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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello fellow PAC members. Thanks to Jolene & Steve Ellefson for hosting our last meeting in their shop. There were 20 members present & Darrell Emmil 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.

Our Officer Nominations Committee reported that after extensive searching they made a motion to reelect the current officers for another term. Once again, we have as President – Dave Schmitz, Vice President - Darrell Emmil, Secretary – Laura Engwicht, Treasurer – Steve & Jolene Ellefson, Sergeant at Arms – Ron Pickar, and Activities Director – Mark Engwicht. We also have the Communications / Newsletter crew – Kathy Setterlund, Laura Engwicht, and Jolene Ellefson who do the best job ever.

On December 31, 2027, the Pioneer Auto Club will be 50 years old, and there was discussion about planning a major celebration sometime in 2028. We are looking for input and ideas for forming a committee to make this happen. Open to all ideas.

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.

There was an email sent out to the members to see how many members would be interested in ordering the barbecued ribs for a meal choice, and with the low number of responses we will not be having the ribs as an option. We will just have the choice between the Ribeye Steak or the 7-piece Shrimp dinner. Later we will be sending out an RSVP form so that you can select your meal choice and send your payment to the Pioneer Auto Club.

Future Activities:

Dinner Cruise – November 10, 2026. Meet at the North A & B Pizza at 5:30 for some delicious food and cool beverages. Please order and pay for your own pizza and drinks. Thank you

BLT Breakfast – November 17, 2026. Breakfast cruisers will meet at Rock n 50's at 9:00 am for some wake-up food.

November 19, 2026. The Patio room at the Elks Club on S. Washington St. has been reserved for our November PAC meeting. Room reserved for 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES - October 15th, 2026

A. Greetings and Welcome – Pledge of Allegiance
B. Thank you Jolene & Steve Ellefson for hosting
C. New Members:
D. Secretary Report – Laura Engwicht. 1st Joe LaFave 2nd Tom Freidt
E. Treasurers Report – Steve and Jo Ellefson. 1st Don Roloff 2nd Pat Fricke
F. Committee Reports
    a. Buckstop Junction – John Des Roches and Wayne Martineson no one to report on Buckstop.

G. Old Business
    a. Bismarck High School Photo Opportunity Report - Mark 6 cars showed up
    b. Dinner Cruise to Wing City Report - Mark 22 people were there.
    c. 50/50 Raffle Report – Dave; things are going well with it.
    d. 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

H. New Business
    a. Need to get the Gas Truck put back on the garage and fix the hinge on the garage door. Will do Sunday Oct 18th.
    b. Election of Officers - Nominations are open for all positions. Nominations Committee Report - Joe LaFave, Sam Wangler, Pat Fricke. All positions were nominated and filled. President David Schmitz, Vice President Darrell Emmil, Secretary Laura Engwicht, Treasury Steve Ellefson, Sergeant at Arms, and Activities Director Mark Engwicht. Pat Fricke moved, Joe LaFave 2nd passed.
    c. October 20, 2026, The BLT breakfast cruise will meet at Buckstop at 9am and travel to the Heritage Center for a quick sandwich breakfast followed by a tour of the facilities.
    d. October 30, 2026, Trunk or Treat at Riverwood RV from 4 to 7.
    e. Pioneer Auto Club is turning 50 in late 2027. Looking for a Group/Committee, with ideas for putting together an elaborate celebration in 2027 or 2028 for our Great Club.
    f. 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.
    Approved budget's, $250 for Silent Auction Items, $150 for Entertainment Game Prizes, $200 added to the 50/50 Raffle Collections for Gift Cards & Cash Prizes to be given away throughout the evening. More to come to decide what's for supper.
    g. Pat Fricke made a motion for $25 for each meal for Christmas supper. pass

I. Dinner Cruise –Tuesday Nov 10th 5:30pm at North McDonalds going to A&B Pizza North Bismarck.
J. Breakfast Lunch Together (BLT) – Nov 17th 9am at Buckstop. Breakfast at Rock n 50's
K. Next Meeting – November 19th 7pm Elk's
L. Other Darrell Emmil won 50/50 drawing
M. Adjourn 8:00pm Tom Freidt 1st Sam Wangler 2nd

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Jay Buringrud
Larry Heinle
Lloyd Klein
Dan Rouse
Dan Usselman
Roger Zink

Spouse Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Craig/Cindy DeGree
Randy/Donna Eichele
Larry/Audrey Heinle
Blair/Nancy Ihmels
Al/Kathy Wald

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DINNER CRUISE NIGHT - Second Tuesday each month

Our next dinner cruise will be Tuesday, November 10, 2026. Meet at the North A & B Pizza at 5:30 for some delicious food and cool beverages. Please order and pay for your own pizza and drink.

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 November 17, 2026. Breakfast cruisers will meet at Rockin 50's at 9:00 am for some wake-up food.

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!

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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
8/20/2026	BUCKSTOP	21	21	$21.00	$ 10.00	LAURA ENGWICHT
9/17/2026	BUCKSTOP	25	24	$24.00	$ 12.00	DIANA ROLOFF
10/15/2026	Ellefson's	20	20	$20.00	$ 10.00	DARRELL EMMIL
		TOTAL COLLECTION		$226.00		
		LUCKY MEMBER PAY OUT			$111.00	
		CLUB $ FOR CHRISTMAS DRAWINGS			$115.00	

Christmas Party Meal Choice Form
RSVP to Pioneer Auto Club, PO Box 3163 Bismarck, ND 58502
2026 RSVP Deadline is Tuesday December 1, 2026

		Mark Number of Meals	Cost Per Meal $25.00
MEAL OPTION #1	RIBEYE STEAK		
MEAL OPTION #2	7 PIECE JUMBO SHRIMP		
	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEALS		TOTAL DOLLARS

If you would like to include your 2027 membership dues please include an additional $20.00

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On October 20, 2026, the BLT (Breakfast, Lunch, Together) group met at Buckstop Junction and traveled to the Heritage Center. They were able to tour many of the exhibits and after, enjoyed a delicious breakfast at Kroll's Diner.

Pioneer Auto Club members were invited to a photo shoot at the Bismarck Public High School. The photography teacher at the school had some students interested in photographing classic cars, and she asked for some cars to come and park on the lawn in front of the school for her class to practice taking photos. Mark Engwicht, Michael Farley, Roger Zink, Pat Fricke, and Wayne Martineson brought their classic cars to be photographed! The students and PAC members had a great time!

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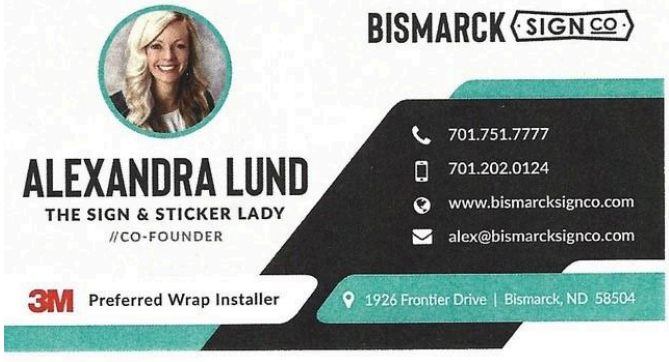

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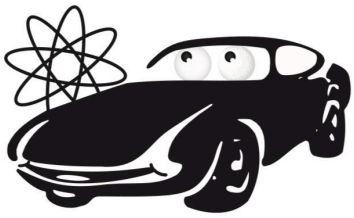

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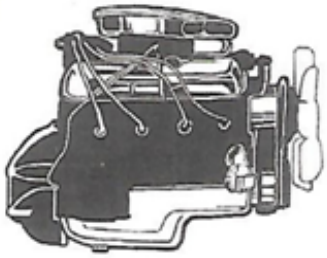

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Upcoming events

Nov 10 - PAC Dinner Cruise
Nov 17 - PAC BLT
Nov 19 - PAC monthly meeting
Dec 17 - Christmas Party

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