

CAPITAL CARRIAGES NEWS LETTER



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April Calendar (We actually have one!):

Meet and Eat:

April 11 (Monday) – Perkins 2:00 PM.

April 23 (Saturday) – Mint Bar and Restaurant Townsend 2:00 PM.

Monthly Meeting

We will meet Sunday, April 10th – Jorgies at 12:30 PM.

The joint meeting with Bozeman initially planned for the Alder Steakhouse has been moved to the Mint Bar and Restaurant in Townsend. A change in the management at the Alder Steakhouse along with continued concerns about the distance to Alder prompted the change in venue. The date and time, Saturday April 23rd at 2:00 PM, remain the same. Please RSVP to me at 406-443-5861 by no later than April 18th so I can provide a final head count to the restaurant. There is road construction between East Helena and Winston so we plan to take the backroad around Canyon Ferry Lake. To allow sufficient time the plan is to leave from Super 1 at 12:30. It should be a fun drive!

We enjoyed a beautiful day for the St Patrick's Day parade in Helena this year. This occurred the Saturday before, since Montana's major parade occurs in Butte the day of. Four cars from the club participated with about a dozen more from the Helena Hot Rodders club. A of large crowd of spectators also attended this year. This represents quite a change from the "non-events" of the last two years. It is great to be returning back to normalcy again! The following picture from the parade includes Peg Barnekoff's 1939 Ford two door Deluxe and my 1972 Pontiac Lemans two door Hardtop.



The picture was provided by Jeane Didriksen's grandson Tyler. I included additional pictures from the parade in the quarterly times article.

On a personal note, I finally have the rebuilt engine and transmission installed in my 1965 GTO. One snag I encountered is the lack of availability of an upper radiator hose for this year GTO with factory air conditioning. The parts catalogs do not even list these cars as available with air conditioning. While this was a rare option I have living proof that it existed! I created a temporary one from an adjustable chrome hose, thankfully supplied by my step-son Jamie Mongoven (Thanks Jamie!), and plan to order the upper radiator hose for a 1964 with tri-power since it appears it will either fit or can be modified to do so. I guess redoing a car with a rare option presents a whole extra set of potential problems! I also found the transmission cross member so corroded on one end that it was unusable. The corrosion was inside a rubber support piece so it was not externally visible. I am lucky the transmission didn't fall out of the car. Fortunately, I found one available at A&B Auto Wrecking just north of Helena. I plan to have this drivable for the summer with the needed rust repair and body work along with the much needed paint to follow next winter. I will probably order any further needed supplies now in an attempt to avoid any further price increases.

I hope to see everyone at this month's meeting and events!