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PREZ SEZ...

Fellow MSRA members and friends,

The summer rod run season is almost upon us. I have been checking my ride out and making sure all is OK before taking any long trips. The MSRA May meeting will be at Butte in conjunction with the NSRA Appreciation Day. This is a good opportunity to have your car safety inspected. So come and join us at the NSRA event and the MSRA meeting.

Now is the time to start thinking about a couple of MSRA items. First, my term in office and that of the other officers will end in February 2014. Please give thought to who the new MSRA leadership might be. Second, we are planning a 2014 summer cruise to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the MSRA. Where would you like to go? What event would you like to attend?

As always, please share your thoughts and ideas with us about MSRA.

See you on the road!

Steve Sorg

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH NSRA APPRECIATION DAY AT:

Highland College of Montana Tech - Automotive Shop
25 Basin Creek Road, Butte, MT 59701

NEW MEMBERS & IDEAS WELCOME

Saturday, May 11, 2013 • 12:00 pm

FEBRUARY 2, 2013 BOZEMAN, MT

Steve Sorg called the meeting to order at the Hilton Homewood Suites, Bozeman, 10:15 am.

There was one guest in attendance, George Palitch, and one new Business Sponsor, Steve Poore.

There were 32 members in attendance.

Minutes were presented in the Newsletter so we dispensed with the reading of the September 15 meeting minutes. Tony Patrick made a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the newsletter. Bob Bradley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Elizabeth Scholl gave the Treasurer's Report. As of February 2, 2013 there are 47 members, 27 business sponsors, and 9 car clubs in MSRA.

Elizabeth made a copy of the income and expense statement available for members in attendance to review. She also encouraged members to invite friends and business acquaintances to join MSRA. Tony Patrick made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Wally Hammett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Steve Sorg asked for a motion to pay the bills. A motion was made and seconded to include the payment of bills that come in before the next meeting. Motion passed.

Montana Tech was able to award only one scholarship to date, rather than two. Discussion centered on the application process and the possible need to work on the application

process. Marilyn Patrick, Tom Reeves, and Steve Sorg will serve on a committee to look at the process and make recommendations to the membership.

Old Business

Steve Sorg reported that HB 270 is working through the legislative process. The bill provides that vehicles manufactured in years 1948, 1949 and 1950 will be allowed to have a single plate of the same year as manufacture. (Montana only issued single tags in those three years).

LC 1702 has been proposed in the legislature to generally revise the license plate laws to only require a single license tag on all vehicles.

Marilyn Patrick reported that Josh Seiffert was awarded the \$500 MSRA Scholarship at Montana Tech. A lack of applications prevented a second award. Josh is a second year student in the Metals Fabrication program.

There were three nominations for the 2012 MSRA Rodder of the Year: Debbie Hawe, Kalispell, Elizabeth Scholl, Bozeman, and Tony and Marilyn Patrick, Butte. Elizabeth Scholl was selected as 2012 MSRA Rodder of the Year.

New Business

Steve Sorg proposed that since 2014 would be the 40th anniversary of the MSRA, that we should plan a special cruise. Ideas for a cruise are requested from membership.

Bob Degenhardt circulated the NSRA Fellow pages application so that members could have their names and contact information included in the next Fellow Pages.

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Steve Sorg asked if the Board of Directors members and MSRA clubs members in attendance had anything for the good of the order. Nothing was brought to the table.

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Steve Sorg reported that the Bozeman NAPA store, and MSRA Business Sponsor, has provided a special MSRA discount for purchases at the Bozeman store. MSRA members should identify themselves at the store and ask for the MSRA discount.

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Bob Degenhardt announced the locations of the Business Sponsor shop tours for after the meeting: Mike's Trim & Upholstery; Shines Autos Meticulously; and Big Sky Collision. All are in Four Corners.

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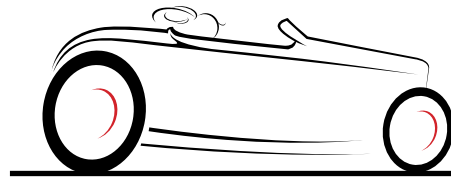
The next meeting will be held May 11 in Butte at Highland College of Montana Tech in the Automotive shop, at noon.

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Saturday, March 9 is the Swap Meet put on by the Livingston Wheels at the Best Western motel in Livingston.

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A motion was made by Tony Patrick and seconded by Judy Sorg to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.



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1. Thanks again to The Homewood Suites by Hilton who donated our meeting space today. That's a value of \$300 per meeting!
2. Membership update as of 2/1/13
 - o Individuals and Family renewals, 47 (At this time last year we had 54 renewals and by the end of the year we had 66 individual and family memberships).
 - o Business Sponsorships, 27 (At this time last year we had 28 renewals and by the end of the year we had 37 business sponsorships). This includes two new sponsors, SAM and Big Sky Collision.
 - o Car Clubs, 9 (At this time last year we had 6 renewals and by the end of the year we had 7 car club members).

We are looking forward to additional renewals and the recruiting of new memberships and sponsorships, providing continuing growth of MSRA. We request that you ask your friends and business acquaintances wishing to participate to hit our website and download the APPLICATION and FACT SHEET that are available on the site. We will continue to grow the value of MSRA to our members and will improve the delivery of high quality information and advocacy that is relevant to ensuring the success and sustainability of our favorite hobby!

3. The scholarship merchandise program is on idle until the IRS approves our 501 (c) (3) application. As soon as that is complete we will shift the program into high gear. We do have a few remaining can Koozies for sale from our initial test program. Contact any officer for purchase. They will also be available at the February meeting and throughout the rest of the year. The price is \$4.00 per Koozie. The net amount of the sale of each Koozie (\$1.70) will go to our scholarship fund. The remainder will go to purchase replacement Koozies for continued sales. After IRS approval, we will expand the merchandise selection to include more items such as caps and t-shirts. These will provide larger net amounts per item for the scholarship fund and program growth. Again, our goal in this program is to create a sustainable way to annually fund at least a \$500 scholarship to each of the six Montana tech schools that offer automotive or related programs.
4. We again provided two \$500 scholarships for Montana kids in a second year or second semester Montana tech school automotive program. Both scholarships went to Montana Tech in Butte. Sadly, there was only one applicant so only one scholarship was awarded. We will continue to endeavor to improve the scholarship application process in the future.
5. MSRA patches and drag plates
We still have MSRA patches and drag plates available. They can be purchased at the February meeting or by calling me.
6. The Income and Expense Statements for 2012 and year-to-date 2013 are available at the February meeting for anyone wanting to review them. We are running well into the black with our increased membership, but are still able to sustainably provide only two \$500 scholarships.

Elizabeth Scholl, Treasurer
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MSRA 2012 RODDER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Elizabeth Scholl, Bozeman, for being selected the MSRA Rodder of the Year for 2012! Elizabeth is currently serving as MSRA Treasurer and has brought a great deal of enthusiasm and ideas for making the organization fiscally sound. She has worked very hard on fundraising ideas to help us with our Scholarship Program.



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- Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.
- Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.
- Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450 degrees F.
- The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the feins in the ear.
- Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.
- The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.
- Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.
- The University of Alaska spans four time zones.
- The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.
- In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.
- Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday.
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- A comet's tail always point away from the sun.
- The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.
- Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers; that is why it is found in some medicines.
- The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.
- If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.



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Rolling diameter of a tire differs from standard diameter. Measure rolling diameter by marking rear tire and ground with chalk and driving car forward one tire revolution. Divide measurement by Pi (3.1416)

MPH = RPM X Tire Diameter (inches) divided by Overall Gear Ratio X 336

To convert from:

- Miles to Kilometers, Multiply by 1.609344
- Liters to Cubic Inches, Multiply by 61.023744
- Inches to Millimeters, Multiply by 54.4
- Millimeters to Inches, Multiply by .0393701

Displacement: (cubic inches) = Bore (inches) Squared X Stroke (inches) X number of Cylinders X .7854

Displacement: (cubic inches) = Pi (3.1416) X Radius of Bore Squared X Number of Cylinders X Stroke (inches)

Rear End Ratio = Flywheel Turns X 2 divided by Rear Wheel Turns

Jack only one rear wheel off the ground and shift transmission into high. Formula applies only to standard three-speed transmission that has high gear as a straight through drive. If car has overdrive, lock it out. Rotate wheel one full turn and count flywheel turns to the fraction.

Transmission Ratio = Flywheel Turns X 2 divided by Rear Wheel Turns X Rear End Ratio

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WE BID FAREWELL TO ONE OF OUR OWN

WAYNE PALLETT - 1941-2013
LEWISTOWN, MT



Wayne died suddenly of a stroke Wednesday, February 27, 2013 while having coffee at the 4 Aces in Lewistown. Memorial services were at 2 pm Thursday March 7th at the Fergus Center for the Performing Arts.

Wayne enjoyed collecting and working on old and classic cars, trucks and motorcycles. He also enjoyed spending time with his kids, grandkids and making cartoon type drawings which many of his family and friends treasure.

Wayne was a member of the United Methodist Church, Algeria Shrine Temple of Helena, Captain Scott Lodge of Grass Range, Anna Smalley Chapter Order of Eastern Star of Grass Range, National Street Rod Association, served as the Eastern Montana Representative for Montana Street Rod Association for many years, Central Montana Trail Dust-ers, organized and operated Lewistown Raceway Association for many years, Main Street Motor Classic, Widow Sons Grand Chapter of Montana and the 4 Aces Coffee Club.

He leaves behind his wife of 51 years, Alta Mae of Lewistown; sons Ernie (Tara Wade) of Lewistown and Mike (Cheri) of Great Falls; one daughter, Sherri Pallett (Chris Bear) of Great Falls; brothers, George Dengel of Grass Range, Duane (Diane) Dengel of Stanford, Bud (Sherry) Dengel, Richard (Donna) Dengel, Bill (Pat) Dengel and Donny (Vickie) Dengel all of Lewistown; one sister, Carol (Kevin) Warren of Phoenix, AZ; 10 grandchildren, Betony, Daniel, Kencia, Matt, Sean, Krista, Tyler, Abby, Cruze and Jack; three great-granddaughters, Jaycee, Cali and Danika; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown, Central Montana Shrine Transportation Trust Fund, Central Montana Medical Center ER Re-model Project or the charity of their choice.

Wayne, you will be remembered and missed by many. Alta, our hearts go out to you and your family. God Bless each of you.

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ADULT TRUTHS

- ❖ Was learning cursive really necessary?
- ❖ I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
- ❖ I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger.
- ❖ How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand a word they said?
- ❖ I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!
- ❖ Sometimes I'll look down at my watch 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is.
- ❖ Even under ideal conditions, people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey – but I'll bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.
- ❖ The first testicular guard, the "Cup", was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first Hockey helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.

Ladies.....Quit Laughing!

Heal the past, live the present,
dream the future!



**UNITING GEAR HEADS YOUNG AND OLD
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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PURCHASE MSRA MERCHANDISE!

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The first items available for sale are can Koozies. Additional items, such as t-shirts, caps, etc. will be available soon – watch the MSRA web site for availability (www.MontanaSRA.org)

CAN KOOZIES -- \$4.00 each

Can Koozies will be available for purchase at all MSRA meetings. Also, they can be purchased from all MSRA officers. In addition, Koozies will be for sale at selected car shows during the upcoming summer season.

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UNITING GEARHEADS YOUNG AND OLD

MONTANA STREET ROD ASSOCIATION'S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Josh Seiffert with his Dodge Cummins truck and showcasing his newly fabricated bumper and 7" octagon exhaust pipe tip made possible with the MSRA Scholarship funds.

MSRA Scholarship Award Winner
Josh Seiffert of Red Lodge!

Interview by Elizabeth Schuyler Scholl

Josh Seiffert got in trouble a lot. Trouble with his Mother that is, for staying out until 3:00 AM on school nights all throughout high school passionately working his cars! "I love to work on stuff" he notes, "and there is money to be made doing it!" he exclaimed. "Vehicles are my life; my hobby for now, but soon to be my business".

Josh is completing his final year in the trades program at Highlands College of Montana Tech, welding is his passion and his strength. "My dream is to work in a fabrication shop welding and machining accessories for vehicles. This is the career path I want to take. I eventually want to be a part of a business where I can build custom bumpers and more!" And what does he want to do for fun? "Well, I like to compete in truck pulls, but if I could see my way, drag racing would be the ticket!"

Josh concludes "I want to thank all the members of MSRA for this scholarship, it meant a lot to me to receive it, thank you!" Josh will be joining us at our May 11th MSRA membership meeting at noon at the Highlands College of Montana Tech's NSRA appreciation day. Come meet Josh and see his handy work on his truck; you never know when you might need to have a good welder on your project! Josh (406) 860-0643 and Alex Ferguson (406) 855-9228 of Royal Fab in Red Lodge would like to hear from you if you need any welding/fabrication work done.



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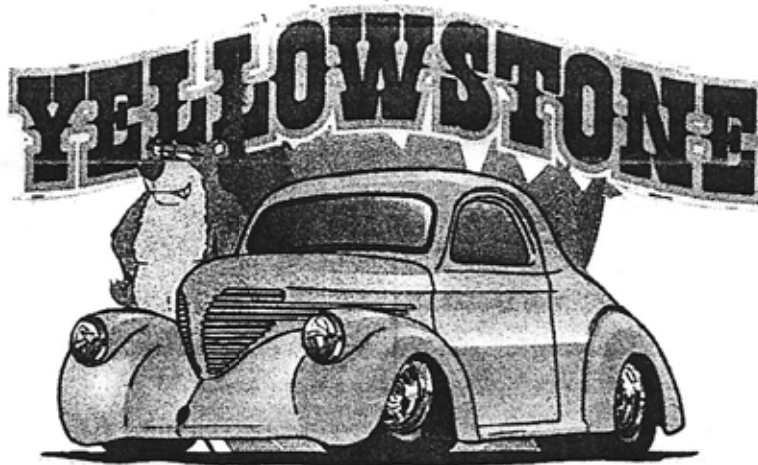
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Putting a piece of electrical tape over a bolt head or nut before putting it on a socket allows you to navigate it into some odd places without losing the fastener.

Using TIG or ARC rod (flux removed of course) with a MIG welder to bridge gaps.

Using grease or vaseline as a mask to get in some areas that you really can't mask off when painting.

You can remove stubborn fasteners with an air hammer by nudging it along as if you were trying to unscrew it with 1 finger.

Before starting a dirty job, dig your fingertips into a bar of soap to get soap under your nails; this keeps the grease out. Put some hand lotion on dry hands; this sucks up oil and grease. Or, if it's too late for this tip because you've already got grease underneath your fingernails, stop and pick up a barbecued chicken and eat it with your hands; it'll take the car grease right out.

If you have an engine or a project full of sludge, soak the whole engine and heads inside and out with Aircraft Stripper. I wrapped each item in an old bath towel for a trip to the car wash, every bit of crud washed off. You might want to wear your worst clothes and definitely wear safety glasses though and don't tell the car wash tech what you're washing off your engine, cause it may be illegal.

When you have a large amount of welding to do on a small piece and you know that the quantity of heat will warp or damage it, stick the part into a bucket of water to weld it. Keep the water off the welded area. The water acts as a giant heatsink and is perfect for preventing damage of areas that can't be effected by heat or warpage. As long as you don't decide to get your gloves wet, there's no chance of shock. Besides the amperage of any welder is designed not to shock or electrocute you.

Ever smash your finger trying to nail in a corner or using small nails (like in joist hangers or hurricane clips) cut a piece of cardboard about an inch wide and however long you want; stick the nail through the cardboard in a corner, put the nail where you want it and start it with a hammer. Now that it's started, you can pull the cardboard away (it will tear off the nail), then drive it home. You can use the same piece of cardboard over and over.

Always ask someone for their opinion. Even if it sucks.

- 1.) You gain their respect, and flatter them for wanting to know what they know.
- 2.) Once they tell you, you are just as smart as they are.