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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello fellow PAC members. Our last meeting was held outdoors at Buckstop with 25 members present. Diana Roloff was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. Remember that all the participating members' names from each monthly drawing will be in the final drawing at the Christmas Party. So, the more meetings you attend and participate in, the more times your name gets in the hat for the final prizes.

The Pioneer Auto Club was asked to be a part of a few different events over the past few weeks by other car clubs, nursing homes, and care giver facilities, and I am proud of the way the PAC shows up and supports these events. By being active the Pioneer Auto Club is recognized as a club they can call on to support their events, and in turn they may support our events also.

Special thanks to Dave Owens for planning the mock bank robbery, and to KFYZ for answering my call to give us some media coverage of the ladies stealing the cookies from Bravera Bank and the cars making a getaway. Even though it was on a Tuesday when some people had to work, there were 30 members who showed up at Kroll's for breakfast. And nobody got arrested.

October 13, 2026, Dinner cruise will be to Wing City in North Bismarck at 5:30 pm.

October 15, 2026, PAC meeting will be held at Steve & Jolene Ellefson's starting at 7:00 pm. The address is 504 Shale Dr. Bismarck, ND. Remember there will be an election of officers. So, bring the names of your nominations / candidates to be voted on.

October 20, 2026, BLT will meet at Buckstop at 9:00 am and travel to the Heritage Center. There we will get a breakfast sandwich and then get to tour the Heritage Center.

Plans are being made for the activities that may be associated with our Christmas Party on December 17th at the Tumbleweed in Lincoln. Everyone with ideas about how to make this event more exciting, are welcome to join the crew putting the party together.

Future Activities Discussion:

On Friday October 30, 2026, there will be a Trunk or Treat for the kids at Riverwood RV from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be candy for the kids, games, and a fire pit for making smores. So, bring the kids out for a fun evening with friends and family.

On December 31, 2027, the Pioneer Auto Club will be 50 years old, and there was discussion about planning a major celebration sometime in 2027. We are looking for input and ideas for forming a committee to make this happen. Open to all ideas.

There was discussion about making the trip to Medora for their 2027 car show.

MINUTES - September 17, 2026



- A. Greetings and Welcome – Pledge of Allegiance
- B. New Members:
- C. Secretary Report – Laura Engwicht. 1st Joe LaFave 2nd Tom Freidt
- D. Treasurers Report – Steve and Jo Ellefson. 1st Blaine Doppler 2nd Don Roloff
- E. Committee Reports
 - a. Buckstop Junction – John Des Roches and Wayne Martineson let us know what's all going on and all that's getting fixed.
- F. Old Business
 - a. Past Car Show Reports – RCA Puklich, St. Vincent's, – Darrell, Dave Both car shows did well.
 - b. Dinner Cruise to Wilton Sportsman Club Report – Dave We had 28 people
 - c. El Zagal Airport Breakfast and Car Show Report – Darrell 15 cars over 800 people served
 - d. Steak Fry at Tom & Cheri's Hide Away Report– Tom, Cheri 1" cut steak for next year. 38 people attended and everything went well.
 - e. Breakfast Cruise/Bank Robbery Report – Dave Owens
 - f. 50/50 Raffle Report – Dave; things are going well with it.
 - g. 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
- 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. Dakota Cruisers Finale - September 18, 19, & 20 in Minot. Dave Schmitz has an agenda for it.
 - c. Christmas Party Dec 17th - at the Tumbleweed. Using a speaker for entertainment. The entertainment committee will be Val Harvey, Ron & Jan Pickar, Diana & Don Roloff, and hopefully Dave & Patty Owens. If you have ideas let them know. Mark Engwicht made a motion \$250 for Chinese Auction Ron Pickar 2nd & Pass Mark & Laura Engwicht will buy gifts for Chinese Auction if you have ideas let them know. If you want to bring a donation, please let Laura know beforehand if you are. Diana Roloff made a motion for \$150 for entertainment prizes. Ron Pickar 2nd & Pass
 - d. Election of Officers coming up on October 15th. Nomination committee, Joe LaFave & Sam Wangler. Contact them if you would like to run for any of the positions.
 - e. Carol Fricke sent a Thank you card
 - f. Tom Freidt invited everyone to Riverwood RV on Oct 30th 5 to 8pm for Trunk or Treat. Hand out candy out of your trunk if you would like. Call him if you have questions.
 - g. Start thinking about next year's PAC 50 year Anniversary in December.
- H. Dinner Cruise –Tuesday Oct 13th 5:30pm at North McDonalds going to Wing City Sports Bar and Grill Bismarck.
- I. Breakfast Lunch Together (BLT) – Oct 20th 9am at Buckstop. Breakfast & Tour at the Heritage Center
- J. Next Meeting – Oct 15th 7pm Steve & Jolene Ellefson's house 504 Shale Dr Bismarck
- K. Other Diana Roloff won 50/50 drawing
- L. Adjourn 8:00pm



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Don Erhardt
Dennis Erhardt
Val Harvey
Duane Jangula
Gene Jordan
Gene Jordan
Josh Lindenberg
Rick Setterlund
Harold Zimmerman

Spouse Birthdays

Debbie Best
Linda Buringrud
Jolene Ellefson
Sharon Huettl
Glenda Klein
Rita Klemin
Leona Ressler
Lisa Rouse
Kathy Wald
Luane Zink
Kay Schmidt

Anniversaries

Micheal/Jennifer Farley
Pat/Carol Fricke
Curtis/Sharon Huettl
Dale/Pam Speckmann
Harold/Sheila Zimmerman



PAC NEWS

DINNER CRUISE NIGHT - Second Tuesday each month

Our next dinner cruise will be Tuesday, October 13, 2026, heading to Wing City in North Bismarck leaving from the parking lot by the north McDonalds at 5:30 pm.

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, October 20th. We will meet at Buckstop at 9:00 am and travel to the Heritage Center. There we will get a breakfast sandwich and then get to tour the Heritage Center.

PAC MEETING- Third Thursday each month

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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!

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 get in touch with Kathy Setterlund - 701-391-1570.

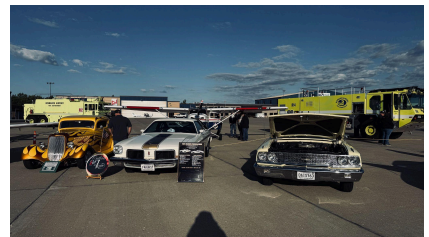


SAVE THE DATE

December 17, 2026, has been secured for the PAC Christmas Party at the Tumbleweed Bar and Lounge in Lincoln. Details to follow.



Pioneer Auto Club was the featured car club at the 15th Annual Fly-In & Drive-In at Bismarck Aero Center on September 13th. This family-friendly day featured classic cars, airplane displays, and a pancake breakfast. The breakfast benefited the Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Center for Children. About 15 PAC cars participated in this event.



PAC NEWS - COOKIE HEIST

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - Classic cars, fedoras and a high-stakes heist: members of a local car club pulled off a playful robbery Tuesday at Bravera Bank in Bismarck, demanding a very specific kind of dough.

Before the operation went down, this crew made sure every detail looked authentic. Members of the Pioneer Auto Club swapped their usual attire for mobster suits and trench coats. They tuned up their retro rides for what they called a not-so-secret mission.

"We're the Pioneer Auto Club. Today, we're the 'PAC Gang,' and we're just on our normal monthly breakfast run," said David Owens, a member of the club. "Today, we decided to rob a bank."

The retro fleet rolled into Bravera Bank downtown right on schedule. But pulling off a robbery in broad daylight required a little inside help from employees.

"I gave him a call and said, 'Hey, we would like to rob your bank,'" said Owens.

While the getaway cars and vintage mobster gear looked the part, the tellers were already in on the secret, ready with trays of fresh-baked cookies to make sure this crew made off with the sweetest loot in town.

Tellers handed over fresh cookies, sealing the deal with plenty of laughs on both sides of the counter.

"It's a community," said Owens. "We're trying to build awareness of the club, awareness of community banks, and awareness of local businesses."

With their loot secured, the crew hopped back behind the wheel of their classic cars and made a clean getaway.

Organizers say no cookies were spared during the heist, and the club plans to keep finding creative ways to rev up local fun on their upcoming monthly runs.

<https://www.kfyrtv.com/2026/09/15/rolling-dough-pioneer-auto-club-stages-playful-cookie-heist/> (VIDEO)



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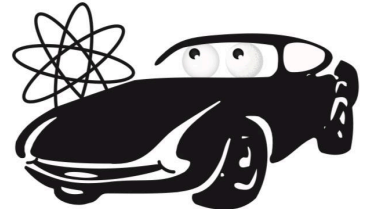
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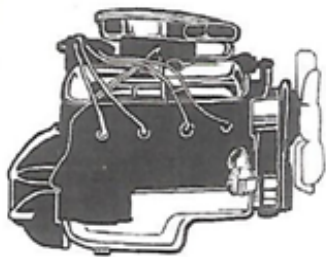
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Upcoming events

Oct 13 - PAC dinner cruise
Oct 15 - PAC BLT
Oct 20 - PAC monthly meeting
Oct 30 - Trunk or Treat - Riverwood RV
Dec 17 - Christmas Party



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