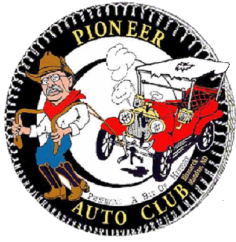


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Hello fellow PAC members. Our last meeting was held outdoors at Buckstop with 26 members present including one new member, Jeff Perkins. Blaine Doppler was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

Thanks to all who volunteered their services and to those who displayed their cars, you helped make the America 250 Auto Show a huge success. The Model T Car, the Model TT Gas Truck, and the Horse Drawn Fuel Wagon are back at our headquarters safe and sound. And we also got the garage cleaned out so there is room to move around and see what is stored inside.

August is shaping up to be a busy month with several club events and car shows.

1. Saturday August 1st, 2026, The Pioneer Club Car Show from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Capital Affair event. Parking on the West side of the Capital with registration starting at 10:00 am. All classic cars are welcome. Volunteers will be needed to help with set up and car parking beginning at 9:00 am.
2. Wednesday August 5th, 2026, The Quilts of Valor will be Honoring Veterans at the AMVETS Club at 2402 Railroad Ave in Bismarck beginning with a free dinner at 6:00 pm. There will be members of the Pioneer Auto Club Honored during this event. Please contact Diana Roloff to pre-register.
3. Saturday August 8th, 2026, Mobridge Drive Inn Theatre Cruise. Will leave at 11:00 am from North Arby's and travel to Mobridge, SD with a few stops along the way. We will be staying at the Grand River Casino Saturday night. Call the Casino at 605-845-7104 for reservations and mention the Pioneer Auto Club for the special rate. Supper at the Casino before checking out a couple monuments in the area before heading to the outdoor theatre for the movie at about 8:15 pm.
4. WEDNESDAY August 12th, 2026, will be our dinner cruise to Rusty's Saloon in St. Anthony. Will meet and leave from Arby's North at 5:30 pm.
5. Friday August 14th, 2026, Touchmark at 1000 West Century Ave will have a Classic Car Show from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. pre-registration is available and plan to be parked by 4:30 pm.
6. Saturday August 15th, 2026, Rods & Rock Car Show in Carson, ND 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Mountain Time.
7. Tuesday August 18th, 2026, Breakfast group will meet and depart from Buckstop Junction at 9:00 am and travel to Dale's Auto Restoration for a quick tour before traveling to the NORTH KROLLS for breakfast.

Travel Safe when heading to and from car shows or special events this season.





- A. Greetings and Welcome – Pledge of Allegiance
- B. New Members: Jeff Perkins
- C. Secretary Report – Laura Engwicht. 1st Tom Freidt 2nd Joe LaFave
- D. Treasurers Report – Steve and Jo Ellefson. 1st Joe LaFave 2nd Pat Fricke
- E. Committee Reports

- a. Buckstop Junction – John Des Roches let us know what's all going on out there.

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. America 250 Auto Show - Pat, Darrell, Dave update Everything went well. Thank you to all who volunteered.

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. Diana Roloff – Quilt of Valor Nominations - Contact Diana and she will help you. We are having members get quilts on Aug 5th.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Annual Steak Fry - Date Sept 13th at Tom & Cherie's home. More to come.
 - e. Tom Freidt made a motion for \$100 for prizes at the Aug 1st car show. Mark Engwicht 2nd Passed
 - f. Dave Schmitz made a motion to charge \$10 for license plate from 250, \$5 for coin, & \$1 for pin. Tom Freidt 2nd passed
 - g. Rods n Rocks Car Show in Carson Aug 15th Meet in the parking lot north of the golf course parking lot in Mandan at 9:30am ct.
 - h. 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.
 - i. Show n Shine at Capital A'Fair Aug 1st - 11 am to 3pm
 - j. 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 –WEDNESDAY Aug 12th 5:30pm at North Arby's going to Rusty's Saloon in St Anthony.

I. Breakfast Lunch Together (BLT) – Aug 18th 9am at Buckstop.

- a. Ideas for Location Krohls North in Bismarck
 - b. Advertiser Tours – possible businesses to tour? Aug will be
Dale's Auto Restoration 229 S 22nd St Bismarck

J. Next Meeting – Aug 20th 7pm Buckstop Junction

K. Other Blaine Doppler won 50/50 drawing

L. Adjourn 8pm

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Darrell Emmil
Blaine Engelstad
Curt Goehring
Mark Makelky
Dave Schmitz

Spouse Birthdays

Carla Engelstad
Jan Hetletved
Denise Jordan
Denise Jordan
Brittany Klemisch
June Preszler
Diana Roloff
Alvina Schwehr
Judy Wangler

Anniversaries

Cary/Connie Backstrand
Kelly/Brittany Klemisch
Dustin/Justene Kulseth
Mark/Joanne Makelky
Rollin/Barb Mehlhoff
Steve/Juliann Orman
Ron/Jan Pickar
Rick/Kathy Setterlund
Sam/Judy Wangler



PAC NEWS

DINNER CRUISE NIGHT - Second Tuesday each month

Our next dinner cruise will be WEDNESDAY, August 12th - leaving from North Arby's at 5:30 pm and heading to Rusty's Saloon in St Anthony. *Notice the day change to Wednesday due to Rusty's having steak night on Thursdays and it gets pretty busy.*

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 August 18, 2026, meet at Buckstop at 9:00 am and we will travel to Dale's Auto Restoration, 229 S 22nd St Bismarck for a short tour before traveling to Kroll's Kitchen on Main Street for breakfast.

PAC MEETING- Third Thursday each month

The next Pioneer Auto Club meeting will be at Buckstop Junction – Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm. 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!

America 250 Auto Show July 3, 2026

A big thank you to all that volunteered for the show. No matter how big or small your contribution, you helped it run smoothly and it is truly appreciated.

Unofficial count so far was over 500 beautiful autos starting with 1901 to current. We hope you had a good time! Below are a few pics from the show!



PAC T-SHIRTS

We have a few transfers left from our initial order of PAC t-shirts. If anyone would like to order a t-shirt, the cost is \$20. The color of the shirt is Royal Heather. Also, I have had a request for long sleeve shirts (cost TBD). If you would like to order, please let Kathy Setterlund know before the end of August.



STEAK FRY

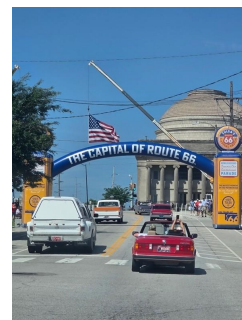
The Pioneer Auto Club Annual Steak Fry will be held September 13th at Tom and Cherie Freidt's "Get-A-Way" starting at 5:30 pm. There will be a nominal charge for the steaks (to be determined). We also ask members to contribute a side dish or dessert and to volunteer to man the grill! More details to follow at next month's meeting and in the September newsletter. **SAVE THE DATE!!**

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	MARTINESON'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
7/16/2026	BUCKSTOP	26	26	\$26.00	\$ 13.00	BLAINE DOPPLER
		TOTAL COLLECTION		\$161.00		
		LUCKY MEMBER PAY OUT			\$79.00	
		CLUB \$ FOR CHRISTMAS DRAWINGS			\$82.00	

CAR STORY by Steve Orman

PAC member sets Guinness World Record! (Well, kind of)

This takes me back to my grade school days when you had to write a paper on "what I did on my summer vacation". However, this one is "how I spent my 70th birthday weekend. As you all probably know, this was the 100th anniversary of Route 66, the Mother Road. To celebrate, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which considers itself the Capitol of Route 66 planned a Guinness record attempt for the largest classic car parade ever. The previous record was set in 2017 in Puerto Rico with 2146 cars participating.



Now, the only problem I had was deciding what to drive for such a monumental undertaking. Then it struck me, how many AMC Pacer station wagons could possibly participate? The answer, one. To be honest, out of more than 5,000 entries, there was one other Pacer, but it was a beautifully restored Pacer X so it didn't count. So as not to be the only family member of questionable sanity, I convinced my son to bring his '66 Toronado. It is a much more heavily optioned and nicer looking example than mine. He also brought along my 12 year old granddaughter who developed a pretty severe car addiction while in Tulsa. After it was too late, she decided they should have driven their Citroen 2CV to more closely match Grampa's questionable taste in vehicular choices.



To keep from dragging this story out in excess, I will say that the attempt was successful with 3596 cars completing the course and to quote the "shake and bake chicken" commercial from my youth, "and I helped". Over 5,000 entries started lining up before 6 am. We decided there was no rush since they weren't releasing cars to begin till 10 so we headed over at 8. Oklahoma in summer can be unpleasant. That weekend was exceptionally so. 95 degrees and over 90 percent humidity and as you may have guessed, I did not have time to convert my A/C and get it working. I believe the driver's seat is still somewhat sweaty. For two and a half

hours we sat in line trying to get into the expo center. Was it worth it? Oh Hell yes! Not just to be part of the record, bond with my son and granddaughter, and get the trinkets but the reaction of the 100,000 plus spectators to what is widely considered one of the ugliest cars ever produced is a memory that will last forever. The oldest car was a 1913 Model T, if my memory is correct. There were some absolutely amazing vehicles that you rarely see. My favorite was a supercharged Auburn boat tail convertible that was showroom new in appearance. Participants had to be at least 30 years old and any make or model was eligible. Original, restored, and survivors were all there. You would be hard pressed to think of a car that wasn't represented. Not all 5000 started due to some poor logistics in lining up the start. The heat and humidity took its toll on another many.



So that's my story. Been there, done that, got the t-shirt, and the certificate. You missed a great time! Weather notwithstanding.

ROAD TRIP!

CAR SHOWS/EVENTS

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

PIONEER AUTO CLUB
Show 'n Shine
Capital A'Fair
August 1, 2026



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Rods n Rock




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Mobridge Drive Inn Theater Cruise - Saturday August 8

Leave at 11:00 AM from the North Arby's parking lot. We will take highway 1804 all the way to Mobridge:

- We will make a quick stop in the Beaver creek camp ground.
- Plan on eating at Oahe Sunset Stake House in Pollock at about 1:00 and getting to Mobridge By 3:30 checking into the rooms at the casino and planning on eating at the casino for supper around 6:00 and going to Sitting Bull Monument and Sakakawea Monument about 7:30 and then to the movie about 8:15 with movie starting about 9:15 (Movie TBD)
- Bring cash for the movie and anything you want at the movies. If you would like to sit outside for the movie, bring a lawn chair and a cooler if you would like an adult beverage.

When making room reservations mention Pioneer Auto Club and the rooms are \$99. Please make room reservations as soon as possible. The block of rooms is only good till August 1st.

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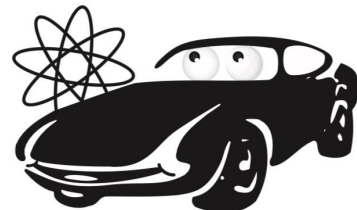
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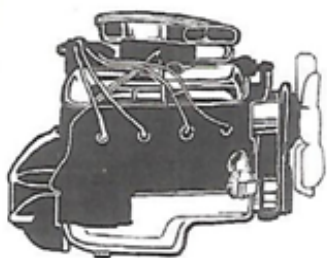
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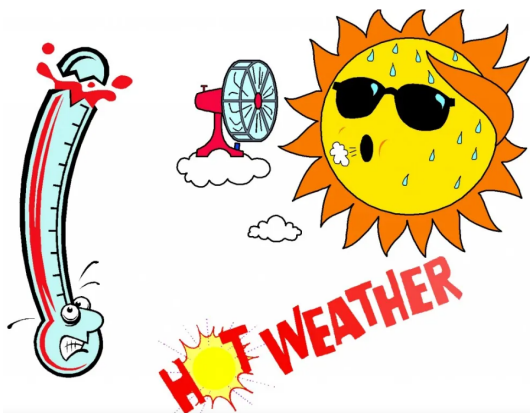
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**Ken Nysether, Bismarck - '46 Ford Business
Coupe**

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

Upcoming events

August 1st - PAC Capital A'Fair Show-n-Shine, Capital Grounds
August 2nd - Mustangs & Fords Car Show, Capital Grounds
August 4th - It's a Drag, Main St. Bismarck Cruise Night 5 pm
August 5th - Scotty's Drive In Classic Vehicle Night (every Wed.) 5-9 pm
August 8th - Road Trip to Mobridge
August 9th - NW Tire Car Show
August 12th Rusty Saloon - St Anthony
August 14th - Touchmark Car Show
August 15th - Rods & Rocks Car Show - Carson
August 18th - BLT Breakfast Lunch Together. Meet at Buckstop Junction - leave at 9:00am
August 20th - PAC Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm



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