

CAPITAL CARRIAGES NEWS LETTER



June 2021 News letter

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Classic Times and Club newsletter, Paul Christofferson.

June Calendar:

Meet and Eats:

June 8 – The Brewhouse at 4:00 PM.

June 22 – The Grubsteak at 4:00 PM

Monthly Meeting

June 13 – Picnic at Memorial Park at 1:00 pm. As the weather can be unpredictable we will move this inside if the forecast is not good.

A club meeting was held at 1:00 PM, May 16, at Jorgenson's. We planned for 2:00 pm but learned earlier they now close for the day at that time on Sundays. We stayed a little beyond their closing time but they didn't seem to mind. Paying customers and all! Significant decisions made at the meeting included scheduling the next meeting in Memorial Park and planning the next meet and greets at the locations specified above. Another discussion topic revolved around the summer picnic. Jeane Didrikson offered the use of her place for this at some yet to be determined time in August.

Of course we are still meeting on Friday mornings at Super One. A few of us meet around 9:00 AM for a cup of coffee, with some having their deli breakfast. Lately this has been limited to two or three so more attendees would be appreciated. They are still limiting their seating as they have not added back all of their tables and chairs yet.

I received a letter from Jaucques Rutten, publisher of the quarterly Times asking for photos, trivia or other car related information and asking these be sent to publisher@lewistownnews.com. A reminder that there is a section at the back of the Times

available to advertise items for sale, or needed, by club members. This information should be submitted by the June 20 deadline. This type of information would also be appreciated for our own club's monthly newsletter.

Summer events are finally here! I received a notice from the Conrad Business Association for a Rock the Block car show to take place on July 24, from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. At the Butte get together I received a poster for the Flint Creek Poker run to be held on August 7. We also have the MPCAC Summer tour in Great Falls September 10-12. I will bring information on these events to the monthly meeting. For those receiving this electronically I can send you a digital copy if you are interested. Unfortunately the Flint Creek poker run information is on a legal size poster so my home scanner can't create an electronic copy.

Last week I finally stripped down my 65 GTO's original 389 and delivered it to Advanced Engines in Helena for building as a long block. I decided not to rebuild it myself but will have to complete the assembly for installation and break in, so I am not entirely lazy! I considered running the 389 "as is" but during disassembly for rebuilding I found several issues that required immediate attention. These included a very large dent in the oil pan resulting in limited space for oil to flow into the oil pump pickup, which had been tilted up by the dent. This occurred before I owned the car, I didn't do it! Quite a bit of debris and sludge lay in the bottom of the pan (including some washers, a nut and what appeared to be steel wool). The rebuilt water pump with a stamped steel impeller would have resulted in overheating issues. Definitely time for a rebuild with 121,000 miles on the motor!

Before Covid 19 struck I visited Grand Forks North Dakota and stumbled on a small local auto show. I photographed the following Dodge Lancer, along with several other cars at the show (not all Pontiacs) but this one is especially cool.



The 55 to 57 Chrysler products are some very nice cars! Have a great June!