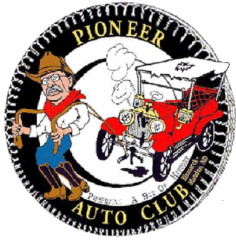


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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

November flew by like a turkey! Actually, it was Turkey Month as we celebrated Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. We have several of the Roloff boys who have become excellent specialists in the art of culinary. One bakes outstanding pies. Our other son has a knack for making the turkey perfect. I couldn't be outdone, so this year I introduced a vegetable tray in the form of a turkey (See the pic). I knew it was risky, but it became the talk of the table!



Patty and Dave Owens, Diana and I decided that the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we would start up the Model A's one last time before storage and drive to the Pier for snacks and brews. The idea was great. I was ready and excited about taking the Model A out for a run. Prior to this, we had a distributor problem during a BLT breakfast run. Dave had provided some wisdom, and I managed to remedy the problem. The Model A ran perfectly until we were a block away from the Pier. The

Model A stalled then came back to life then sputtered again giving us enough power to get into the parking lot. Dave looked under the hood. How could it be running so well then sputtered to a stop? We had a spark, the advance was working. Dave then looked at the in-line fuel filter and said, "you ran out of gas, AGAIN". That was impossible with a half tank of gas registering on the gauge. The problem was the old sediment bowl was plugged from the rust in the tank. We cleaned it the best we could and drove home. I ordered a glass sediment bowl to better monitor the rust build up...so we won't run out of gas ever again. Now we will be ready for spring fun runs.



The big story for the month is preparation for the Christmas Party. If you haven't done so, get the RSVP along with PAC dues mailed in. We've extended the deadline to December 5<sup>th</sup>. We need the head count to order the meals. Our entertainment committee is hard at work coming up with things to do during the evening between the band sets. "Dancing with the PAC Stars" was suggested! Let Laura know if you are contributing items to the silent auction. She will identify the items on the drop jars. Joe will once again have his roll of tickets ready for the auction. Get ready for a 50/50 again this year and watch for the GRINCH! Sign up immediately for a fun PAC Christmas night. All inclement weather will be postponed until 2024. *If a man is in the woods with no woman to hear him...is he still wrong?*

# MINUTES - November 16, 2023



## New Business

1. Greetings and Welcome 7:00pm
2. New Members
3. Secretary Report - Laura Engwicht As printed in the newsletter Pat Fricke 1st Joe LaFave 2nd
4. Treasurer's Report - Mark Engwicht
  - a. 1st Pat Fricke 2nd David Schmitz
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Gas Station Display Committee - Rick Setterlund Don Roloff Going good. Have a few pictures to go through and identify the pieces.
  - b. Buckstop Junction - John Des Roches and Wayne Martinson neither there to report.
6. Old Business
  - a. Who has a car story? Could use one for the newsletter, send to Don, Laura, or Kathy.
7. New Business
  - a. Advertising for 2024 - Don Roloff - If you have someone in mind to advertise in our newsletter the form is on the website or contact an officer for it.
  - b. Christmas Party will be at the Ramada, Dec 21st  
5:30pm Social 6:30pm Dinner  
Steve Harmon band will play. Chinese Auction let us know if you have something to donate to it. We will have some other entertainment too.  
Please RSVP by Dec 5th with \$30 a person and your dues of \$20. See Below for the form to send in for RSVP.  
Entertainment Committee - Val & Larry Harvey, Patti & Dave Owens, and Diana & Don Roloff  
Sent RSVP to the band inviting them to join us for the meal, if they pay for the meal.
  - c. Elections were held. Joe and Sam presented nominees of Don Roloff - President, Mark Engwicht - Vice President, Laura Engwicht - Secretary, Steve Ellefson - Treasurer, and Ron Pickar - Sergeant at Arms. Sam moved to elect all, David Schmitz 2nd, and passed.
8. Breakfast Lunch Together resume in March or April
9. Dinner Cruise to Laughing Sun was fun. We will have our next cruise in Jan.
10. Next meeting 7pm Jan 18th at Marc & Esther Sundquist shop, 2624 Morrison Ave #5, Bismarck. Behind Penny's Muffler
11. Meeting adjourned 7:26pm



# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## Member Birthdays

Larry Harvey  
Gene Hetletved  
Charlie Jacobsen  
Jim Klooster  
Mike Knudson  
Joe LaFave  
Dave Owens  
Carroll Sather  
Marvin Schwehr  
Dale Speckmann

## Spouse Birthdays

Kathy Erhardt  
Bev Goehring  
Audrey Heinle  
Nancy Ihmels  
Mary Kingsley  
Lisa Kupris  
Melva Morris  
Ruth Rakow  
Holly Rudnick  
Cindy Schatz  
Myrna Stair

## Anniversaries

Ronald/Verdel Hopfauf  
Cory/Katilla Louser  
David/Debra Martin  
Don/Diana Roloff  
Carroll/Carol Sather

## PAC NEWS

### **DINNER CRUISE NIGHT - Second Tuesday each month**

The next Dinner Cruise will be in January. Stay tuned for more information coming in the January newsletter.

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

The BLT cruise will resume in March or April of 2024.

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### **PAC MEETING- Third Thursday each month**

The next Pioneer Auto Club meeting will be held January 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Marc & Esther Sundquist shop, 2624 Morrison Ave #5, Bismarck (behind Penny's Muffler)

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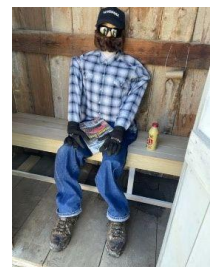
### **UPDATED PIONEER AUTO CLUB WEBSITE!!**

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](http://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!!**



We have a new member who likes cars but doesn't own one himself. His name is Hank. He wants to help the PAC by volunteering for something. We decided he should be the Keeper of the Outhouse where he resides reading his Hemmings magazine and drinking a few Coors Banquets, welcome Hank!!



# WHAT WOULD SANTA DRIVE???

*Article from Top Speed magazine by Ciprian Florea*

This just in! With Christmas day only a few hours away, Santa's sleigh just got stolen and Mr.Claus developed a sudden fear of flying. Billions of people around the world are in danger of not getting their Christmas presents this year!

Okay, just kidding, but let's imagine what Santa would do if he couldn't travel the world in his reindeer-powered sleigh. He'd probably have to drive, and assuming he doesn't already own a vehicle (he obviously wouldn't need one with the flying sleigh usually at his disposal), he would need to find the proper means of transportation on land.

So what would Mr.Claus drive? Given he hauls a lot of stuff, cargo space is definitely a priority. His vehicle of choice should also have to come with all-wheel drive, as Santa encounters all sorts of terrains during his journey around the world. Finally, it should also be fast because, as you may know, Santa needs to get the job done in only 24 hours.

Here's some ideas:

**Mercedes-Benz G63 AMG 6x6** - This awesome truck would not only enable Santa to get out of the North Pole, but also tackle the most difficult environments out there. It comes with six wheels, five locking differentials, three solid axles, and a turbocharged V-8 that puts 544 horsepower and 560 pound-feet of twist to the ground. Although it tips the scales at more than 8,300 pounds, it needs only 7.8 seconds to hit 60 mph and its top speed is rated at 100 mph. It's ridiculously fast for a six-wheeled monster! Only problem, it doesn't come in red!!

**Jeep Wrangler Unlimited** - The Jeep Wrangler could also get the job done. And, unlike the Merc, it comes with a removable roof to provide Santa with a sleigh-like experience! The heated driver seat should keep him warm and comfortable. The 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6 is powerful enough to make the Wrangler go fast on smoother surfaces, while the Unlimited body style provides plenty of room for Santa's big bag of gifts.

**1965 Ford Mustang** - Granted, the 1965 Mustang Convertible wouldn't be much of a Christmas hauler, but it's the right vehicle if Santa would suddenly decide he wants to retire and move to Arizona!! Winters are freezing and summers are chilly at the North Pole, and I would definitely understand if Santa would consider moving.

**1955 Dodge Pickup Truck** - With so many people living in the USA, Santa needs a very big classic in the states to make his deliveries on time. With this truck, he can stack all of the presents in the back and deliver all the gifts in nostalgic style!

Granted, none of the vehicles available today would be up for such a mission, but should the reindeer go on strike on Christmas or should Santa decide that the open-roof sleigh gets way too chilly, he would need a helping hand in finding the best car to travel around. What would YOU choose??





2023 Pioneer Auto Club  
**Christmas Party**

WHEN: Thursday, December 21, 2023

TIME: 5:30 pm social hour, bring items for Chinese Auction.  
6:30 pm dinner with Steve Harmon Band

WHERE: Ramada by Wyndham, 1400 E Interchange Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501

**Please pick one meal choice per person attending. Cost is \$30.00/person.**

**CHOICE #1: Beef Pot Roast** (sliced beef served with au jus)

**CHOICE #2: Roast Turkey & Dressing** (with homemade gravy and mashed potatoes)

**CHOICE#3: Stuffed Chicken Breast** (marinated chicken is stuffed with bread dressing and served with chicken supreme sauce)

*All meals are served with rolls, salad, potato, vegetables, dessert, coffee and water*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHOICE # \_\_\_\_\_

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*Cut at the dotted line and mail this RSVP/FOOD CHOICE along with check for meal to:  
Pioneer Auto Club PO Box 3163 Bismarck, ND 58502.*

*RSVP no later than **December 5, 2023.***

*You may also send in your \$20.00 dues for 2024 along with your Christmas RSVP!*

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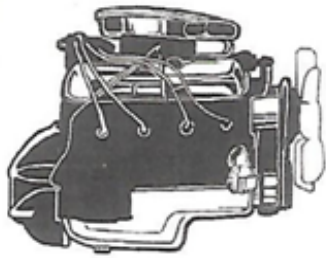
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### Upcoming events

December 21 - PAC Christmas Party - Ramada  
January 18 - PAC Meeting



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