

# Capital Carriages Car Club

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## Upcoming Events (Partial list, see CMYRYD.com for full listing)

If you have an event you would like to list, let me know. *Darrell*

**April 15**—Club meet with other clubs in Butte 2:00 pm at Sparky's

**April 17**—National Mustang Day, Great Falls. 406-868-5317

**April 27, 28**—MPCAC Swap Meet, Great Falls. Mary, 406-761-1643

**May 19**—Club Garage Sale, 8:00 am until noon. Darrell, 439-3821

**June 9**—Robert Allen Nissan "A Step Back in Time Classic CarShow. 442-2886

**June 15, 16, 17** - MPCAC Spring Tour in Hamilton. Joann 406-363-1509

**June 29,30, July 1**—13th Annual Blast from the Past, Helena. Chad, 406-202-4699

**July 5,6,7**—57th International Auto Meet in Great Falls. John, 406-788-4891

**July 14**—Horsepower Roundup, East Helena 439-3675

**August 25**—Boulder Car Show 465-2106

**Sept. 7,8,9.** MPCAC Fall Tour in Helena. Darrell, 406-439-3821

**Sept. 30**—Stu's Cruz, Great Falls to Belt. 406-899-2967

I have booked Ellen Baumler as our banquet speaker at the fall tour. Ellen is an Historical Interpreter for the Montana Historical Society, and is the author of several books, publications and articles about the history of Montana. We plan on purchasing a couple of her books as door prizes and also have some available for purchase. She stated that she has several subjects she could speak on, and we will get together with her and finalize a topic. Also, Wes has obtained a barbershop quartet to entertain during the social hour before the banquet.

*Darrell*

Tour info



The following is a review of the minutes of the last club meeting which was held on March 11th. The full report will be read at the May meeting.

The meeting was brought to order by President **Christofferson**, there were **9 people** in attendance. **Paul won the drawing for March.**

Both the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved. There was one correction to the minutes, and the treasurer gave our bank account information and stated that we have had 4 adults sign up for the fall tour.

Paul said the April meeting with the Bozeman/Butte clubs was set up with the Bozeman club. It will be April 15th at Sparky's in Butte at 2:00 pm. There will not be a regular meeting in April.

The May June and July meeting were discussed as well as locations were discussed. Also, there will be no meeting in September because of the fall tour, and in October we may meet with the Great Falls club.

Charlie stated that his trailer that will be used at the fall tour has new brakes and tires. Brakes and tires were ruined when he loaned the trailer out, and the person did not hook up the brakes.

Also discussed was the possibility of a scholarship. The idea was tabled for the time being until our bank account has sufficient funds.

There was a reminder about the St. Patrick's Day parade on the 17th, and then lunch afterwards at Smith's in East Helena.

The club pamphlet was discussed and agreed the only change was to remove contact information, and leave blank. This way whoever is passing out the information can place their name as a contact.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

On Sunday, April 15th, we will meet the Butte and Bozeman club at Sparky's in Butte. Their address is; 222 E Park St. We will meet at Montana City Grill at about 12:30 and travel together. They have great atmosphere, food and beverages!



## Bulletin Board



Only a couple of the club's vehicles were in the St. Patrick's day parade on March 17th. One reason, was that for the first time, the parade started at 11 am, not noon as we were advised! Weather was cool, but not as bad as the weather forecasters foretold. Afterwards, eight people showed up at various times afterwards at Smith's in East Helena for lunch.

## Coffee/Breakfast



Every Friday morning there is a get-together at Super 1 Foods grocery at 9 am for coffee/ donuts/ biscuits and gravy or whatever! Lots of room to meet and visit, and you can shop for groceries afterwards!

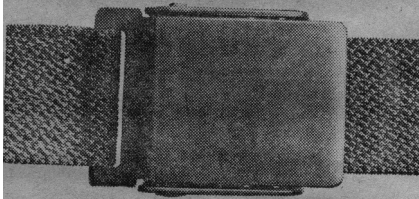


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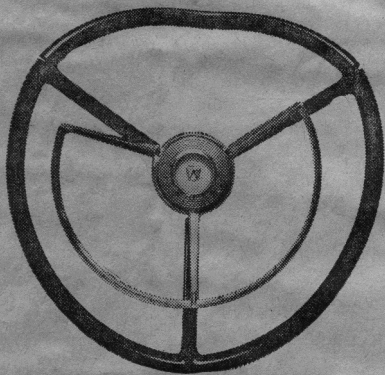
If you have not already done so, don't forget to get some tickets to sell from Jerry. Tickets that have been sold, can be given to Sharon of Jerry at a club event or meeting. During the year, we plan on displaying the car at events and selling tickets.

*Ad - Montana Standard, Bozeman, June 15, 1966*

Would you rather buckle this...



or this?



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Myself and my two sisters, cousin, mother and grand mother made a trip to Tacoma WA, in a 34 Chevy just like this one. It was a looong trip as my mother was driving and drove at 35 MPH, the speed limit then in effect.



The car you are looking at belongs to member John Williams. There is however a twin to it located (or maybe was) located here in Helena. About mid 90s I was appraising land for right of way on Rosebud Creek. One of the owners was an elderly lady who had lived her life on a ranch on the creek. In her kitchen was a trophy for the bad news of the day that occurred in a parade. The Trophy was a piston, and a bent rod. Asking her she got that she explained the car she owned went off the road and hit a barbed wire fence.

The interesting part is how she became the owner of the car. A friend on the adjoining ranch owned the car which had been in the family since new. She could not drive, she called the landowner and wanted her to purchase the car, answer was no, however several calls later the reason for being selected as the buyer was, " I do not drive, I do not want to keep the car, but need to sell it to some one whom I know will never let a democrat sit in it." The car was purchased.

I learned about a year ago that it had come to Helena as the result of a family member trading it for a share of the costs of a funeral.

*Glyn*

## Thursday night Cruising

Meet at Super One Foods at 6:00 pm

April 12—Chubby's Bar and Grill in Clancy

April 26—Grubsteak, North Valley



As spring is here and summer is fast approaching, we will be participating in events in the upcoming months. When in a caravan, please remember that state law mandates that you must pull over when safe to do so and allow faster moving traffic to pass if four or more vehicles are behind you wanting to pass.



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In the next couple of issues, I will present photos from the movie Thunderbolt and Lightfoot, with Jeff Bridges, Clint Eastwood, George Kennedy, and Geoffrey Lewis. The movie was filmed in Great Falls and the Wolf Creek canyon in 1974. I will show automobiles used in the feature. Those of us who are familiar with Great Falls years ago, enjoy this movie, as it gives a glimpse of the past.

*Darrell*

