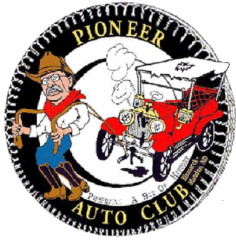


# PIONEER AUTO CLUB NEWSLETTER



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I want to protest Mother Nature for encroaching on summer! Who does MN think she is to hammer us with a winter storm before Halloween. There are no snowstorms allowed before Halloween! That is a historical fact according to CNN if you believe big name media. So, we will gather on the steps of the State Capitol on Saturday at 1:00pm for a blowout protest...if it isn't too cold or it is snowing or if the wind is blowing or if there is a NDSU BISON football game. Let's make a stand!!

We continue to improve the Gas Station. We were donated a glass display case from Ken Knodel. It is like the glass case we have by the front door.

We intend to use it to display documents, pictures or other historical items of interest that can be viewed by the public. Thanks to Darrell Emmil and Rick Setterlund for helping your Prez pick up the display case. Rick had a trailer that tilted making unloading the heavy case easy.

Rick also is chairing the Description Committee. The purpose of the committee is to inventory the many items housed in the Gas Station with an end goal of making the Gas Station more of a museum. The committee met to begin assessing all the items we have and there are many. They began determining what we should display and what should be stored or removed. They have come up with several descriptions of items that would be featured with a plaque or sign putting a name on the item and what it does. They have a good start on a big project. Thanks for your efforts.

This is the time to get more advertisers for the Newsletter. The Application is on the PAC website. Print a few copies and hit the streets. We could have nearly a hundred advertisers if everyone added one new business.

Check your closet for your best outfit to be worn at the PAC's annual Christmas Party. The RSVP form along with other information is in this newsletter. Don't forget to RSVP by December 1!

Just to let you know, your Prez is really a 16-year-old with fifty years of experience. Apply that theory to Joe LaFave and you will see he has a lot of experience!!

*I have been getting questions relating to winter storage of your classic car. I did some research resulting in 10 items we should perform in preparation for storing the car for the winter.*

1. Review the insurance plan making sure the plan is up to date or check if there are better options available.
2. Check your storage space. Place a vapor barrier on the concrete floor to prevent moisture from reaching the undercarriage of your car.
3. Clean the exterior of the car. Apply a liquid base coat of protective wax. Lubricate door hinges and hood hinges. If you have a convertible, store it with the top up to prevent fabric shrinkage.
4. Clean the inside of the car. Scraps can attract unwanted pests. Vacuum and clean surfaces with a treatment. Place a box of baking soda inside to absorb unwanted odors that can develop.
5. Prep the tires. Use soapy water and a tire brush to wash off the dirt and brake dust. Check the PSI and fill if needed.
6. Change the oil in your vintage, especially if it has the original engine. Go for a short drive to circulate the new oil throughout the system. This will help prevent internal corrosion.
7. Fuel up. Do not use any ethanol-based fuel since it attracts moisture. The new fuel blends also deteriorate over a short period of time so add a conditioner to maintain fuel integrity.
8. Cover the tailpipes to prevent rodent infestation or use steel wool as a plug. Don't forget to remove it in the spring.
9. Use a battery tender to prolong the life of the battery. This will prevent any battery drain that may occur.
10. Check on your car and warm up your car periodically.

# MINUTES - OCTOBER 19 , 2023



## New Business

1. Greetings and Welcome 7:00pm
2. New Members
3. Secretary Report - Laura Engwicht As printed in the newsletter Joe LaFave 1st Pat Fricke 2nd
4. Treasurer's Report - Jo Ellefson
  - a. 1st Pat Fricke 2nd David Schmitz
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Gas Station Display Committee - Rick Setterlund Going good. Have a few pictures to go through and identify the pieces.
  - b. Buckstop Junction - John Des Roches and Wayne Martinson Not much happening
    - i. Case Steam Engine Report - Wayne says don't run so can't move. More later.
6. Old Business
  - a. Who has a car story? Could use one for the newsletter, send to Don, Laura, or Kathy.
  - b. Heater in garage - Mark and Kevin - Kevin got boxes made and mounted. Mark, Bill, Doug, Rick, and Laura got the heaters installed and working.
  - c. Display Case - Don Roloff - Don and Rick got the case for the garage and now need to organize stuff in the garage and put some stuff in it.
7. New Business
  - a. Advertising for 2024 - Jolene Ellefson - 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  
Laura made a motion for dinner to be \$30 a person, Linda Schmitz 2nd, & passed.  
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 7th with \$30 a person and your dues of \$20. See Below for the form to send in for RSVP.  
Mark made a motion for \$200 for gifts for auction, Jolene 2nd, and passed  
Mark & Laura will buy gifts - if you have an idea let us know.
  - 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 Nov 14th We will meet at 5:30pm at Laughing Sun, Bismarck
10. Next meeting Nov 16th 7pm at Don and Diana Roloff's 3005 Deer Lodge Drive in Bismarck.
11. Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## Member Birthdays

Jay Buringrud  
Larry Heinle  
Ronald Hopfauf  
Lloyd Klein  
Dan Rouse  
Dan Usselman

## Spouse Birthdays

Debbie Best  
Linda Buringrud  
Jolene Ellefson  
Verdel Hopfauf  
Glenda Klein  
Rita Klemin  
Leona Ressler  
Lisa Rouse

## Anniversaries

Craig/Cindy DeGree  
Larry/Audrey Heinle  
Blair/Nancy Ihmels  
Cliff/Pat Lieske  
Jeff/Katie Olson

## PAC NEWS

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

The November Dinner Cruise is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th. We will meet at 5:30 at Laughing Sun in Bismarck.

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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 November 16th at Don and Diana Roloff's starting at 7:00 p.m. Their address is 3005 Deer Lodge Drive in Bismarck. Call Don at 701-471-8861 with any questions.

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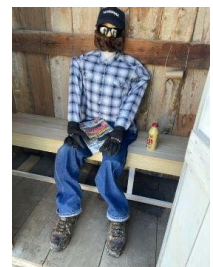
### **UPDATED PIONEER AUTO CLUB WEBSITE!!**

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!!



## PAC MEMBER CAR STORY - CAR ITCH by Ken Stoxen



The car itch is a terrible bug to catch. I had a 1953 Ford Victoria for almost 20 years; sold to a guy in Iowa. Empty garage. 6 months and the bug hit me. I came across a 1968 Mercury Cougar in Lincoln, nice car, great speed; but you know us old guys, have a hard time getting in and out of the low cars. Empty garage. One day I got bored so I did some cruising on the computer to get my bidding number for the Hemmings car auction.

The car auction "online" is quite intense for about 3 days. Being close to the computer at home gave me a good opportunity to raise the bid to essentially push the other bidders in the ditch. And wouldn't you know as luck would have it...I got the final bid and needed to send earnest money to Hemmings.

Now this car is 50 miles north of Duluth, MN or about 1,000 miles from Mandan. I sent a picture of the car to my girlfriend and told her we were doing a road trip in November to the northern part of MN. Remember the winter of 2022? Well, she said "Nope"! Now I gotta figure out how to get this 1928 Model A in my empty garage.

A 2011 Dodge truck is not really good on gas mileage and the food bill would be over the top if I took my twin boys along. Calling around for car transporters was almost the same as car auction bidding. I finally found one transporter Thanksgiving morning at about 10 a.m. Yes, I did say Thanksgiving Day morning. As luck would have it ...10 p.m. Thanksgiving evening I opened the garage door, watched and waited as my 1928 Model A came rolling up the street in the enclosed trailer!

The driver didn't know how to start the engine or locate the reverse. As fast as I could, I jumped in the car and had her in the garage in 10 minutes flat. Checking the A over, I would need to replace the tires (they were made in 1981), new radiator and all those other little things that creep up on ya.

I went to register the 1928 Model A at the Dept. of Transportation; a young girl behind the counter asked what "model" it was so naturally I said Model A. She looked in her book but could not find it so the model is listed as Unknown. At some point this will be changed.

I've been a car guy since I was 16. First car was a 1937 Ford two door Humpback. When I was 21 I brought my oldest daughter home in a 1960 Ford Convertible blue and white. Heading down the road a couple years later, the second daughter came home in a 1967 Pontiac GTO Convertible 400 3/2. Daughter #3 her ride wasn't as classy, 1974 F-150 Ford pickup. Bouncing on down the road one last time, my twin boys came home in a 1971 Chevy Suburban 3 door.

The ending to my story, my girlfriend really liked the 1968 Cougar; it would go 85-90+ miles an hour. Tillie, the 1928 Model A, on the other hand, her top speed is 45!

*Note: We would LOVE to hear your 'car story' ... please submit your story to Don Roloff at [rolnon@bis.midco.net](mailto:rolnon@bis.midco.net) and we will publish it in the newsletter as soon as we are able!*



# RSVP 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Cut at 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 1, 2023.***

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

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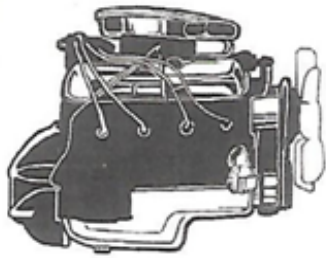


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## Upcoming car shows & events For a complete list of events, visit [www.pioneercarclub.com](http://www.pioneercarclub.com)

### **Upcoming events**

November 14 - PAC Dinner Cruise - Laughing Sun, Bismarck

November 16 - PAC Monthly Meeting - Don & Diana Roloff 3005 Deer Lodge Drive in Bismarck

December 21 - PAC Christmas Party - Ramada



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