

PIONEER AUTO CLUB NEWSLETTER



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from Diana and Don,

Another great turnout at our October meeting. I'm not sure if it's the burgers and brats or that we have a club on the move. Thanks to Cherie and Tom for hosting the meeting at Riverwood RV.

Sam has asked the Club members to submit names for annual Member Appreciation Award. The Award is given to a club member who has demonstrated great things for the benefit of the Club. Think hard because there are many candidates available this year. Let Sam or Jolene know of your selection.

Jo, Steve, Diana and I had a good time at Buckstop Junction hosting school tours. Kids from Hazen and Bismarck Sunrise Elementary toured the Holly Hock Gas Station. The kids were great. We would ask them what their favorite car was and one kid from Hazen blew us away with his answer. He said, "Edsel". His Granddad was LeRoy Walker who owned the largest collection of Edsel cars in the country. The other item that was of interest was the popcorn maker. Not the big one but the kettle popcorn maker Jo brought out. We had it on the old stove and I'd turn the crank to show them how it works and would say, "it's almost done, can you smell it?" and a kid from Hazen let me know in no uncertain terms that he could smell it! Fun times, Great kids.

Get ready for the next BIG ONE...the Christmas Party! Save the date for December 16 at the Quality Inn. The meal will be catered by Famous Dave's. Famous Dave Owens or Famous Dave Schmitz are not involved with this one. The Steve Harmon Band will once again get us out on the dance floor with their tunes of yesterday. We also would ask your help if you have any donations for the Chinese Auction. Please let Laura know ahead of time so she can prepare labels for your donation. Bring the donation the evening of the PARTY. Joe will once again charm all of us into buying his arm long tickets. There will be surprises galore! The FUN Committee will be meeting to create delight and wonderment for your entertainment. Save the date in your calendar ASAP.

We had an election of officers at our last meeting. It was a sweep...(railroad). President is Don Roloff, Vice President is Mark Engwicht, Secretary is Laura Engwicht, Treasurer is Steve (Jo) Ellefson and Sargent of Arms is Ron Pickar. Ron has promised to read his Sargent of Arms instructional manual this year. He really doesn't need to carry his WWII vintage 45 CAL to the meetings anymore.

The PAC has a rich history and we will bring it alive with the introduction of a PAC Historical Corner. Each month we will provide excerpts from years gone by. They will be informative, they will be enlightening but most of all they will be funny. Those guys had FUN and we will share those moments with you. Bennigan's of Mandan, here we come for our November dinner cruise.

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MINUTES - October 21, 2021



Greetings, welcome any new members and guests.

A. **Secretary's Report:** Laura Engwicht as printed in the newsletter 1st by Pat Fricke, 2nd by Joe LaFave passed

B. **Treasurer's Report:** Reported by Steve Ellefson Accepted 1st by Joe LaFave 2nd Tom Freidt passed

Committee Reports

1. Buckstop Junction: John DesRoches not much happening.
2. Communications: Please look at our Facebook page and ND Car Show Facebook page for car shows.

Old Business

1. Buggies N Blues: PAC Logo Winner Cars have been given to BNB.
Steve made a motion to give \$200 to Buckstop for tires for a 1929 Cadillac that will be displayed over at BNB. 2nd John DesRoches motion passed
2. PAC Virtual Car Show - How to update- Send anything you would like added to Don or Laura. Now there are 81 cars on the show.
3. Articles Nov - Diana Roloff, Dec - Linda Schmitz, Jan - Dave Schmitz
4. Steak Run Report - Tom Freidt Everything went well after we got the grill dried out. Had lots of fun.

New Business

1. 1929 Model A Sports Coupe Progress Report - Diana and Don- Car is running with a little radiator leak and hopefully that is fixed now. Thanks for all the help from everyone.
2. Buckstop Junction School Tours Report - Diana and Don
 - a. Hazen High School - The students took away a lot of info from Roloffs and Ellefsons
 - b. Sunrise Elementary - The students went through quickly as there were a lot of them.
3. Christmas Party will be Thursday Dec 16th. 5-6 Social Hour 6pm Supper w/ Band Games and Chinese Auction to follow.
Val, Patty, Dave, Diana, and Don to do games.
Laura and Jennifer figured out food. We will have Famous Dave's
4. Elections committee had down President Don Roloff, Vice President Mark Engwicht, Secretary Laura Engwicht, Treasurer Steve and Jolene Ellefson, and Sergeant at Arms Ron Pickar with no further nominations made, Joe LaFave made a motion for a full slate vote 2nd by Don Erhardt and that was passed on voice vote.
5. Dinner Cruises scheduled Tuesday Nov 9th 6:30pm between Arbys & McDonalds. We will go to Bennigans in Mandan. With only going to Mandan we will leave at 6:30pm from Arbys.
6. The PAC meeting on Nov 18th will be at Diana and Don Roloffs' at 7:00 pm. We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs about 6:15pm.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm 1st Tom Freidt 2nd Jolene Ellefson

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Linda Hugelen
Gene Taix
Larry Heinle
Ronald Hopfauf
Jay Buringrud
Dawson Rouse
Lloyd Klein

Spouse Birthdays

Jolene Ellefson
Verdel Hopfauf
Leona Ressler
Rita Klemin
Sue Schmidt
Glenda Klein
Linda Buringrud

Anniversaries

Blair & Nancy Ihmels
Larry & Audrey Heinle
Craig & Cindy DeGree
Cliff & Pat Lieske

PAC NEWS



CRUISE NIGHT - Second Tuesday of each month

The Pioneer Auto Club cruised to Station West in Mandan on October 12th. A great turnout again of 27 PAC members enjoyed some good food and fun conversations! We sure know how to keep our servers busy!! The November cruise night will be to Bennigan's in Mandan leaving at 6:30 pm from Arby's in north Bismarck.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - December 16, 2021

WHEN: Thursday, December 16, 2021
WHERE: Quality Inn - 1030 E Interstate Ave, Bismarck
SOCIAL: 5:00 - 6:00 PM
SUPPER: 6:00 PM catered by Famous Dave's

We will have a Chinese Auction and play games. If you have an item for the Chinese Auction, please contact Laura Engwicht at 701-400-4103
Please RSVP no later than Sat. December 11th for a dinner ticket!
Payment must be received by that date or you will be at the end of line.
Remember to renew your yearly PAC dues too!! \$20/yr
Dinner is \$20.00 per person for PAC members & non-members
(Please bring a dessert to share)



Name: _____
Number of dinners (\$20/person): _____
Renew PAC Membership (\$20/yr): _____
Total amount enclosed: _____
(checks payable to Pioneer Auto Club)

Send to: Mark Engwicht
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PS: Please let the club know if your email/phone number/or any other info has changed!

My 1957 Thunderbird by Diana Roloff



It all started when I decided I wanted a 1957 Ford Thunderbird. I loved the two-seat car with those sweeping rear fenders. The 57 always looked so sharp.

We had a 1961 Thunderbird convertible that was large. I was unable to drive it even with the seat all the way forward. I couldn't drive it when we went on long trips. We sold the 61 to an auto dealer in Dallas, TX who wanted to complete his Thunderbird collection with a 1961 Thunderbird.

We were introduced to the new retrobirds in 2001 when the Dakota Thunderbird Club was contacted to help introduce the new 2002 Thunderbird. Don was president of the club at the time and we said "yes"! The cars arrived at Eide Ford for our use for the day. The Ford representative from Dearborn, Michigan had asked that we drive the cars around town to see the reaction of people who saw it for the first time. The Club was given several new 2002 cars for the club members to drive.

Don got to drive it for about fifteen minutes. He had to visit with the Ford rep so I took the car and forgot to bring it back. I knew right away I had to have one...but that 57 still sat in the back of my mind.

After we sold the 61, Don found a numbered 2004 Monterey Mist Pacific Coast Roadster (PCR) in Schaumburg, Illinois at a BMW dealership. We traveled to CA, OR, WA, British Columbia, Kelowna, Banff and Glacier National Park. We attended the Vintage Thunderbird Club International in Kelowna during one of these excursions. It is a fun car to drive but you really need to know how to pack when on long trips. On the trip to Kelowna, we had a hitchhiker, an unwelcome mouse. We got it with a sticky trap. Don was given a "Hard Luck Award" at the VTCl banquet!



We attended the VTCl conference in Kansas City in August of 2016 and entered the PCR to be judged. I visited a lady that was a few cars down from us who was selling a 57. There it was. That opportunity to own a 57 Thunderbird. The lady spent more time unselling the car by telling me what was wrong with it than trying to sell it. We decided maybe buying an older car wasn't the best idea. So, as fate would have it, a friend of ours from the Minneapolis Chapter informed us of a blue 2005 50th Anniversary Thunderbird for sale in their newsletter. Well, we drove to Minneapolis a couple of weeks later. I could hardly contain my excitement. Don said to not be so eager because we wanted to "negotiate" a price.

Let me tell you, I immediately bought the blue! But wait, there is more!

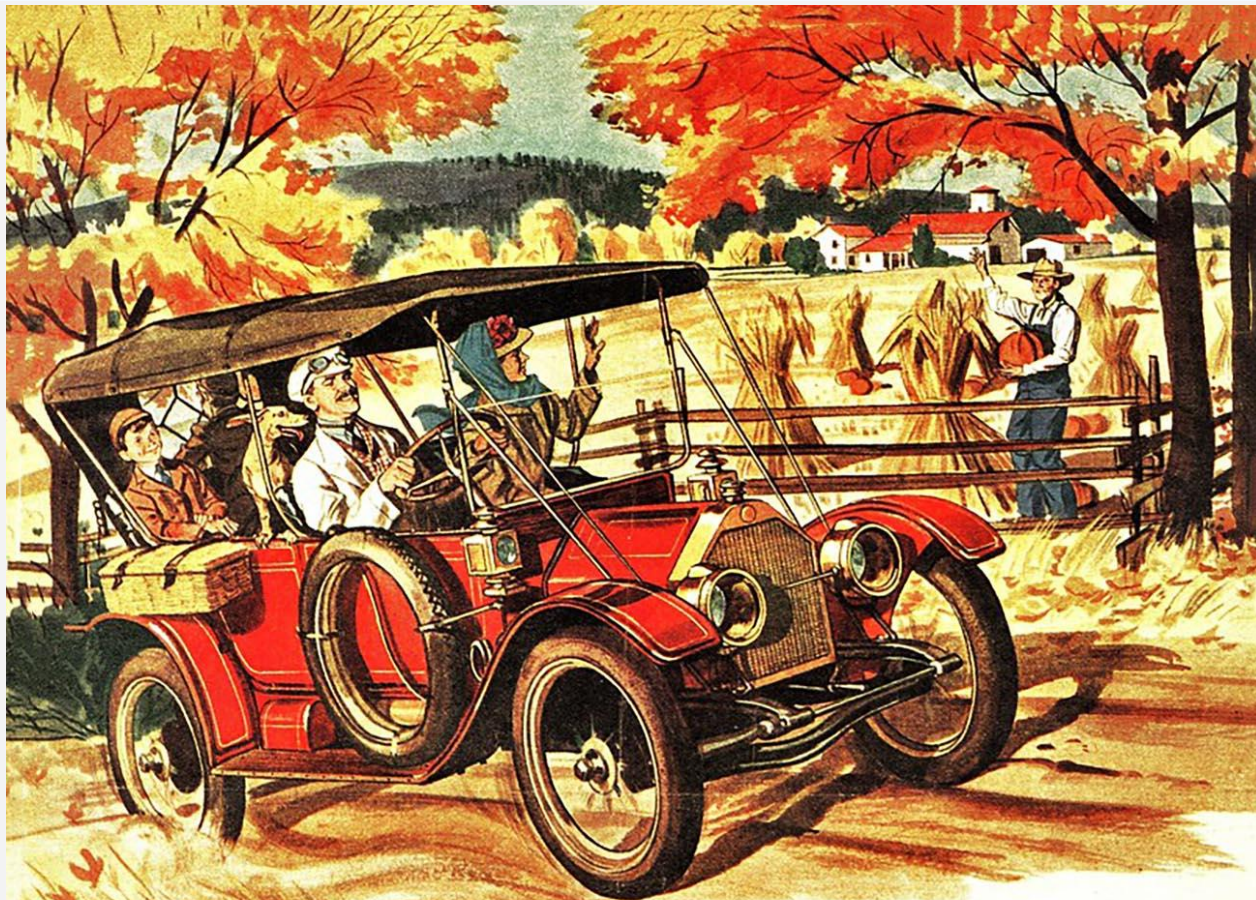


In October of 2019, we took a trip to North Carolina. Don had heard of a 2005 Cashmere Thunderbird in Kansas City. I loved the Cashmere color so we stopped on the way back to check it out. The Cashmere, a numbered car, was in beautiful shape but it was really dirty. I bought the car on the spot and drove it home. Oh, about the negotiating part, I should remember that next time.

Although we have three Retro Birds, we still do not own a 1957 Thunderbird...not yet!

Note: We would LOVE to hear your 'car story' ... please submit your story to Don Roloff at rolnon@bis.midco.net and we will publish it in the newsletter as soon as we are able!

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Going home for Thanksgiving

We've come a long way since the time of the "horseless carriage." Cranks, magnetos and carbide lamps are now museum pieces. We no longer need gauntlets, goggles or linen dusters when we take to the open highway.

Yet, there's been little change in the spirit and traditions of Thanksgiving. As with our Pilgrim Fathers, it remains a day of worship, of giving

thanks for our abundance, of turkey and all the trimmings, of games and family get-togethers.

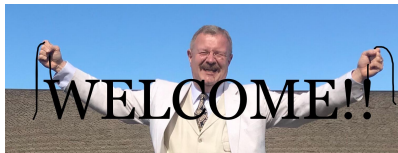
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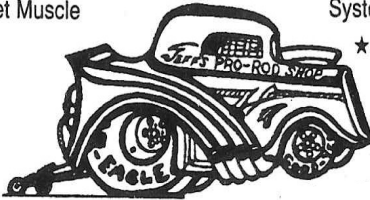
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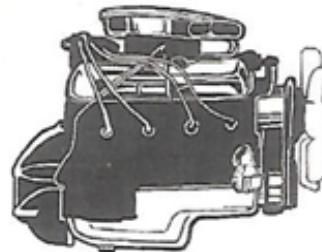


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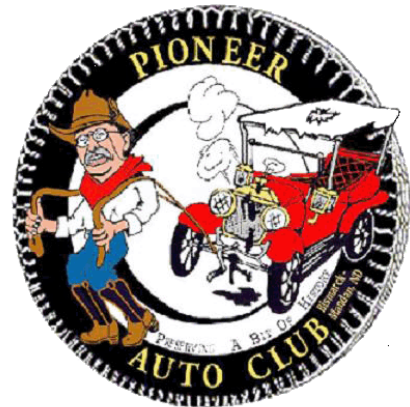
Upcoming car shows & events ...

Upcoming events

Nov 9th Dinner Cruise

Nov 18th - Monthly PAC meeting

Dec 16th - Christmas Party



Check out [Car Show Calendar North Dakota](#) Facebook page for up to date car shows and cruise events!