

PIONEER AUTO CLUB NEWSLETTER



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The Presidents Corner

Hello Everyone!!! I want to be the first to inform you that the April PAC meeting will be held at the **MGM Grand in Las Vegas**.well, not really.....**April Fool**.....would you believe **Hollyhock Station, Buckstop Junction**.

By the time of our April meeting, at least two in-state car shows Toppers in Fargo and Prime Steel in Grand Forks will be history. A small group is taking the **Amber's Dream '38 Chev** to the Toppers show to sell raffle tickets. Anyone interested in doing the same for the Prime Steel show should contact Tom Freidt (391-3838) for arrangements.

I wish to extend a special thank you to Carol Dobler, Medcenter One Foundation, for the most informative tour PAC members received preceding the March meeting. The children's hospital transformation (an understatement) is nearly complete. Everyone involved with the project, including PAC members, should be proud of the project and the inviting/comforting atmosphere being created for the "little patients." I also want to extend a big thank you to Dale Speckmann for allowing us to hold the March meeting in his garage and to Kari and Jerome Zimmerman for bringing the "after meeting" refreshments!

HB 1442, which started out to change ND law regarding "altered vehicles" has been further amended by the ND Senate such that the bill **only** contains the following directive: "legislative management shall consider studying the regulations of drivers and of motor vehicles in the North Dakota Century Code for consistency, clarity, and substance." All other prior provisions have been removed. The bill now goes back to the ND House which will likely (my guess) concur with Senate action and send it to the Governor or could disagree and ask for a conference committee. We will post update info when available.

Our Acres of Iron Car Show committee, headed by Sam Wangler, met with the Mandan Progress Organization for planning of the show scheduled for May 14, 2011 in conjunction with Mandan Sports and Recreation show. More info to follow at April meeting.

The Model T Build team has accepted an invitation from Eureka, SD for July 6, **2012** and Medora Car Show, June 25, 2011. The team is open for more performances this year.

The Gas Truck overhaul committee has been meeting diligently and has the engine nearly completed.

Rick Setterlund has met with Buckstop Junction and a sandblaster regarding the Hollyhock Station paint project. Stay tuned, when weather and project permits; he will be inviting all members to a "paint party" at Buckstop Junction.

We will start our **2011 Monthly Dinner Cruise** at 6:00PM Tuesday, April 5 with dinner at Jack's Steakhouse and then "**drag Main**" for as long as weather permits. Subsequent dinner cruises will be determined on a monthly basis.

The April meeting will commence at 7:30PM, April 21 at Buckstop Junction. The Membership Incentive drawing will be for \$75. Mike Paul was the lucky winner this past month but was not present to receive his winnings. So sorry!

See you at Buckstop Junction!

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MINUTES – PAC meeting, March 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:47pm by President Pat Fricke at Dales Auto Restoration. Preceding the meeting the club toured the Medcenter One Children's Hospital.

Secretary's Report: Approved as printed. 1st Kevin Schatz, 2nd Betty Baepple, voice carry.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Ellefson gave summary. Reminder that membership dues are due. Motion to approve by Don Roloff, 2nd by Jerome Zimmerman.

New Business

1. Correspondence: Thank you card from Ohlhauser family for memorial gift. Thank you card from Joe & Donna LaFave for bouquet. Letter from Carol Dobler (Medcenter One) asking how the club should be listed on the "Wall of Honor" in the children's hospital.
2. Acres of Iron: Saturday, May 14. Sam Wangler will chair the event with help from Kevin Schatz. Show will be held in conjunction with Mandan sportshow again. Need to talk to MPO. Also discussed were dash plaques and flyers. Committee will discuss and return with recommendations and budget.
3. Buggies-N-Blues: Sunday, June 12
4. Deceased member remembrance/name plaques at Buckstop Junction: Appoint committee to come up with some rules regarding placing names on the plaque. Committee volunteers: Pat Fricke, Betty Baepple, Dennis Erhardt, Steve Ellefson, and Jerome Zimmerman. Committee will report back to membership.
5. Eureka, SD – Request Model T Build for their Quasi-centennial car show on Friday, July 6, 2012. Members agreed to do the build for the show. \$250 plus mileage. Mileage may be increased to \$1.50 due to higher gas prices.

Old Business

1. House Bill 1442: Vehicle modification law. House committee amended the bill from its version at the House transportation committee hearing in February. The bill will amend the current law to increase the weight of vehicles included from 7,000lbs. to 16,000lbs. registered weight. Mandatory inspections were removed from the bill as well as language regarding SEMA; however, the bill does recommend an interim legislative study. The bill is in the Senate transportation committee and will have a hearing soon. The Street Rod exemption law only covers vehicles prior to '49.

Committee Reports

1. Audit Committee: Kevin Schatz compared bank statements to recorded deposits. Clean report.
2. Communications: No news to report.
3. Model T Build: Team assembled Model T in 3 min. 51 sec. and 4 min. 02 sec. at the Jamestown Car Show. Club received a plaque from the show featuring the Model T in front of a service station backdrop mural.
4. Gas Truck Overhaul: The pistons are in correctly. The transmission was overhauled and is on the block. Meeting Monday, March 21 to assemble rest. New distributor and carbs will be put on. Kevin Schatz and Rick Setterlund plan to put new planks for the running boards and sand down the cab.
5. Valentine's party was held on February 17 and was a success. Will do it again.
6. Amber's Dream Car Build: Dale Speckmann, chairman. The car will be at Topper's car show on April 2nd & 3rd. Need help selling tickets. Have raised approximately \$37,000 so far.
7. Cabin Fever Car Show: Chinese auction raised \$786.
8. Christmas Party: Comfort Inn is booked for the 2011 Christmas party.
9. Buckstop Junction: Duane Jangula reported that there was nothing new. Need to start planning used car lot. Rick Setterlund to investigate rules and regulations for repainting the gas station.
10. Monthly Dinner Cruise: Next cruise will tie in with the 1st Tues. Drag Main of the year on April 5. Dinner at Jack's Steakhouse prior to the cruise at 6:00pm. RSVP on website. Summer dinner cruises will be held on the first Monday of the month to allow for longer trips and so members can still enjoy "It's a Drag" on the first Tuesday of the month.

Drawing for Membership Incentive for \$50. Mike Paul was not present. Next drawing for \$75. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm. The next PAC meeting will be April 15, 2011 at the Buckstop Junction gas station.

Respectfully, Kari Zimmerman

PAC...In the News

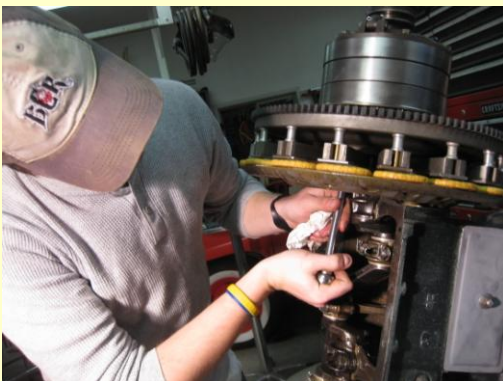
**Amber's Dream tour
Gas Truck rebuild**



Children and their parents are often terrified when hospitalization is necessary. Amber understood that and so do the professionals at Medcenter One. Who better to transform their feelings of fear into hope than Meddy Bear?

Children admitted to the Medcenter One Children's Hospital will be greeted by a life-sized resin Meddy Bear. He will welcome the children to the unit and introduce them to Never Say Never via a large wall map. The stage will be set for an adventure of hope.

Adjacent to Never Say Never will be Meddy Bear's Night Sky where families can honor the cherished children in their lives by purchasing an engraved star or comet. The tunnel of fiber optics wraps from the north wall across the ceiling and back down the south wall creating a place of honor for these special children.



Birthdays/Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Apr 4

Leo Wandler

Apr 10

Sam Wangler
Ron Pickar

Apr 12

Bill Peterka

Apr 16

Mike Conmy

Apr 18

Les Linssen

Apr 24

Larry Rosenow

Spouse Birthdays

Apr 1

Kim Conway

Apr 12

Carol Fricke

Apr 24

Gayle Bakken

Apr 27

Karen Lalonde

Apr 28

Beverly Hausauer

Anniversaries

Apr 3

Delmar & Debbie Markel

Apr 6

Dennis & Rita Fuller

Apr 19

Les & Ellie Linssen

Apr 28

Dana & Madonna Guenther

LET'S DRAG MAIN & Dinner Cruise ... It's that time of year when we begin itching to get the cars out of garages, storage, etc. and get them back out on the road ~ I know I am! We will start our 2011 monthly dinner cruise Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at Jack's Steak House in Bismarck. Pat Fricke has made reservations, so if you plan on coming out, please RSVP on the PAC website, reply on the PAC Facebook page or give Pat a call. Weather permitting we will join the "It's a Drag" group and drag main street in Bismarck. Hope to see you there!



NDDOT Motor Vehicle Division marks 100 years of service

This year marks 100 years in which motor vehicle services have been provided to North Dakota residents. In July, 1911, the first motor vehicle license plates were issued in North Dakota with 7,201 vehicles registered that year.

Over the last 100 years, motor vehicle trends have changed tremendously. In 1915, there were 40,000 vehicles in the state and by 1920, there were 91,000 registered vehicles. Today, there are over 952,000 vehicles registered in the state. Motorists have also changed their driving habits. In the 1950s, North Dakotans drove 2.3 billion vehicle miles annually compared to 5.07 billion vehicle miles traveled in 2008.

In recognition of 100 years of service, the Motor Vehicle Division, now within the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), is offering commemorative, decorative license plates for purchase for \$20 each. This specially designed collector's item is for decoration only and cannot be used as an actual license plate for a vehicle. These plates are currently on sale now through May and can be purchased by going to the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/mv/mv-centennial.htm>.

In addition, a banquet will be held on Friday, June 24, 2011 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck, N.D. in recognition of Motor Vehicle's Centennial Anniversary. The public is invited to attend the banquet, which starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at the Motor Vehicle Office in Bismarck or a request may be mailed with payment to:

NDDOT Motor Vehicle Division
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2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.

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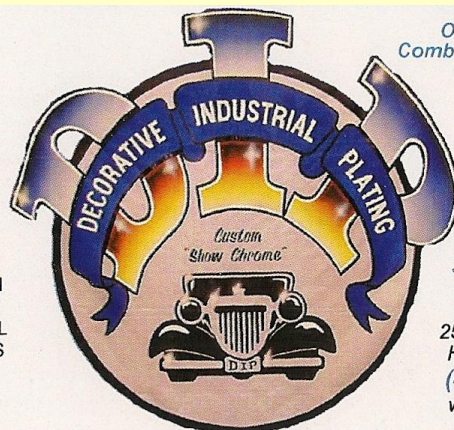
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5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house.. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

Thank you for helping Amber's Dream come true

Amber Des Roches dreamed of a children's hospital where anything was possible and children could escape the reality of their illnesses.



Amber Des Roches

Thanks to the Pioneer Auto Club, the proceeds from the raffle of a 1938 Chevy two-door Sedan will benefit Amber's Dream—the transformation of the Medcenter One Children's Hospital.

Raffle tickets will be on sale for \$5 July 1, 2010–June 30, 2011. To find out more about the raffle, call the Medcenter One Foundation at 323-8450 or visit medcenterone.com/ambersdream.



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Congratulations to Jake and Marilyn Gahner who took 1st place in People's Choice and 1st place in Custom class at the Jamestown Car Show in January with their 1955 Bel-Air. Amber's Dream car received 2nd place in the Street Rod class.



A complete list of 2010 events is available at www.pioneercarclub.com/events

Up coming events ...

Apr 02, 2011 - Toppers Car Show, *Fargo, ND*

Apr 05, 2011 - PAC Dinner Cruise, *Jack's Steakhouse 6:00pm*

Apr 09, 2011 - Prime Steel Car Show, *Grand Forks, ND*

Apr 30, 2011 - Valley Vintage Car Show - *West Fargo, ND*

May 7, 2011 - 35th Annual Band Day Car Show - *Williston, ND*

May 14, 2011 - Acres of Iron Car Show, *Mandan, ND*

Jun 03, 2011 - Devils Run, *Devils Lake, ND*

Jun 10, 2011 - Classtiques Rod Run 2011, *Bismarck-Mandan, ND*

Jun 12, 2011 - Buggies-N-Blues, *Mandan, ND*