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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from Diana and Don,

This month the PAC selected cars for the Buggies-N-Blues 2022 logo. Congratulations to Steve and Jo Ellefson with their 1932 Model A Phaeton entry and Chris and Donna Fry with their 1955 Ford Victoria entry. See these car images on the upcoming 2022 BNB t-shirts.

Michael Farley reported at the September meeting that the Model A Day annual road rally was a success. The plans came together with a road run to Wilton, a visit to a train museum, food and good attendance. Look for a bigger and better Model A event next year.

As some of you know, Diana and I bought a 1929 Model A after the Waterford City movie run. We had the bug, so Rick Setterlund and Dave Schmitz told us about a Model A that was for sale in Mandan. We called the owner and Dave Schmitz came with us to look it over. The car had great curb appeal but didn't run! We bought it anyway. The 'A' TEAM, Dave Owens, Steve Ellefson, Dave Schmitz and Michael Farley, came to our rescue. They discovered the problem was a cracked head. After ordering a whole truck load of new parts, including the engine head, we should be ready for assembly. Our goal is to launch at the Tuesday Main Street Cruise.

We welcome the ten new members to the PAC experience. We want to get to know all of you better. We can do that through the PAC Virtual Car Show. Please send us two digital photos, one of the car and the other of you with the car. Send the pics to rolnon@bis.midco.net to be placed on the fall update. Make your entry a bit more interesting with your "car story" to be included with your pics. Welcome and enjoy the Pioneer Auto Club!



MINUTES - September 16, 2021



Greetings, welcome any new members and guests.

A. **Secretary's Report:** Laura Engwicht as printed in the newsletter 1st by Tom Freidt, 2nd by Jennifer Farley passed

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

Committee Reports

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

Old Business

1. Model A Day Report - Micheal Farley - Sept 11th there were 14 people that showed up. Lots to look at in Wilton.
2. PAC Virtual Car Show - How to update- Send anything you would like added to Don or Laura.
3. Articles Oct - Jackie Dockter, Nov Diana Roloff
4. Dinner Cruises scheduled Tuesday Oct 12th 6:30pm between Arbys & McDonalds. We will go to Station West in Mandan. With only going to Mandan we will leave at 6:30pm from Arbys.
5. Medora Car Show Date Confirmation - June 24-25, 2022

New Business

1. Invitation to PAC members Daniel Bielinski contacted us about "*Voices of Dakota Prairie*". The show combines music, song, dance, and 1st-hand accounts to tell the incredible stories of the 1st homesteaders in Dakota Territory. The University of Mary Dramatic Arts will perform "*Voices of the Dakota Prairie*" in Bismarck at the Belle Mehus on Friday, October 8th at 7:00 pm and Saturday October 9th at 2:00 pm. Put this date on your calendar for a unique look into North Dakota's history.
2. Steak Run Sept 25th We will get together at the Getaway and play games.
3. Elections committee. Joe LaFave 701-226-0678, Micheal Farley, & Dave Owns will be the committee if you would like to run for an officer let them know.
4. Selection of PAC Cars for the Buggies n Blues 2022 TShirt logo. We voted and Congratulations to Steve and Jo Ellefson with their 1932 Model A Phaeton entry and Chris and Donna Fry with their 1955 Ford Victoria entry.
5. Christmas Party will be Thursday Dec 16th. Val and a few other people to do games. Laura and Jennifer figuring out food.
6. The PAC meeting on Oct 21st will be at Riverwood Rv at 7:00 pm. We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs about 6:15pm.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES - OCTOBER

Member Birthdays

Duane Jangula
Don Davis
Don Erhardt
Rick Setterlund
Virgle Murray
Dennis Erhardt
Harold Zimmerman
Todd Schmidt

Spouse Birthdays

Joan Brosseau
Valerie Schuchard
Bonnie Andres
Jan Schmidt

Anniversaries

Michael & Jennifer Farley
Harold & Sheila Zimmerman
Dale & Pam Speckmann
Don & Arlene Davis
Carl & Joann Copeland
Pat & Carol Fricke

PAC NEWS

CRUISE NIGHT - Second Tuesday of each month

The Pioneer Auto Club cruised to Flash's Bar in Sterling in September. Thanks to the crew at Flash's for providing a delicious meal of pulled pork sandwiches, salad and other fixins! We plan to head to Station West on Main Street Mandan for our October cruise night. Note the new time to meet October 12th at 6:30pm between Arbys & McDonalds in Bismarck.

PAC STEAK FRY



This year's attendance at the Steak Fry was great. At last count we had 41 attendees ready to put a steak on their plate. Thank you, Cherie and Tom, for hosting the event at the Getaway! As the afternoon got closer to grilling time, the grill was readied for cooking. Well, it went down hill a bit. The grill wouldn't fire up.

But never fear! The PAC fixit team was near. Tom, Dave, Steve, Ron and a bunch of observers took control. Propane tanks were changed, hoses were switched, the trailer was leveled but nothing worked. Then Tom made it happen to the applause of the audience and we were in business. Platters of steaks were hand carried to the grill and the line of hungry PACers started to form. The Getaway kitchen had a full serving of potluck choices. Tom Freidt and Dave Schmitz were amazing on the grill and Cherie made her kitchen into a line of culinary pleasure. Thanks all around to a great end of September.



INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY



The Pioneer Auto Club celebrated International Model A Day on September 11.

A group of Model A's and other classic cars started out the day with a tour at Steve and Jolene Ellefson's garage shop. After a nice drive up river road, the group headed into Wilton to play some outdoor games. Next stop was the Wilton Depot to tour the Slope Area Model Railroad Club's HO scale layout and rest of the building. After a busy morning of tours and games, the group enjoyed lunch at the Sportsman's Bar and Grill.



The tour was a great success and we thank Michael and Jennifer Farley for organizing another fun International Model A Day!



PAC MEMBER CAR STORY - 'MINTPTY' by Jackie Dockter



In 2003, I mildly started lusting after a "Retrobird", simply because of exposure to them at the T-bird conventions we attended. A line-up of the various colors was a pretty awesome sight! Granted, these were new cars and they didn't have the same old charm as the Babybirds but, these were really cute new cars! I loved the reverse-wedge, the chrome grill, head and tail light rings (well ok, pseudo-chrome!).

But I still felt that a two-seater was a useless car, the price was ridiculously high, and we certainly didn't need another car! Greg kept saying all I had to do is "say the word:"! Nah, I would say, but if I were to get one, I would go with black on black – that's the classiest! I was interested but, out of sight out of mind! Until... one night around Christmas 2003 we drove by a dealership showroom in Portland, OR. There, in all its glory, sat a Vintage Mint Green with black rag up, and I blurted "it looks like a mint patty!". From then on, "out of sight out of mind" wasn't working so well anymore.....

Then we found out that there was one at a local dealership, but it wasn't quite what I wanted (the interior was black w/cream insets instead of all black). We drove it one weekend, but the dealer still wanted top price even though the odometer showed around 9,000 miles! So it wasn't hard to walk away from that one.

Then, I made the mistake (or was it??) of telling our daughter in Minneapolis about how great that mint green T-bird looked in that showroom. She proceeded to really work on me – every time she called, she would say, "Do it Mom, do it!". Pretty soon she and my son-in-law had located a couple of Vintage Mint Green ones, with exactly the options I liked: Mint/mint exterior, solid black interior, and 16-spoke aluminum wheels. Soon they located one in Wisconsin – only around 500 miles away. Then shortly thereafter, this same car wound up in a dealership on the Wisconsin/Minnesota border, just a half hour from our daughter's house. Fate?

The story goes as follows: A lady employee there first wanted a black one, then she wanted a mint one, and then she decided she wanted the black one after all! Now the mint one was available for sale! Coincidentally, a couple of weeks later, Greg and I were heading to Hannibal, MO in 66DREAM to attend the International T-bird convention – practically on the way! Greg called the dealership and the selling price was much, much more attractive than in Bismarck and, it had only a couple hundred miles on the odometer. My resistance was wearing down even more and then my daughter delivered the coup de grâce: She said, "When are you going to do it, Mom? When you are 70? When you cannot get in and out of it?" That did it!! The rest is history....

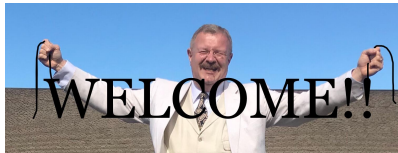
Vintage Mint Green is a signature color in 2004 and Ford produced only 612 in that color. Only 23 in the Vintage Mint Green/all black interior like MINTPTY were produced. Interestingly, of the 612 Vintage Mint Green T-birds produced by Ford, three of them are in Bismarck!

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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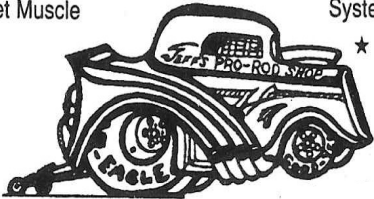


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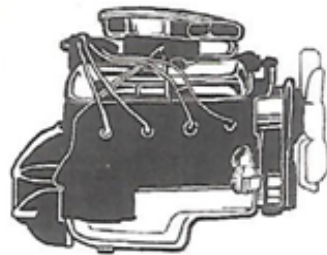


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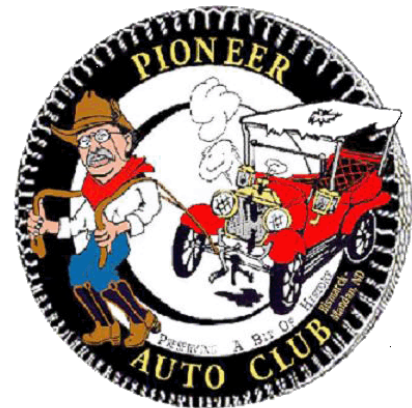
Upcoming car shows & events ...

Upcoming events

Oct 12th Dinner Cruise

Oct 21st - 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!