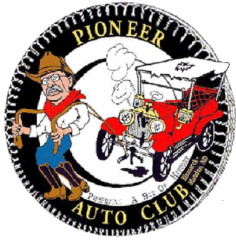


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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August started with a BUST and a BOOM. The PAC Capitol Affairs Car Show was rained out! We did make the call early Friday evening and sent emails out to members informing everyone of the cancellation. The next morning our predictions were right with showers and a gloomy day. However, the BOOM turned out to be the PAC Steak Fry held at Buckstop Hotel. The Hotel provided us with a great space to set up tables, lay out all the goodies everyone contributed. The steak masters were hard at work again grilling those cow parts to perfection. Davey Boy Schmitz, Steve Ellefson and Ron Pickard ran the meat counter like an assembly line handing out those delectable rib eyes as fast as they were grilled. Jolene Ellefson provided a tutorial about our updated website. Thanks to all who made the website update possible. Jo even showed me how to use an app making accessibility even faster.

Greg and Jackie Docktor organized a cruise to the Peace Gardens. The cruise group headed toward Dunseith with a few points of interest, stopping in the Turtle Mountains before doing an overnight at Lake Metigoshe. The day ended with a supper on the deck at a lakeside steakhouse. The car show had several Canadian entrants that added interest to the show. Thanks Greg and Jackie for putting this event together.

We headed south to Rusty's Saloon and Grill in St. Anthony for the August Dinner Cruise. The weather was great as was the food at Rusty's. Someone did some smooth selling and brought Rusty into the PAC as a renewed member. He entered a 1957 Thunderbird to the PAC roster.

The Minot Dakota Cruisers Season Finale follows our Southwest Tour. The Dakota Cruisers know how to put on a great show with shop stops, show and shine, and an outstanding barbeque event. We need to attend this year's event because Linda and Dave Schmitz have a habit of taking home all the trophies. Would be great if we had a crowd cheering them on when they once again get this year's trophies! Check the newsletter for details.

Remember to check the PAC website for dinners, cruises and all other events.





New Business

1. Greetings and Welcome 7:00pm
 2. New Members Clarence Hoffman with a 57 Thunderbird
 3. Secretary Report - Laura Engwicht absent. As printed in the newsletter Pat Fricke accepted
 4. Treasurer's Report - Jo Ellefson
 - a. 1st Tom Friedt 2nd Joe LaFave
5. Committee Reports
- a. Buckstop Junction - John Des Roches and Wayne Martinson Pioneer Trail Street sign approved. Don will make a sign. Gravel road will be fixed. Wayne and John will make sure the Acres of Iron Car Show is included in next year's Corn Feed flier.
6. Old Business
- a. Who has a car story? Could use one for the newsletter, send to Don, Laura, or Kathy.
 - b. We had a great turn out for the Baptist Car Show. Thanks to everyone that made it.
 - c. Capital Affair Car Show - Bust. Steak Fry - Great John and Wayne will inquire about next year's Steak Fry.
 - d. Heater in garage - Mark and Kevin will chair
 - e. Lawn mower - Tom bought it for \$200. Donate \$100 for use of the hotel for steak fry. Approved 1st by Joe LaFave 2nd Steve Ellefson
 - f. Weed control has been done by Mark & Joe. Mail Kist Livestock thank you card for donating weed control chemicals.
7. New Business
- a. Acres of Iron Car Show in conjunction with Buckstop Corn Festival, Saturday Aug 19th. Ron & Kathy will be chairing it.
 - i. Benco has offered to set up a car lift for demo and attractions.
 - ii. We will sell rummage items (leftover from June) you may bring in more items Saturday morning.
 - iii. Mail Thank you to SCRW for water donation -Jennifer will print cards with PAC logos.
 - b. Southwest Tour Sept 8-10 Details on website. Sixteen cars signed up (30 people)
 - i. Bowman-Grazers lunch menu, <https://www.bowmanlodgend.com>
 - c. Minot Cruisers Finale September 15 update - Dave Schmitz. Details on website
 - d. Gas Station Display project - committee formed: Steve Ellefson, Joel Andres, Pat Fricke, Rick Setterlund, and Ron Pickar
 - e. Christmas Party - possibly at Buckstop Hotel. John and Wayne will check with Chele. Snow, heat, & water.
8. Breakfast Lunch Together September 19 meet at Buckstop 9am going to Frieds Family Restaurant in Mandan.
9. Dinner Cruise Sept 12th We will meet at 5:30pm at North Arby's going to Watering Hole, Fort Rice, 2 choices for menu - Bill Schwehr
10. Next September 21st meeting 7pm at Buckstop Junction
11. Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm We will cook burgers, brats, & hot dogs.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Carl Copeland
Austin Engwicht
Neil Galpin
Skyler LaFave
Larry Larson
Wayne Martineson
Kevin Schatz
Doug Schmidt

Spouse Birthdays

Betty Baepple
Cindy DeGree
Katilla Louser
Jan Pickar
Kay Schmidt

Anniversaries

John/Betty Baepple
Lynn/Debbie Best
Steve/Jolene Ellefson
Dennis/Veronica Erhardt
Larry/Betty Falkenstein
Jim/Bernie Foley
Larry/Rita Klemin
Mike/Ann Knudson
Doug/Kay Schmidt
Dave/Linda Schmitz

PAC NEWS

DINNER CRUISE NIGHT - Second Tuesday each month

The September Dinner Cruise is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th. We will meet at the north Arby's parking lot leaving at 5:30 p.m. We are cruising south to the Watering Hole in Fort Rice. There will be two choices on the menu.

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

The September BLT cruise will be Tuesday, September 19th. We will meet at Buckstop Junction at 9:00 a.m. and cruise to Frieds Family Restaurant in Mandan. Add it to your Summer fun calendar.

PAC MEETING- Third Thursday each month

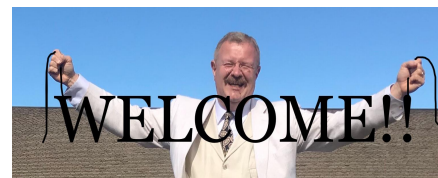
The next Pioneer Auto Club meeting will be held September 21st at Buckstop Junction at 7:00 p.m. We will be grilling up some brats, burgers and hotdogs!

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!!!!

Clarence Hoffman - St. Anthony - '57 Thunderbird
Bill & Mary Kingsley - Bismarck - '36 Packard
Pius & Esther Roehrlich - Menoken - '69 Ford 4x4
Steven Boyle - Linton - '66 Chevy Corvair Convertible
Bill & Tori Winterberg - Bismarck - '56 Chevy BelAir
Neil & Tiffany Galpin - Bismarck - '86 Chevy K-10
Bob Moszer - Bismarck - '65 Chevy Impala



ACRES OF IRON CAR SHOW

The PAC Acres of Iron in conjunction with the Buckstop Junction Corn Feed was a great success. The car show had a variety of cars enter the show with a total count of 55 cars. We were very happy with the number of cars. Thanks to the check-in team; Kathy Setterlund, Ron Pickar and Jolene Ellefson for making this event work so well. We also added six new members to the Club. We definitely had a few outstanding cars at the show. The PAC Burger Burn was also successful. Big thanks to Laura and Mark Engwicht for organizing the food and beverages. The Junkin' item sales that Linda Schmitz and Diana Roloff managed also went well. We plan on continuing this sale event next year. Check out all the great photos from this event on the PAC website!



NEWS FROM DON & DIANA ROLOFF: We are on a cruise to attend this year's Ford Thunderbird Reunion in Dearborn Michigan. We went by way of Upper Michigan Peninsula for a tourist stop at Mackinac Island. That's the island without any cars or any other motorized vehicles except for fire trucks. They use methane gas powered power sources called horses to pull carriages, cabs, freight, and anything else that needs to be delivered. I noticed a variety of occupations that you won't see downtown Menoken. These high-tech operators from the past have a pushcart and a grain shovel to scoop up the excess methane droppings. All are EPA compliant. There are more fudge makers on this little island than anywhere else in the world. You can purchase a bark of fudge for the mere cost of a tank of gas. The food was fantastic, but the room taxes requested by the Michigan Governor was the cost of the room!

We turned south toward Dearborn to begin the festivities of the International Thunderbird Club. We were blown away by the Henry Ford Museum, the Greenfield Village, and the Ford F150 Assembly Plant. These are world class museums and really need to be on everyone's bucket list. The assembly plant was our highlight. The plant can build 1200 trucks a day. That equates to 52 seconds a truck. We were introduced to the Ford Tri Motor aircraft built in 1929. It was used commercially and during the time of war. The Rausch Car Museum gave us a glimpse into the Ford success at NASCAR. They featured a Ford GT at our visit. Very impressive. The festivities culminated at the Ford World Headquarters with Thunderbirds representing most years. That assembly made for a fantastic photo op! We will be heading home with one more stop in Frankenmuth. Frankenmuth is known for its German heritage and the world's largest Christmas store. Oh yes, we will be shopping. See you all soon!

SAVE THE DATES

SOUTHWEST TOUR - Sept. 8, 9, & 10

The Southwest Cruise is just around the corner. We have thirty members signed up for the cruise. That is a great number. There is no doubt we will have a fantastic time. We'll be sending out an email asking you to select a lunch item from Grazers Burgers in Bowman. We want to give the restaurant a heads up for our Friday noon stop. See the itinerary below:

SOUTHWEST TOUR ITINERARY - SEPTEMBER 8, 9, & 10


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
 - 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
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 (see flyer on PAC website)



END OF THE YEAR DAKOTA CRUISERS RUN TO MINOT - Sept. 15-17



Anyone interested in a trip to Minot for a weekend of fun with the Dakota Cruisers Car Club and their 2023 Season Finale, please feel free to join the group of PAC members that will be leaving Bismarck Friday September 15th and returning on Sunday September 17th, 2023.

We will plan on leaving from the StaMart truck stop at 9:00 am on Friday September 15th and will meet the Dakota Cruisers Club at the Dam picturesque place around 10:30. Lunch on your own in Pick City. Photo shoot at the dam  circle!!! Then a garage of car collection in Garrison before heading to Minot for the rest of the festivities. We can fill gas in Pick City or Garrison. 70 miles to Pick City and another 30 miles to Garrison.

Remember to book your room at the Sleep Inn and Suites 701-837-3140 by September 1st and mention the Dakota Cruisers Group for the special rate. The PAC members will be able to register at the Moose Lodge after we check into the motel. A complete schedule with the wrist bands will be in the packets when you register.

Registration for the weekend of fun and the fantastic meal and entertainment at Huwe's 2825 13th St SE Minot by September 4th, for \$25.00 per person and after September 4th, will be \$30.00.

All this information, including the registration form, is on the Dakota Cruisers website www.dakotacruisers.org and on the PAC website under EVENTS. Any questions: Contact Dave at 701-220-4035.

Friday September 15th

: Rod Run starting at 9 AM Leave from Walmart parking lot, Registration before run

: Registration at The Moose Lodge 400 9th ST SW from 5-7 PM Food will be served.

: Clothing Sales, raffle tickets

: Entertainment

Saturday September 16th

: Show and Shine at Minot Park District Moose Park-10AM-1PM Registration, clothing sales, raffle tickets

: Garage tours 1PM-5PM

: Poker Run- Cards drawn at Huwe's

: Evening meal and awards presentation at Huwe's 2825 13th St SE

Sunday September 17th

: Breakfast and goodbyes till next year

THIS AND THAT!

In days of yore, a marvel did unfold,
A machine with stories yet untold,
Its steel frame gleaming, polished bright,
The epitome of progress, a wondrous sight.

Behold the Model T Ford, a chariot of dreams,
Born from the mind of innovation's esteemed.
With wheels of steel and engine's roar,
It carried hope to distant shores.

Henry Ford's creation, an icon of its age,
A symbol of revolution, turning history's page.
In factories vast, its parts took form,
Each crafted piece a testament to the norm.

A horseless carriage, so simple and bold,
In black, it shone, a tale to be told.
With a hand-cranked start, it came alive,
A pioneering spirit, eager to thrive.

Across dirt roads and cobblestone streets,
It ventured forth, conquering defeats.
Through the countryside, it roamed with grace,
A testament to man's relentless chase.

Families gathered, their hearts elate,
As the Model T arrived, their journeys they'd take.

With seats of leather, they embraced the ride,
Bound for adventure, side by side.

From bustling cities to remote terrain,
It braved the elements, sun, snow, and rain.

With engine humming and gears that shifted,
It carried dreams, and memories uplifted.



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TRIVIA

Q: What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?

A: The 1960 Plymouth Valiant

Q: What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?

A: The 1924 Chrysler.

Q: What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?

A: The 1904 Acme, from Reading, PA. Perpetuity was disturbing in this case, as Acme closed down in 1911.

Q: What American luxury automaker began by making cages for birds and squirrels?

A: The George N. Pierce Co. of Buffalo, who made the Pierce Arrow, also made ice boxes.

Q: What car first referred to itself as a convertible?

A: The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hardtop



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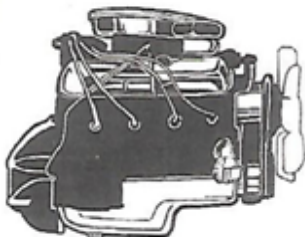


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Upcoming car shows & events For a complete list of events, visit www.pioneercarclub.com

Upcoming events

September 5 It's a Drag, Main St. Cruise Night Bismarck
September 8,9,10 - PAC Southwestern Tour
September 10 - Taylor Car Show
September 10 - Northwest Tire Annual Car Show
September 10 - Bismarck Airport Car Show & Pancake Feed
September 12 PAC Diner Cruise
September 12 - Liberty Heights/Mandan Golden Age 8th Annual Classic Car Show
September 15 - September 17 Dakota Cruisers Minot
September 19 BLT
September 21 - PAC meeting



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