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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi from Don and Diana,

Diana and I are ready for the cruising season to begin. We are looking forward to Buggies 'n Blues, Eastern Tour, of course the Medora Car Show and the Great Race. In addition, we have registered for the Vintage Thunderbird Clubs International Convention in Kansas City, August 10 to 14, 2022. Diana will be taking her 2005 Cashmere Thunderbird to the show to be judged and she is anticipating bringing home a trophy. We have always enjoyed KC as a destination and look forward to the tours the VTCI has arranged for the convention. We'll let you know more upon our return.

Kathy Setterlund received an email from a car buff who was interested in the Pioneer Auto Club. He apparently is retired and has the time to work on a barn full of projects. He mentioned in his message that he owns a variety of cars including a '29 Model A, a 76 GMC 4x4 pickup, a '36 Ford Coupe and a few others. He is looking for a group of like-minded car nuts who actually want to work on cars and share knowledge. I sent him an invitation to our next meeting at the Elks. I assured him that the PAC was the kind of club he was looking for.

Jennifer Farley has offered to host the April PAC meeting at the DeWise-Perry Funeral Services located at 4211 Old Red Trail, Mandan, ND on April 21, 2022. This is a new facility with a very nice conference room. If you remember, they used to be located on the strip in Mandan. We thank Jennifer for offering their facility for our meeting.

CAR ARTICLES will continue to be needed for the Virtual Car Show. We are available to help write the article if you need it. Let's keep the interest going!

See you all at the Elks for the March meeting which will be held March 17, 2022 upstairs in a meeting room off the Teddy Roosevelt bar area. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.



MINUTES - February 17, 2022



There were no minutes from February due to the Valentine's Day party. Don Roloff submitted minutes from a February 1987 PAC meeting... enjoy!!

Treasurer's Report

Income: \$70.00 Dues

Expenses \$34.06 Postage & Sympathy Card for Dave Huether, West Dakota Auto Club

At the last meeting, held at John Bergans garage, a letter was read from Carl Larson regarding Dave Huether of Dickinson who had recently passed away.. He was very involved in the Medora Meet. It was decided to mail a sympathy card which has been done.

Swap Meet: Everything is on schedule. Edie Ford is ready for us as usual. All "vendor" mailings have gone out...total of 93, and it includes people who we hope will drive in for the meet and spend handsomely or will bring their garage full of parts and set up a booth. All Public Service Announcements have been mailed to 33 radio and television stations across the state and along the borders of Minnesota, South Dakota, and Montana. Mrs. Reetz will again dispense dogs and coffee...lets all eat lots so perhaps this year she can make a couple bucks.

The Model T Project is underway. For complete information or to volunteer to help assemble car at Band Day car show, call Steve Ellefson. He is in charge, and thanks, I think, to John Bergan for volunteering his Model T to be used in this project. He's getting a 3rd rate restored car out of the deal and I 'spect the price will shoot up to about \$20,000.00 afterwards. Will we ever let him forget it? NO WAY!

Side note: those of you storing cars in the country...check 'em out...it's a particularly bad year for mice. I've got 'em in all three of my drivers this year, even with the tin boxes around the wheels. It's back to poison, mothballs, and sticky trays.

Reminder: for those of you who haven't paid your dues for 1987, this will be your last newsletter. Again, you can either pay at the next meeting or mail to me. My fancy-dan computer has spit out the names of who you are...It knows all, see's all and tell's everything. At this point, we have 25 paid members out of 36 from last year.

Guess who showed up at the last meeting? Dave Krein! He drove up all the way from Nebraska with a case of Dakota Beer especially for us good ole' boys just to devil me. He even paid dues to be a member at large...and he is putting on a little weight.

Special thanks to Mrs. Bergan for a great feed.

See you at the next meeting and good night Sandy Bowman wherever you are!
Well, it worked last time...

Secretary/Treasurer John "The Hunk" Sullivan.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Member Birthdays

Jake Schmidt
Harold Rolfsrud
John Ohlsen
Greg Schuchard
Don Roloff
Larry Klemin
Charles Rothberg
Bill Winterberg
Todd Erickson
Vern Miller
Rich Thompson
Kelly Klemisch
Landon Anhorn

Spouse Birthdays

Jennifer Farley
Joann Copeland
Pam Des Roches
Barb Mehlhoff
Jackie Dockter
Veronica Erhardt
Laura Engwicht
Patty Owens
Betty Falkenstein
Marilyn Rolfsrud
Carol Brandner
Pat Lieske

Anniversaries

Steve & Becky Thilmony

PAC NEWS



CRUISE NIGHT - Second Tuesday of each month

Tuesday Cruise night will be suspended until April 2022.

VALENTINES DAY PARTY

The destination was...Jack's Steak House. The reason...VALENTINES DAY PARTY!!!! There were about thirty PAC members at the party. Jack's met our expectations with good service and great food. We welcomed everyone and reminded members why we were there. We resurrected an idea that Pat Fricke initiated at a Valentines Party when he was president. The guys were to come up with a Valentine's poem for their partner. The idea was to include car specific elements into the poem. As an example, your President, Don, offered this poem to Diana: "I never TIRE of your friendship. You are my MODEL A partner. You just need to learn to START her. I love you for the things you do. So, let's CRUISE our days away!" There was an amazed silence as I asked the guys to cite their Valentines Poem. Then, Michael Farley proudly stood up and presented this poem to Jennifer; "Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, I like them big in the front and round in the back just like you, my Ford Model A". Again, there was an amazed silence. That was the last of it. So, the only two romantics in the club apparently were Michael Farley and myself!



Story of 1957 Studebaker Silverhawk by Mark Engwicht

I was looking for a different car when I came across a Studebaker on Main street in Bismarck. It needed a lot of work but I liked the body style. It was something different, so that is what I went looking for. I then found a Golden Hawk in Colorado for sale. We went down and looked at it and it was in worse shape than the guy led on. So on to the next one I could find.

I was on Ebay looking around and found a Studebaker Silverhawk that was in New York. I asked the guy some questions and he told me everything that was wrong with the car. They even put closeup pictures of the rust spot on the passenger door on the post. After a few phone calls we got interested in the car then I called and could not get ahold of him. I tried for a few days and then started to worry that it wasn't legit. Finally, on Sunday before it was to be sold he called me and told me sorry he was in the hospital with his back and asked his doctor to please let him out to sell his car. We then proceeded to keep bidding on the car. At that time we didn't know how the bidding worked with the buy now option and didn't realize when reserve had been met we couldn't just buy out right anymore like we thought we would after we talked to him. So we were hoping that we wouldn't get outbid on it. On Monday when it was supposed to end, Laura was able to sit and watch it. She was very excited when she got home that she did get it.

Next we had to find a way to ship it here. We picked FedEx which would pick the car up at his door and drop it off at our door. Laura kept it a secret when the final delivery date was going to be. When I got home from work March 9th, 2010, there was snow on the ground and FedEx was parked in front of our house unloading the Studebaker. FedEx had a stipulation that the car would run but when I got home the delivery guys were pushing it off the truck as the car wouldn't start for them. When I went out to see what was wrong, I found it had a manual choke. I pulled the choke and it started right up. Boy, I was a bit relieved! The car was as the previous owner described it to be and we have had fun ever since.

These pictures are of the car the day we brought it home with the FedEx semi in the background.



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!

1. The Bow Tie Logo Inspired by Wallpaper (or not)

William C. Durant co-founded the Chevrolet motor company along with automotive engineer Louis Chevrolet. This was in 1911. Two years later the company adopted the iconic bow tie logo which Durant says was inspired by the pattern on some hotel wallpaper. His wife on the other hand suggests that Durant actually "borrowed" the concept from an existing company in the coal industry.

2. The Space Race

In the mid-1960s, the space race was in full force and anything having to do with it was very popular with the general public. This is no doubt what inspired Chevy to introduce the Turbo Titan II concept. The vehicle has "astronaut seats" and a dial steering wheel. The car ran on a gas turbine engine which eventually ran afoul of clean air initiatives and the project was scrapped.

3. Vertical Shipping Saved Space

When Chevy began shipping out the Vega in the 1970s they came up with the great space-saving idea of shipping the subcompact vertically instead of horizontally

4. Louis Chevrolet Left the Company after 3 Years

The man who gave Chevrolet its name (Louis Chevrolet, in case you were wondering where did the Chevrolet name come from?) was only with the company for three years. You might say the breakup was caused by creative differences. Louis had a vision of making high-end cars while Durant wanted to focus on affordable vehicles. (See number 7 on this list to find out who had the right idea)

5. The Camaro Was Almost a Panther

The original Chevy Camaro, which debuted in a run of 50 cars in 1967, was called Black Panther. In the charged political climate of the late 1960s, the company felt that it would be too confusing to the public and the Camaro moniker was adopted instead.

6. Chevy Made the First SUV

We're pretty proud of this one. The first SUV on the market, way back in 1933 with the Chevrolet Suburban Carryall. A few years later the Suburban had removable seats and extra cargo and passenger space. Not much has changed there



7. The First Chevy Model was a Flop

The Chevrolet Classic Six was one of the few models produced during Louis Chevrolet's time at the company. Designed to rival the Model T Ford the car was priced out of the range of most Americans. It did not sell well at all. It looks like Durant and a better grasp of what the public wanted.

8. The 1978 Corvette Looked Good In Black-And-White

Two 1978 Chevrolet Corvettes were produced to celebrate the Corvette's 25th anniversary. Painted black and white, the car was used as a pace car in the Indy 500. The two colors were separated by a red stripe.

9. Production of Civilian Vehicles Halted During World War II

Chevrolet stopped producing civilian vehicles during WWII so they could help the war effort. Converting their plant allowed them to build T-17 Staghound armored scout cars as well as airplane engines and more

10. The 2006 Silverado Intimidator SS is Super Rare

The 2006 Silverado was a special edition truck that honored race car driver Dale Earnhardt who died on the racetrack during the 2001 Daytona 500. Chevrolet only released 1,333 of this edition featuring logos and mementos of Dale.



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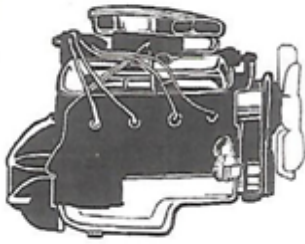


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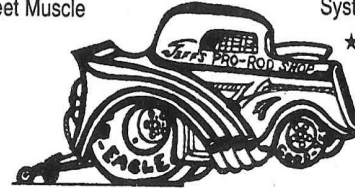
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- Mar 17th - PAC Meeting
- Mar 26-27 Toppers Car Show Fargo
- Apr 12th PAC Dinner Cruise
- Apr 21st PAC Meeting

