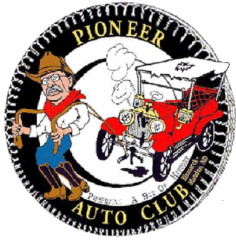


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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is a stressful time of the year! Should we wear t-shirts or full-blown winter gear? One day it's nearly 60 and the next day it drops nearly sixty degrees. That is a historic swing! We are setting records!

I washed our convertible and drove it around just because we could in February. Then, I couldn't back the drop top out of the garage because of the four and a half inches of snow in the driveway. The normal ND wind left a three-foot snowbank in front of the garage. All I can say is... ENOUGH ALREADY! I am ready for the PAC spring and summer events.

So, here is what we should do. The PAC's routine includes some cruises. We have dinner and breakfast cruises scheduled each month. The first dinner cruise is scheduled for March 12 and will be heading to Tumbleweed in Lincoln. The Model A BLT group is scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month but is not having breakfast in March because most of the older cars don't have heaters or chains for snow travel. We'll set a time and place for the April cruise. Also, start checking on car shows that would be interesting and bring those events to the March 21<sup>st</sup> PAC meeting.

Another way to get fired up for the season is to check out the PAC Website: [www.pioneerclub.com](http://www.pioneerclub.com). Our webpage administrators and newsletter editors have done a lot of great work in giving membership a lot of information to enjoy. Check out the Car Stories, Events, Newsletters, the Gallery and much more. If you haven't taken the time to look the site over, please do. You will be surprised.

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER - PAGE 2

We do have the Buggies-N-Blues event coming up June 8-9, 2024. Pat Fricke has been our liaison from the PAC and is asking for some assistance in attending meetings and help with some of the preparation. Having a voice in the preparation and organization of BNB is important to the club.

He isn't resigning but does need some help this time of the year. Please consider helping Pat out by attending upcoming meetings and bringing information back to the club. I would personally buy the rep a cold Hamm's for their efforts.

Good news regarding the advertisers. They are paid up. I did notice, however, that the PAC does not have a single car dealership in our advertiser stable. The PAC club is noted for having every type of car in our membership. So, why not go to a Chevy dealer, a Ford dealer or a Chrysler dealer or an independent dealer or any other car dealer and ask them to be members. Go to the PAC website and download the application. Stop by your favorite dealership and have them become an advertiser. That is the challenge of the month!.

Words of Wisdom: Speed has never killed anyone...suddenly becoming stationary...that is what gets you!

## MINUTES - FEBRUARY 15th



### New Business

1. Greetings and Welcome
2. February 15 meeting - Valentine's Day held at Jacks St3eak House social 5:30 pm order 6:15pm
3. Dinner Cruise - March 12th meet at Arby's North at 5:30pm going to Tumbleweed in Lincoln. They only take checks or cash (no credit cards).
4. Next March 21st meeting 7pm at A&B Pizza North Come about 6:15pm for pizza in the backroom.



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## Member Birthdays

Blaine Hellman  
Larry Klemin  
Kelly Klemisch  
David Krein  
Cory Louser  
John Ohlsen  
Don Roloff  
Bill Winterberg

## Spouse Birthdays

Carol Brandner  
Joann Copeland  
Pam Des Roches  
Jackie Dockter  
Laura Engwicht  
Veronica Erhardt  
Betty Falkenstein  
Jennifer Farley  
Mary Jo Hellman  
Pat Lieske  
Barb Mehlhoff  
Patty Owens

## Anniversaries

Gene/Jan Hetletved  
Steve/Becky Thilmony



## PAC NEWS

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

The next Dinner Cruise will be on March 12th. Meet at Arby's North at 5:30pm. We are headed to the Tumbleweed in Lincoln.

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

The BLT cruise will resume in April of 2024.

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

The next Pioneer Auto Club meeting will be held March 21st at 7pm at A&B Pizza North. Come about 6:15pm for pizza in the backroom.

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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!



### **2024 RENEWAL DUES**

If you have not paid your membership dues for 2024, please mail them to: Pioneer Auto Club, PO Box 3163, Bismarck, ND 58502. A personal reminder email will also be sent to those members.

## The Shamrock

The shamrock, which was also called the “seamroy” by the Celts, was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland because it symbolized the rebirth of spring. By the seventeenth century, the shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism. As the English began to seize Irish land and make laws against the use of the Irish language and the practice of Catholicism, many Irish began to wear the shamrock as a symbol of their pride in their heritage and their displeasure with English rule.

*Did you know? The color traditionally associated with St. Patrick was blue, not green.*

## Irish Music

Music is often associated with St. Patrick’s Day—and Irish culture in general. From the ancient days of the Celts, music has always been an important part of Irish life. The Celts had an oral culture, where religion, legend and history were passed from one generation to the next by way of stories and songs.

After being conquered by the English, and forbidden to speak their own language, the Irish, like other oppressed peoples, turned to music to help them remember important events and hold on to their heritage and history. As it often stirred emotion and helped to galvanize people, music was outlawed by the English. During her reign, Queen Elizabeth I even decreed that all artists and pipers were to be arrested and hanged on the spot.

Today, traditional Irish bands like The Chieftains, the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem are gaining worldwide popularity. Their music is produced with instruments that have been used for centuries, including the fiddle, the bagpipe, the tin whistle and the bodhran.

## The Snake

It has long been recounted that, during his mission in Ireland, St. Patrick once stood on a hilltop (which is now called Croagh Patrick), and with only a wooden staff by his side, banished all the snakes from Ireland.

In fact, the island nation was never home to any snakes. The “banishing of the snakes” was really a metaphor for the eradication of pagan ideology from Ireland and the triumph of Christianity. Within 200 years of Patrick’s arrival, Ireland was completely Christianized.

## Corned Beef and St. Patrick's Day Foods

Each year, thousands of Irish Americans gather with their loved ones on St. Patrick’s Day to share a “traditional” meal of corned beef and cabbage.

Though cabbage has long been an Irish food, corned beef only began to be associated with St. Patrick’s Day at the turn of the 20th century.

Irish immigrants living on New York City’s Lower East Side substituted corned beef for their traditional dish of Irish bacon to save money. They learned about the cheaper alternative from their Jewish neighbors.

## Leprechauns

One icon of the Irish holiday is the Leprechaun. The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is “lobaircin,” meaning “small-bodied fellow.” Belief in leprechauns probably stems from Celtic belief in fairies, tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil.

In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies. Though only minor figures in Celtic folklore, leprechauns were known for their trickery, which they often used to protect their much-fabled treasure. Leprechauns have their own holiday on May 13, but are also celebrated on St. Patrick’s, with many dressing up as the wily fairies.

# ST. PATRICK DAY JOKES - SHARE WITH THE GRANDKIDS!

- Why do leprechauns bow when the weather's bad? To make a rain-bow.
- What's the leprechaun community's answer to Comic-Con? Lepre-Con.
- What kind of spells do leprechauns use? Lucky Charms!
- Where do leprechauns live? In lepre-condos.
- What's small, lucky, and green all over? A leprechaun who recycles.
- What do you call a frog that jumped into a pot of gold? A leap-rechaun.
- Why do leprechauns hate running? They'd rather jig than jog.
- Why do leprechauns love to garden? They have green thumbs!
- What do you call a leprechaun prank? A saint pat-trick.
- What happens if a leprechaun falls into the ocean? He gets wet, of course.
- Why shouldn't you borrow money from a leprechaun? Because they're always a little short.
- What do you call a leprechaun who goes to jail? A lepre-con.
- What kind of baseball do leprechauns play? Little league.
- What kind of conversation do leprechauns have? Small talk.
- How did leprechauns get to the moon? In a sham-rocket.
- Why do leprechauns prefer dollar bills instead of coins? Because bills are green.
- Why did the leprechaun put his money in the blender? To make liquid gold.
- What do you get when you cross a leprechaun with a yellow vegetable? A lepre-corn.
- What does a leprechaun call a happy man wearing green? A jolly green giant.
- Where do leprechauns like to sit? In shamrockin' chairs.



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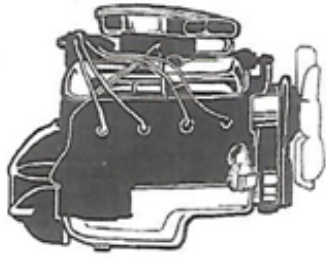


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### Upcoming events

March 2-3 El Zagal Dusters Car Show  
March 12 Dinner Cruise to Tumbleweed Lincoln  
March 21 - PAC Meeting A&B North



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