



# NEWSLETTER 175

## March 2007



### Is Winter Finally Over?

#### DEBRIEFING

March meeting. 12 members were present and we welcome back Paul Heise from his posting to Turkey.

President Helps presented a brochure that could be used as a handout or mailed to selected organizations as a means of introduction for the club. It was a three-fold pamphlet done up in colour. This would be an expensive handout to print, we could do a bulk in black and white, using the empty panel for members to put in personal info.

Correspondence circulated from Ed James and Western Command.

Convoy Magazine is still not known to all members and its relationship to PC was discussed.

NAAACCC and MAAC membership was paid up for the year (\$181 for both). Outstanding is the renewal of the Incorporation for the year and event insurance.

Replica vehicles came up for discussion again. Reference was made to another organization's rules for judging vehicle restoration, but these are predicated on categories pertaining to "vintage, classic" etc. and don't suit our vehicle types (hey, we do concept vehicles! If you haven't heard it before, old man Ferrari referred to the Jeep as "Americas true sports car"!). Still some tails to chase here...the application of Robertson screw types as fasteners gets harsh language from some (mostly them what uses them!).

Possible club events were discussed. Donations will be sent shortly to the Museums as discussed in January.

#### NEXT MEETING

At Rob Fast's shop in Steinbach. This meeting will be on Sunday April 1 (no fooling!) at 13:00 hours local time. Thanks to Rob for hosting us one more time again, we in our considerate way need to take advantage of his hours before the golf season gets under way. We do note that geese have been seen locally and there are (or are going to be) green scenes everywhere! About one mile south of Gord Falks on Hespeler you should turn left and shortly you will see evidence of CMP's and such... you're almost there! Watch for a PC flag at the corner. Rob also advises that while he would be happy to have you visit he equally wants you to be able to go home, so he strongly suggested that visitors stay to the centre of the road as the edges will be soft.

#### EVENTS

➤ Keep the Show'n'Shine part of the Mb Classic and Antique Car Club in mind. This is May 13 and is known as the Red River Valley Swap Meet at the Red River Ex grounds.

➤ The Portage Airshow folks were unable to see a way to have us participate this year. Our suspicion is that this will be the way things will be as long as the show is in Portage.

➤ We're trying to determine when the Steinbach Car Show is in June, the MAAC calender isn't out yet.

➤ We have been asked again to provide a display for the Prairie Dog

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Railroads tribute on Armed Forces Day, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Last year we had half-a-dozen vehicles turn out, good time had by all. If you can provide a vehicle, give Don Trueman a call at 832-2857. There may be other events on this day too, we're looking about as the PDR is done with us when the train pulls out...

Keep an eye on the Prairie Command web site for an updated calendar of up-coming events.

## TECH-TIPS

With Spring just around the corner now would be a good idea to review the maintenance lubrication schedule for your particular vehicle. If you have not run it at all over the winter putting batteries on trickle charge is a good plan as well.

## DISPATCHES

Included with this newsletter is the new PC membership list. Don't lose it! We try and get this out every year and with the time lines laid out in last month's meeting it should be do-able every March.

Additionally it would be good to get some handle on members vehicle inventories (photo' would be nice) to help each other in parts searches etc. We'll work on this...

Bill Spences' engine running on all 6 with good oil pressure. With this milestone passed, Bill now starts putting some flesh on the CMP bones. His other CMP chassis and engine (bowtie 6) may come up for sale as a unit.

It was a year ago we lost Al Sayak. Al had established himself around the country as a source of jeep parts and advice and there was a community that referred to him as Mr Jeep. It's still a shock to have lost him, always a cheerful participant and innovative participant. Kiddies loved his riding jeep. So did their parents! A lot of film used too...

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As noted earlier in the newsletter we have once again been invited to attend the Prairie Dog Railroad's event in June 3<sup>rd</sup>. I spoke with Murray Brown at PDR who said that this is their second year in a row and they believe it is a viable event to do every year. As the date is always a Sunday in June I think we should simply block this weekend every year as a regular PC event. Murray indicated that they will include us in their advertising announcements and that PDR is looking forward to a long partnership in future. Timings for the event are for us to be in place by 1000 hrs with passengers arriving from then until the train leaves at 1100 hrs. As noted Don is checking to see if there are any other events we could attend

in the afternoon, or perhaps we should just do a road move around town.



**Last Year's PDR display**

We have renewed our membership in the NAAACCC (OK I'll freely admit I have no idea what the stuttering combination of two consonants and a vowel means) however I do know that they are a national lobby group that works to ensure that emerging Government regulations on air quality for older vehicles does not penalize collectors, who frankly are a tiny minority with respect to air emissions. I think it is good bang for the buck or two we spend and will make sure we do not become easy political targets with our older vehicles. Perhaps if we simply change our definition to "Heritage Vehicles" we could actually get federal funding! ... Or not.

That's all for this month. Hope you can get out to Rob Fast's place on the 1st. Not much in the way of club business to discuss, but we can admire Rob's over winter work on his "hanger". See you there.



**Last Time we were at Rob's**