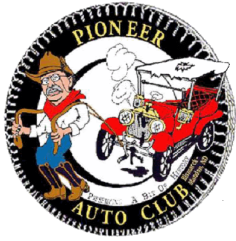


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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The PAC March meeting was held at A&B Pizza North. We had about two dozen members enjoying the famous A&B pizzas before the meeting. The spring events are stacking up and we are ready for a great season.

PAC members attended the El Zagal Car Show. There were 86 cars entered. Darrel Emmil received a "Top Twenty-Five award" for entering his Hurst Oldsmobile. Marc and Esther Sundquist showed their 29 Wyllis and Wayne Martineson brought the 29 Nash. Ron Pickar won a Valve Cover Car Race trophy. See the article "A Veteran in Our Midst" in this newsletter.

Pat Fricke announced that Darrel Emmil has volunteered to help with the upcoming Buggies-N-Blues Car Event. The meetings will have a lot of organizational details for the show. B-N-B did announce that Corvettes will be featured on this year's shirts.

There are several events from other clubs that are requesting the PAC to be part of. The Ford and Mustang Club has invited us to the Hot Rods at the Hatchery car show May 11. Whoever is interested would caravan to Garrison for the show. The PAC would have lunch with the Ford and Mustangs at the Fort Totten Trail.

The Motor to Mercer organization has contacted the PAC to participate in this year's event June 15. We had a discussion on what would benefit the PAC and help their show. The PAC would organize a caravan for anyone who wanted to attend. In addition, we would offer a member's car to be used as a feature car. They would use the feature car in their flyers giving the PAC recognition. The feature car would help draw attendees. There would be a roped off area for the feature car much like B-N-B. PAC cars would park alongside the feature. I proposed our idea to Steve LaFramboise to have the Mercer group review. Steve informed me that they are all in on the idea and would provide any assistance. We would need to select a car and have it to them in time for the printing of flyers. He will give us the print date. More to come.

Mark is working on the Baptist Home Car Show again this year. More to come on this event.

Mark also informed us that Basin Electric has provided us with \$250 as a grant to be used in our car shows for advertising and promotions. Thanks, Mark, for organizing.

Words of Wisdom: I am not going outside until the temperature is above my age!

# MINUTES - MARCH 21st, 2024



## New Business

1. Greetings and Welcome 7:00pm
2. Secretary Report - Laura Engwicht As printed in the newsletter 1st Joe LaFave & 2nd Sam Wangler accepted
3. Treasurer's Report - Mark Engwicht
  - a. 1st Pat Fricke 2nd Dave Schmitz accepted
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Buckstop Junction - No one there to report
  - b. Buggies n Blues - Pat Fricke would like help with going to meetings - Darrell Emmill will help.
5. Old Business
  - a. Who has a car story? Could use one for the newsletter, send to Don, Laura, or Kathy.
  - b. BSJ Garage Committee-reconvene for organizing and labeling items.
    - i. Descriptor Example by Bismarck Signs using a durable foam board material.
    - ii. Price will be determined by the number of signs we have made.
6. New Business
  - a. Baptist Home called and would like us to have a car showing up there. Mark talked to them and we will do it on Tuesday June 18th at 5:30pm.
    - i. Mark made a motion for club to buy pizza, Dave Owens 2nd, passed
    - ii. Baptist Home 3400 Nebraska Dr, Bismarck in the back like before
  - b. Car Show Invitations
    - i. Hot Rods at the Hatchery, Ford & Mustang Club, Bismarck to Garrison May 11
    - ii. Devils Run, Devils Lake May 31 to June 2nd
    - iii. Motor to Mercer, Mercer June 15th
    - iv. PAC Show at Capital A Fair Aug 3rd
    - v. Rebel Customs Classic Car Show, Taylor Sept 8th
  - c. Road Trip 2024  
Mobridge, SD - Gettysburg, SD  
Outdoor Theater and Junk Yard
7. Dinner Cruise - April 9th 5:30 pm meet at Arby's North going to Stage Stop Bar in Mandan
8. Breakfast Lunch Together April 16th - meet 9am at Buckstop Junction go to Freidt's in Mandan
9. Next meeting April 18th 7pm at Buckstop Junction
10. Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## Member Birthdays

Ron Pickar  
Lee Rittel  
Sam Wangler

## Spouse Birthdays

Carol Fricke  
Karen Horan  
Karen Martineson

## Anniversaries

Dave/Patty Owens  
Bill/Alvina Schwehr



Reminder that we continually look for you to show off your car using the Virtual Car Show. You can find the VCS on our website. Keep taking a few great pics of your car this summer and send them to me. I will take a pic of you and your vehicle if needed.

## PAC NEWS

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

The next Dinner Cruise will be on April 9th. Meet at Arby's North at 5:30 pm. We will cruise to the Stage Stop in Mandan.

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

We continue to invite members to the breakfast and Dinner cruises. We have had great success on these cruises and enjoy each other's company on a more casual basis. The next BLT will be April 16th. Meet at Buckstop Junction at 9:00 a.m. driving to Freidt's Restaurant in Mandan.

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

The next Pioneer Auto Club meeting will be held April 18th at Buckstop Junction at 7:00 p.m.

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

Visit our website at [www.pioneerautoclub.com](http://www.pioneerautoclub.com). Check out the Newsletters, Pictures, Car Stories and Events!

## A VETERAN IN OUR MIDST By Don Roloff

The El Zagal Auto Show held in the Bismarck Event Center was a great success. There were 86 cars exhibited, which was a good turnout for the March event. Representing the PAC were Darrell Emmil entering his 74 Hurst Olds, Marc and Esther Sundquist showed their 29 Wyllis and Wayne Martineson brought the 29 Nash. Darrel received a "TOP TWENTY-FIVE" trophy for the Hurst olds.



One very interesting event that got a great deal of attention was the Valve Cover Car Races brought to the show by Master Times Motorsports. Whoever thought a partial car, car race would be interesting, but this was. The race cars followed strict rules of construction using only valve covers from your favorite engine. The track was eight feet long with straight run measuring twenty feet. There were two categories: one for youth and one for adults. Esther Sunquist and Ron Pickar were two PAC adult entrants.

Esther put on a hard fought race with her multicolored fast valve speedster but got beat out by fractions of an inch! Ron, however, selected a speedster that represented the Air Force that got him a win. Mark McMahon, race car announcer, asked the audience if there was anyone who was an Air Force Veteran. Ron Pickar proudly raised his hand.



That is when the story began. The veteran who had constructed the white Air Force race car wasn't able to attend the race due to heart surgery which coincidentally Ron also had recently experienced. Ron said he would perform the race in honor of the veteran who built the car. As is expected of Ron, he stepped forward using his military experience and looked the track over and checked out the car. He decided where to place the car on the track and held his breath. The racers were



asked to step back and the countdown began. The cars were neck in neck as they left the sloped track. But on the straight away the Air Force KC 135 began to accelerate into the finish line giving Ron his first ever Valve Cover Car Race trophy.



Ron, the Pioneer Auto Club not only thanks you for your service in the Air Force but also for the many stories you tell about your Air Force experiences. We also appreciate your participation in our Club.

**Congratulations on your win!**

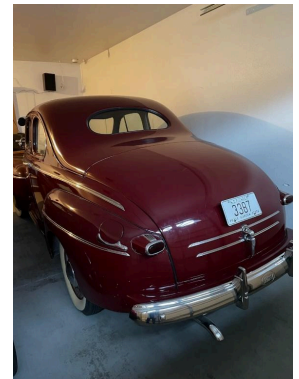
# FOR SALE



Sara Vetter contacted the Pioneer Auto Club with a request to help her in selling a 1946 Ford Business Coupe. She inherited the car but has no plans on keeping it. The car has been restored and would need to be seen to appreciate the car.

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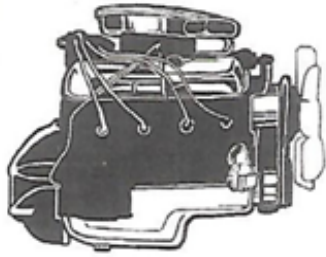


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## Upcoming car shows & events For a complete list of events, visit [www.pioneercarclub.com](http://www.pioneercarclub.com)

### Upcoming events

April 9 - Dinner Cruise to Stagestop Mandan 5:30pm  
April 16 BLT Freidt's, Mandan 9am  
April 18 Buckstop Junction 7pm  
May 11 - Hot Rods at the Hatchery For & Mustang Club  
May 19 - Roughrider Car Show at Elks  
May 31 - Devils Run, Devils Lake  
May 9 - Buggies-n-Blues, Mandan  
June 15 - Motor to Mercer, Mercer  
June 29 - Underwood Midsummer Car Show, Underwood



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