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PREZ SEZ...

Happy Fall, Friends!

It's the end of another great summer in the great state of Montana and another year to celebrate the change of the season at the annual Townsend Fall Festival! The Festival runs its fabulous three full fun packed days the 30th of September through Sunday the 2nd of October closing out with a great car show and a music, playground and shopping venue that makes it a great outing for one and all. Please join us this year for another fall MSRA meeting to be held again in the front room at Betsy's Bar from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at 219 Broadway in Townsend. We will be collecting nominees for Street Rodder of the Year as well as updating on all things fundraising for increasing our successful scholarship donations. And we, as always need your good input.

Please join us!

We look forward to seeing you then!

Elizabeth Schuyler Scholl

The next meeting will be held Sunday, October 2, 2016 at:

Front Room of Betsy's Bar
219 Broadway, Townsend, MT

Membership Meeting at 10:00 am

New Members & Ideas Welcome

Meeting Minutes

Saturday May 7, 2016 Butte, MT

MSRA Membership Meeting
In conjunction with NSRA Appreciation Day, hosted by the Pioneer Rods
Butte, Montana Highlands College Automotive Shop
Saturday May 7th, 2016- Noon

AGENDA

1. Welcome and guest introductions

Membership book passed around and signed – 20 members, 5 guests. Tony Patrick presented NSRA Merit Award plaques to Steve Sorg and Bob Stredwick

2. Executive Committee work plan update-2016-2018 goals and focus

a. Membership Cultivation and Engagement – Growing the newsletter by highlighting the scholarship winners, MSRA members and MSRA car clubs. Use of radio stations for media relations.

b. Fund Development for the Rod and Custom Scholarship Program – 100% of scholarship donations go to the scholarship fund and a portion of the MSRA membership dues goes to the scholarship fund. Connie spoke with all the car clubs, encouraging club members to become individual MSRA members. Whitefish responded very favorably. The plan is to branch out to get more members throughout the state.

3. Fundraising Committee to be launched today-VP Connie McCormick to lead – in conjunction with the Scholarship committee. Bob Degenhardt made a motion to organize a Fundraising Committee. Bob Basso second. Motion passed.

a. Budget addition line item plus funds request- Gary Taylor moved to create a line item of \$500 for expenses (mileage etc.) related to doing MSRA work i.e soliciting donations for the scholarship program, recruiting members etc. Bob Stredwick-second. Motion passed.

b. Fundraising plan- Bob Stredwick and TomReeves volunteered to be on this committee. The initial fundraising will begin with Stretch's Father's Day cookout. Connie would also like to include the "Car Guys" in the scholarship fundraising plan.

c. Progress to date- Connie has contacted all of the car clubs in Montana, updating contact information and which clubs need award plaques.

4. Scholarship Committee Update-Steve Sorg-Scholarship application is on the MSRA website. There will be a longer time frame for scholarship applicants to obtain the applications.

a. Interviews with 2016 winners - Elizabeth is contacting the winners for interviews for the newsletter. They will also provide a picture of themselves with their car project.

b. Request free MSRA individual membership for each winner and applicant for 1 year (to ensure the next generation is engaged) - Steve Sorg moved that Rod and Custom applicants and scholarship winners receive 1 year membership to Montana Street Rod Association. Connie McCormick –second. Motion passed.

c. Fundraising plan discussion –There will be direct communication with each Financial Aid office. The Scholarship committee will be presenting at the MUS (Montana University System) during their summer meeting. The criteria for the Rod & Custom Scholarship are that the student applicant is financially in need and that they are a street rod hobbyist. MUS agreed to waive the administrative fees for each financial aid office.

5. Secretarial report-Judy Sorg (pass out copies of the MSRA bi-laws per IRS rules. Note post on the MSRA web site of these for those not in attendance. As well any and all relevant correspondence to share) -New member letter and MSRA membership card sent to Nilo & Janet Bertolni. Thank you letter to Tom Jackson for \$100 donation to the Rod and Custom Scholarship fund. Mailed MSRA newsletter to non-email members and to business sponsors (46 total).Called 11 members who had not renewed for 2016 – 4 renewed with 3 paid to date, 3 declined renewal, 2 messages left, 2 Great Falls numbers not working. Added one new member at the meeting.

MSRA By-laws distributed to all MSRA members present at meeting. Logo for Rod and Custom Scholarship was donated By Brickhouse Creative. The new logo, "Uniting Gear Heads Young and Old" resonates as a bridge for membership. Discussion regarding adopting the new logo with suggestions for using both logos resulted in voting on this at the next meeting and how this possible change will be incorporated in the By-laws. The new scholarship logo needs to be registered.

6. Treasurer Report-Steve Sorg (additional funds request to the MISC line item to cover small fundraising expenses until fundraising line item can be added per by laws) - see 3b. NAPA Bozeman provided Steve with a list of all Montana NAPA stores. The plan is for current MSRA members to invite the NAPA stores they patronize to join MSRA and also to ask them to give MSRA members a discount on their purchases.

Helena Valley Timing Association has given scholarship donation for 3 years. Hi-Line Cruz'n Assoc. donated \$500 to the scholarship fund. 16/43 MSRA members support the scholarship fund with additional donations.

7. Announcements – Gary Taylor motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting – Feb. 6, 2016. Tony Patrick – second. Minutes approved. Gary Taylor motioned to pay bills and approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Degenhardt- second. Treasurer's report approved.

Briefrun-down of upcoming car show dates.

8. Adjourn – 1:20 P.M.

Submitted by Judy Sorg - Secretary

MSRA Treasurer's Report as of 9/21/16

Montana Street Rod Association

Treasurer's report

As of 9/21/2016

Cash in Bank: General fund: \$6356.20* Scholarship Fund: \$5302.85* Total: \$11,659.05

	General	Scholarship
Income YTD:	\$1,759.00	\$ 509.00
MEMBERSHIPS	\$500.00	
BUSINESS SPONSORS	\$600.00	
CAR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS	\$125.00	
LICENSE PLATES	\$25.00	
PATCHES	\$	
SCHOLARSHIP MERCHANDISE		
Expense YTD	\$748.25	\$ 748.25
PRINTING		
POSTAGE	\$145.32	
PLAQUES	\$17.00	
EVENT WALLET CARDS	\$ -	
LICENSE PLATES	\$ -	
PATCHES	\$ -	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$585.93	
WEB SITE	\$ -	
ACCOUNTING	\$ -	
STATE REGISTRATION	\$ -	
TRANSFER TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND		

*note: pending bank to bank transfer of \$509 received scholarship deposited to general fund to date

Expense Transaction Detail:

CK#	Date	Pay To:	Expense	Amount
5/7/2016	3077	\$ 52.90 Judy Sorg	May Newsletter mailing	\$ 52.90
5/27/2016	3080	\$ 83.99 Judy Sorg	black toner for MSRA printer	\$ 83.99
7/8/2016	3081	\$ 45.00 Ryan's Trophies	3 MSRA Pick plaques	\$ 45.00
7/15/2016	3082	\$ 17.00 Ryan's Trophies	MSRA Pick plaque	\$ 17.00
8/29/2016	3083	\$ 70.00 Postmaster	1 yr PO Box rental	\$ 70.00

"I see a whole new era in muscle cars opening up that can involve so many alternative fuels and materials. I imagine having a first generation Camaro running off an electric motor silently sneaking into a car show, or drive an early seventies Bronco powered by a biodiesel engine. I'd like to see the hot rod world embrace the changing fuels and technology of today that run off clean and renewable energies." Sean Doty, 2015 MSRA Rod and Custom Scholarship applicant, University of Montana, College of Technology, Energy Technology.



UNITING GEAR HEADS YOUNG AND OLD

THE ROD AND CUSTOM SCHOLARSHIP

Funded by the Helena Valley Timing Association, the Hi-Line Cruzin' Association and Montana Street Rod Association members and sponsors throughout Montana

“Mobile time capsules, works of art, or simple transportation. Cars can, universally, trigger memories and emotions like no other object.”
John Dorr III, MSRA Rod and Custom Scholarship applicant, Helena College

Three worthy applicants for the MSRA Rod and Custom Scholarship awarded! The 2015 Rod and Custom Scholarship winners!

Molly Whitewater Stoupe, Kalispell, Montana, Flathead Community College, Accounting, Small Business, Business Administration

“As a more recent car and truck enthusiast, customizing cars and trucks has become a passion. Making cars better, faster and stronger is more of a need than a want for me. Starting small, I have begun to build my Mazda up. Along with this, I have been helping and interning at Lady Like Performance. Being able to learn under a new performance shop is an extraordinary opportunity. Ashely Mae (owner) has taught me an innumerable amount of things about cars and trucks alike. Although new to this hobby and passion, I know it will be a continual need to learn more about building vehicles.” Molly Whitewater Stoupe, 2015 MSRA Rod and Custom Scholarship winner.

Jacob Gibby, Miles City Montana, Miles Community College, Automotive

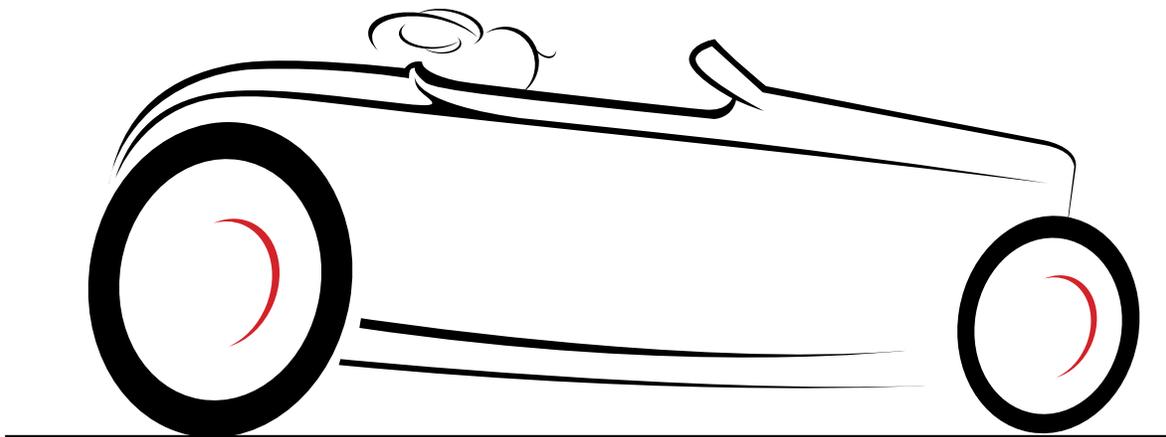
“I have a strong desire for working on older vehicles form 1930-1985 before OBD II. Working on old vehicles to make them come alive again is my favorite thing do. I am currently restoring a 1948 five window Chevy truck that has thrown me many challenges. The truck is coming along but not as smooth as I imagined. I have had to do some custom work for mounting the shocks and making it look sharp. The best part about working on it is coming up with your own ideas to make everything work and last for miles to come.” Jacob W. Gibby, MSRA Rod and Custom Scholarship winner.

Bruce Bradley, Butte, Montana, Automotive

“I am interested in older model vehicles from the fifties up to the 70’s. I enjoy working on them restoring them and also rodding them. I like to build rat rods. I also enjoy rebuilding and modifying transmissions and motors. I enjoy building unique vehicles and trying things that maybe people haven’t tried yet.” Bruce Bradley, 2015 MSRA Rod and Custom Scholarship winner.

“Our sincere thanks to all the wonderful MSRA members and sponsors and contributors who have made this Rod and Custom Scholarship program possible! We are well on our way to increasing the number of scholarships to worthy two year students throughout Montana in 2017 because of the generosity of our members” said Steve Sorg, Chair of the Rod and Custom Scholarship committee. “Our 2016 annual membership renewal and drive provides for an additional option on the form to donate to the scholarship fund.” chimed in Connie McCormick, Vice President of MSRA. She added, “Our car clubs this year echoed a strong support for this scholarship program by raising awareness of MSRA’s important program through the MSRA 2016 Car Show award at various car shows throughout the state”. Elizabeth Scholl, President of MSRA reminded us all, “Now that MSRA is a 501 (C) 3 not for profit, all donations to the MSRA Scholarship fund are 100% deductible. As well we are a volunteer run organization with little overhead costs so more money can be distributed to deserving students.”

Please join us in supporting our Montana two year students by donating this year to the MSRA Rod and Custom Scholarship fund! Please send your checks in with your membership renewal or directly to MSRA at PO Box 1423, Bozeman MT 59771. And please find this year’s scholarship application and criteria in the newsletter to pass on to any students you feel should apply! Membership applications and the scholarship information are also available to download on line at www.MontanaSRA.org. *Thank you!*



CLEAR COAT REPAIR

When a car is painted, a layer of primer goes over the metal. Then the colored base paint is added, and finally a layer of clear coat goes on. The clear coat adds a glossy finish to the car, and it also serves as a protective layer from UV rays and other elements that can harm a car's finish. In the event of scratches, it is important to repair your clear coat as soon as possible. Clear coat repair can eliminate highly prominent and visible imperfections in your paint and help keep your base paint from fading or oxidizing. A faded paint job will make your vehicle look terrible and reduce its resale value. If you lease your car, you will be held responsible for damaged paint when you turn the car in. If the metal oxidizes or rusts you will have a much more severe problem on your hands.

Many minor scratches in clear coat can be repaired at home with various clear coat repair products. Clear coat repair is not the same as fixing deeper paint scratches that get down to the metal. Paint scratches can often be repaired with color match touch-up paint or with scratch removal waxes and polishes. There are clear coat repair kits available, but the repair process is different.

Clear coat scratch repair often involves using an ultra-fine wet sandpaper to smooth out the scratches in your clear coat. After that there are a variety of clear coat sealants that can be buffed into the scratch to complete the repair and restore your car's appearance to its original state.

A paint and body repair shop is always another option for clear coat repair. However, the scratches that are so minor that they only damage your clear coat without getting through to damage the paint should not require a professional repair. A paint and body repair shop will charge a few hundred dollars for a repair, while a clear coat repair kit will only cost between \$10-\$20.

Clear coat repair is important, not just to keep your car looking good, but also to protect the paint and finish of your vehicle. A simple clear coat scratch repair kit can save you a lot of money in the long run.

"In the last few years I have really started to get into classic cars and I am currently working on getting a 1959 Studebaker pickup that my dad gave me running. He acquired the pickup 30 years ago when his friend passed away from cancer, at the time it had a Ford 289 with a C4 transmission. My dad had intentions of putting a Chevy 350 with a turbo 350 transmission so he took the existing motor and transmission out, took the fenders and hood off, the box off and the seats out. It has sat that way for most of the time he has had it, until last spring when I started working on it. When I first got the pickup there was about 2 inches of mouse and raccoon poop on the floor boards so I started by cleaning that out and pressure washing the inside. I ended up having to hand scrub the floor boards 5 times to finally get it to the point where you can finally stand to be in the cab. Mice had also packed the driver's side door full with grass and whatever else they could find, so I ended up cutting two holes in the bottom of the door on the inside to flush all of it out. Unfortunately since it sat inside the door for so long it rusted the door out, which is a shame because the rest of the pickup is in very good condition since it has been stored inside for the past 30 years. For the motor I purchased a Chevy 250 I6 with a powerglide transmission to put in it. In order for the motor to fit I had to cut the firewall and tunnel and extend it back about 4 inches, while I was doing that I also patched the existing holes in the tunnel from the floor shifter. I've also relocated the fuel tank, installed new seats, built the transmission cross member, fabricated the engine mounts, rebuilt the brakes, and welded the new slip yoke for the powerglide transmission on to the existing driveshaft. I still have lots of work to do to it but I've only been able to do stuff as I get the money too. I'm really glad that I choose these two programs to do in the school because it has really opened the horizons as far as what I'm capable of doing to vehicles now. They are great skills to possess and I am excited for what the future holds." Kyle Copelan. 2015 MSRA Rod and Custom Scholarship applicant, Helena College, Computer Aided Manufacturing.

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Eligibility for application includes:

1. Student must be entering the second semester of a one year program or in the second year of a two year program.
2. Student must demonstrate an interest in an automotive related hobby, including street rods, customs, and custom trucks.
3. Student must articulate a desire to remain in Montana after graduation.
4. Student must provide his or her Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
5. Student must obtain the endorsement of an instructor in his or her program by providing a reference letter that includes academic information such as GPA.

Applications should be made directly to the Montana Street Rod Association or through the student's financial aid office.

Via mail: Montana Street Rod Association
PO Box 1423
Bozeman MT 59771-1423

Via email: President@MontanaSRA.org

Application forms are available at the student's school financial aid department, or on the Montana Street Rod Association web site www.MontanaSRA.org.

Applications must be received by the Montana Street Rod Association no later than December 31, 2016. Award decisions will be made and students notified by January 30, 2017.

TIPS 'N TRICKS

- Using a zip tie to check travel on an item. Use this when setting up the stops on power windows - tie a zip tie around the item and when it bottoms out or reaches where you want, you have your location marked. I have used this for other applications when I have been working alone, such as measuring travel on a M/C rod to see if it was bottoming out and also for measuring shock travel and rod length. Just put a zip tie around the rod and see where it is after maximum compression.
- Drill holes in leaf springs with a regular bit using white Elmer's wood glue for coolant.
- To remove tension spring, open the hood/trunk to the highest point, slip in washers between the springs, wrap in duct tape, so they don't fly apart and slowly close, the spring ends will slip out easily, reverse to install..
- A very useful and simple trick a old guy taught me when I first started working on cars. Use 2+2(aka carb cleaner) when working with rubber parts. Such as:
Any time you are pushing a rubber hose over a nipple, first spray a small squirt of 2+2 in the hose end. It will slip right on. Then 5 sec later when the 2+2 dries the hose is stuck on. Work great when forcing a hose that's just a little 2 small over and nipple that's just a little too big.
Also works great when sliding hose clamps over the outside of a hose. Those damn squeeze clamps that never open up enough even when the pliers are maxed out. The clamp just doesn't want to slide over the hump in the hose. Spray 2+2 on the outside of the hose. That clamp will slide right back. Use again to go back together.
- For my business I need to keep gas receipts and records of maintenance on my vehicles. I found that unused check register books that are outdated work great for keeping records. I just write in the amount every time I fill up with gas or record what I repair on the vehicle. I start a new record every year. Keeping a handy record of oil changes in the book works great.
- When you are trying to bend some brake line or fuel line and you get a small kink or you flatten it through a turn. You take a crescent wrench and make it so it fits snug over a round part of the tube then you slip it over the kink in the narrow part and work it until the kink is out or useable.
- When trying to get the filler/drain plugs out of rear ends or trannys and they are really tight - and you are working on jack stands - use a small bottle jack to push up on your breaker bar - be sure you are pushing to loosen - saves a lot of grief and busted knuckles.

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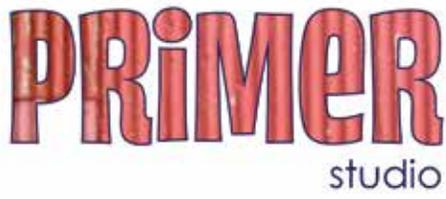
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"Some of my first memories were walking around parking garages in Denver CO at "Show and Shine" events. My Dad, a mechanic at the time and later a tool man, would routinely take me to car shows and to Bandimere Speedway just outside Denver. That was the hotrod portion of the hobby I grew up in, the love of automobiles stems from memories of road trips and family vacations. I remember riding with the family in the Colt Vista, stuffed in the hatch with two other cousins. We would push on the brake light and it would light up (later realizing that my Dad was watching us in the rearview mirror, pushing the brake pedal as we pushed on the light). I remember trips up to Park Lake outside Clancy, MT in my Mom's Ford Torino. The same Torino we watched her drive down Bandimere ¼ mile. We used to laugh at how you could see her clear as day, like a parade celebrity. Whereas, her competitors were blurs as they made up the ground of her massive handicap." John Austin Dorr III, 2015 MSRA Rod and custom Scholarship applicant, Helena College, Automotive.

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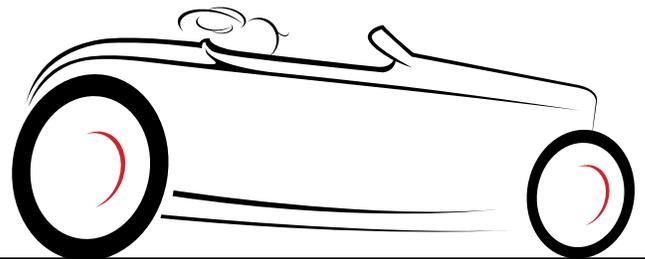
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