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PREZ SEZ...

Fellow MSRA members and friends,

Winter hit hard this year after a very pleasant late fall! Hopefully the weather will moderate and not be a deterrent to your attendance at our winter meeting at the end of January when we traditionally have our largest meeting. On the agenda is selection of the Rodder of the Year for 2014. There were early nominations at the fall meeting in Townsend and more nominations will be taken prior to voting at the February meeting. Also on the agenda will be the scholarship program plan for 2015 and the membership improvement plan for 2015. And again, we are organizing the usual tour of a local shop or business.

I encourage you to make the trip to Bozeman this January and be part of shaping the future of the Montana Street Rod Association. The more participation from members, the stronger and more relevant we will be. Hilton Homewood Suites continues to support MSRA with a free meeting room, beverage service and discounted room rates.

Bob Degenhardt

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015 AT:

Homewood Suites Hotel, Buffalo B Room
1023 Baxter Ln, Bozeman MT

Saturday, January 31, 2015 • 10:00 a.m.

Remember to book by December 30th for the MSRA rate
Special room rates of \$109 plus tax are available until
January 1st - ask for the MSRA rate

NEW MEMBERS & IDEAS WELCOME

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2014 TOWNSEND, MT

The October 5, 2014 meeting of the Montana Street Rod Association was called to order by President Bob Degenhardt at 10:08 AM at Betsy's Café in Townsend, Montana.

There were 23 members in attendance. The meeting sign-in book was circulated for members and guests to sign. No guests were in attendance. There were no new members or sponsors.

Minutes of the May 10, 2014 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Greg Staples made a motion to accept these minutes. The motion was seconded by Barb Salerno. The motion passed.

There was no correspondence and there was no secretary report.

Greg Staples, treasurer, gave the financial report. He reported a balance as of 8/31/14 of \$8,026.57. The scholarship fund amount is \$3,677.85 and the general fund is \$4,348.72. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Gary Taylor. It was seconded by Bob Bradley. The motion passed.

Roger Boom was not present at the meeting so Bob Degenhardt gave a report of the MSRA picks at car club functions for 2014. He reported that there were nine plaques made and the following clubs gave awards:

- Livingston Wheels - chosen by Bob Degenhardt
- Glendive - chosen by Dwight Wade
- Helena Timing Association - chosen by the club
- Three Forks - Bob Degenhardt
- Pioneer Street Rods - Steve Sorg

The Hi-Line Cruzin' Association did not have a pick and it was not clear who made the pick in Libby.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

Steve Sorg spoke about the scholarship program. He talked about possible fund raising activities which include merchandise sales, raffles, 50/50's, membership and sponsor renewal letter solicitations, silent auctions and car club sponsor partnerships. Donations to the scholarship program are tax deductible and a letter should be given to those donors for tax purposes. Window stickers to show donations was talked about. Gallatin Speedway sponsors 50/50 drawings to different groups and there was talk about getting the information to be a part of this program.

Car club sponsor partnerships are only in the discussion stage at this time. Sponsoring a "blue jean Friday" was suggested and Greg Staples introduced the possibility of some type of internet presence. Having a State connections for our scholarship program was thought to be a good idea.

Who to contact and having a regent to be a champion of the project was suggested as another possibility of promoting the program.

Bob Degenhardt proposed a disbursement structure for the scholarship program. He wanted to have \$1,000 for 2013 and \$1,000 for 2014 transferred from the operating fund to the scholarship program. Larry Hart made a motion to make the transfer. It was seconded by Bob Basso. The motion passed.

Members and sponsors who had not renewed their dues by May, 2014 were sent a "friendly reminder" which resulted in three members and one business sponsor renewing.

It was noted that a check be made to ensure that paid business sponsors had their ads in the newsletter and that sponsors that had not renewed be removed from the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Degenhardt talked about the operating budget for 2015 and distributed a copy of the budget. Gary Taylor made a motion to approve the 2015 budget. The motion was seconded by Jim Alley. The motion passed.

A spreadsheet was passed out comparing the membership for the years 2012 - 2014. Discussion on whether the yearly dues should be increased was held as well as what could be the cause of the decline in the membership. A membership committee will be formed with Roger Boom to chair the committee.

Business sponsors will be contacted in November and by February, personal contacts will be made. Members present were asked to get one or two more members in each community. Gary Taylor made a suggestion that the membership could start in July of each year or perhaps some other month. Steve Sorg suggested that the membership begin from the date of their signup.

Members will be asked to bring applications to every show they attend for both members and sponsors. It was noted that there was not one member or sponsor from the Townsend area.

Membership and scholarship committee implementation plans will be brought to the next meeting in February.

Larry Hart made a motion to add \$200.00 to miscellaneous expenses for use by the membership and scholarship committees between now and February. Steve Sorg seconded this motion. There was a discussion out of which budget this money should come from - 2014 or 2015 as the motion did not state which budget should fund this expense.

MEETING MINUTES

CONTINUED

Nominations were opened for 2014 Rodder of the Year. Tony and Marilyn Patrick and Roger Boom were nominated. Final voting will be at the February, 2015 meeting.

Gary Taylor made a motion to pay any bills that are due between now and February that are within the 2014 budget. Steve Sorg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be held in Bozeman at the Hilton Homewood Suites on Saturday, February 7, 2015. Members were asked what social activity they would like to have with this meeting. Should we have a speaker or do a shop tour(s)?

A motion was made by Bob Bradley to adjourn the meeting. Tony Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:26AM.

Respectively submitted,

Marilyn Patrick, Secretary



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MSRA TREASURER'S REPORT

AS OF 8/31/2014

Treasurer's report

Cash in Bank: General fund: \$4,348.72 Scholarship Fund: \$3677.85 Total: \$8026.57

	General	Scholarship
Income YTD:	\$1,100.00	\$2015.00 **
MEMBERSHIPS	\$450.00	
BUSINESS SPONSORS	\$450.00	
CAR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS	\$125.00	
LICENSE PLATES	\$	
PATCHES	\$	
SCHOLARSHIP MERCHANDISE	\$75.00	
Expense YTD	\$1,729.19	
PRINTING	\$481.55	
POSTAGE	\$147.57	
PLAQUES	\$144.00	
EVENT WALLET CARDS	\$ -	
LICENSE PLATES	\$ -	
PATCHES	\$ -	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$441.07	
WEB SITE	\$ -	
ACCOUNTING	\$ -	
STATE REGISTRATION	\$ -	
TRANSFER TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$515.00	

**note: includes internal transfer of \$515.00

Expense Transaction Detail:

CK#	Date	Pay To:	Expense	Amount
3048	1/28/14	Scholarship	fund transfer	465.00
3049	1/28/14	E. Scholl	printing/postage	187.72
3050	2/18/14	Scholarship	fund transfer	50.00
3051	2/18/14	S. Sorg	postage	4.12
3052	4/9/14	R Degenhardt	inkjet printer	379.07
3053	5/14/14	Tony Patrick	newsletter	397.18
3054	5/18/14	Ryan's Trophies	pick plaques	144.00
3055	5/23/14	Roger Boom	plaque postage	40.10
3056	8/12/14	USPS	PO Box	62.00

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

MSRA Scholarship Committee members meet with Montana University System Regent Jeff Krauss

Bozeman members of the MSRA Scholarship Committee met with Regent Krauss to start the process of improving our ability to get MSRA Scholarship funds from donors to students. “The Rod and Custom Scholarship” will be offered by MSRA and the current participating car club partners – Helena Valley Timing Association and Highline Cruzin’ Association (more are welcome to join us!), and from donations from members and business sponsors.

Regent Krauss was enthusiastic about the past giving and committed to ensuring that improvements in coordination and recognition were realized. As the Regent responsible to oversee the 2 year colleges for Montana University System (MUS), he was grateful to understand the past giving history and excited about the prospects of ongoing collaboration with all MSRA members, car clubs and business sponsors. To that end, he is meeting with key MUS foundations and local institutional leadership in the next few weeks to talk through a strategy for improvement and a way to better harness a process that can help us help students succeed. Many ideas were discussed and included scholarships helping with student tuition and books as well as paying for their first set of tools and connecting with our business sponsors through first employment or internships. A discussion of this plan will be led by the Scholarship Committee at the MSRA meeting on January 31st at the Hilton Homewood Suites, Bozeman. Please join us for this exciting update.

The Rod and Custom Scholarship was created as an outcome of changing the non-profit status and mission of the MSRA. The status was changed to a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization that can raise money through tax deductible donations and deliver on a mission to promote interest in street rodding and special interest automobile activities through the provision of scholarships to students in automotive and related programs in Montana technical and two year colleges. To that end, MSRA and its participating car club partners will embark on a variety of fundraising efforts in the coming years to improve our ability to provide more Rod and Custom Scholarships for Montana kids enabling them to earn a living wage in our industry and stay in Montana. Please see the DRAFT of The Rod and Custom Scholarship description of eligibility below.

For any questions or comments please contact the committee chair, Steve Sorg at 406.599.9618 or sorg1932@gmail.com.

REAR END WIDTHS

Rear End Widths

Chevy / Chevrolet

Outside Width	Year	Model
57.75	1962-1964	Chevy II/Nova
57.75	1965-1967	Chevy II/Nova
58.00	1978-1988	Chevy Malibu , Monte Carlo
59.50	1968-1982	Corvette
60.00	1955-1964	Chevy Car
60.00	1967-1969	Camaro
60.25	1968-1979	Chevy II/Nova
60.50	1984-1995	Corvette
60.50	1964-1967	Chevelle
62.00	1955-1959	Chevy Pickup
62.50	1968-1972	Chevelle
62.50	1970-1981	Camaro/Firebird

Ford

Outside Width	Year	Model
56.50	1969-1977	Maverick 8"
57.00	1974-1978	Mustang II 8"
57.25	1957-1959	Ford, Ranchero, Station Wagon
57.25	1965-1966	Mustang
58.00	1966-1977	Bronco
58.00	1964-1965	Falcon
58.00	1977-1981	Granada/Versailles
58.50	1977-1981	Versailles
59.25	1967-1970	Mustang, Fairlane, Comet, Cougar
60.00	1967	Cougar
60.00	1958-1960	Edsel
61.00	1964-1971	Ford Full Size
61.00	1949-1951	Mercury

61.25	1957-1972	Ford F-100 Pickup
61.25	1960-1964	Ford Full Size
61.25	1971-1973	Mustang
61.25	1967-1973	Torino, Ranchero, Fairlane
63.00	1970-1979	Ranchero & Torino
63.00	1972-1979	Ford Full Size & Intermediate
63.50	1967	Fairlane (Coil Springs)
65.25	1973-1986	Ford F-150 Pickup
65.25	1978-1986	Bronco
65.25	1973-1986	Ford Van 3/4 Ton
68.00	1972	Ford Van 3/4 Ton
69.25	1977-1986	Ford E-150 Van

Mopar

Outside Width	Year	Model
55.60	1960-1976	7 1/4 A-body
55.60	1973-1976	8 1/4 A-body
55.60	1966-1972	8 3/4 A-body
55.60	All	8 3/4 A-body
56.00	1932-1934	All Mopars
57.40	1963-1972	7 1/4 A-body
58.54	All	8 1/4 F-body
58.54	All	8 1/4 M-body
58.54	All	8 1/4 J-body
59.00	1935-1936	All Mopars
59.14	1966-1970	9 3/4 B-body
59.20	1962-1970	8 3/4 B-body
60.00	1937-1948	All Mopars
60.70	All	8 3/4 E-body
60.70	All	9 3/4 E-body
62.00	All	8 1/4 B-body
62.00	1971-1974	8 3/4 B-body
62.00	All	9 1/4 B-body
63.40	All	8 1/4 C-body
63.40	1971-1974	8 3/4 B-body S.W.
63.40	All	9 1/4 C-body

WHEELBASE MEASUREMENTS

Wheelbase Measurements for Popular Classic/Vintage Cars

Ford

1928 - 1931 (Model A) 103.5"
1932: 106"
1933-1940: 112"
1941-1951: 114"
1952-1953: 115"
1954-1956: 115.5", Thunderbird: 102"
1957-1959: 118", Thunderbird: 113"
1960-1963 Falcon: 109.5", Ranchero and Sedan Delivery: 109.9"
1960-1969 Full Size: 119"
1966-1969 Falcon Sedan: 110.9
1966-1969 Falcon Wagon 113"
1962-1964 Fairlane: 115.5"
1965 Fairlane (All): 116"
1966-1969 Fairlane, Torino: 116"
1966-1969 Fairlane Wagon, Ranchero: 113"
1964-1969 Mustang: 108"
1969 Maverick: 103"

Mercury

1940: 116"
1941-1954: 118"
1955-1957 Except 1957 Wagon: 119"
1957 Wagon: 122"
1958: 122"
1959-1960 Full size: 126"
1960-1965 Comet Sedan: 114"
1960-1965 Comet Wagon: 109.5"
1961 Meteor, Monterey: 120"
1962-1963 Meteor: 116.5"
1964-1966 Full Size: 120"
1967-1969 Cougar: 111"
1966-1969 Comet except Wagon: 116"
1966-1969 Comet Wagon: 113"
1967-1968 Full Size Except Wagon: 123"
1967-1968 Full Size Wagon: 119"
1968-1969 Montego, Cyclone Except Wagon: 116"
1968-1969 Montego, Cyclone Wagon: 113"
1969 Monterey, Marquis: 124"
1969 Marauder: 121"
1969 Wagon: 121"

Lincoln

1940 V12: 136", 145"
1940-1942 Zephyr, Continental: 125"
1941-1942 Custom: 138"
1946-1948 Continental, V12: 125"
1949-1951 V8: 121"
1949-1951 Cosmopolitan: 125"
1952-1955: 123"
1956-1957: 126"
1958-1960: 131"
1961-1963 Continental: 123"

1964-1969 Continental: 126"
1969 Continental Mark III: 117.2"

Chevrolet

1940: 113"
1941-1948: 116"
1949-1957: 115", Corvette is 102"
1958: 117.5"
1959-69 Full size: 119"
1962-1967 Chevy II: 110"
1964-1967 Chevelle: 115"
1967-1969 Camaro: 108"
1968-1969 Chevelle 2dr: 112"
1968-1969 Chevelle 4dr and Wagon: 116"

Buick

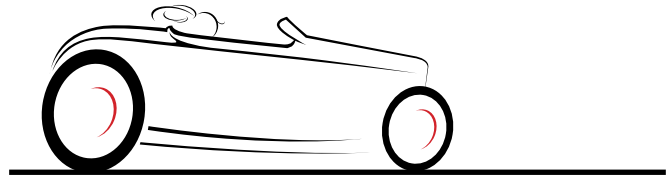
1940-1941 Special and Super 8: 121"
1940-1942 Century 8, Roadmaster 8: 126"
1942-1948 Roadmaster 8: 129"
1942-1948 Super 8: 124"
1942-1948 Special 8: 121"
1940-1942 Limited 8: 133", 140", 139"
1949 Roadmaster 8: 126"
1950-1952 Roadmaster 8: 126.25", 130.25"
1950-1953 Special: 121.5"
1950-1953 Super 8: 121.5", 125.5"
1953 Roadmaster: 121.5", 125.5"
1954-1956 Roadmaster: 127"
1954-1958 Special: 122"
1954-1956 Super V8: 127"
1957-1958 Super, Roadmaster, Limited: 127.5"
1959 Le Sabre, Invicta: 123"
1959 Electra: 126.3"
1960-1968 Le Sabre, Invicta: 123"
1960-1961 Electra: 126.3"
1961-1963 Special: 112"
1962-1963 Skylark: 112"
1964-1967 Special, Skylark Sedan: 115"
1964-1967 Sport Wagon, Skylark Wagon: 120"
1964-1968 Le Sabre: 123"
1964 Wildcat: 123"
1965-1968 Wildcat 126"
1963-1966 Riviera: 117"
1962-1968 Electra: 126"
1964-1967 Skylark: 115"
1968-1969 Skylark, Special 2dr: 112"
1968-1969 Riviera: 119"
1969 Le Sabre, Wildcat: 123.2"
1969 Electra: 126.2"

Nash

1940 Lafayette 6: 117"
1940 Ambassador 6: 121"
1940 Ambassador 8: 125"
1941-1949 600 Six: 112"

WHEELBASE MEASUREMENTS & BUSINESS SPONSOR PROFILE

1941-1951 Ambassador: 121”
1950-1951 Statesman: 112”
1951-1952 Healey: 102”
1950-1953 Rambler 6: 100”
1954-1955 Rambler 6 2dr: 100”
1954-1955 Rambler 6 4dr: 108”
1952-1956 Statesman: 114.25”
1952-1957 Ambassador: 121.25”
1954-1959 Metropolitan: 85”
1957-1959 Rebel: 108”
1958-1963 American: 100”
1958-1959 Ambassador: 117”



Kaiser, Frazer

1947-1950: 123.5”
1951-1954 Special, Deluxe, Carolina, Dragon, Manhattan (exc
1951) : 118.5”
1951 Manhattan: 123.5
1951-1954 Henry J, Allstate, Darrin: 100

Business Sponsor Profile



NAPA Auto Parts—Bozeman has been supporting the MSRA for 7 years as a business sponsor. As a locally owned and operated store (rather than corporate), NAPA Auto Parts—Bozeman has a strong history of supporting the community and many individuals and organizations in and around Bozeman. John Zowada and Jason Buehring, owners, provide support to or are sponsors of: Cruzin’ Main—Bozeman’s downtown car show that provides support for the Cancer Community; local 4H participants; local drag racer, T.J. Hinman; Legion baseball; local school events; the Gallatin County Fair and others.

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In addition to all of the support provided to the Bozeman community, NAPA Auto Parts—Bozeman store owners John Zowada and Jason Buehring have set up and provide a **Montana Street Rod Association discount program for MSRA members**. So, next time you are in need of parts for you rod or any other vehicle, stop in at NAPA Auto Parts—Bozeman, say hello to John and Jason and thank them for their support to the MSRA and ask for the MSRA discount.

MSRA PICKS FOR 2014



Badland's Drifters Show
Lance Silha, Glendive
1947 Studebaker Pickup



Blast from the Past Show
Gary McGraw, Plains
1931 Model A Ford Coupe



Ignite the Nights
Nick and Erin Grotjohn,
Libby
1970 Chevelle

MSRA PICKS FOR 2014



**Livingston Wheels First
Annual Downtown Show
and Shine**
Larry and Diane Stilley,
Livingston
1956 Chevrolet



**Pioneers Car Club Annual
Charity Show**
Jim Alley, Whitehall
1957 Chevy



Headwaters Car Show,
Jack Rochford, Three Forks
1965 Tempest-GTO clone

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BARB SALERNO RETIREMENT

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