

# CAPITAL CARRIAGES NEWS LETTER



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## June Calendar:

### Meet and Eats:

August 3rd – RB Drive In at 4:00 PM.

August 17th – Motherlode at 4:00 PM

### Friday Coffee:

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

### Monthly Meeting

The meet and eat on the 17<sup>th</sup> will include a short monthly meeting.

The July club meeting was held at 1:00 PM, July 18, at Jorgie's Grill. Sharon Burrows presented a Treasurer's report at the meeting. The cash balance decreased slightly as a result of the monthly bank fee. The major decision made at the meeting was to have an indoor dinner meeting, with the club paying \$15 toward all member meals, instead of the normal outdoor summer steak fry. The likelihood of a continuation of the extreme summer heat and lingering smoke from wildfires provided the impetus for this (hopefully one time only) change. In the meeting we decided to have the dinner at the Overland but after Jeane researched this further we decided it was best to move to the Motherlode. Their staff appeared to be willing to work with us and the overall cost for members should be lower. If you are attending please RSVP to Jeane Didriksen.

I understand the Flint Creek Poker run, set for August 7, is still on the summer schedule, along with the MPCAC Summer tour in Great Falls September 10-12. A couple of other Montana events I am aware of are the Daly Mansion show on August 21 in Hamilton and Rumble in the

Root in Lolo. The contact website for these latter two events is [www.Bitterrodderscarclub.com](http://www.Bitterrodderscarclub.com). It is doubtful I will be making any of these events this summer. I concentrated on collecting manual transmission cars and now am finding these difficult to drive because of recent surgeries! I should be able to drive them for short distances soon, unless they have to work on me again.

I switched horses and worked on 1949 Ford F-1 some this month. My recent surgeries prevented me from doing much but I did determine that the mechanic performing the engine rebuild back in the early 1980s made a mistake in setting the timing gear in the motor. It is 180 degrees off. With the sparkplug wires offset 180 degrees (plus) on the distributor cap I can get the engine to fire, and if the truck had brakes, I am sure I could compression start it. I also think the distributor needs to be reset to address the “plus” above. However I can’t really time the engine or reset the distributor, because the timing mark is on the wrong side of the front pulley. Unfortunately there is no easy fix for this error! After determining this I concentrated on cleaning the interior in preparation for paint so I can reinstall the seat and fix the brakes. I have never torn into a Ford Flathead V8 but I see this in my near future. For fun I am including a picture of the truck as it was when repainted in 1975. The green paint is now pretty much gone and I plan on going back to the original red.



As you can see in the picture the left front fender needs replaced. It needs lots of work but it sure was (and will be again) fun to drive. And Jerry – If my health permits the 1949 and 1965 will be completed! That said, do we ever complete all of our projects? What would be the fun in that!

I hope to see you at one of the August events!