

Capital Carriages Car Club

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Helena Chapter of the Montana Pioneer & Classic Auto Club, Inc.

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Capital Carriages February Calendar:

Club Events: Meet and Eats:

March 17th (Friday) – Motherlode 1:00 PM.

March 31st (Friday) – Applebees 1:00 PM.

General Meeting:

March 5th (Sunday) – Family Roots Restaurant 12:30 PM

St Patrick's Parade:
(Tentative)

March 11th (Saturday) – Meet at the Cathedral 11:00 AM

Other Events: Great Falls Swap Mt.

April 28-29 (Friday and Saturday) Fairgrounds Heritage Bldg.

MP&CAC Installation Dinner **April 29** Location and price to be determined, RSVP Required

We will finally have a meeting on March 5th of this month. I can't wait to see everyone again! I anticipate the St Patrick's Day parade will be held the Saturday before the official holiday to prevent a conflict with Butte's big celebration. Hopefully the weather cooperates. The current forecast is for 42 degrees with a 24% chance of rain but that is pretty far out for accuracy purposes. We normally go out to eat as a group afterwards but we can decide where before the parade.

Yesterday I drove to Post Falls Idaho and picked up a 1999 Pontiac Trans Am. I realize it doesn't qualify as a classic until next year but I made the mistake of selling my previous one and always wanted another like it. I sold the previous one and special ordered a 2002 WS 6 model, not anticipating they would run out of Trans Am motors and throw a 450 HP corvette motor in it. I found the 2002 a beast to drive, so I sold it to a nephew who drag raced it for years (he still has it). The drive to Post Falls and back was not fun. Snow and slush from the top of Lookout Pass and over Fourth of July Pass, all the way into Post Falls. Coming home those roads were only wet with snow and slush for about 20 miles from the top of Lookout Pass, and then for the first 20 miles, or so, east from Missoula. McDonald Pass had some ice but nothing like the others. I also have never seen so many Semis on I 90. With the closures on I 80 they are probably being rerouted on to 90.

I plan to attend the swap meet in Great Falls, weather willing. It is now held in a heated building with an actual concrete floor. The space is smaller but there were still quite a few vendors last year. They also had vendors

outside. I am not sure about the installation dinner at this point. Most likely I will attend but the drive home afterwards gets a little late. Let me know if you would like to ride along to either of these events. The picture for this month is my trailer prize from yesterday. The car's very low clearance caused problems with the loading process so I know it will be difficult to unload today. The snow at my house also makes it difficult to turn the trailer around. What a winter we are having here above Montana City.



And I didn't tell you before, the Trans Am is bright red. See you on Sunday, March 5th.