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8 month old Harry Baltrusch
on the Cannonball Model T tour.

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Bitterroot Valley Dusters: Regular meeting third Sunday afternoon of each month at places previously decided upon in Hamilton area.

Bozeman Antique Auto Club: Regular meeting second Friday of each month at random locations in Bozeman.

Capital Carriages: Regular meeting second Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m. random locations in Helena.

Central Montana Trail Dusters: Regular meeting fourth Thursday of each month at places previously decided upon in Central Montana area.

Flathead Pioneer Auto Club: Regular meeting first Sunday of each month at Flathead Electric Co-op in Kalispell.

Goggles & Dusters: Regular meeting first Tuesday of each month at Elk's Lodge, 934 Lewis Ave at 6:00 p.m. (unless otherwise notified) in Billings.

Great Falls Skunkwagon: Regular meeting first Friday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Eagle's Lodge 1509 9th St So in Great Falls.

Hi-Line Antique Auto Club: Regular meeting third Sunday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Inverness Supper Club in Inverness.

Missoula Hellgate: Regular meeting third Monday of each month, American Legion Hall in Missoula.

Vintage d'Fenders: Regular meeting first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. Cavalier Room, Finlen Hotel in Butte.

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ONGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here is hoping that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. It will be interesting to see how this winter progresses. Will it continue cold and how much more snow will we receive and when will spring be here?

It is encouraging to see our membership numbers grow after several years of decline. Way to go clubs! I know different clubs have used different methods to gain members. I know our website has allowed more car people to see what various club events are available for them to attend.

It has proven a plus for our club to have membership forms at our events that the public attends—you never know when a prospective new member will show up. Remember we have members that don't have a car yet or one that they don't feel is ready. They may just be looking for people with like interests that they have not found yet.

It is not too early to get your rooms for the tours next year and your registration in to the host clubs as early as possible so they can work with their food

and event vendors early.

I want to thank the officers, past officers and members for the help this past year. Many heads and hands made this job easier and enjoyable. The BVD's and Capital Carriages put on great state tours and the Skunk Wagon put on a fantastic swap meet and International tour. (Get your passports and plan on attending this year's International in Saskatoon.)

Here is hoping to see all of you somewhere this coming year.

Doug Winz, President

Answers...

from the October edition of the Times.

Can you identify this dashboard???

Page 5: 1936 Ford

Page 10: 1939 Ford banjo wheel

In Memory

June Thomsen

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please remember to send in your information by the due date to insure this publication can be in reader's hands in a timely manner.

Deadlines for submitting articles/ads for quarterly issues are as follows:

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April Issue: March 20th

July Issue: June 20th

October Issue: Sept. 20th

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We will send a confirmation email when we receive it.

If you do not have access to email, please mail your information to:

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Attn: Antique and Classic Times

Thank you for your help!

Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club Skunkwagon Chapter

Presents Montana's Oldest & Largest 48th Annual

Antique Auto Parts Swap Meet

And Collectibles

April 26th & 27th, 2019

Friday Noon - 6:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am. - 5:00 pm

Livestock Pavilion at Montana ExpoPark Great Falls, MT
(Formerly Cascade County Fairgrounds)

RV Spaces Available to Rent thru Montana ExpoPark

\$3.00

One Time Admission Good for Both Days

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Friday Lunch

12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Breakfast

7:00 am - 10:30 am

Saturday Lunch

11:00 am - Until Gone

Vendors with Toys, Clothes & Jewelry and Interesting Collectibles are Welcome

For additional Information call Mary at: 406-761-1643

NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

The Skunkwagon Club cannot be responsible for accidents or losses of any kind.
PLEASE REMEMBER - WE ARE IN A NON SMOKING BUILDING. THANK YOU

Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club Installation Dinner

Hosted by : Great Falls Skunkwagon Car Club

Eagles Lodge
1501 9th Street South So
Great Falls, MT

April 27, 2019
Social Hour 6:00 p.m.
Dinner Served at 7:00 p.m.
Number Attending _____

Parking & Entrance are behind the main building on the East side.
\$13.00 per person

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Make Check payable to : Skunkwagon Car Club

Send completed form along with payment to:

Skunkwagon Car Club
MP&CAC Installation Dinner
PO Box 1305
Great Falls, MT 59404

Deadline for Reservations is April 10, 2019. After that date \$5.00 extra
Please Indicate any Specific Dietary Requirements _____





**Montana Pioneer and Classic Auto Club Spring Tour
June 21-23-2019
Central Montana Trail Duster's Club**

Registration

Drivers Name _____
 Passenger's Name _____
 Additional Passengers _____
 Address _____
 City, State Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-Mail _____
 Vehicle Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____
 Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____

Registration deadline is June 10th. (Registration postmarked after the 10th must submit a additional \$10.00 fee. Registration fee includes Friday night Barbecue, Saturday lunch, Banquet, Sunday breakfast.

Individual	\$75.00	\$ _____
Additional Adults	\$75.00 x	\$ _____
Children (12 & under)	\$30.00 x	\$ _____
Late Registration	\$10.00	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Please Make Checks to Central MT. Trail Dusters. Mail to Sherry Stilson 388 Scott Crossing N Lewistown, Mt. 59457 Phone 406-366-5752 or call Sie Schindler Ph.406-350-3346

Are you planning to have your car judged ___ Yes ___ No Costume judged ___ Yes ___ No
 Are you willing to judge cars? ___ Yes ___ No Are willing to judge costumes ___ Yes ___ No
 Also Miles driven _____ year of vehicle driven _____.

The Central Montana Trail Dusters Club will not held liable for any loss sustained nor can It be named in any judgement or suit. I affirm that my possessions are covered by all necessary property damage and liability insurance

Applicant's signature _____

**Central Montana Trail Dusters Club
SpringTour 2019
June 21-23**

The Central Montana Trail Dusters Club is looking forward to hosting the 2019SpringTour. The tour headquarters will be at the Yogo InnHotel 211 E. Main ST. Lewistown, Mt.

Friday, June 21st

3:00 –5:00 PM	Registration	Yogo Inn Hotel
5:30 PM	Jack Morgenstern air plane hanger	Lewistown air port
6:30 PM	evening meal and ice cream social	Jack's hanger
7:30-8:00 PM	Costume Judging	Jack's hanger
8:00 PM	Directors Meeting	Jack's hanger

This hanger is one of a kind (hint) the 50's. The ice cream social will have a free will donation, which will go to the local Boys and Girls Club.

Saturday, June 22th

8:00 AM	Breakfast on your own and the Judges meet at the	Yogo Inn
8:30 AM –9:30 AM	Car judging and late registration	Yogo Inn
10:00AM	Tour to Mt. State fish hatchery	
Noon or so	Lunch will be at Carrell's home of Mustang's and other's	

Saturday is fun costume day, so get dressed for fun

5:30 – 6:30 PM	No-host cocktail hour	Eagles Club 124 W. Main St. 2nd Ave. door is best to use
6:30 PM	Awards Banquet	Eagles Club

Sunday, June 23th

8:00 AM	Breakfast	Eagles Club
	General meeting, adjournment, farewell and a safe trip home. Thanks for coming.	

Lewistown area accommodations

Lewistown offers over 220 hotel/motel rooms for lodging in the area. Make your reservations early, there are other functions in town also.

Super 8 Motel – 44 rooms	\$110.00+ tax	406-538-2581
or 1-800-800-8000 10 blocked rooms		
Calvert Historial Hotel	28 rooms \$149.00 +	406-535-5411
With a full breakfast		
Yogo Inn	119 rooms \$95.00 + tax	20 blocked rooms
		406-535-8721
B&B Motel	36 rooms \$99.00+tax	406-535-5496
Sunset Motel	\$65.00 +tax	406-535-8741
Trails End Motel	\$60.00 + tax	406-535-5468

The prices may vary some. They are based on 2 people. There is a Kiwanis camp area just west of town with no service, and a RV park at Mountain acres R V park 1-406-538-7591 there maybe other discounts ARP or AAA

So get your rooms early and get the registration in also, see you all in June in Lewistown, Mt. There will rooms blocked at the Yogo Inn and the Super 8 motel. Call early to get the blocked rates and refer to Mt. Pioneer and Classic car tour

Club News



EXHAUST

BITTERROOT VALLEY DUSTERS

Joann Hosko, Reporter (joann.hosko@gmail.com)

Here I am, dreaming of a brown Christmas. But who knows, it could be a repeat of 1996, when we awoke to plus/minus two feet of snow on Christmas morning. And most of the valley snow was gone by New Years. You have to love the Bitterroot.

Our autumn was not a very pretty one, but an exception to that was October 21, the day of our annual steak fry. It was a beautiful, bright-blue day at David Anderson's shop on Skalkaho Creek. Dick Babcock performed his yearly yeoman (not a 1950s Chevrolet) service at the BBQ grilling barrel, and those top sirloins, combined with the ever-tasty and varied potluck, made a great meal. There were 32 present and the club welcomed new member, Roda Sing. We were happy to see Arlene Beavers and Lillian Wanstrath back with us, following some health concerns.

Never wishing to miss a food opportunity, twenty-three of us met at the Nazarene Church Neeley Center in Victor, on November 18, for a Thanksgiving feast. And a feast it was – the Pilgrims had nothing on us. Well, not quite – we did not have any wild turkey, venison, fish, or maize. We did not have even one pumpkin pie. I guess everyone thought some-

one else would bring something pumpkin. Kathy Meuchel roasted a delicious turkey and brought the gravy and dressing, with members completing the meal with potluck sides.

December 15 saw us at Sapphire Lutheran Homes, our favorite Christmas party haunt. Shirley Sorenson worked long and hard to see that the arrangements met all of our varied and changing requirements. We dined on beef tenderloin, halibut, or chicken. Shirley, Kathy, Arlene, and Wendy Dutton had shopped for door prizes, which Lillian June Bentz later wrapped, and wrapped, and wrapped. We drew numbers and everyone received a door prize. We did not even have to play an impossible automobile trivia game in order to receive something! We are getting older or smarter or both. Then, we exchanged gifts, with men bringing gifts for men, and women for women. Boyd Cobb read a satirical poem (not so funny if you drive Fords, or Chevys, especially). Arlene read a review of the BVDs' 2018 activities. Charter BVD member Allan Dutton was voted as the 2018 recipient of the Kyle Babcock Traveling Trophy.

Joann Hosko recited the list of BVD charter members. Allan and

JoAnn Dutton, as well as Gil and Millie Higgins, and Pat Blade, are the only remaining charter members of the Bitterroot Valley Dusters, which was formed by Kyle Babcock and Art Blade in 1974 and became a chapter of the MP-CAC.

All who helped make the party a success were thanked.

As far as being a "car" club, people rarely tell me what they are working on, so I can't report on that. I know some do repair, restore, and/or maintain their vehicles, but it is mostly a mystery. Dick has been quite involved with his 1941 Ford convertible coupe, and if he makes as much progress in the next forty years as he has in the past forty, it will be a completed restoration and Dick will be in the Guinness Book of Records. Meanwhile, the 1952 Chevy languishes, wondering when it will get to zip around with its "new" engine. And I wonder, too.

When you read this, we will be well on our way to longer days and shorter nights, and that will be good news. By then, we will know better what sort of winter we can expect! We wish you all a Happy and Successful New Year and dream of when we can begin another year of touring.



Bozeman Antique Auto Club



Stu Coleman, Reporter (atascoleman@wispwest.net)

Time to disconnect those batteries and add STA BIL to the gas tanks (to vehicles not humans) for a winter sleep. Seems like we just got everything in order for the summer driving season not long ago. Is it just me or do the summers seem to be getting shorter and the winters longer!

We at BAAC are all set for the coming year with a slate of new and used officers. The president's position has been taken over by Rose Cain and Mel Howe will be in charge of Vice. The Secretary and Treasurer positions will stay the same with Kathy and Bill Dorgan occupying them respectfully. Karin Ludeman will continue as Club Historian and yours truly will remain Club Reporter. Many thanks to the old officers for the job they did and much praise to the new officers for stepping up for the coming year.

This quarter concluded with our annual Christmas party and it did not disappoint. The Vinton's opened up their house (or rather their garage) to our gang and we partied in a seasonally decorated venue with a catered meal by our favorite folks at the Kounty Korrner Cafe in Belgrade. The ladies added decorations to the tables and even the silverware had a bow tied napkin around them. Ever try to eat a Christmas dinner with plastic tableware? Just not a good idea.

There was a visit by Santa Crystal with a special gift for

each BAAC family. You see Santa passed out a present entitled Classic Car Cookbook to each family. It was suggested that the club put together a cookbook with favorite recipes and did the ladies respond! They produced over 70 different items drawn from their own experiences, their mother's and in some cases their grandmother's favorites. Then President Jeanne compiled, organized,

and shepherded the production of the book.

In fact, the club has a few extra books printed, and if you would like to own one of these priceless pieces of culinary art, they are available for the cost of printing, \$9.00 plus shipping. Just contact Jeanne at (406) 223-9526. There were limited numbers printed, so place your orders early. What better gift at Christmas to car



Tom Crystal (Santa Crystal) in front of Richard Vinton's 1949 Diamond T Model 201 1 ton pick up truck at the BAAC Christmas party

folks than a cookbook and it is so much better than my recipe for 500 mile chicken cooked on the manifold!

But back to the Christmas party, after Santa did his thing, now president, Rose Cain, held a door prize drawing with winners either getting tickets for a fine eatery in Bozeman or a beautifully decorated hubcap wreath in Christmas tinsel. Rose actually made cheap wire hubcaps look nice!

Then came the cookie exchange! Party goers sided up to a table covered with Christmas cookies, fudge and other dessert eatables and you could load up your plate(s) for a take home. What a great venue and we all thank the Vintons for their willingness to host the get together and where else could you enjoy a delicious dinner with the center piece, one of Richard's restored Diamond T

trucks!

In other news, there are still some wrenches being turned with a few brave soles working through the colder months, and that includes John DeVries. He has concluded a rebuild on a two cylinder John Deere tractor but he says never again. It had to be bored and those pistons are about the size of a gallon coffee can. New pistons alone were in the neighborhood of \$600! John is still waiting for the painting of his 1932 Ford deuce coupe, maybe by spring. Larry Bode continues to assemble his 1966 Plymouth Fury II red convertible, you know the one with the factory 440 engine and floor shift four speed. Jim Cain is busy on his 351 Cleveland powered 1946 Ford 2-door and I just got back my 1934 Hudson Terraplane from McGinley's Motor Sports in Boz-

eman with a brand new adapted rack and pinion steering package to the Chevrolet S-10 frame that the Terraplane sits on. Now that it will steer, I will turn to the braking system to make sure it will stop!

There have also been repairs made this quarter on bodies, and I don't mean to the vintage machines owned by our members (although there may have been some of that too). Bonnie Ashley had major back surgery after enduring a lot of pain for a number of months and is recuperating just fine. Richard Vinton is scheduled for a knee replacement as of this writing. And my own Jeanne had a shoulder replaced on the 10th and is doing fine in her recovery as well.. New reproduction parts were used in all the above cases as there just wasn't any NOS or NOSR parts left anymore. Getting

old is hell and I certainly advise against it! It comes a lot sooner than I thought!

And just a word about our elder statesman of the club. Roy Tunby Sr. will shortly turn 97 years old. For many years he was Montana's polka king even attending annual conventions in Las Vegas.



Russ and Karin Ludeman's 1948 Roadmaster Buick sedan in front of a restored Texaco gas pump island at Richard and Karen Vinton's garage.



Capital Carriages

Glyn Verzatt, Reporter (verght@bresnan.net)

Time to fill up some paper again. Trouble is there is not much to use for filler.

It is that time of year when I am usually out in the garage doing some winter repair work or updating on the old car, trouble is the old car is gone. I now find myself the owner of a large tool box full of tools that are all but useless, the tools contained are standard size tools and all I own now is metric. MY 91 S-10 Blazer qualifies as an antique age wise but is not my idea of an "old car or antique" as it has PS, PB, A/C

and an automatic transmission. It sure needs some work though and I will be getting to that later this winter.

Capital Carriages is going to shut down until March, no meetings or club activities. Attendance to meetings and other club offerings has been very low, and the number of members continues to shrink even with efforts to recruit new people.

With our Christmas party out of the way we are looking forward to the new year.

Not much to add to this except

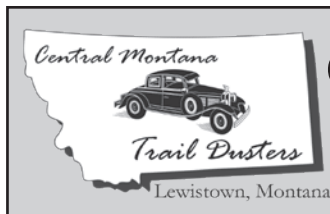
to announce that I am retiring as club reporter for the Classic Times, I have been at it for several years now and prior to this job was producer of the club news letter off and on for years. Time for a new body. Darrel Beckstrom our club Secretary has agreed to take on the job. He does an excellent club paper and has served in all positions but Treasurer having served as President for more than two terms.

Adios

How many 51 Mercs do you see?

Look for the answers in the April edition of the Times.





Central Montana Trail Dusters

Sie Schindler, Reporter

The last club report for 2018. Looking back for the year it was good. Our monthly club drives and dinners were always great.

The October meeting at the Carrell's was very well attended. There were some guests and new members all enjoyed looking at the vehicle collection.

We finished out the year with our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner event at Jacks plane hangar. The Stilsons family cooked the turkey and the balance was potluck. The attendance was well over 75+ along with some guests and new mem-

bers. Gifts and money was given to the local Kiwanis club for the Toys for Tots program. Kiwanis thanks the club for helping.

With all the vehicle shows and trips the spring and summer go by fast. For those that attended it started in Great Falls and the Main Street car show also in Great Falls. Then the State Club Spring Tour at Hamilton, the All Original in Billings and the Burn the Point's parade and show. Next came the Lewistown Main Street car show and the Helena Fall Tour plus many around Great Falls, Bozeman and Hela-

na areas.

For most of us it was a great summer, for a few, it was not. We lost Jack Wright a long time member. Jerry Jenkins who was the State Club President. Jerry and Joan enjoyed the club tours. They will be remembered.

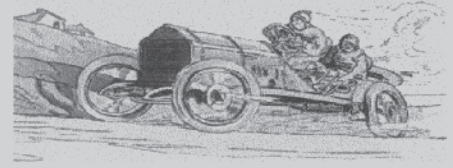
The Central Montana Trail Dusters Club will be hosting the Spring Tour June 21st - 23rd.

In closing it's the cars that take us to these events or on a Sunday drive so can fellowship with old and new friends. Have a good winter, drive safe and we will see all again in the spring.



Flathead Pioneer Auto Club

Dave Cooley, Reporter (cooley@centurytel.net)



It was a chilly overcast day on Saturday September 29th when 40 members and guests gathered at 9:00 AM at the Buffalo Hills Golf Club Clubhouse for our traditional "October Breakfast". This is when we bid farewell until Spring to our Snowbird Members, collect Dues for the 2018/19 Year, and hold elections for our officers. The Akelstads brought two guests, and the Bewleys brought 4 guests. The Bewley's guests were John and Sandy King and their two sons. Sandy King is the Bewley's daughter. The Kings are in the process of joining our Club, so welcome, Kings!!

"BJ" at the Clubhouse organized a great Breakfast Buffet which included bacon, ham, sausages, eggs, French toast, juice, coffee, etc. Last year BJ said he was retiring, but that didn't happen so he is still with us – welcome news, indeed!

As for old business, there wasn't much! We hadn't had a meeting since Spring so there weren't any current Minutes, and the Treasurer was in Croatia, so there wasn't a Treasurer's Report either. President Merry Nelson bought a new Battery for our Defibrillator (it's been three years since we bought it!) which cost \$335.03 – that sounds expensive, but she saved \$114.00 by buying it from a different provider!

The biggest item of New Business was the election of officers.

Merry wanted to take special care to allow the membership to propose nominations, volunteer etc. for the Club Officer positions, so for each office she requested nominations or volunteers. She did this for each job, but there weren't any enthusiastic new candidates, so as it turned out we ended up electing the same slate as we had last year, namely:

President: Merry Nelson

Vice President: Chuck Covey

Secretary: Dave Cooley

Treasurer: Bob Smith.

Fran Meerkatz wanted to remind the membership that she is the "Sunshine Lady" and as such she would welcome information from the members regarding family health and fortune, trials,

tribulations successes, awards, promotions, graduations, etc. so she can inform the rest of the membership, and send cards, etc. as needed.

The question has come up as to whether or not you must be a member of the State Club (Montana Pioneer and Classic Auto Club) in order to participate in our Chapter (Flathead Pioneer Auto Club) Tours – like our Mini-Tours. The answer is Yes, you must be a member of the State Club to participate in our FPAC Chapter (or MPCAC State) tours. The reason is that the State Club purchases insurance to cover Liability exposure while participating in Club "activities and events", the riskiest of which are



Bob Smith and his 1927 Model T Pickup Project

our tours. The risk goes way down for such activities as meetings and dinners, but some eager beaver lawyer could decide to sue the Club in the event that members cause damage while on their way to a Club or Chapter event! The cost to the members to be a member of the State Club is \$20.00 for couples and 16.50 for singles. These numbers plus the \$5.00 we get for FPAC Chapter Dues add up to the \$25.00 we ask for Couples and the \$21.50 we ask for Singles.

For your membership in the State Club, you get the Roster of State Club members, the quarterly State Club Magazine (the TIMES) which has news of all the Chapters plus State Tour and Swap Meet information, as well as the insurance coverage the State Club purchases for Individuals and Chapter and State "activities and events". If you aren't a State Club member, you can participate as a guest if you ride with someone who is a State Club member, but you can't drive your own vehicle on our Tours.

It was a cool 50 degrees, cloudy, but not rainy day at 2:00 PM on November 4th, 2018, when 19 members gathered at the Flathead Valley Bridge Center Building for our November meeting. There were no guests, and the only antique car present was Chuck Covey's pumpkin colored 1972 AMC Javelin which, it turns out, he had just sold on eBay!

In the way of New Business, Merry announced that our Christmas Party would be at the Vista Linda in Somers at 2:00 PM on Sunday December 2nd.

The price of the Dinner will be \$15.00 per plate, and Norma Bewley volunteered herself and her daughter Sandy King to provide table decorations.

Merry reminded us to bring non-perishable food items for donation to the Bigfork Food Bank and/or money for donation to the Veterans' Food Pantry. Dave Russell was asked if he would be willing to provide a Quiz or Game for us to do/or solve at the Dinner, which he agreed to do.

The attention then moved to planning some auto related entertainment for our Winter meetings. Bob Smith mentioned that the Model T Ford Club of America has a Video about the Model T which they will send out to members for use at meetings – this was popular and Bob agreed to check it out. Another suggestion was to have Gib Davis bring back his presentation of the Peking to Paris Tour that some friends of his took a few years ago, and Bob Smith mentioned the PBS film "Horatio's Drive" which is an account of the first successful Trans Continental drive made in 1903 in a used 1902 Winton car.

Leon Nelson said that he had a couple of good visits with Doug Morton and witnessed Doug's current project, the restoration of a 1947 Ford Woodie.

John Barr mentioned that his new garage was up and running and he agreed to host a meeting there in May of 2019.

It was an overcast 45 degree day with remnants of the previous night's snow on the ground at 2:00 PM on December 2nd when 32 members and one guest

gathered at the Vista Linda for our annual Holiday Dinner. The guest was Art Olson's long time friend Keith Robertson from Calgary, a face familiar to many of us.

When it appeared that all had arrived that were going to get there, President Merry Nelson opened the line for filling plates at about 2:20 PM. As always with the Vista Linda, the food was excellent with apple Dressing Stuffed Pork Chops, Mashed Potato, Carrots, tossed green salad and Rolls. Later for dessert we were given slices of Pecan Pie, always a favorite with almost everyone.

Dave Russell had three pages of automobile related puzzles and word games for our entertainment, all of which were great fun. At the finish, Dave went over the answers to the "quiz" part of the puzzles which, as usual, brought forth much discussion of other possible answers, requests for clarification, etc, all part of the fun! Thanks again, Dave, and best of luck in recovery from your shoulder operation. More thanks are due to Norma Bewley and her daughter Sandy for the great table decorations and all the "take home" candy canes!

Since everyone was having such a great time socializing and eating, we didn't want to spoil the fun so we didn't take time for a regular meeting. The only "business" was to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to note that our next meeting will be at the Flathead Bridge Club Building at 2:00 on January 6th, 2019!



Goggles & Dusters

Roger Thomsen, Reporter

Fall has been a time for a few last local tours – out to see the Fall colors, etc. Then the cars have been headed to the garage – either winter storage or time to work on them.

The Goggles & Dusters drove to the foothills of the Beartooth Mountains on October 6th. The colors were good. After lunch at Fishtail, we went on up the Stillwater Valley to Woodbine Trailhead. It was a great day in a very pretty area. On the way home we took the gravel road

to Absarokee – saw about 500 deer!

Our regular October and November meetings were at our usual location. The Billings Elks Club provides a nice venue for a social hour followed by dinner.

A number of our members have projects in mind for the winter. Dan DeCoster is finally driving his 1949 Ford Coupe. The final chore of the frame off restoration was to install the LeBaron Bonney interior. He had a little help from a local upholstery

shop, but did most of it himself. Dan has had the car out and it drives well!

Greg Childs has a nice 1951 Mercury – all black. Not anymore. Greg said he doesn't really like black cars. So it is in the paint shop and will be an off-white car. We pulled the engine so he could paint the firewall white. We put the engine back in and now it's in the paint shop. Door jams are done along with the hood and deck lid. It looks like the rest of the car is ready



Very rare 1932 Ford B-400 that hit a deer at Seeley Lake damaging drivers side fenders & door

for the paint booth.

Gary Donovan is known for his Model A Fords. Now he has a 1940 Ford Coupe. He has been doing the usual fix up required of a new purchase. You will notice the red wheels on this black car.

Four of our members found a barn find 1960 Studebaker 2 door hardtop with the V-8 engine. It's a fairly rare car. Jerry Koch, Doug Miller, Rich Anderson and Ziggy Zickefoose formed a partnership to bring this car back to the road. They have it all cleaned up and running. A new radiator and lots of

cleaning has made this car very attractive. It has some very minor rust, but looks pretty good. It is now For Sale. They're looking to make a few bucks for their efforts.

Norm Clark has been getting his 1953 Ford back on the road. Word has it that he might be ready to drive it out of town!

Larry Malmstrom is always doing something on his Model A Fords. He recently pulled an engine, checked it out and fixed anything it needed. Then he put it back in. Larry has to have something to keep himself busy.

My 1951 Mercury recently

went up on Greg Childs hoist for several minor fixes. One thing that has always been a problem was the shift linkage. With Roger sitting in the car up in the air, Greg worked over the shift rods. It looked like one was in backwards. Now the car shifts like it should!

A sad note: my wife, June Thomsen, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in November. She died December 16th at the Riverstone Hospice Home.

Well, that's all the news for now. See you down the road.



1960 barn find Studebaker 2 door hard top

Great Falls Skunkwagon Auto Club

Kurt Baltrusch, Reporter (baltrusch@q.com)



As our hobby evolves, we see that changes are occurring. There was an interesting article in a recent magazine about car judging. It stated that the people doing the judging generally lack the knowledge beyond their own personal cars and it is hard to find competent judges. While I may not believe this, it was much easier in the days when most of the cars being judged were Model Ts and As. The way Hemmings makes awards at its shows might be an answer. All awards are voted on by the people at the shows and include classes similar to Peoples' Choice awards. Some of us would like to try this at the next Great Falls tour if the state agrees.

Another Hemmings issue spotlighted a modified car that I had seen once on the streets of Arizona. While it looked like a nice 1932 Ford roadster street rod, the engine was not the common flathead or small block Chevy. Instead it was a Lincoln V-12 and the body was brand new. While this may not be everyone's cup of tea, it is great that a modified car that can be made with mostly new parts.

We held our Christmas party on a Sunday afternoon and that seemed to work well for many of our members. The Elks Club here does a nice job and we appreciate Carol and Mel Rustad,

Bill Caffyn, Barb Kakalecik, Sue Smith and others who helped to organize this event. Fritz Seitz and Marie Brown did a nice job of recapping the year in pictures.

Summers are becoming increasingly busy and while we try to schedule events, there is more going on than most of us can attend.. There are several State tours as well as the International Tour in Saskatoon along with many day events. I have been trying to attend the all original car show in Billings for many years, and this year it is coupled with a national Model T tour so I may finally make that. We are all so busy it is hard to attend everything.

Several members are planning to attend the auctions in Arizona in January and those are always quite a spectacle. Even if you are not buying a vehicle you can spend days just looking at the cars. For anyone near the Phoenix area, a great stop is at Ernie's Dwarf Car Museum west of Maricopa. The way Ernie replicates his cars in 11/16 scale is truly amazing.

Chuck Walsh acquired a 1925 Model T frame, axles, and miscellaneous body parts and is building an electrically powered Model T. He has quite a bit of experience as he has converted several other cars including a Chevrolet Luv and a Volkswagen

Beetle. On the outside, it will look like a stock Ford but will not leak oil, vibrate, or wake up the neighbors. I think he should call it a Model E.

Bruce Bull just got his 1953 Kaiser Manhattan back from the paint shop and is putting it back together. These cars are very unique and were designed by Dutch Darrin. They were powered by a 226 CI "Supersonic" six cylinder but were not quite as fast as Chuck Yeager's X-1 rocket of the same era. Bruce also bought up one lot of Chang Jiang motorcycle parts and has about enough to build one bike with lots of parts left over. The Chang Jiang is a Chinese carbon copy of a late 30's BMW and I think that some parts are interchangeable. There were many copies of the early BMWs made not only by the Chinese but the Japanese as well and the Ural is a Russian version built yet today and available in the US. . Even Harley Davidson made a military bike, ala BMW, with a boxer engine and shaft drive, but only about 1000 of those were made. The Miracle of America Museum in Polson has the only one I have ever seen.

In 2010 while on a MPCAC tour in Butte, Bill Caffyn heard of an Edsel for sale nearby in Sheridan, Montana. He went to look at it and it turned out to be a 1958 Ranger 2 door hardtop

with a large V-8 and rare standard transmission. He bought it then and was driving it some last summer. He says this is the smoothest car he has ridden in and it is always good to see different cars out and about.

John Rummel spotted a tractor attachment for a Model T Ford and while that one was not available, it piqued his interest

and he would like to build one. These were made by various manufacturers and consisted of large metal lugged rear wheels which were either gear or chain driven. I cannot imagine how these actually worked as even though they were very low geared, they were still Model T Fords. However, John has a donor car and he would like to put

one together if anyone knows of a conversion that is available.

Now it is time to get back to the shop for winter work. My garage holds too many projects and not enough time, so some projects will hold over until next season.

Happy New Year to Everyone!



Missoula Hellgate Auto Club

Perry Francis, Reporter

On Sunday September 23, in inclement weather, seven cars (mostly Fords) departed Missoula—destination Seeley Lake. This marked our first tour of the fall season and the rain was not welcome but not totally unexpected either. By picking up other cars along the way at predetermined places, we accumulated twenty three cars (some were invited guests) by the time we reached our first stop at the Seeley Lake museum. There, our “wagon master “ Steve Kloetzel had arranged a special opening of the museum. After coffee and pastries, learning a bit about the history of the area and kicking tires in the jammed parking lot, we proceeded on a clockwise tour around the lake. Our next stop was to view “Gus” the oldest western larch, aka tamarack, in the United States (see photo-

graph). It was a seedling 1000 years ago or at about the time



*Some Hellgate club members and “Gus”
the worlds largest western larch tree near Seeley Lake.*

of the Crusades in the Middle Ages. Next, as it was lunch time, we proceeded to a large USFS campground on the western shore of Seeley Lake. The campground was mostly unoccupied and there we enjoyed our lunch, nearly undaunted by the light rain. Our last stop was at the Filling Station, a historic bar and restaurant in the town of Seeley Lake. For those of you who have been on previous tours to Seeley Lake, you may recognize this as the place filled with filling station memorabilia. The rest of the day was warm and sunny making for an enjoyable drive home. We were fortunate to have our member Steve as a guide who manages 140,000 acres of land in the area for the Nature Conservancy. Nature Conservancy, a non-profit agency, is the present custodian of the land that was first granted by the Federal government to the Northern Pacific RR, then acquired by the Anaconda Mining Company, then

the Champion Lumber Company, and lastly by the Plum Creek Lumber Company. This land, in a checker board fashion, represents every other section for many miles in all directions in the Blackfoot River Valley.

For our second tour of the fall season we didn't even leave Missoula. This time we met at the display windows of Zip Auto on W. Main Street. This was our second tour of this private collection in the past four years. The "crown jewels" on display in the show room this year were a 1972 Ferrari Dino, a 1926 Franklin, a 1926 Nash and a 1930 Pierce Arrow. These cars replaced the 1929 Dusenbergs, the 1928 boat tail Bentley and the Porche Carrera GT on display for us four years ago. Incidentally, the Bentley is for sale and a recent six million dollar offer fell through. An interesting factoid about the 1972 Ferrari Dino is that the average value listed on the Hagerty web site is \$239,000 and that the insurance

premium is \$2,225 per year. We spent the rest of the evening enjoying the many cars in this interesting collection including a Tucker under restoration.

We concluded the year with our annual Christmas party at Paradise Falls in Missoula. There, on December 2, thirty two members enjoyed an excellent social hour, buffet dinner and lively gift exchange. Fortunately for some and unfortunately for others, some went home with a different gift than they had originally drawn. Reflecting back on the year, it was a good one. Fred came up with some new ideas for minny tours, we had some great pot lucks, we had a gain in membership and acquired some good new members. We enjoyed some fun and interesting State tours and our faithful incumbent officers all agreed to second terms. Some have had so many "second terms" that we have lost count and we thank them for that.



Vintage d' Fenders

Dar Costle, Reporter

Hello & Happy New Year from the Vintage D'Fenders!

Sadly another touring season has ended and winter is upon us! Maybe as a consolation some "auto" projects will get done. (or at least thought about)

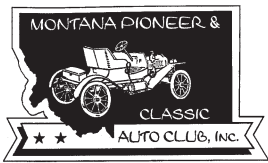
Planning is under way for the Fall Tour of 2019, so save the

date!! SEPTEMBER 6th, 7th, & 8th. It will be held in Anaconda. It's never too early to make a room reservation.

The November meeting was a potluck at the Historic Finlen Hotel. Our Christmas party at Barclays was a great success! Always great, great food &

company. Thanks to all our "travelers" that made the trip. There were over 30 people in attendance.

Here's hoping the Holidays were happy & enjoyed by all. We're looking forward to all the upcoming events in the New Year.



Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club Application for Membership / Roster Update

(Please Type or Print)

Chapter _____ Roster Update _____

Name _____ Spouse/Partner _____

Address _____

City _____

Home Phone _____ Other _____ Cell _____

e-mail address _____

Occupation- If retired, please list previous occupation) _____

List cars / trucks (oldest to newest) and condition

Listed Manufactured vehicles must be at least 25 years old. Be sure to indicate if this is a modified car

Year	Make	Model	Body Style	Condition (UR, PR, R, O or M)
1. _____				
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UR Unrestored - Vehicle is NOT presentable. Need Paint/body work and/or interior and/or engine - drive train repairs.

PR Partly Restored - Work has been done to restore car toward making it presentable.

R Restored to Original - Paint/body work and/or interior and/or engine/drive train has been reasonably brought to the condition as it could have come from the factory.

O Original - Presentable with original paint, upholstery, engine (minor repairs are acceptable).

M Modified - Parts that do NOT belong to the year or make of car. Example - Chevy engine installed into a Ford. Change to sheet metal to alter vehicle appearance and style. Complete description of modified will be in the "Times".

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1. _____ 2. _____

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New Member Signature _____ Date _____

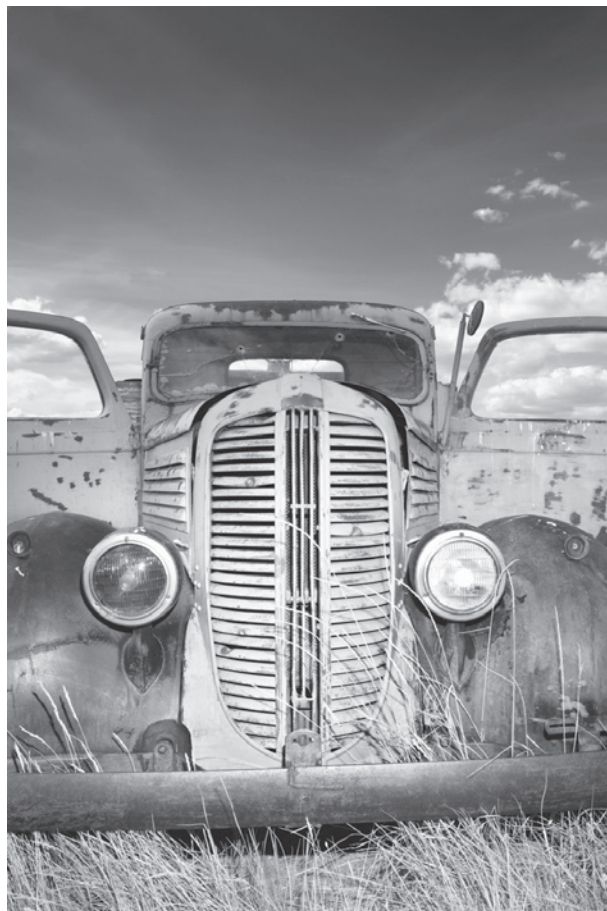
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Classified ads for the Trade Winds are free to MP&CAC members. Other advertising is subject to review by the Ad Committee and current advertising fees will apply. Please call for more information.

– FOR SALE –

FOR SALE: 1939 Studebaker Coupe Express. Project car but have much done to it including: rebuilt 245 ci engine (from 1953 stake body), rebuilt floor shift overdrive transmission (have original stuck engine and free transmission if buyer wants them too), both front and rear bumpers and all four guards are replated, hood ornament, strip down the center of the hood and down the center of the grille are redone as well, all the pieces to the spare tire hold down have been replated, have five reproduction 1938 hubcaps (Richard Quinn's), new master cylinder and brake lines in place, new motor mounts front and back, driveshaft shortened (to accommodate the longer overdrive transmission) balanced with new universals front and back, radiator cleaned by boiling out at radiator shop, one new lower hose, new brake shoes front axle (not on), extra rims and some extra 1940 used parts as well. Sits on a 1940 passenger car frame as the 1939 was cracked and had a lot of scab welds, but still available if buyer wants it too. Extra right rear fender and right front fender (rear fenders pretty rough) \$10,500/OBO Stu Coleman, (406) 333-4964 or atascoleman406@gmail.com

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