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## PREZ SEZ...

Dear MSRA Friends!

We are off to a great year thanks to the organization and good work of our past executive committee members. Hats off to them for a job well done!

We kicked off this year with a great meeting in Livingston followed by 2 local shop tours. We also gave three MSRA Rod and Custom Scholarships \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students in Montana. Look for their personal stories in the upcoming newsletters.

Our board's goal for the next two year term is to raise more money for our successful Rod and Custom Scholarship fund. With so many applicants this year and more to come our demand exceeds our funds. Connie McCormick, VP of MSRA, will be heading up our fundraising and we need your good input. Our next meeting is being held again in Butte this year in conjunction with the NSRA appreciation day. Bring your rods in for a check-up, enjoy a fabulous lunch provided by Pioneer Street Rods of Butte and join us for the MSRA meeting at noon and weigh in!

I look forward to visiting with each of you at various car shows this summer. And a sincere thank you for your support of the Rod and Custom Scholarship program through MSRA!

Elizabeth Schuyler Scholl

**The next meeting will be held Saturday, May 7, 2016 at:**  
Highlands College automotive shop Butte, MT

**Membership Meeting at 12:00 pm**

*New Members & Ideas Welcome*

# Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2016 Livingston, MT

## Minutes of the February 6, 2016 Meeting Montana Street Rod Association

The February 6, 2016 meeting of the Montana Street Rod Association was called to order by President Bob Degenhardt at 10:00 AM in a meeting room of the Livingston, Montana Public Library.

The membership book was passed around. Twenty-one members were in attendance. There were no guests, new members or sponsors.

A motion was made by Judy Sorg and seconded by Roger Boom to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept them as printed in the newsletter. The motion passed.

Marilyn Patrick, Secretary, reported that membership renewal letters have been sent out. Scholarship donation letters have been sent to those folks who had contributed to the scholarship fund in the last year. There was no correspondence to be read.

Bob Degenhardt gave the financial report in place of Greg Staples who was not in attendance at the meeting. For details, see the report as printed in the newsletter. A motion was made by Steve Sorg and seconded by Gary Taylor to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed.

Roger Boom reported on the membership renewals received so far this year. He reported that 21 business sponsors had paid for 2016; 6 car clubs had renewed; and 38 members were paid for 2016.

Steve Sorg gave the Scholarship Committee report. At the last meeting the method of distributing the scholarship funds was changed. Any two-year student in the University system is eligible for our scholarships. Applications were sent to all two-year schools in the State. Eight applications were received – 3 from Helena College; 1 from Highlands College of Montana Tech; 1 from Miles City Community College; 2 from Flathead Valley Community College and 1 from City College in Billings. Three applicants were selected. They are Bruce Bradley from Highlands College, Jacob Gibby from Miles City Community College and Molly Whitewater-Stroup from Flathead Valley Community College.

Gary Taylor asked who was on the committee. Bob shared the names of the committee members. Steve reported that he consulted with Elizabeth Scholl and Bob on the scholarship recipients. Buck Copenhaver asked about the status on four-year students as they pertained to the scholarship program.

Bob talked about the meeting with representatives of the various financial air directors from the various schools. They were encouraged to focus on the two-year programs. Bob and Elizabeth will represent MSRA at a meeting in April, 2016 to present the MSRA scholarship program.

It was reported that \$1,000.00 from the Helena Valley Timing Association was in the mail and will be put in the scholarship fund. \$500.00 was hopefully expected from the Havre group. Steve

and Elizabeth said that in the next newsletter there will be letters, projects and interviews from the current scholarship winners.

Under old business the nominations for "Rodder of the Year" were reported to be Terry and Jerry Oksa and Gary Taylor. Bob Bradley made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Dwight Wade. The motion passed. Ballots were passed out to the voting members. Roger Boom and Marilyn Patrick counted the ballots. Terry and Jerry Oksa received the majority of the votes and are the recipients of the honor this year.

Election of officers was the next order of business. Nominations for officers are Elizabeth School for President, Roger Mudd for Vice-President, Judy Sorg for Secretary and Steve Sorg for Treasurer. Bob reported that Roger Mudd had declined the nomination. Nominations were opened up and Connie McCormick was nominated for Vice-President by Elizabeth School. Gary Taylor made a motion that the nominations be closed and that the vote be accepted by acclamation. Dwight Wade seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Under new business, Doug Strong made a motion to pay the bills of the association within the established 2016 budget. Bob Stredwick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next regular meeting of MSRA will be held in Butte in conjunction with the NSRA Appreciation Day and Safety Inspections. It will be held at Highlands College on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Tony Patrick will set this up with the Pioneer Street Rod Association hosting the event.

Under announcements, the 9th Annual Windbreaker Swap Meet will be on Saturday, March 5, 16 in Livingston, Montana at the fairgrounds. The Hi Line Cruzin' Association's car show will be June 10-12, 2016 in Havre and will feature a rock-a-billy theme.

The Livingston Wheels show will be on Main Street on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

Terry Oksa reported that the Yellowstone Rod Run will continue with a new group taking on the task of putting it on. There will be some changes but should be right on schedule with the dates being August 6-8, 2016. There could be a change of the date next year.

Elizabeth School announced that after lunch there would be a couple of shop tours. The first will be at Montana Hot Rods and then a quick drive to the Degenhardt shop. 12:30 is the scheduled time for Montana Hot Rods.

A motion to adjourn was made by Judy Sorg and seconded by Doug Strong. The motion passed.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Patrick

# Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2016 Livingston, MT

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Montana Street Rod Association February 6, 2016

The February 6, 2016 Board of Directors meeting of the Montana Street Rod Association was held in Livingston, Montana at the Public Library. The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Degenhardt at 9:30 AM.

Members present were Bob Degenhardt, Marilyn Patrick, Steve Sorg, Gary Taylor, Dwight Wade and Roger Boom. Absent were Greg Staples, Max Cederberg and Roger Mudd.

Bob distributed the Financial Report as of 12/31/16.

There was a discussion about giving out the scholarships at an earlier date, possibly right after the Fall meeting, in order that the checks would clear the bank before the year end.

There will be a meeting of the Financial Air Directors of the University System. It will be good for these folks to see the people involved in the MSRA Scholarship Program.

Bob asked if there were any questions regarding the financial statement. Gary Taylor made a motion to accept the financial statement as written. Dwight Wade seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There was a discussion regarding the drag plates. Should the organization keep them, along with the can koozies, or discontinue them. It was asked if any person, member or non-member of MSRA, could display one of the drag plates. The consensus was to sell the drag plates for \$25.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members.

Bob spoke regarding the purpose of this meeting and that it was to protect the members if there was an audit of the organization's financial records.

The meeting concluded at 9:45 AM.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Patrick  
Secretary, MSRA

*“Growing up as a kid one of the highlights of my summer was attending the many car shows throughout the Flathead Valley with my Father. I have always appreciated the level of dedication and craftsmanship displayed in the cars and trucks at the shows. These car shows were the key inspiration for me to begin the restoration of my grandfather’s 1966 Chevy C10 pickup, a pickup that has been in the family since it was new and passed down to me. At the current stage in the restoration I have reassembled the chassis after powder coating the frame. I have installed front drop spindles with disk brake conversion, converted to power steering, relocated the fuel tank to the rear frame, and replaced the rear suspension with bags. In attempt to keep the truck “somewhat” original, I decided to keep the original 283 and recently had the machine work done by Bradford’s Balance and Machine in Kalispell. Over the holiday break I plan on finishing the assembly of the motor with the help of a friend in trade for some welding work I completed on his ‘54 Ford Skyliner. With the completion of the motor, I will move onto the body work as time and money allows, but with the hopes of completing the project before this summer.” Kearney Holst, MSRA Rod and Custom Scholarship applicant, Flathead Valley Community College, Associate of Science Degree in Engineering.*

# MSRA Treasurer's Report as of 4/28/16

## Montana Street Rod Association

Treasurer's report

As of As of 4/28/2016

Cash in Bank: General fund: \$5696.09\* Scholarship Fund: \$5203.85\* Total: \$10,899.94

	General	Scholarship
<b>Income YTD:</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$ 459.00</b>
MEMBERSHIPS	\$275.00	
BUSINESS SPONSORS	\$500.00	
CAR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS	\$100.00	
LICENSE PLATES	\$25.00	
PATCHES	\$	
SCHOLARSHIP MERCHANDISE		
<b>Expense YTD</b>	<b>\$478.36</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
PRINTING		
POSTAGE	\$92.42	
PLAQUES	\$17.00	
EVENT WALLET CARDS	\$ -	
LICENSE PLATES	\$ -	
PATCHES	\$ -	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$368.94	
WEB SITE	\$ -	
ACCOUNTING	\$ -	
STATE REGISTRATION	\$ -	
TRANSFER TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND		

\*note: pending bank to bank transfer of \$459 received scholarship deposited to general fund to date

### Expense Transaction Detail:

CK#	Date	Pay To:	Expense	Amount
3075	2/05/16	Tony Patrick	Jan Newsletter postage	45.67
3076	2/26/16	Ryan's Trophies	2014 SRoY Plaque	17.00
3078	4/11/16	J. Sorg	toner for MSRA printer	323.97
3079	4/24/16	J. Sorg	envelopes, paper, stamps	91.72

*"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 to 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, Miles Community College, Automotive.*

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# NSRA

**APPRECIATION DAY  
&  
SAFETY INSPECTION  
MAY 7, 2016  
HIGHLANDS COLLEGE  
BUTTE, MONTANA  
10am TO 2pm**

Contact: Tony Patrick 494-6033  
Tom Taylor 490-2384  
MSRA Meeting @12pm

## Popular Automotive Math Formulas and Conversions

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

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)

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

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

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

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**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.

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

Shift transmission into either first, second or high gear with overdrive, depending on which gear ratio you want to find. Follow procedure for "Rear End Ratio" formula above.

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*“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 Stroupe, 2015 MSRA Rod and Custom Scholarship winner, Flathead Community College, AAS Accounting, Small Business Management, Business Administration.*

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# Speed Calculator

## Speed Potential Calculator for Ring Gear and Pinion Changes

This calculator is designed to give the potential speed values of a vehicle, based on the RPM of the engine, the ring gear and pinion gear ratio, the final transmission gear ratio and the tire diameter, ground to top of tire as mounted.

The default values are for a typical V8 small block Chevrolet vehicle, however you may enter any value you wish. The default values yield a highway cruise speed of about 65 MPH. The higher the RGP ratio, the lower the top end speed but faster acceleration and more pulling power. The same is true of the transmission final gear ratio. The higher the engine RPM, the greater the potential speed at the cost of fuel, heat, friction and engine longevity. Although there is a point of diminishing returns, the larger the tire diameter, the higher the potential speed.

Potential Speed Theory		
Speed Factors Required Data Entry		
Target Engine RPM	<input type="text" value="2500"/>	0000 RPM
Ring Gear And Pinion Ratio (3.08, 3.55, etc.)	<input type="text" value="3.08"/>	0.00
Transmission Final Gear Ratio (2.54, 1.43, 1.00, etc.)	<input type="text" value="1.00"/>	0.00
Tire Diameter (24.5, 26, 27.5, etc.)	<input type="text" value="27"/>	00.0 Inches
<input type="button" value="Reset Values"/>		
Calculated Results		
Calculated Potential Speed Your Ring Gear And Pinion	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MPH
Calculated Potential Speed For RGP Ratio Of 2.59	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MPH
Calculated Potential Speed For RGP Ratio Of 2.73	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MPH
Calculated Potential Speed For RGP Ratio Of 3.08	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MPH
Calculated Potential Speed For RGP Ratio Of 3.36	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MPH
Calculated Potential Speed For RGP Ratio Of 3.55	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MPH
Calculated Potential Speed For RGP Ratio Of 3.70	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MPH
Calculated Potential Speed For RGP Ratio Of 4.11	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MPH
Calculated Potential Speed For RGP Ratio Of 4.56	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MPH
Calculated Potential Speed For RGP Ratio Of 4.88	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MPH
Calculated Potential Speed For RGP Ratio Of 5.12	<input type="text" value="0"/>	MPH



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Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Registration: 9 am – 1 pm  
Show 'N Shine: 11 am – 2 pm  
Poker Run: 2 pm – 4 pm  
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\$50 per Couple (US FUNDS)  
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**NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 1 PM SATURDAY!  
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**PLEASE DO NOT ASK!**

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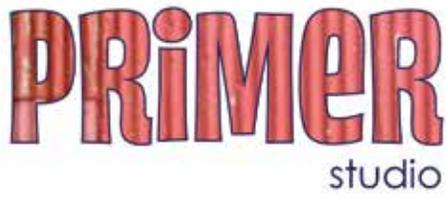
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- ❖ Your name will appear on the website as a club member.

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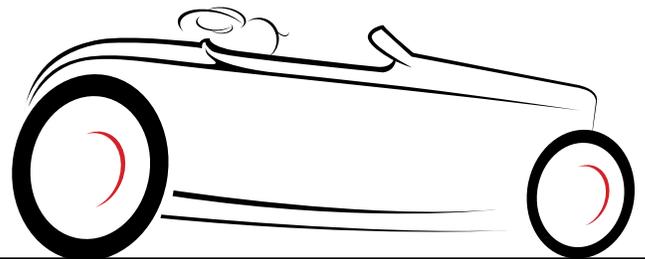
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