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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello fellow PAC members. Our last meeting was held outdoors at Buckstop with 35 members present and John Des Roches was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

Thank you to all the members who showed up early to assist with manually moving the fuel wagon and the Model TT fuel truck to the parking lot for washing. Thanks to Blaine for providing the machine with the pressure washer and spraying off the units before loading them on trailers. Thanks to Steve Orman and Joe LaFave/Charlie for providing the trailers to hauling these units to the Capital on July 3rd for displaying them at the America 250 Auto Show.

Thanks to the PAC for purchasing A&B Pizza for all who attended the meeting. Thank you to Jolene, Steve, Laura & Kathy for making it happen. And thank you to Diana for the delicious brownies.

Thanks to Harold Zimmerman for providing us with the Audio from Action Central News reporting on the plane crash that killed the pilot and Buddy Hollie, Richie Valenz, and the Big Bopper on their flight to Fargo, ND.

Thanks to Larry Heinle for donating the posters listing all cars, and the posters showing the parts and assembly instructions for the Model T. Larry laminated the 4 posters and these will eventually be displayed in our garage.

Thanks, Mark, for utilizing your salesmanship talents and urging several generous members into purchasing St. Hildegard raffle tickets. Thank you all for your support.

Welcome to new member Roger Zink, and first-time attending member and advertiser Blaine Doppler for being a part of our club. Hope to see both of you and your spouses at future events.

Next meeting – Buckstop – Thursday July 16, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Dinner Cruise – Tuesday July 14, 2026, meet at North Arby's at 5:30 and Mark will lead us on a short cruise and end up at the Tumbleweed for our meal.

BLT – Tuesday July 21, 2026, meet at Buckstop at 9:00 am and we will travel to Paramount Builders and Detail Shop for a short tour before traveling to the Cracker Barrel for breakfast.

Anyone interested in purchasing Pioneer Auto Club T Shirts can talk to Kathy Setterlund about sizes and designs.

Tentative date for Mobridge Outdoor Theatre trip – August 8th. Mark is working on plans.

*Travel Safe when heading to and from the numerous car shows this season.*





- A. Greetings and Welcome – Pledge of Allegiance
- B. New Members: none
- C. Secretary Report – Laura Engwicht. 1st Joe Lafave 2nd Kevin Schatz
- D. Treasurers Report – Steve and Jo Ellefson. 1st Don Roloff 2nd Tom Freidt
- E. Committee Reports
  - a. Buckstop Junction – John Des Roches let us know what's all going on out there.
  - b. Buggies & Blues – Darrell - Had a good turn out.
  - c. Model T Build Update - Tom Freidt - Practice going good. Should be ready for America 250 Car Show.
- 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. Pioneer Auto Club (2) Representative Cars selected for the Feature Lot at the America 250 Auto Show are Rick Setterlund's 1932 Chevy & Mark Sundquist's - Undecided yet.
- 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 – Pat, Darrell, Dave. Lots going on that day.
  - c. America 250 Car Show volunteers. Need lots even if you can only help a few hours. Can show up between 9 & 10am Come up 4th street and go to the volunteer trailer.
  - d. Mercer Car Show – Went up at 9:30am and had a good day.
  - e. Diana Roloff – Quilt of Valor Nominations - Contact Diana and she will help you. We are having 3 members get quilts on Aug 5th.
  - f. El Zagel - invited the Pioneer Club to be the featured car club at their annual pancake breakfast at the airport on September 13th 7:30am - 8am. We will get more information.
  - g. Annual Steak Fry - Date Sept 13th at Tom & Cherie's home. More to come.
  - h. Baptist Home Car Show - open to the public - June 23rd. Nice turn out.
  - i. Missouri Slope Car Show - Mark Engwicht - July 29th 5:30pm to 7pm. They will have pizza. Take Washington St to Medora and there will be signs.
  - j. Steve Ellefson made a motion to donate \$200 to Buckstop Junction. Doug Schmidt 2nd & passed.
  - k. Drive in Theatre at Mobridge SD - Mark is setting up a road cruise and movie. Aug 8th
    - i. Block of rooms under Pioneer Auto Club is made at Grand River Casino 605-845-7104  
There are only 12 rooms so if you know you want to have fun with us give them a call as soon as possible.
- H. Dinner Cruise – July 14th 5:30pm at North Arby's going to Tumbleweed. Mark will take us on a cruise.
- I. Breakfast Lunch Together (BLT) – July 21st 9am at Buckstop.
  - a. Ideas for Location Cracker Barrel Bismarck
  - b. Advertiser Tours – possible businesses to tour? July will be  
Paramount Builders 1407 Tacoma Ave Bismarck
- J. Next Meeting – July 16th 7pm Buckstop Junction
- K. Other John Des Roches won 50/50 drawing
- L. Adjourn 8:27 pm 1st Ron Pickar 2nd Kevin Schatz

# JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## Member Birthdays

Cary Backstrand  
Greg Dockter  
Larry Falkenstein  
Jim McCullough  
Clark Roth  
Ray Stair  
Marc Sundquist

## Spouse Birthdays

Brittany Lindenberg  
Byrdi Naasz  
Kathy Setterlund

## Anniversaries

Wes/Jess Harvey  
Wayne/Karen Martineson  
Bill/Susan Peterson  
Jeremy/Holly Rudnick  
Arlon/Linda Voge



## PAC NEWS

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

Our next dinner cruise will be Tuesday July 14, 2026, leaving from north Arby's at 5:30 pm. Mark Engwicht will lead us on a short cruise and end up at the Tumbleweed in Lincoln for our meal.

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### **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 July 21, 2026, meet at Buckstop at 9:00 am and we will travel to Paramount Builders and Detail Shop for a short tour before traveling to the Cracker Barrel for breakfast.

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

The next Pioneer Auto Club meeting will be at Buckstop – Thursday July 16, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Don't forget to bring a chair!

### **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!

**America 250 Auto Show**  
**July 3, 2026**

**Come, join the fun of celebrating our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

By now you have heard a lot about the car show planned for the Capital grounds in Bismarck starting at 4:00PM and ending at 8:00PM. But in order for that to happen, there is a lot of effort that will have to be expended by many volunteers. All of the car clubs in Bismarck/Mandan have banded together to host this show. Please consider this as our request to you as a member of the Pioneer Auto Club to participate by **entering your classic vehicle** in the show and **helping** with the various tasks needed to make the show a success.

We need volunteers to set/man barricades, set parking cones, control entrance lane, park vehicles, distribute "ditty" bags, haul old/handicapped people, open/close large US flag, help with spectator questions, direct exit traffic, general clean-up, return parking cones, and **take a nap**.

We expect to begin the day by 9:00AM with earlier tasks, the ditty-bags and car parking will be started by 10:00AM and completed by 3:00PM. Opening ceremonies and the US flag will begin preparations at 3:30PM. General maintenance will be the "order of the day" during the show. Then about 7:30PM we should begin preparing for the exit of vehicles, direct/control traffic, and general clean-up.

Volunteers, upon arrival, should check in at the "**ditty bag**" distribution table (near 4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance) for instructions.

Thanks to all who helped make the show a "**booming success**" on our nation's birthday.

**Remember the Mandan 4<sup>th</sup> of July Classic Car parade will begin to "stage" at Midway Lanes at 8:30AM and move out at 9:45AM.**

PIONEER AUTO CLUB MONTHLY MEMBER						
DATE:	MEETING LOCATION	MEETING ATTENDEES	PARTICIPATING MEMBERS	DOLLARS COLLECTED	MEMBER PAY OUT	LUCKY MEMBER
1/15/2026	ROLOFF'S	21	20	\$20.00	\$ 10.00	JAN PICKAR
2/19/2026	Jacks-Valentines Party	0	0	\$0.00	\$ -	
3/19/2026	MARTINSON'S	27	27	\$27.00	\$ 13.00	DAVE SCHMITZ
4/16/2026	ROLOFF'S	24	23	\$23.00	\$ 11.00	BONNIE ANDRES
5/21/2026	BUCKSTOP	32	30	\$30.00	\$ 15.00	JOHN BAEPPLE
6/18/2026	BUCKSTOP	36	35	\$35.00	\$ 17.00	JOHN DES ROCHES
		TOTAL COLLECTION		\$135.00		
		LUCKY MEMBER PAY OUT			\$66.00	
		CLUB \$ FOR CHRISTMAS DRAWINGS			\$69.00	

## MERCER CAR SHOW - Saturday, June 20, 2026

The city of Mercer, ND again roared to life as it hosted its annual Motor Mercer car show! About 11 vehicles from the Pioneer Auto Club were in attendance. The feature display was Austin Engwicht's 1984 Chevy K10. Austin also took Best of Show in the truck category. It's always a fun time when PAC members take to the road!



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Some of us needed a nap!

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## BUGGIES-N-BLUES 2026

Buggies-n-Blues in Mandan drew an impressive turnout on June 13, with countless vehicles filling the streets and the Pioneer Auto Club showcasing an outstanding lineup of classic cars. Below are a few photos shared on Facebook. The weather couldn't have been better, and vendors were out in full force—selling unique wares, serving delicious food, and pouring ice-cold drinks. The live music on Friday and Saturday night was exceptional, adding even more energy to the event. This annual show is truly one you don't want to miss



# CAR SHOWS/EVENTS

Check out [Car Show Calendar North Dakota](#) FB page for up to date car show events

## America 250<sup>th</sup> Auto Show

Celebrating America's Semiquincentennial

**Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026** **AMERICA 250**  
 4pm to 8pm

ND State Capitol Grounds, Bismarck

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**Featured attractions:**

- \* Car Club Featured area
- \* Classic, Muscle, Modern, and Exotic Autos
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- \* Food Vendors

\*All cars entered will receive a commemorative dash plaque

### Event Sponsors



Follow us on for Event updates: America 250 Auto Show ND  
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# JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> CRUISE NIGHT



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**ALL EVENTS ON MAIN STREET**

**2026**

Events	JULY 24
8 am-Noon Registration Bowman County Fairgrounds	4-Seasons Pavilion
10 am-4 pm Car Show Open	5 pm Registration/Social Auction cars displayed
11 am Car Auction	Hors D'oeuvres
3 pm-5:30 pm Drawing	7 pm The Mollies Live
4:30 pm-Classic Car Parade	
6 pm Concert-Devon Worley Band	
7 pm Concert-Chancey Williams	
9:30 Concert Devon Worley	

**All Day Events**  
 Door Prizes, 50/50 Drawing,  
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 Retail Vendors, Kids Games,  
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**Registration**  
 Free Registration before June 1  
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Retail Kids Games Bar Vendors Food Vendors  
**OVERNIGHT/INDOOR PARKING AVAILABLE**

**SWAP MEET**

**CHANCEY WILLIAMS**  
**DEVON WORLEY BAND**



# PIONEER AUTO CLUB

## Show 'n Shine

Capital A'Fair  
**August 1, 2026**



**Bismarck Capital Grounds**  
 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
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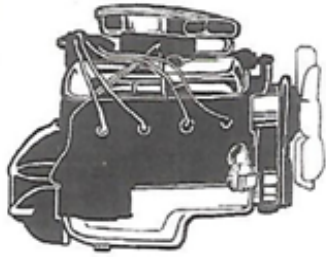


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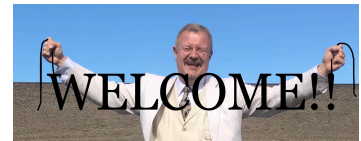
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New  
Members!!



**Brennan Cook, Bismarck - '70 Plymouth Superbird**  
**Wes Harvey, Driscoll - '35 Ford Pickup**  
**Mike Motl, Bismarck**  
**Al Wald, Mandan - '70 Plymouth Superbird**  
**Roger Zink, Bismarck - '03 Chevy SSR & '60 Lincoln**  
**Convertible**

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

### **Upcoming events**

- July 1 - Scotty's Drive In Classic Vehicle Night (every Wed.) 5-9 pm
- July 3 - America's 250 Show - 4-8 pm Capital grounds
- July 7 - It's a Drag, Main St. Bismarck Cruise Night 5 pm
- July 11 - Turtle Days Car Show, Turtle Lake ND
- July 13 - Mandan Cruise Night Dakota Kustomz 1121 E Main St. 5:30 pm
- July 16 - PAC Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 17 - Cow Town Hoe Down, New Salem Car Show 5:00 pm
- July 18 - Prairie Cruisers Dickinson Car Show 11-2 pm
- July 21 - BLT Breakfast Lunch Together. Meet at Buckstop Junction - leave at 9:00am
- July 24 - Bowman Car Show 10-4 pm
- July 29 - Missouri Slope Car Show - 5:30 pm



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