

PIONEER AUTO CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Thank you to Don & Diana for graciously hosting the April 16, 2026, meeting. It was a long meeting with the drawings for the vehicles to be considered for the America 250 Auto Show Decade categories. There were 7 vehicles chosen for the Original category out of 14 entries. For the Modified there were 2 chosen out of 5 entries. The PAC vehicles that were chosen will now be eligible for the final selection by the America 250 Committee from all the car club entries. The owners of the vehicles that are chosen by the Committee will be notified by June 1st, 2026, with further information on where they will be parked.

Our next task will be to select two vehicles to represent the Pioneer Auto Club in the Featured Lot on July 3rd, 2026, at the America 250 Auto Show. Anyone interested in entering their vehicle into this drawing can submit their name and vehicle description to the Pioneer Auto Club anytime between now and the June 18th, 2026, meeting. We will have the drawings for these two vehicles during the June meeting.

Another interesting topic that came up is a blast from the past. A group of PAC members are going to kick aside the mothballs (from the crew & the car) and attempt to resurrect the Model T build. If all goes well, some of the old movie stars, and a few future movie stars will give all of us the pleasure of seeing them in action once again. Stay tuned for more updates.

In other news, Bonnie Andres was the winner of the 50/50 Raffle, taking home the \$11.00 pot. Our Christmas Party gift card pot now stands at \$35.00, so come to the meetings and get your name in the hat for the year end prizes.

The Tuesday BLT group made a stop at Interstate Battery, and we were treated to a very informative demonstration on battery care, how to test them, and when to give up trying to revive old batteries. They showed us their many different battery chargers and maintainers, and I (unlike some others) made it out of there without buying any. Only because I purchased 8 maintainers earlier this year. The group cruised on to The Copper Dog for a nice breakfast. Come out and join us on Tuesday May 19th as we will be making a shop stop at Sivak Coatings to get some insight into car detailing before cruising to Marlin's restaurant for breakfast.

May 12th, 2026, our Dinner Cruisers will be meeting at 5:30 pm and heading to the Sportsman's Bar & Grill in Wilton for a great meal and a cold drink of your choice, along with some friendly visitation.

Next meeting will be at Buckstop Junction May 21, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Be sure to check out the events tab on the PAC website for upcoming car show information.



- A. Greetings and Welcome – Pledge of Allegiance
- B. New Members: none
- C. Secretary Report – Laura Engwicht. 1st Tom Freidt 2nd Kevin Schatz
- D. Treasurers Report – Steve and Jo Ellefson. 1st Joe Lafave 2nd Ron Pickar
 - a. 79 members 20 advertisers
- E. Committee Reports
 - a. Buckstop Junction – John Des Roche / Wayne Martineson no report
 - 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. Carl Copeland update - Unfortunately he passed away. Dave & Linda spent some time with him before he passed away.
- G. New Business
 - a. Upcoming car shows - Jolene has been busy updating the website with all that she gets told about. Thank you for that Jolene.
 - 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 has taken place and been sent in.
 - 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 Mark is setting up to meet at our house and drive up there. More to come.
 - f. Diana Roloff – Quilt of Valor Nominations - Contact Diana and she will help you.
 - g. There is talk about getting the T ready to rebuild again. Tom Freidt & Rick Setterlund are in charge if you want to help in any way.
- H. Dinner Cruise – May 12th 5:30pm at North Arby's
 - a. Ideas for location going to Sportsman Bar & Grill Wilton
- I. Breakfast Lunch Together (BLT) – May 19th 9am at Buckstop.
 - a. Ideas for Location Marlins Bismarck
 - b. Advertiser Tours – possible businesses to tour? May's will be
Sivak Coatings 3600 Global Drive Bismarck
- J. Next Meeting – May 21st 7pm Buckstop Junction
- K. Other
- L. Adjourn 8:35pm 1st Tom Freidt 2nd Joe LaFave

Ian, with the Bismarck Larks, has invited anyone that would like to be in their car show on June 26, 2026 to sign up on the Lark's webpage. They have room for 40 to 50 cars filled on a first registered/first in basis with the first 40 cars receiving 2 game tickets and 2 meal vouchers. They will do a video with each owner to document the history with their car. Ian's phone 708-870-4777 for more info or go to: [2026 Clark's Cruise-In - Bismarck Larks](#)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Randy Eichele
Mark Engwicht
Bob Fleck
Dale Helbling
Blair Ihmels
Steve Orman
Gary Preszler
Jim Ressler
Dalles Schneider
Ken Stoxen

Spouse Birthdays

Connie Backstrand
Arlene Davis
Dorothy Doppler
Cherie Freidt
Phyllis Larson
Linda Ohlsen
Linda Schmitz
Linda Voge

Anniversaries

Blaine/Dorothy Doppler
Blaine/Carla Engelstad
Lloyd/Glenda Klein
Larry/Phyllis Larson
Jim/Leona Ressler
Kevin/Cindy Schatz
Marc/Esther Sundquist



PAC NEWS

DINNER CRUISE NIGHT - Second Tuesday each month

Our next dinner cruise will be Tuesday, May 12th. We will cruise to the Sportsmen Bar & Grill in Wilton. Be ready to leave from Arby's North in Bismarck by 5:30 p.m.

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

We continue to invite members to the Breakfast and Dinner cruises. The next BLT will be Tuesday, May 19th. Meet at Buckstop Junction at 9:00am to tour Sivak Coatings, 3600 Global Drive in Bismarck as a group and then we'll head to Marlin's Family Restaurant for breakfast.

PAC MEETING- Third Thursday each month

The next Pioneer Auto Club meeting will be held Thursday, May 21st at Buckstop Junction. Don't forget to bring a chair!

PIONEER AUTO CLUB WEBSITE!!



Pioneer Auto Club 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!

This list contains ND car shows for the month of May 2026.
 For a complete list check out Car Show Calendar North Dakota on FaceBook.

5/2/2026	Spirit of America (2 Days)	Grand Forks	ND
5/2/2026	Rides Car Show	Bismarck	ND
5/2/2026	Cars & Coffee	Mandan	ND
5/2/2026	Cruisin' The Drag Car show	Great Falls	MT
5/6/2026	Classic Vehicle Night at Scotty's	Bismarck	ND
5/7/2026	Moorhead Cruise Night (monthly)	Moorhead	ND
5/7/2026	Agawasee Day 2026	Wahpeton	ND
5/8/2026	Rev & View car show	Minot	ND
5/9/2026	Rides & Ribs	Lisbon	ND
5/9/2026	50th Band Day car show	Williston	ND
5/9/2026	Hot Rods at the Hatchery	Riverdale	ND
5/12/2026	 Fargo Elks #260 car show (Monthly)	Fargo	ND
5/13/2026	Crusin' for a Mission: Peru Mission Fundraiser	Lisbon	ND
5/13/2026	Classic Vehicle Night at Scotty's	Bismarck	ND
5/17/2026	Midwest Wing Fest	Fargo	ND
5/20/2026	Classic Vehicle Night at Scotty's	Bismarck	ND
5/21/2026	Aardahl Agency car show	Minot	ND
5/23/2026	Jamestown Shop Tour 2026	Jamestown	ND
5/26/2026	Camaros of North Dakota at Scotty's	Bismarck	ND
5/27/2026	Classic Vehicle Night at Scotty's	Bismarck	ND
5/29/2026	Devils Run 2026 (3 Days)	Devils Lake	ND
5/30/2026	Cruisin' for a Cause: ABRA Minot car show	Minot	ND
5/30/2026	10th Anniversary Carz-N-Cures	Bismarck	ND
5/30/2026	Hub City Auto Parts Swap Meet & Car Show	Aberdeen	SD



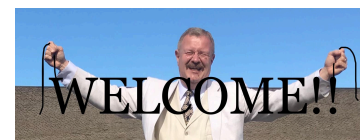
2026 PIONEER AUTO CLUB 50/50 RAFFLE GUIDELINES

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
4/16/2026	Roloff's	22	22	\$22.00	\$11.00	Bonnie Andres
Total Collected				\$69.00		
Lucky Member Payout					\$34.00	
Club \$ For Christmas Drawings					\$35.00	

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Invite your car enthusiast friends and/or family to join the club!



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- Space Force
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- 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)
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- Other (comment required) _____



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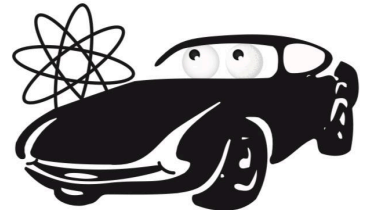
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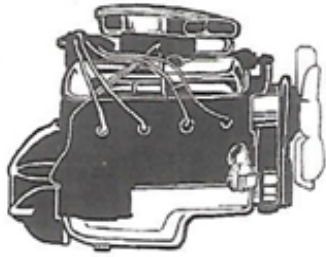


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Upcoming car shows & events **For a complete list of events, visit www.pioneercarclub.com**

Upcoming events

May 12th Dinner Cruise Sportsman Bar & Grill Wilton
May 19th BLT Marlins
May 21st Meeting Buckstop Junction

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