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## **THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Thank you to Wayne and Karen for hosting the March PAC meeting at their shop, and to all who attended.

With the record high temperature of 75 degrees on Thursday and the possible chance of snow flurries on Sunday, it makes a person wonder when to finally get those classics out and exercise them. Hopefully soon.

John and Wayne gave us an update on the upcoming activities at Buckstop Junction, and it sounds like it will be a very active summer with all the events on the schedule. Watch the Pioneer web site for updates on the specific dates and times for these activities.

Diana gave us some great insight on the Quilts of Valor group. Diana has a form to Nominate a Service Member or Living Veteran who has been Touched by War to possibly receive a Quilt of Valor which is included in this newsletter. Contact Diana for more information.

Pat, Darrell and Dave gave an update on the America 250 Car Show event that will be on July 3, 2026, at the Capitol, with information about the car selections for the Featured Car lot and asked for volunteers to help at the show. We will make a list of the activities that volunteers can sign up to help with for our next meeting.

The Mercer Car Show will be on Saturday June 20th, 2026, featuring Austin's refurbished pickup. Mark will devise a schedule for meeting and driving to Mercer as a club for those interested in attending the show.

Our dinner cruise will be April 14, 2026, meeting at 5:30 pm by the North Arby's in Bismarck and traveling to Wing City Sports Bar 4424 N 15th St Bismarck.

For the BLT breakfast cruise on Tuesday April 21, 2026, will meet at Buckstop Junction at 9:00 am and will make a stop at Interstate Battery at 9th and main in Bismarck for a short tour before traveling to the Copper Dog at 218 W Main St. Mandan for a delicious breakfast.

Once again, we held the 50/50 attendee Raffle with 27 members participating, and one lucky winner – Dave Schmitz received the luck of the draw for a \$13.00 pot. Raffle guidelines are included in this newsletter.

Linda & I stopped by Carl and Joann Copelands to drop off the card signed by the PAC members and we gave Carl an America 250 cap to wear whenever he feels like it. Our quick stop turned into a very enjoyable 2-hour visitation session. Carl & Joann both have some great memories to pass on to all of us. Safe and Productive travels to Mayo for Carl.

Thank you to Don & Diana for graciously offering to host the April 16, 2026, meeting again at 3005 Deer Lodge Drive, Bismarck.



- A. Greetings and Welcome – Pledge of Allegiance
- B. New Members:
- C. Secretary Report – Laura Engwicht. 1st Joe Lafave 2nd Pat Fricke
- D. Treasurers Report – Steve and Jo Ellefson. Read by Dave Schmitz 1st Pat Fricke 2nd Don Roloff
- E. Committee Reports
  - a. Buckstop Junction – John Des Roche / Wayne Martineson  
Buckstop moved Corn Feed to Sept 13th and called Fall Festival now
  - b. Buggies & Blues – Darrell Not much to report
- F. Old Business
  - a. We continue to look for car stories. Send it to Don, Laura or Kathy. Car Pics for VCS-Don will take pics if you would like assistance.
  - b. Valentines Party at Jack's Steakhouse – Discussion – Next year? Maybe not on Thursday if we go to Jacks.
  - c. El Zagal & Dusters Car Show PAC had 7 club members there. Most of them took home awards see below.
- G. New Business
  - a. Carl Copeland Update. Got a thank you from him. They are trying to get to Mayo for treatments.
  - b. America 250 Car Show Update – Pat, Darrell, Dave. Lots going on that day.
  - c. PAC cars for America 250 Car Show – Car entries and voting discussion. Attached with the email for newsletter
  - d. America 250 Car Show volunteers. Need lots even if you can only help a few hours.
  - e. Mercer Car Show – Featured Vehicle. June 20th
  - f. Diana Roloff – Quilt of Valor Nominations See below for the form and website to go on.
- H. Dinner Cruise – April 14th 5:30pm at North Arby's
  - a. Ideas for location going to Wing City Sports Bar 4424 N 15th St Bismarck
- I. Breakfast Lunch Together (BLT) – April 21st 9am at Buckstop.
  - a. Ideas for Location Copper Dog in Mandan
  - b. Advertiser Tours – possible businesses to tour? Try to setup one with Interstate Battery
- J. Next Meeting – Need a Location Don & Diana Roloff 3005 Deer Lodge Drive Bismarck
- K. Other
- L. Adjourn 8:20pm



Why do eggs like  
April Fools' Day?

They love  
practical yolks.

Why shouldn't  
you tell ducks  
jokes on April  
Fools' Day?

They'll quack up.



Today's the day  
to propose. If they  
say yes, great.  
If they say no, just  
say, "April Fools'!"

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## Member Birthdays

Ron Pickar  
Lee Rittel  
Sam Wangler

## Spouse Birthdays

Marlene Fleck  
Carol Fricke  
Karen Horan  
Karen Martineson

## Anniversaries

Dave/Patty Owens  
Bill/Alvina Schwehr



## PAC NEWS

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

Our next dinner cruise will head to Wing City Sports Bar 4424 N 15th St Bismarck on Tuesday, April 14th. Be ready to cruise at 5:30pm. Leaving from Arby's North in Bismarck.

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

We continue to invite members to the Breakfast and Dinner cruises. Next BLT will be Tuesday, April 21st at Copper Dog in Mandan. Meet at Buckstop Junction at 9:00am to drive over as a group.

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

The next Pioneer Auto Club meeting will be held Thursday, April 16th. Don & Diana Roloff 3005 Deer Lodge Drive Bismarck

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



Pioneer Auto Club [www.poneercarclub.com](http://www.poneercarclub.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!

# El Zagal Dusters Car Show

**MARCH 7-8, 2026 · BISMARCK EVENT CENTER**



## 2026 PIONEER AUTO CLUB 50/50 RAFFLE GUIDELINES

1. Must be present at the meeting to participate in the drawing.
2. Donate \$1.00 to the pot and your name gets entered in the drawing at the meeting.
3. 50% of the amount collected will be distributed to the lucky member of the drawing at the meeting.
4. 50% of the amount collected will be retained by the club for a drawing at the Christmas Party.
5. All the names from each monthly drawing will be entered into the final drawing at the Christmas Party, so the more meetings you participate in, the more chances you have to win the final drawings.
6. Members present at the January 2026 meeting approved a motion for the PAC to contribute an additional \$200.00 to the amount collected throughout the season for the Christmas Party drawings. Good Luck. See you at the meetings.

PIONEER AUTO CLUB MONTHLY MEMBER						
DATE	MEETING LOCATION	MEETING ATTENDEES	PARTICIPATING MEMBERS	DOLLARS COLLECTED	MEMBER PAYOUT	LUCKY MEMBER
1/15/2026	Roloff's	21	20	\$20.00	\$10.00	Jan Pickar
2/19/2026	no meeting	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
3/19/2026	Martineson	27	27	\$27.00	\$13.00	Dave Schmitz
		Total Collected		\$47.00		
		Lucky Member Payout			\$23.00	
		Club \$ For Christmas Drawings			\$24.00	

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Morgan Harvey, Mandan  
Blaine & Dorothy Doppler, Menoken - '29 Model A Coupe



**NOMINATION FOR A SERVICE MEMBER OR LIVING VETERAN  
WHO HAS BEEN TOUCHED BY WAR FOR A QUILT OF VALOR**

- Relationship to Recipient\*
- Self
- Family Member (husband, wife, son, daughter, etc.)
- Friend
- Coordinator of a Group Award

----- **RECIPIENT INFORMATION** -----

Recipient Legal Name (no titles or nickname)\*

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient Nickname or Other Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Male/Female\*

- Male
- Female

Recipient Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient County (will be used to locate a local QOVF volunteer to coordinate the award) \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient Email\* (if not available, use your email address) \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient Phone Number\* (if not available use your phone number) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Status\*

- Active Duty
- Veteran

Branch of the US Armed forces (check all that apply)\*

- Army (including activated Army National Guard/Reservists)
- Marine Corps
- Navy
- Air Force (including activated Air Force National Guard/Reservists)
- Coast Guard
- Space Force
- Air Force Mortuary Affairs Office (AFMAO), Dover Mortuary
- Merchant Marines (1941-1945)

Dates of Service (from year to year)\* \_\_\_\_\_

Rank at Discharge or Current Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Where did the service member or veteran serve? (Check as many as applicable)\*

- World War II (1941-1946)
- Korean Conflict (1950-1955)
- Vietnam era (1961-1975)
- Persian Gulf War (1990-1991)
- Cold War (1947-1991)
- Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) (2001-2014)
- Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) (2002-2011)
- Operation New Dawn (OND) (2010-2011)
- Gulf War including Desert Shield and Desert Storm (ODS) (1990-1991)
- Other (comment required) \_\_\_\_\_



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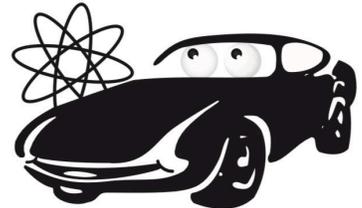
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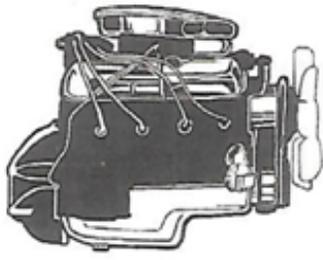


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## Upcoming car shows & events For a complete list of events, visit [www.pioneercarclub.com](http://www.pioneercarclub.com)

### Upcoming events

April 14th Dinner Cruise Wing City Sports Bar  
April 16th Meeting Don & Diana Roloff  
April 21st BLT Copper Dog



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