

CAPITAL CARRIAGES NEWS LETTER



March 2021 News letter

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Classic Times and club newsletter, Paul Christofferson.

Rose Cain of the Bozeman Club contacted me yesterday about a possible get together with the Bozeman and Butte clubs in April, at Sparky's in Butte. I told her that I am up for this. At this point they are not sure if it will happen, or of the date, but I will let everyone know in the April newsletter what decision is made. I am not sure how many of us would attend but I don't see any reason not to do this with so many of our club members already vaccinated for the "virus". I think I am the only officer that has not been vaccinated yet and I anticipate this will happen in the near future. This would also be a good way to resume our club activities.

If we don't meet with the other clubs in April then I believe it would be good to resume our monthly meetings in that month.

At this point I have not heard anything about the annual Saint Patrick's Day parade in Helena. I will send out a separate e-mail to the group if I hear this is taking place, however I think it is doubtful it will happen again this year.

My work on my 1949 Ford F-1 pickup over the last month was limited to pulling the front seat out and repairing the floor where it mounts to the truck along with multiple broken mounts on the seat frame. No wonder the seat was so wobbly! I also installed new plug wires, a carb kit and a master cylinder. I pulled the old gas tank but ordered a new one after seeing how rusty the old one was. My big issue at this point is the interior will need to be repainted before I put everything back together and that will require taking everything else in the cab apart. This is not a short term project!

I also repaired the starting problem in my 72 Lemans. My nephew had replaced the starter in the car but it had intermittent problems engaging afterwards. I added another shim between the starter and the block and the problem is now solved. I was dreading the project, assuming another starter replacement would be required, no easy task in a Pontiac. Adding another shim was relatively easy.

Yesterday I replaced the “love Joy” coupling on my tractor’s front end loader. This broke while I was moving snow a couple of weeks ago. This was a lot of fun, but it is now fixed. It really is called a “love joy” coupling even it was not a “joy” to replace! Sorry, I couldn’t resist the pun.

Some of us still meet for coffee at Super One on Friday morning. We usually start between 8:30 and 9:00. Unfortunately, they have their tables limited to seating for four. Hopefully this will change soon. Over the last month we have had as many as four and as few as two meet.

Let me know of any ideas for future get togethers, any news on projects you may be working on, trips, old car trivia, or anything else you would like to share with the other club members (within reason!). You can contact me at 443-5861 or at the e-mail address you receive the newsletter from. I screen the calls at the phone number so don’t give up if I am slow to answer. We get so many bogus calls anymore.

As you can tell from the newsletter my time on-line was spent looking for car/truck parts so you were stuck with another Christofferson shop report. I will try to look for more outside news related items for the next newsletter so you won’t have to listen to my personal shop report again! Of course, part of this is on you since I didn’t receive anything from the club members either.

Have a great March and stay healthy all! Spring is coming!