven cars were on display including our PCR Thunderbird. We handed out the PAC Acres of Iron flyers as well. A 1955 Cadillac Eldorado convertible took first-place.



The Southwest Tour is the next big event scheduled for Sept 8, 9, 10. An itinerary is attached to this newsletter. This three day and two-night tour includes many sites. Collections of peddled tractors and 1,000 toy tractors will be found in Mott, ND. We will stay in Bowman but heading for Marmarth, ND where the Van Horn Antique and Western Museum has one of the best auto collections in the area.

Our next stop will be at the Past Time Club and Steakhouse. Saturday will be spent in Medora touring the Skills Center, a presentation of the Theodore Roosevelt National Library, and an overview of what is next in Medora, take in attractions and view the Hot Air Balloon Festival. Sign up early for lodging and all the venues available to us.

Please email Don at rolnon@bis.midco.net or call 701-471-8861 with questions. We are looking for a minimum of ten cars to ride the tour. Text Don when you have registered. See you all on the road.





New Business

1. Greetings and Welcome 7:00pm
 2. New Members
 3. Secretary Report - Laura Engwicht as printed in the newsletter
 - a. 1st Joe LaFave 2nd John Baepple
 4. Treasurer's Report - Mark Engwicht
 - a. 1st Pat Fricke 2nd John Baepple
5. Committee Reports
- a. Buckstop Junction - John Des Roches not there to report
 - b. Buggies n Blues Pat Fricke - June 11th Great show over 500 cars
6. Old Business
- a. Who has a car story? Could use one for the newsletter, send to Don, Laura, or Kathy.
 - b. We will update the site at the end of June.
7. New Business
- a. Vendor Emporium (Junk'n at the Junction) June 17th We will be serving burgers, brats, & hot dogs. Diana Roloff is in charge of the rummage sale, if you have anything contact her. All proceeds will go to the club. We will be out there on June 16th from 5-6pm if you want to bring stuff out.
We need help serving, cooking, and working the sale. We will need help starting at 8am and then through the day. Come when you can please. Bring Ice if you can.
 - b. Capital Affairs Car Show August 5th, Dave Owens. Show up between 9 & 10 car show from 11-3
 - i. We will have the steak fry that evening after the show. 4pm Social 5pm Supper
 - ii. Acres of Iron Car Show in conjunction with Buckstop Corn Festival, Saturday Aug 19th. Ron & Kathy will be chairing it.
 - iii. Flyers printed - 500 for Buggies n Blues, 100 for Rough Rider Car Show, & 150 for general distribution.
 - c. Baptist Home Car Show - June 27th at 5:30pm 3400 Nebraska Drive in the back like last year.
 - d. Gas Station needs some refresh - Don has lined up June 22nd & 29th to work on buildings.
8. Looking for ideas for the fall cruise. Don has a good idea out west. More to come.
9. BLT Breakfast Lunch Together July 18th meet at Buckstop 9am going to Marlins Restaurant.
10. Dinner Cruise July 11th We will meet at 7pm at Rock n 50's. Drag Main is that night so go to main if you want and then meet up at the restaurant at 7pm.
11. July 20th, 2023 meeting 7pm at Buckstop Junction
12. Meeting adjourned 8:15pm 1st by Micheal Farley 2nd Mark Engwicht



JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Cary Backstrand
Harley Brandner
Greg Dockter
Larry Falkenstein
Dave Krumwiede
Jeff Olson
Ray Stair
Marc Sundquist

Spouse Birthdays

Donna Frey
Debby Grueneich
Brittany Lindenberg
Byrdi Naasz
Katie Olson
Kathy Setterlund

Anniversaries

Harley/Carol Brandner
Terry/Joan Brosseau
Don/Kathy Erhardt
Gary/Debby Grueneich
Larry/Val Harvey
Wayne/Karen Martineson
Jeremy/Holly Rudnick
Jerome/Kari Zimmerman



PAC NEWS

DINNER CRUISE NIGHT - Second Tuesday each month

Our next dinner cruise will be on July 11th. Come join **It's a Drag** (date changed from July 4 to July 11) cruising Bismarck Main Street and then we will meet at Rockin' 50's at 7:00 p.m. for dinner.

PAC BLT (Breakfast Lunch Together) - Third Tuesday each month

The next BLT run will be Tuesday, July 18th. We will meet at Buckstop at 9am and cruise to Marlin's Family Restaurant. Drive your Model A, T, or any other car. Come join the breakfast and coffee party. Add it to your Summer fun calendar.

PAC MEETING- Third Thursday each month

The next Pioneer Auto Club meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 20th at Buckstop Junction/Hollyhock Gas Station.

UPDATED PIONEER AUTO CLUB WEBSITE!!

It's here!! Our website has a whole new look and it looks fabulous!! Kari Zimmerman and Jolene Ellefson have worked very hard to get the website up and running so go take a peek at www.pioneerautoclub.com. Check out the Newsletters, Pictures, Car Stories and Events! **A NEW Route 66 section has been added under the Gallery link. Submit any Route 66 photos to Jolene if you would like them added!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jeff & Katie Olson - Bismarck - '43 Ford GPW WW2 Jeep
Dalles & Susan Schneider - Bismarck - '37 Buick 46 Special



4TH OF JULY Classic Car Parade - Mandan



The Mandan Progress Organization invites owners of

classic cars to participate in a special parade prior to the Independence Day Parade. Owners of vehicles manufactured 40 or more years ago are eligible to participate.

Staging for the Classic Car Parade:

The classic car parade stages on 32nd Ave SE, east of Midway Lanes (located at 3327 Memorial Highway), on the strip in Mandan. A Parade volunteer will be at the site to assist with the line up. The Classic Car Parade will leave the staging area at 9:50 a.m. Participants please arrive by 9:30 a.m.

49th ANNUAL CAPITAL A'FAIR & CAR SHOW August 5, 2023



CAR SHOW - Join us Saturday, August 5th for the Pioneer Auto Club Car Show during Capital A'Fair. The car show will be located in the northwest parking lot of Capitol grounds. Show up between 9-10 a.m. Car show will be from 11-3 p.m.

PAC STEAK FRY - Steak Fry for PAC Members at BuckStop Junction after the Capital A'Fair Car Show. Social at 4:00. Steak at 5:00. Bring dish to share. Price and RSVP pending.



PARADE TIMELINE

- Classic Car Parade starts at 9:50 a.m. on the Strip
- Parade starts at 10:10 a.m. on the Strip
- Parade arrives on Main at 10:30 a.m.
- Parade arrives at Dykshoorn Park at 11:00 a.m.
- Parade ends at 1:00 p.m.

BUCKSTOP JUNCTION HOOTENANNY - AUGUST 19 & 20

This is a community event that will have something for the whole family. You can explore all the historical buildings, listen to live music, enjoy some good food, and support some amazing vendors. This two day event will be open from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday.

ACRES OF IRON CAR SHOW - in conjunction with Buckstop Junction Hootenanny **Saturday, August 19th. 11:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.** PAC will also be selling brats, burgers, and hot dogs. Bring your classic car for the show! We need volunteers to help . Also, bring ice and a chair! **COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR CAR CLUB !!**

2023 PIONEER AUTO CLUB
ACRES OF IRON
Saturday, August 19th - 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Hollyhock Gas Station - Buckstop Junction

CAR SHOW

The Acres of Iron Car Show will be held in conjunction with the Corn Festival at Buckstop Junction located east of Bismarck on Old Highway 10.

Open to all classic makes & models! You will receive a complimentary drink with purchase of hot dog or hamburger sold at the Hollyhock gas station the day of the event. Two (2) people per vehicle & kids 9 and under will have free entrance with a car at north gate.

******* PAC SOUTHWEST TOUR ITINERARY *******

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10, 2023 – Book all rooms and events on your own by July 20.

1. 9-8-23 Leave Bismarck at 8:30 am CT from Elks Parking Lot, Washington Street-no breakfast stop
2. Carson, ND – 1 hour travel with a 30-minute stop at Butcher Shop – Leave Carson 9:00 am MT
3. Mott, ND –
 - a. Arrive 10:00 am MT, View Pedal Tractor Museum and Model Tractor Museum over 1000 models–
 - b. Leave 11:00 am MT
4. Bowman, ND-Call 701-523-7750 for room reservations-ask for block of rooms for PAC (Room Rates - \$129.00 for Queen, \$139.00 for King)
 - a. Arrive 12:00 pm MT, check into Bowman Lodge for room assignments.
 - b. 12:30 pm MT, Lunch at Grazers Burgers and Beers
 - c. Leave 2:00 pm MT
5. Marmarth, ND
 - a. Arrive 2:30 pm MT, Van Horn Antique and Western Museum – Allow 2+ hrs
 - b. 5:00 pm MT, Dinner at Past Time Club and Steakhouse-on your own
6. Bowman, ND
 - a. Arrive 6:30 pm MT, Check into Bowman Lodge Rooms
 - b. Meet at Grazers Burgers and Beers for refreshments.
 - c. 9-9-23 Saturday 7:00 to 9:00 am MT - Free Breakfast at Bowman Lodge
 - d. Leave 9:00 am MT for Medora
7. 9-9-23 Medora
 - a. Arrive Medora 10:30 am MT
 - b. 10:30 am MT , Skills Center - Greeting, Medora Foundation Update, Theodore Roosevelt Library Presentation and Tour Skills Center
 - c. Lunch at Buffet 12:00 Noon MT – lunch on your own - \$14.95 – or downtown eateries
 - d. Free Time 1:00 pm MT – Suggested
 - i. Cowboy Hall of Fame - \$9.00 Adult, \$7.00 Senior (Must See) tickets at the door
 - ii. Harold Schafer Museum -
 - iii. Ice Cream-several locations – You Pay
 - iv. Shopping – You Pay More
 - e. Elk Horn Quarters, Check in 4:00 pm Queen Size Only - Call 701-623-4444 for reservations (\$119.99 per night)
8. Dinner – On Your Own – Suggested Locations
 - a. Little Missouri Saloon
 - b. Theodore's Dining Room and TR Tavern
 - c. Boots Bar and Grill
 - d. Badlands Pizza and Saloon
 - e. Medora Uncork'd – new venue featuring wine and beer and food menu
9. Medora Musical – Reservations call 701-623-4444 - head to the show by 6:30 pm, showtime 7:30 pm MT – Ask for PAC Group Section 3, Lower Level
10. 9-10-23 Balloon Festival Sunday 6:00 am MT – view from Medora Musical Hill or Marque Chimney
 - a. Check out of Elk Horn Quarters before the Gospel Brunch or by 11:00 am if not going to GB
11. 9-10-23 Sunday - 9:30 am MT Gospel Brunch-Includes Breakfast-Call 701-623-4444 for reserve (\$54.00)
 - a. Leave Medora after the Gospel Brunch approximately 11:30 am MT
 - b. Optional Stops on the way to Bismarck - on your own
 - i. Dickinson Dinosaur Museum or Taylor Car Show

Homer Sink's Flivver

A History Written by Blair Henry Ihmels, 2023

William Homer Sink traveled from Iowa to North Dakota in the early 1900's on horseback. He made this trip twice. The first time he found out he couldn't homestead at the age of 17, so he went back to Iowa on horseback. He returned a year later, again on horseback, to claim his homestead.

William Homer Sink



Homer was a horse trader, not in a bad way, as that was a commodity that was used for farming by the settlers. However, at some point, he acquired a Ford Model A and became the country school's bus driver to gather the kids to and from school. The boys would ride on the outside running boards and the girls sat on the inside. When Elsie Sink Ihmels was asked why, she responded, "So the boys could smoke".

When Homer moved from the farm to Bowbells, he continued to drive the Model A. It was a local sight as most cars had been modernized after the war. Homer would make trips to the Ihmels farm to get the oil changed and arrive for Sunday dinner. The Ihmels family enjoyed the arrival of Grandpa's Flivver. There were trips to Mouse River Park, and everyone would scramble to see who was going to get to ride up front with Grandpa. The sound of the car was unique, and the honking of the horn was a special "Ahooga". The smell of the now 30-year-old mohair interior still stirs a memory.

When Grandpa was in his 70's, he thought it best to have the youngest son, Harold, acquire a more modern car, like maybe, a Plymouth. Harold brokered a deal with a friend he worked with up in Dunseith, North Dakota. He took the Model A to trade in for a Plymouth car. Homer really didn't like

Blair, Grandpa Homer, and Eva posed in front of the Model A.



A reenactment of the earlier photo was taken in 2022 with Beckett, Grandpa Blair, and Eva.

the transition, so he asked Harold to get his faithful Model A sedan back. Uncle Harold was able to trade the cars back, and the old Flivver was again on the streets of Bowbells.

As Homer was aging and the car was used for almost everything, Grandpa would not admit to backing it into the yard of his little house in Bowbells; cracking the back window and denting the car on the clothesline post. With a couple of screws and a rubber washer in the window, it was not to be mentioned again. These repairs still work and have been no worse for wear after all these years.

A couple of screws and a rubber washer in the window



The year was now 1965. Homer sent in for his license for the Model A. When it came in the mail, he had already decided not to drive anymore.

The old settlers would sit on a bench on main street in Bowbells and watch the hustle and bustle go by. On this day, Homer told neighbor

Leonard Berg that he was done driving the Model A, and he wanted to sell the car to someone so his boys wouldn't fight over the car. Leonard thought it would be a good idea to buy it and put it in the barn at his farm. The two drove it out there and parked it by an old grain wagon in the middle of the barn.

Grandpa's heart grew weak, and he died that November. Over the next three decades the family would venture to North Dakota and visit that old barn and the car. Over time the engine finally seized up and dirt piled up around the tires.

During the summer of 1987, Bowbells had an all-school reunion. Some of the Sink family came for the celebration. James Walker (married to Emily Berg, daughter of the late Leonard Berg) came up



**The Model A
1965 License**

**Blair was
chosen
to own the
Model A.**



**The Model A
had quit
running and
dirt piled up
around the
wheels.**

behind Blair and asked if he was the grandson of Homer Sink. Jim said that he and Emily owned that 1929 Ford Model A that was stored in the barn and that someone in the Ihmels' family should have it. The family gathered around Jim and all fingers pointed to Blair indicating that he should own that car. From that day, Jim and Blair stayed in contact, but no deal was struck.

In 2010, the Berg home quarter was sold to Laury Hennix from Niobe. Laury also owns the Ihmels homestead quarter. In 2012, Laury called Blair and said he now owned the Model A in the barn. He said that the family should buy that car and get it out before the barn collapsed. A deal was made. In August, Blair and Nancy Ihmels, and Rick and Laury Hennix, successfully removed the car from the barn. The barn collapsed ten years later in 2022.



**The Model A
was loaded
onto a trailer
for moving
just ten years
before the
barn collapsed.**

About the same time as the barn collapsed, in early 2022, Blair started on the repairs to get the car back on the road. The engine was pulled out after a crack was discovered in the number 3 cylinder. With new pistons, cylinder sleeves, modern valves, and seats with several new parts, the engine was replaced.

Motivated by uncle Harold's 91st birthday, the car was officially on the road on May 13, 2022. The Flivver was a true barn find with a rich family history.



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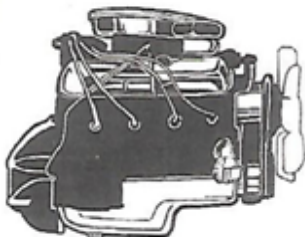


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Upcoming car shows & events **For a complete list of events, visit www.pioneerclub.com**

Upcoming events

July 1 Anamoose Annual Rib Fest and Car Show
July 11 It's a Drag, Main St. Cruise Night Bismarck
July 11 PAC Cruise Night - Rockin 50's Dinner
July 14 CowTown HoeDown Car Show New Salem
July 14 Dickinson Prairie Cruisers Car Show Meet and Greet
July 15 Dickinson Prairie Cruisers Show n Shine
July 18 BLT (Breakfast Lunch Together) Slow Car Run
July 20 PAC monthly meeting
July 22 Crossroads Car Show Glen Ullin
July 29 Celebrate My Ride at Legacy High School
August 1 It's a Drag, Main St. Cruise Night Bismarck
August 3 Touchmark Car Show
August 4 McClusky Summer Celebration and Car Show
August 5 Sax Centennial Dickinson Car Show
August 5 PAC Capital A' Fair Car Show
August 5 PAC Steak Fry
August 6 Mustangs & Ford Capital A' Fair Car Show
August 8 PAC Dinner Cruise
August 19 - August 20 Corn Festival
August 19 Acres of Iron Car Show
September 5 It's a Drag, Main St. Cruise Night Bismarck
September 8,9,10 - PAC Southwestern Tour
September 8 - September 10 Southwest Cruise
September 10 Taylor Car Show
September 15 - September 17 Dakota Cruisers Minot



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