

MLCCC meetings minutes for March 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President LaDell Yada at 7:00 PM,
The pledge of allegiance was recited by club members.

February minutes were corrected to reflect that Harold Craig is an honorary member.
Motion made by Darin, passed by membership.

LaDell announced new member Bryan Whaley.

A thank you from BBCC Leanne Parton was read. The following club members were recognized. Juanita Ottmar's progress, Mary Mayo was not well that night, Chuck Page is recovering from knee surgery and that John Slovick would return to help with the car show, Crooks had an excused absence to celebrate their anniversary!

Paul was recognized for his door prizes from the previous meeting and Nancy for sending Bob Burress (of Bobs Café) a birthday card on behalf of the club.

Webmaster report was given by Paul. He has been updating car show information.

Treasures' report by Bob Kent explained and approved.

Car show committee report by Norm Benson, thanked Amy and Darin for the BBQ

Under old business Bob Munn reminded everyone about the car show in Bend Oregon this August.

New business was covered by Amy and Darin explaining the cars now available in Ritzville.

President's comments included, recognizing several birthdays and anniversaries. He also announced that the next car show meeting would be held at Beeline on May 9.

Drawing winners were Bernie Yada \$31 for the 50-50, Sandy Harris won the Agri Fix hat and the \$20 gift certificate to Bob's. Mitch Halgren won the Car of The Month.

31 club members were in attendance.

Thanks went to Vickie and Tim for the table treats with the St Paddy's theme.

Next month's table favors will be by Lorraine and David Church. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM (or so!)

Next meeting will be held April 14 at Bob's, meet and eat at 6:00 PM with meeting to begin at 7:00) PM
Meeting minutes were recorded by Bernie Yada.

Car of the Month

March 2016 Car of the Month



Mitch & Collen Halgren's 1955 Pontiac Chieftain

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This '55 Pontiac Chieftain was originally sold in Odessa in early 1956.

Rumored to be basking under evergreen trees in Granite Falls in 2008 I bought it for parts (it didn't look like this then) for my '55 station wagon, intending to save what I might use and scrap the rest.

It's secret?

From the radiator to the differential it is my late Grandfather's (an old car nut....) 1978 Chevrolet Caprice with the wheelbase stretched 6" and a LOT of traded/swapped/stolen, er, acquired/pieces that some of my buddies didn't want/weren't using/wanted to dump added. This was no slight undertaking and I won't take credit for the labors of many.

Let's just say that on Thursday nights in the hamlet known as Clearview, a bunch of off the wall

gearheads tend to go, well...a little nuts.

The purpose was to build an inexpensive cruiser the old fashioned way - out of what was available.

The only original glass is the rear window, making the most expensive investments for me the glass, the paint purchase, and tires.

Everything that could be used from the Caprice was salvaged (unfortunately a couple major air conditioning parts passed away during construction) and varied contributions are included from Chrysler, Ford, GM (of course) and a host of garage sale "prizes" and the insanity between my ears.

While it isn't "done" yet (they rarely are), its nickname has gone from Cheviac to Pontialet and onto Frankencar.

Despite its faux Parisienne (a Canadian Pontiac with Chevrolet drive-train) presence misleading people with a Fairlanesque appearance, I'm considering just referring to it as a "Cuban Pontiac" with bipolar tendencies.