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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With Thanksgiving behind us for another year, I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy some time with family and for those who have lost family members, I hope you were able to reflect on some happy times from your past Thanksgiving meals when you were all together.

Our Christmas Party is set for December 18, 2025, at the Tumbleweed Bar in Lincoln, ND with happy hour beginning at 5:30 pm and dinner to follow at 6:30 pm. Crown Entertainment will once again be providing us with an evening of music and fun for all starting at 7:30 pm. Our elite entertainment committee will have an exciting lineup of games of skill and some games for people like me that make it easy for others to win the prizes. Everyone is encouraged to donate something for the Chinese auction, and I am guessing that Joe will be demanding everyone buy an abundance of tickets.

Please contact Laura Engwicht about items you may be bringing to the auction as soon as possible so she can organize and make signs ahead of time for the items to be placed on the auction table. The annual \$20.00 PAC membership dues are due as well which can be mailed to PAC PO Box 3163 Bismarck, ND 58502 so you are ready for the 2026 season.

I'm guessing that all those beautiful cars are snuggled into their appropriate resting areas for the winter. So just a reminder to make them feel special by giving them a fresh oil change, putting some fresh air in the tires, antifreeze in the radiator, and most importantly... a fresh piece of cardboard underneath to catch those pesky drips.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Christmas party and enjoy some fun with friends. Thank you in advance to the Entertainment Committee and all who make this party happen.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay Safe.



MINUTES - November 20, 2025



Greetings and Welcome 7:06pm

1. Secretary Report - Laura Engwicht As printed in the newsletter 1st Joe Lafave & 2nd Kevin Schatz accepted
2. Treasurer's Report - Steve Ellefson 1st Joe Lafave & 2nd Diana Roloff
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Buckstop Junction - Wayne & John Buckstop is trying to do some updates
 - b. Buggies n Blues - Darrell Emmil Nothing happening until March
4. Old Business
 - a. Who has a car story? Could use one for the newsletter, send to Don, Laura, or Kathy.
 - b. Virtual Car Show - find the perfect site this summer to take a pic of your classic car to be added to the VCS.
 - c. The Past Dinner Cruise to Rock n 50s went well.
5. New Business
 - a. October Election Results- Dave thanked the past and present officers
 - b. Would like to contact our advertisers for support or donations for the Christmas Party. If you signed one up, if you could please contact them. Thank you
 - c. February 19, 2026 will be our Valentines Supper - We will be going to Jack's Steakhouse
 - i. Mark Engwicht made a motion for PAC to buy 2 dozen roses, Jolene Ellefson 2nd, and it passed
 - d. Christmas Party Planning - December 18th. 5:30pm happy hour 6:30pm dinner
 - i. Venue Tumbleweed in Lincoln
 - ii. Entertainment we will have Crown Entertainment DJ
 - iii. Entertainment Committee has been formed - Val, Patty & Dave, Jan & Ron, and Diana.
 - iv. RSVP by Nov 28th to PAC PO Box 3163, Bismarck, ND 58502
Meals \$20 each
Meal choices are Ribeye, Shrimp, or Smothered Chicken
All choices will come with side salad, baked potato, coleslaw, and texas toast
Please bring a desert to share
 - e. America's 250 Year Anniversary Celebration Update July 3, 2026 - Darrell, Pat, Wayne, Dave S, and Joe.
 - i. Talking about a big car show on the capital grounds. Joe Lafave made a motion for PAC to donate \$750 to the show, Dave Owens 2nd. Amended by Steve Ellefson making a motion for PAC to donate \$1000 out of Newsletter account, 2nd Don Roloff, passed
 - f. Making note that we have 5 sets of keys for Buckstop, following people have them, Ellefson #1, Schmitz #2, Engwicht #3, Roloff #4, Setterlund #5.
 - i. PO Box Keys are with Ellefson and Schmitz.
 - ii. Bank signers Dave Schmitz and Steve Ellefson
6. Dinner Cruise will resume in March maybe earlier
7. BLT - will resume in March maybe earlier

Meeting Jan 15th will be at Diana & Don Roloff's 3005 Deer Lodge Drive, Bismarck, 7pm -
meeting adjourned 8:05pm Joe Lafave 1st Diana Roloff 2nd

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Bob Bowerman
Gene Hetletved
Charlie Jacobsen
Jim Klooster
Joe LaFave
Dave Owens
Mike Paul
Kim Shade
Robert Shaver
Dale Speckmann

Spouse Birthdays

Kathy Erhardt
Bev Goehring
Nancy Ihmels
Melva Morris
Holly Rudnick
Cindy Schatz
Myrna Stair

Anniversaries

Justin/Skyler Helseth
Gene/Pat Holzer
Don/Diana Roloff



PAC NEWS

DINNER CRUISE NIGHT - Second Tuesday each month

Our dinner cruise will resume in March 2026. Stay tuned as spring approaches!

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

We continue to invite members to the Breakfast and Dinner cruises. BLT will resume in March 2026. Stay tuned as spring approaches!

PAC MEETING- Third Thursday each month

The next Pioneer Auto Club meeting will be held Thursday, January 15th, 7:00 p.m. at Don & Diana Roloff's. Their address is 3005 Deer Lodge Drive, Bismarck.

PIONEER AUTO CLUB WEBSITE!!

Visit our website at www.pioneerautoclub.com. Check out the Newsletters, Pictures, Car Stories and Events!

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. We will take a pic of you and your vehicle if needed!



Join us for our Annual Pioneer Auto Club Christmas Party!!

When: December 18th at the Tumbleweed Bar in Lincoln, ND

Time: Social begins at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, games/entertainment/Chinese Auction to follow after dinner.

The Meal Choices are – Ribeye Steak, Shrimp Dinner or Smothered Chicken Dinner. All meals will include a Side Salad, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, and Texas Toast. No Desert will be offered, but you may bring a desert to share with the group!

We need to have all members who plan to attend the Christmas Party complete an RSVP. Mail your \$20 payment per person along with your **meal choice** to the PAC, PO Box 3163 Bismarck ND 58502, by Friday November 28, 2025. Select a meal for each member attending.

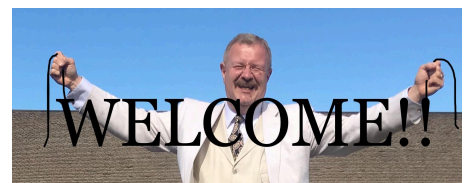
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You may cut at the dotted line and mail to the address above along with a check.

You can also pay your 2026 dues of \$20 at this time!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Hey new (and current) members ... We would love to hear about your first car, your favorite classic car or an interesting car story!! Please consider submitting your story for our next newsletter!



My Grandpa Fred Luithle's 1937 Buick Special Model 46 Business Coupe



The Buick was purchased on March 19, 1959 (as a Farm Car) from Charbonneau-Fridley Buick, Inc. in Dickinson, ND. At the same time my grandpa purchased a new 1959 Buick Electra for his 75th birthday. Between 1959 and 1962, I did farm chores with my grandpa and his 1937 Buick near Burt, ND.

Sometime in the 60's the brakes went out while bringing in the cows for milking time. It was then the Buick was put up on blocks. The tires and rims were put on the bale wagon.

On June 1, 1970, I purchased the Buick from my grandmother for \$1.00, not understanding the time and dollars it would take to restore it. I did a body off the frame restoration, starting out in parent's garage. With assistance from my father, Edwin Schneider and longtime neighborhood friend, Paul Sanders, helped me with the initial restoration. The Straight 8 Valve-in-Head 100 horsepower engine went through a complete rebuild by Hedahl's Machine Shop. Paul Boehm and Sandy McClean at Paul's Body Shop did the body prep and paint work. The original tire rims were retrieved from the hay wagon and Mylo Trusty completed the wheel pinstriping as it was originally. The car received all new glass and window channels. Tom Haider from Haider Glass completed the front window shield divider and assisted on a difficult vent window installation. The interior woodgraining for the dash, window garnishment and dash components were restored to the original style and color.

In the fall/winter of 2024-2025, with Ruben Straub's expertise and Susan Hammer-Schneider's assistance, they installed the Hampton Coach Mohair interior, which was identical to the original. Glen Billingsley completed installing new brakes, did mechanical repairs, and an engine tune-up.

Fifty-five years later, on May 27th, the Buick's 88th birthday, Susan and I took a nice drive around Bismarck.



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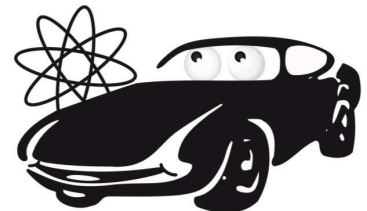
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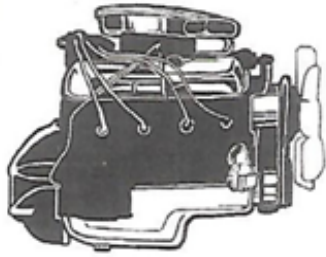
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Upcoming events

Dec 18th Christmas Party
Jan 15th Meeting @ Roloff's
Feb 19th Valentine Supper



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