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### **The Prez Sez.....**

Fellow MSRA members and friends.

With the unusually warm and snowless weather we have had throughout most of Montana into early January, I imagine many of you have been driving your cars in months when they are usually put away for the winter. And others of you have been busily working on your cars in preparation for next summer.

Remember to support the MSRA business sponsors while working on and purchasing parts for your cars. These business sponsors have provided great support for the MSRA.

We have lots to talk about at the February meeting. I hope that you will be at the meeting and add to the conversation and the ideas that always surface when MSRA membership gets together. We need your thoughts and ideas as we move forward into 2012 and beyond.

See you on the road!  
Steve Sorg

### **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT:**

**The Homewood Suites by Hilton  
1023 Baxter Lane (S. Side of I-90)  
Buffalo Rooms A & B  
Bozeman, MT**

**SATURDAY, February 4, 2012 @ 10 am**

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## DETAILS OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Montana Street Rod Association is scheduled for Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> in Bozeman. The meeting will be held in the Buffalo Rooms A&B at the Homewood Suites by Hilton, Bozeman. The Homewood Suites are located at 1023 Baxter Lane, on the south side of Interstate 90.

We will meet in the Buffalo Rooms A&B at 10:00 am for a brief social time. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am. A buffet lunch will be served in the meeting rooms at 12:30. After lunch, there will be a tour of two MSRA business sponsors, General Distributing (welding) and Auto Body Specialties. Each will provide information and demonstrations that should be both interesting and useful. Thanks to Jake Gustavsen and Gordon Gollehon for opening their doors and spending time with us.

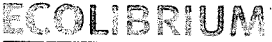
We need to get a count of the number who plan to eat the lunch right after the meeting, so please let Steve Sorg (406-582-7572) know if you are planning to have lunch or not.

Sleeping rooms are being held under the "group name" of Montana Street Rod Association at the Homewood Suites. If you plan to spend the night in Bozeman either before or after the meeting, please call 406-587-8180 and refer to the Montana Street Rod Association when making or inquiring about a reservation. The rate is \$89.00 per room per night exclusive of local taxes and fees. In order to get the quoted room rate,

reservations must be made by January 20, 2012.


The meeting agenda will include the election of officers and selection of the 2011 MSRA Rodder of the Year.


MSRA would like to thank the generosity of the Bozeman Hilton Homewood Suites for donating the conference facilities to the meeting and to offering a discount to our long distance members wishing to stay overnight.

  
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**Montana Street Rod Association  
Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2011 Livingston, MT**

Steve Sorg called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. at Best Western Yellowstone in Livingston, MT.

There were 12 people in attendance, and one guest.

The reading of the minutes from the previous meeting was dispensed with as a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Elizabeth Scholl gave the Treasurer's report. She reported that MSRA has run a balanced budget in 2011. As of September 10, membership stood at:

- Individuals & Families—68 compared to 53 last year
- Business Sponsorships—35 compared to 23 last year
- Car Clubs—7 compared to 4 last year

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.

A motion was made by Bob Bradley and seconded by Bob Degenhardt to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

Steve Sorg reported that the MSRA awards at member car club shows has been accepted by the Yellowstone Rod Run, Headwaters Car Club show, Livingston Wheels car show, and the Hi-Line Cruz'n' Association show. Steve will talk with Ryan's trophies about the plaques that will be given out.

**New Business**

Steve Sorg presented a proposal for the 2012 budget. After discussion, Bob Degenhardt made a motion, seconded by Bob Bradley, to accept the budget as proposed with the addition of cost of awards plaques at approximately \$14 each. Motion passed.

There was an update on moving the Newsletter to the MSRA website with plans to begin with the next newsletter (January 2012). Members without email will continue to receive the newsletter through the US Mail. All others will receive an email notification when the newsletter is available on the MSRA website.

The floor was opened for nominations for the February 2012 election. The following nominations were made:

2011 Rodder of the Year:

- 1) Larry and Loy Hart
- 2) Bob Basso
- 3) Bob and Fran Bradley

President: Steve Sorg  
Vice President: Bob Degenhardt  
Secretary: Ennie Stredwick  
Treasurer: Elizabeth Scholl

The elections will take place at the February meeting with those current MSRA members in attendance eligible to vote. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the February meeting prior to the votes.

A motion was made by Larry Hart and seconded by Bob Bradley to increase the MSRA dues as follows:

- Individual and family from \$15 to \$25 for one year, \$45 for two years, and \$60 for three years
- Business sponsors from \$35 to \$50 per year
- Clubs from \$25 to \$35 per year

This motion will receive further discussion and will be brought up for a vote at the February meeting.

The next meeting will be February 4, 2012 in Bozeman at the Hilton Homewood Suites hotel.

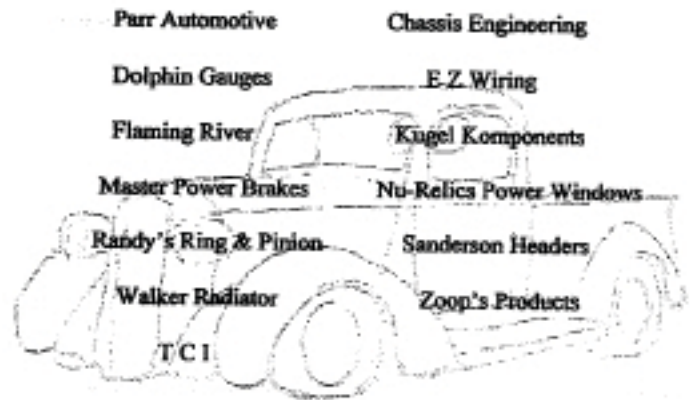
Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Those nominated must have been a Montana Street Rod Association member during the last year.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a current MSRA member, nominate  
\_\_\_\_\_, a Montana Street Rod Association  
member for MSRA Rodder of the Year.

Please provide a brief statement about your nominee:

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Please mail this completed form to:

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## Getting a Single Front License Plate....My Experience

By Barry Farve

Montana law requires both a front and rear license plate on vehicles. But like many car people, I wanted only one tag on my '56 Chevy. There is an exception to the law for those of us who wish to not have a front license plate on our custom, collector vehicle, or street rod. While the MSRA had worked to get this 'exception' law passed some years ago, not all county license plate offices apply it the same way (or as MSRA had expected it to be). After more than a little time and more than one trip to my local tag office, here is what I found to be successful in getting a single tag approved for my car.

First, I got a form MV121 from my local tag office. The form is also available on the Montana Department of Justice website <http://doj.mt.gov/driving/forms/>. I filled it out...in only seconds! If your vehicle meets the criteria on the form and you check the "not general transportation" box, you should qualify to get approval for the single tag. This is important, because the form says:

**Not general transportation:** The operation of a motor vehicle to or from a car club activity, event, exhibit, show, cruise night, parade or other occasional transportation activity. It does not include operation of the vehicle for routine or ordinary household maintenance, employment, education or other similar purposes. If certifying that this vehicle is not used for general transportation purposes, you are entitled to display only one

license plate, on the rear exterior of the vehicle, upon submission of this form and an additional \$10 fee to your county treasurer's office.

I was required pay a \$20 fee, even though it says \$10 above. I was given a receipt with the vehicle information and an updated registration stating 'single plate,' as well as a new year sticker for the rear plate. I plan to keep the receipt with me in my car with my registration, just in case I am pulled over by an officer for having only one tag on the car. The receipt should show the officer that I am legal!

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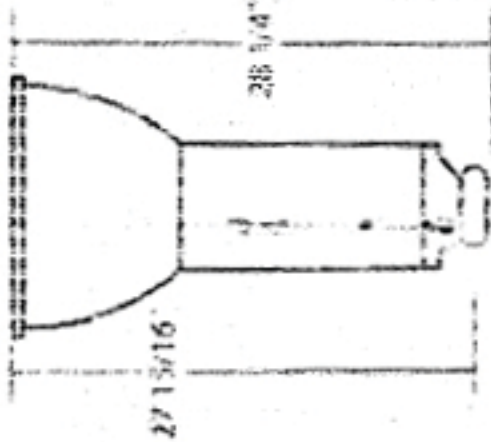
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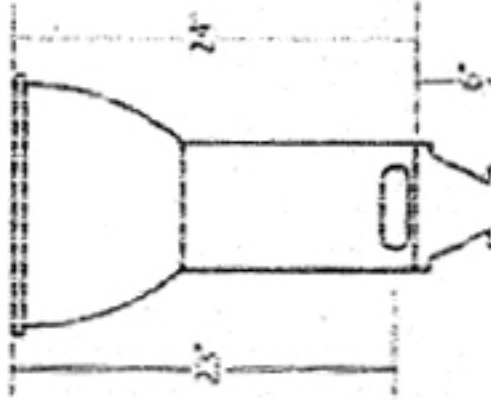
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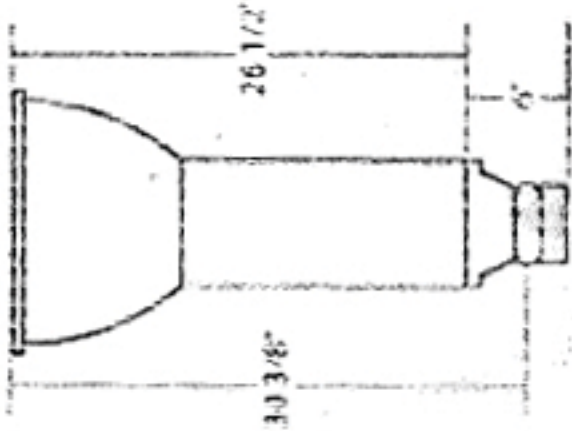
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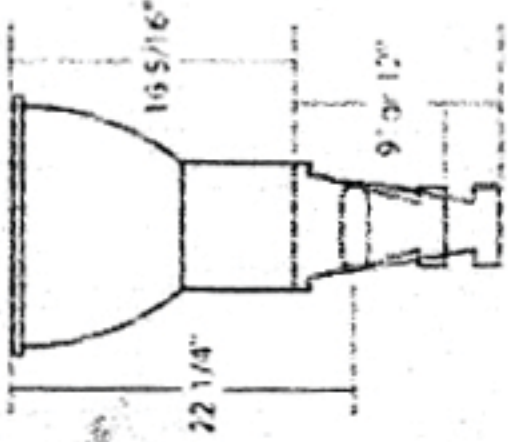
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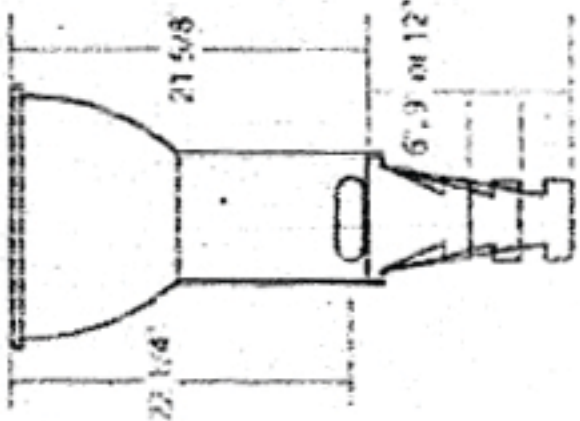
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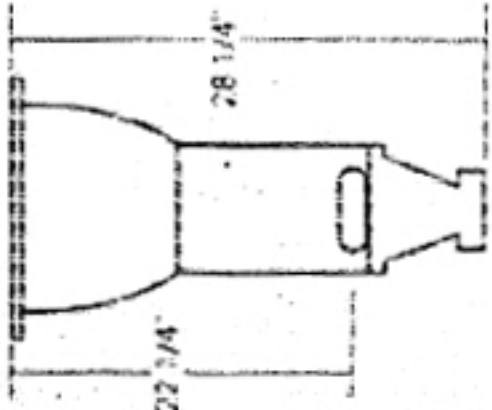
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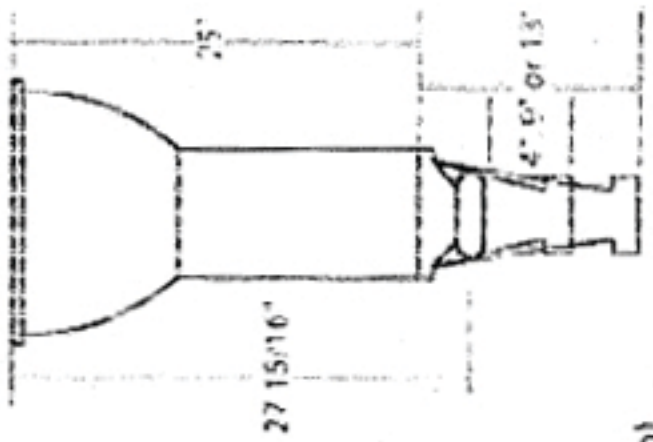
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**2011 NOMINATIONS FOR STREET  
RODDER OF THE YEAR ARE STILL  
BEING ACCEPTED!**

Please use the nomination form in this newsletter to send in your nomination. The person of your choice must be an active member of MSRA.

Also on the nomination form, please give the reason/reasons why you are nominating this person as the 2011 Street Rodder of the Year.

Mail your ballot back to the address on the nomination form or bring it with you to the meeting.

**2011 STREET RODDER OF THE YEAR  
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MEETING.**

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## Safety Tip for the Ladies

Is it a mirror or a 2-Way Glass?

How can you tell when you are in a room, restroom, motel etc. that a mirror is a mirror or a 2-way glass? Here's how: I thought it was quite interesting! And I know in about 30 seconds you're going to do what I did and find the nearest mirror.

This comes from a police woman who travels all over the US and gives seminars and techniques for businesswomen.

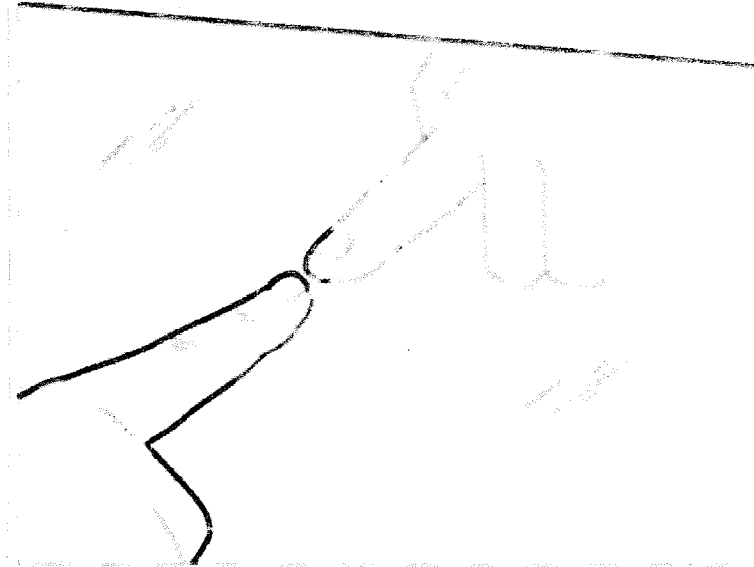
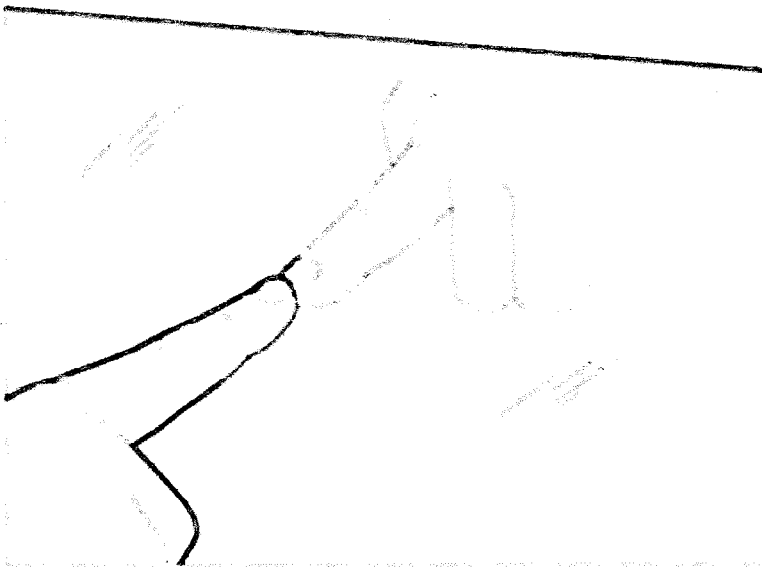
How many of you know for sure that the seemingly ordinary mirror hanging on the wall is a real mirror, or actually a 2-way mirror (i.e.,

they can see you, but you can't see them)? It is very difficult to positively identify the surface by looking at it.

**Two Way Glass Image Mirror Image:** Just conduct this simple test: Place the tip of your fingernail against the reflective surface and if there is a GAP between your fingernail and the image of the nail, then it is GENUINE mirror. However, if your fingernail DIRECTLY TOUCHES the image of your nail, then BEWARE! IT IS A 2-WAY MIRROR!

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## **PAINTLESS DENT REMOVAL**

by Cooper Miller

Thanks to advanced techniques and the availability of new tools designed to offer precision results, many garages now offer a service called paintless dent removal.

Unlike traditional panel beating, paintless dent removal is achieved without damaging the existing paint on the metal, and can offer excellent results at a fraction of the cost of other methods of dent removal.

The secret behind paintless dent repair is that rather than being an aggressive method of straightening out dents in the metal, it is a gradual process more akin to a massage than a piece of traditional metal work.

A panel beater will remove the panel from your car and then use a mallet and a former to bash out any defects. This will involve beating both sides of the metal in order to get it back into its exact original shape. The percussive damage of repeated blows from a mallet will inevitably do damage to the inflexible paint that covers the metal, causing it to chip and flake in the area where the metal has been beaten. This means that the panel will need to be stripped back and then completely repainted, which adds significantly to the cost of the repair. The results of panel beating are generally excellent, and can leave a car looking as good as new.

Like panel beating, paintless dent repair is a highly skilled procedure, and to get the best results it takes a great deal of patience, plenty of experience, and of course the right tools. The actual method of removing dents does not require the removal of the panel from the car, or indeed removal of any trim to

allow access to the rear of the metal in order to push out the dent from behind.

The actual technique used for paintless dent removal will vary slightly depending on whereabouts on the car the repair is being carried out, but the essential method remains the same. Basically, the repair man will use special tools on the reverse of the panel to straighten out any dents. This is done by gradually pushing the metal back into place in small sections. It is a slow process, but it can have excellent results when carried out properly. Because the work is done in situ, and the paint is not damaged by the hammering, and all the work is carried out on the rear of the panel, the job is usually carried out on a single day, because no paint needs to dry once the job is done.

Specific paintless dent removal tools are required in order to carry out the work properly. A full set of tools will allow a skilled operator to carry out a repair on any panel on the car. The paintless dent removal tools are designed to offer access into panels from small gaps such as the window slot in the top of a door. They are typically long and flat, in order to slide into place, and very rigid to allow pressure to be applied to the metal without deforming the tool.

The operator will slide the long flat tool into the gap behind the panel and then expertly guide it to the dent. The next stage of the process is to gradually press the metal back into place from behind, slowly massaging the metal into its original shape a little at a time in order to minimize the shock to the panel, and to eliminate any possible damage to the paintwork on the other side of the panel.

The repair will gradually restore the panel to its original shape, and will deliver results almost as good as traditional panel beating, although at a much lower cost, thanks to the fact that no repainting will be needed at the end of the job to repair the damage that is

caused when the panel is being straightened out.

For small dents and minor damage to the panels of any car, painless dent removal is a highly recommended alternative to conventional methods, and thanks to its lower cost, and quick completion it offers excellent value and convenience when carried out by an expert who can provide you with the best results thanks to his extensive experience and training.

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## TOP 10 CAR MAINTENANCE MISTAKES

By Tom Wilson

Shrewdly following the maintenance schedule provided in your car's owner's manual can prevent lengthy or more expensive visits to the service shop.

Compared to the family trucksters of a generation ago, modern cars require about as much maintenance as a toaster. This is a real liberation from the oil, lube and tune merry-go-round that ruled not so long ago.

Curiously, many people haven't adjusted their thinking to keep pace with new car maintenance schedules. The preoccupied still run their daily drivers without service until the dash warning lights burn out, while over-achievers fret about running synthetic oil more than 2,500 miles without a change.

Although maintenance intervals are now more widely spaced, even the newest cars require scheduled service to live long, productive lives. Whether yours is the latest model or you paid it off years ago, the trick is giving your car the maintenance it was designed to receive.

Surprisingly, the answer to what maintenance is required is hiding no farther away than the glove box. Every car is supplied with a maintenance schedule — in the owner's manual or in a separate maintenance log book — that details that vehicle's needs. A few minutes assimilating these requirements will help you avoid the following common car-maintenance pitfalls.

### Proper Tire Inflation and Rotation

Tires leak naturally and need the occasional

check. Figuratively speaking, underinflated tires suck up gasoline. Under- or overinflated tires wear out sooner, and deliver the same emergency maneuver handling as marshmallows. You probably aren't going to check tire pressures monthly, but how about twice a year?

Furthermore, front and rear tires wear differently and should be rotated to even that wear. Your owner's manual will have a recommendation on both pressure and rotation periods.

What other car maintenance mistakes should be added to this list?

### Wiper Tales

Here's a news flash: It's much easier to avoid hitting things you can see. Simple as it is, that's the concept behind replacing your windshield wipers before they fossilize into noisy uselessness.

Fall is the ideal wiper replacement time: after the blade-baking summer and before the fall and winter nastiness. Depending on location, wiper replacement may be an annual affair in the Southwest to a biannual chore in northern climes.

### Tune-Up Anachronism

There are no more "tune-ups." Valves no longer need adjusting, ignition timing is computer controlled and there are no carburetors to fiddle with. About all that's left of the old tune-up drill are the spark plugs. These are often good for 100,000 miles, so don't change parts just to change parts. Instead, save up for those big 60,000- and 120,000-mile services when the timing

belt, spark plug wires and coolant are due for replacement.

### **Octane Overdose**

"If some is good, more is better" thinking does not apply to octane. Here the rule is to supply whatever octane the engine is rated for and call it done. Higher-than-required octane does not yield more power or mileage, only oil company profits.

Some engines are rated for premium 91 octane fuel but can burn 87 octane regular, thanks to the magic of knock sensors. In that case, run regular gas if puttering around surface streets, and premium fuel if full-throttle driving is part of your daily repertoire.

### **Oil Change Timing**

Oil changes every 3,000 miles used to be required jobs, just like cleaning the accumulated fuzz from record player needles or defrosting freezers. Today, advances in engine design and lubricants make oil changes something to be done when the schedule calls for it, not when granddad says it's time. Some cars call for 5,000-mile change intervals, some up to 15,000-mile stints. Others have a variable timer. Follow the schedule and use the oil called for by the manufacturer.

### **Tired Tires**

Tires wear out, but they also time out. The tire industry says tires are toast after five years, but they're selling tires. It all depends on heat, sunlight and ozone conditions. There's little argument from any pundits that after seven years those black donuts are dried and better off holding down a farmer's tarp than carrying your family

around. If you're not sure how old your tires are, a tire shop can read the date code stamped into the sidewall.

### **Dirty Air Filter**

Semi-clogged air filters hurt fuel economy for the same reason you don't like to run with a potato in your mouth. The question is, when is your filter dirty? Under a Norman Rockwell schedule of small-town errand running and church duty, an air filter might not see much grit. But grimy city surface streets or just looking at a dirt road on a map are often enough to overwhelm air filters. This one is about conditions. If you go near dirt, the air filter may need changing twice as often as the schedule calls for.

### What other car maintenance mistakes should be added to this list?

#### **Ignoring Your Brakes**

Note to the Wandering Unconscious: If you notice anything different about your brakes — sound, feel or response — they are telling you to visit a mechanic. Now.

#### **Tighten Your Gas Cap**

Is the Check Engine light on? Then make sure the gas cap is on tightly before calling the dealer. No joke, this is one of the most common ways of setting off your car's diagnostic system, since a loose gas cap defeats the fuel system's venting arrangement.

#### **The Garage Is for Parking**

Let's review. Your house is your most valuable investment. Your car is likely your second most valuable investment. If you're

paying all that money, then why are you storing empty cardboard boxes, broken skateboards and plastic holiday wreaths in the garage? Pitch that junk and get the car in the garage!



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- After applying body filler on a large panel and you find after you sand it there is a number of spots that need to be refilled. It is best to refill the whole panel again. If you just fill the spots in question you will find when sanding you end up with waves in your work. This is because you are cutting the filler you did not fill. This may seem like a lot of work but it will pay off in the long run.
- To find a electrical short, put a circuit tester in series with the + battery cable. If there is a drain on the battery the tester will burn. Pop out fuses and disconnect circuits, when the tester goes out, you've found your short.
- To R/R flywheel ring gear - knock loose any welds holding ring gear to flywheel - start BBQ; set flywheel next to burger and cook. Flip burger and flywheel; knock loose ring gear, re fit ring gear - let cool while eating.
- *When you break the head off of a small screw or bolt take your mig welder and build up a weld high enough to get vice grips on. This has worked quite a few times taking door screws and hinge bolts out, especially when you strip a phillips head out, the heat even helps loosen it up.*
- One of the better ones I was shown was on an old tractor that had sat outdoors for some time. It had really poor spark and only had a magneto on it. The guy took out a pencil and started scratching the surface of the points, plugs, and the ends of the plug wires where they went into the cap and I think also on the plugs themselves too if I remember right. He said the graphite (pencil lead) created a larger longer spark when you tried to start it. After doing what he did and me cranking just a little it fired right up.
- When cutting holes for seat mounting bolts and seat belt holes in new carpet, I use a soldering iron and go under the car, burn a hole in the carpet from underneath. Run the soldering iron around the circumference of the hole and it melts the carpet and seals the fibers so that they don't pull and run when installing bolts.
- Use alcohol when tapping aluminum, and no, not the kind you drink, just regular rubbing or denatured alcohol. I know a lot of you use alcohol whenever you're working on your car. It keeps the piece cool and cleans the threads of both the tap and die. It also helps when cutting aluminum with a hack saw. It has the benefit of not making an oily mess, it just evaporates. You have to take care as with any other flammable liquid.

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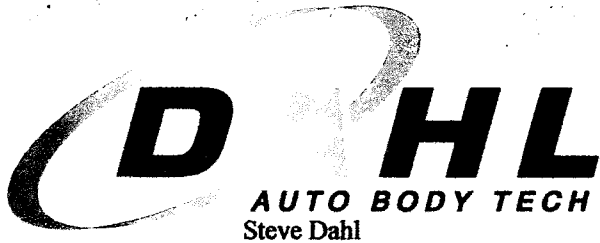
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- That **WYOMING** was the first state to allow women to vote. (Whoo Hoo!)
- That the ice cream sundae was invented in **WISCONSIN** in 1881 to get around Blue Laws prohibiting ice cream from being sold on Sundays.
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## **The New MSRA Scholarship Merchandise Program; Road Map for Future Scholarship Funding**

Early last spring the MSRA executive committee met to discuss and develop a strategy to create a sustainable fundraising program to ensure long term funds availability for MSRA scholarships for Montana kids at 6 of our state Technical Schools. Currently we are able to fund, from membership and business sponsor dues, two, \$500 scholarships that we rotate from school to school each year. In this tough economy we know our kids need our help. Finding a way to accomplish that, and build on our hobby while benefiting our kids, was at the core of that discussion.

We met with membership, at car shows, by phone and at our regular meetings to gain input and feedback to ideas. Thus the Scholarship Merchandise Fundraising Program was born. As discussed in the annual membership letter this year, a voluntary donation to the program helped to set the baseline budget necessary to start the program without risk to the regular budget, and without risk of carrying inventory to the organization. With a resounding response and sincere generosity we are pleased to announce that over \$1,600 has since been voluntarily donated by 13 business sponsors and 9 family/Individual members! The net proceeds of the sale of merchandise will now go to fund and grow the Scholarship Merchandise Program. Ecolibrium, Inc. has agreed to manage this program free of charge for two years when at that time it can be self-sustaining and easily run by volunteers.

We could not have done this alone. BRICKHOUSE Creative, based in Bozeman, donated their firm's time and talent to design a

"look" and a "tagline" that would capture attention and desire to buy MSRA merchandise! Their team met with MSRA President Steve Sorg and Treasurer Elizabeth Scholl to better understand the goals of the scholarship program and the culture that is MSRA and street rodding in Montana. Their team provided us with the following "look" for 2012-2013. This first graphic and tagline was first launched and tested on magnets attached to the sides of the doors of the MSRA participating street rods in last summer's parades (see the article *MSRA on Parade!* in this edition). They were very well received. This is the first of what will be annual "looks" so that we have a new take on our culture every year, and fun and new merchandise items. BRICKHOUSE Creative brought in Rancho Deluxe Promotions to get us the best merchandise products for our market at the best price. We are launching this program with our first purchase of a collapsible can cooler! This will be made available at the meeting February 4<sup>th</sup> and will be available at various car shows (as we are invited to do so) throughout Montana and by members of the executive committee for purchase. More product (hats, t-shirts key chains, etc.) will be made available as success and interest warrants.

So join us in celebrating our hobby and our Montana Street Rodding Culture, and in support of scholarships for Montana kids – buy a can koozie for those you know and love! *They are only 4 bucks!*

As always, questions, thoughts or ideas are most welcome. Contact MSRA President Steve Sorg ([Sorg1932@gmail.com](mailto:Sorg1932@gmail.com)) or Treasurer Elizabeth Scholl ([escholl@ecolibrium.com](mailto:escholl@ecolibrium.com)).

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**"J.T." STREET, MONTANA TECH STUDENT,  
WINS \$500 MSRA SCHOLARSHIP!**

A young Montana man from Helena, "J.T." Street, was honored this week by being chosen the winner of a \$500 MSRA Scholarship slated to help him finish his final semester at Montana Tech in Butte. Earning an Associate's Degree in Welding and Machining he is slated to graduate in May. "I truly cannot express how grateful I am for being selected", J.T. wrote in a thank you letter to MSRA President Steve Sorg. "Thank you so much for this award".

J.T. grew up in Helena Montana, with a passion for sports and started wrestling at age 5. His family supported him in wrestling and he often visited his uncle in Butte, John Street (now retired) who was a well-known wrestling coach and offered a strong role model for J.T. He played in all kinds of sports growing up, enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and hunting and working on cars and trucks with his cousin. He graduated from Helena High School in 2010 and moved to Butte, living with his Grandparents Lois and Al Street. He was happy to have "room, board and laundry" and to be with his family while he started at Montana Tech in Welding Engineering. Not long after he moved in Grandfather Al Street passed away. He stayed in school with the ongoing loving support of his grandmother and his family.

J.T. soon realized that his interest was not in just designing and handing those designs off to others to build, but in doing it from beginning to end himself. "I am more of a hands-on guy" he said. "Already we have mastered a welding certification in MIG, TIG and SMAW and are designing and making all kinds of products,

from wrenches to cribbage boards for practice. But what I really like is CNC."

"Now with the basics down we can build what we want to, applying more technical experience to a more technical project. I am going to build a go kart from scratch. A friend has an old Artic Cat 700 I can use as the engine. This semester I will start on that". J.T. really likes his fellow classmates who "help each other out" and admires his teachers. "I really like my teachers, they are more like a friend, they joke around with students and help them with things, it's not high tension, it's easy going and fun!"

J.T. has just started in motocross, last summer competing in Helena and Bozeman where in his first competition he came in 4th best overall. He is considering continuing school, perhaps in his grandfather's footsteps as a Park Ranger where he can continue to enjoy the outdoors. But for now he is content with his passion to learn welding and machining and finding work in that field and staying near family in Montana. "I would really like to do something with CNC, I really enjoy CNC."

Meet J.T and join other MSRA members at the February 4<sup>th</sup> MSRA Membership Meeting at the Hilton Homewood Suites, Bozeman at 10:30 AM, followed by a shop tour and welding demonstration (see the notice on meeting details in this newsletter).

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## MSRA on Parade!

What could be more fun than a car show? A Parade!

Montana Street Road Association Members participated in three parades last summer to raise awareness about MSRA. More than 20 members showed up to the Bozeman Memorial Day Parade, the Livingston Round-Up Parade and the Ennis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. The parades were a collaboration between MSRA and the Mount Hyalite Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Year of community service to Sweetgrass, Park, Gallatin and Madison Counties. Mount Hyalite DAR and MSRA members share a mission to support education through scholarships for Montana youth. Both groups carried signs with the name and web site address to ensure that people knew how to get in touch.

"It was great fun" said Steve Sorg, President of MSRA, "We enjoyed driving the ladies and sharing in our efforts to raise awareness about our non- profits in our local communities". "I never had so much fun!" exclaimed DAR member Iverna Lincoln Huntsman." DAR member Marj David chimed in "to imagine that we share the same mission and are seemingly such different people, I never expected to have made so many new friends!" And that they did. "We both share a commitment toward ensuring that Montana kids get a solid footing in education to have the choice to stay in Montana and earn a living wage" said Bob Degenhardt. "It's a compelling message and effort and we at Mount Hyalite DAR have been working on that for over 100 years. We are so pleased to have new friends who are seeking to work together to make sure we can raise enough scholarship money to make a difference

for our kids for the next 100 years" said Elizabeth Scholl, Treasurer for MSRA and Regent for the Mount Hyalite DAR.

Jeff Conger, Jeffery Conger Studio, was kind enough to volunteer to document the collaboration with a photo shoot prior to the Livingston Round-Up Parade in Sacagawea Park. Everyone gathered for a photo shoot of cars, MSRA members, Mount Hyalite DAR members and families. A celebratory picnic followed recognizing two Livingston DAR members, Annabelle Anderson and Carol Hunter Woodley as Co-Grand Marshalls of the Livingston Round-Up Parade. It was estimated that more than 4,000 people watched that parade and with all parades more than 15,000 people saw MSRA and DAR out in our SW Montana communities. "That kind of awareness you can't buy" remarked Dwight Wade, "We can't possibly keep our hobby alive and well or raise scholarship funds for our Montana kids without people knowing we are here and joining in our efforts. The parades went a long way to let people know we are here, we are having fun and we want others to join us".



Parades in 2012 will again include the Bozeman Memorial Parade, the Livingston Round-Up and the Ennis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades. Please join us! Or participate in a parade in your community, contact MSRA President Steve Sorg at [Sorg1932@gmail.com](mailto:Sorg1932@gmail.com) to involve other local MSRA members and contact your one of the 11 Montana DAR Chapter's by contacting MSRA Treasurer Elizabeth Scholl at [escholl@ecolilibrium.com](mailto:escholl@ecolilibrium.com) for more information! Help us keep up the momentum to raise awareness across the state in 2012!

**A REALLY BIG SHOUT OUT "THANK YOU" TO ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE RENEWED YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIP. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET DONE SO, PLEASE DO!**

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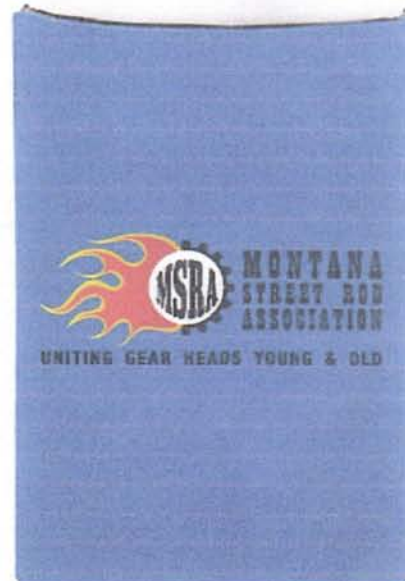
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