

# CAPITAL CARRIAGES NEWS LETTER



July 2021 News letter

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Classic Times and Club newsletter, Paul Christofferson.

## June Calendar:

### Meet and Eats:

July 6th – Applebees at 4:00 PM.

July 20 – Motherlode at 4:00 PM

### Friday Coffee:

Every Friday, 9:00 AM, at Super 1 Deli.

### Monthly Meeting

July 18 – Jorgies Grill (Jorgenson's) at 12:30 pm.

The June club meeting was held at 1:00 PM, June 13, at Memorial Park. With the weather hovering in the low 90s the meeting was sparsely attended. As a result we decided to move the meetings back indoors, at least until this heat wave passes. I also think some of us prefer to have our food served to us rather than eating picnic style! Another change to the meeting format will be to hold these at 12:30 when we are meeting at Jorgie's. This should reduce the chance of us going past their 2:00 lunchtime closing. Sharon Burrows presented a Treasurer's report at the meeting. The cash balance decreased slightly as a result of stamp purchases and the monthly bank fee. We held off on further discussion regarding the summer steak fry as Jeane Didrikson was not in attendance. I have since learned from her that her place will not be available in August so this will be back on the agenda for our July meeting.

The Times Article was submitted by the deadline date of June 20<sup>th</sup>. Unlike this newsletter it was submitted on time! With my Mom's memorial set for July 7<sup>th</sup> I finished remodeling a basement bedroom in preparation for guests. What a job! The decision about the late timing

of the July meeting was also in the works until yesterday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> so the newsletter really couldn't go out until now.

The Rock the Block car show taking place on July 24, from 1:00 to 6:00 PM and the Flint Creek Poker run happening on August 7 are still on the summer schedule. It is my understanding there is an East Helena car show on July 11<sup>th</sup> also. We also have the MPCAC Summer tour in Great Falls September 10-12. I will bring information on the first two events to the monthly meeting. I can still send this electronically if you are interested.

Yesterday I checked on the status of my 65 GTO's original 389 rebuild. The shop is extremely busy but they have torn down and cleaned the block and heads. So far everything looks good. They are optimistic there won't be any major issues since Pontiac blocks are very durable and seldom have major problems unless there has been a catastrophic failure. Over the years I have seen two terminally ill blocks! I straightened the "very large dent in the oil pan" as much as possible. Unfortunately the end result was not to my liking. While reusable it's not going back on my GTO! I then looked at the two pans sitting on my shop shelves and realized one of them, in near perfect condition, matched the style used on the 1965 389. While straightening the existing oil pan was not a waste of time, it was time that could have been better spent on a different part of the project.

Here's a picture for the club. If anyone knows where this was taken, let me know as it was in my Grandmothers pictures so it does have McGlothlin family history associated with it.



Have a great Fourth of July everyone and hope to see you at one of the club events!