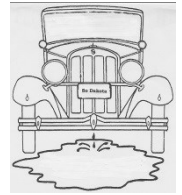


The NEWSLEAK

Gold Dust Chapter *Est 1984*

Vintage Motor Car Club of America

Mountain & Plains Region—Western South Dakota



April 2024

ABOUT OUR CLUB



"The mission of the **Vintage Motor Car Club of America** (*established in 1938*) is to promote touring and enjoyment of vintage vehicles through the acquisition, preservation, restoration and exhibition of all vintage and historically significant vehicles and associated materials." www.vmccla.org

Interested in becoming a member of the **Gold Dust Chapter** of the VMCCA? Please feel free to contact one of the Club Officers (*see bottom of pg 2*) for more information or complete the New Member Application and Proof of Insurance found at the back of this newsletter and return to the Club Secretary. We would love to have you join!

Celebrating Gold Dust 40TH Anniversary!



UPCOMING MAY TOUR

Day: Saturday

Date: **May 18, 2024**

Time: **10:30am**

Hosts: Randy & Jan Skott

Meet: Visitor's Center at Custer State Park

Tour: From the Visitor's Center, we will drive the Wildlife Loop and tour the new Buffalo Center at the corrals. Then to Hot Springs for lunch.

Lunch: Jalapeño Grill (formerly Woollys)

RSVP: By May 13th to: 605-380-5061
5xgrannyjanny@gmail.com



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From The Dashboard

MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB PRESIDENT

Greetings!

We had a great 40th Anniversary celebration on April 13, 2024, at the Holiday Inn in Rapid City! We had 39 (out of 54) members present, plus 2 guests. Allen Trask gave a prayer of thanks and remembrance before we had our delicious meal.

While we visited and dined, we enjoyed an ongoing slideshow of numerous pictures from over the years—a big thank you to Joan Lemer, Judy Johnson, and former member, Butch Kruse, for putting that together. It was certainly a day of remembering our fun tours, great cars, and ongoing friendships. Check out the wonderful article and photos from the Rapid City Journal (attached to this Newsleak)—thank you Tanya Manus!

We were delighted that Sandy Carlson & Shirley Reed from the Mountains & Plains Region VMCCA traveled to South Dakota to join us in celebrating. Sandy gave congratulatory remarks on behalf of the Region and greetings from the Regional Director, Randy Carlson (her husband) who was unable to attend. She presented a unique gift from their Club to our Club in honor of the occasion. (See photo on page 3).

At the celebration, we recognized the folks that helped in different ways to make the anniversary a success — Allen & Gail Trask, Randy & Patsy Schmidt, John & Joan Lemer, Al Perry, Pat Snook, Jan Skott, Lou & Tanya Manus, and Jim & Judy Johnson. Thank you to Allen Trask and Black Hills Auto Auction for letting us display their classic car models for our table centerpieces. Thank you to Matte Bulman who made cupcakes and gifted them to us for our celebration. You may recall, Matte was a VMCCA Foundation Scholarship recipient in 2021. We recognized everyone who had ever hosted a Gold Dust tour or meeting over the years—there were a lot of folks who stood up! We also recognized all who have ever served on the Board, as a director or an officer. It takes all of us to keep the Club active and ongoing.

Then, we recognized everyone for our years of membership in the Club. This was a fun and interesting activity to see everyone stand and then begin to sit down as the number of years increased. Standing for a long time were Ron & Karen Siers at 23 years, John & Joan Lemer at 27 years, Roger & Helen Spitzer at 36 years, and finally Bill & Thomasetta Kuhl at 40 years! The Kuhls then gave an interesting talk about the Club's beginnings and history. Congratulations on 40 years of membership, Bill & Thomasetta, and thank you for helping get our Club started in 1984!

Next, we enjoyed a slideshow of random pictures from the Newsleak over the last 8 years. Good memories and laughter! We posed for a group photo and then took individual/couple pictures in a little photo "booth" to commemorate the day!

Our first tour of the year is May 18th. We still need hosts for June, July & October tours—please consider signing up!

Thank you, everyone, for all you do and for coming to the celebration. We missed those of you who were not able to attend—hope to see you on a tour!

Kresta Faaborg, Gold Dust Chapter President

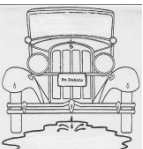
CLUB BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report — by Jan Skott, Club Treasurer

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2024 OFFICERS & OTHER CONTACTS

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| President. | Kresta Faaborg (605-695-2345) 12/24* | The Newsleak | Patsy Schmidt (605-391-0937) |
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| | Pat Snook (605-222-4295) 12/25* | | Gold Dust Chapter VMCCA |
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Gold Dust Chapter VMCCA

In the Headlights

Message from Guests

Dear Members of the Gold Dust Chapter,

Shirley and I would like to thank you for the warm welcome you extended at the 40th anniversary celebration. It was great to meet all of you and see some familiar faces. You made us feel right at home.

Your chapter has definitely made and are making wonderful memories and friends as you share your love of those great vintage cars.

Take care and we hope to see you down the road.

Sincerely,

Sandy Carlson and Shirley Reed



Guests from Mountains & Plains Region VMCCA

Shirley Reed, VMCCA Member 6 years

Sandy Carlson, VMCCA Member 11 years



*Gift presented to Gold Dust from the
Northern Colorado Chapter VMCCA*

"The commemorative piece was made by Ron Becker, creator extraordinaire, who is in our NOCO Chapter. The base is from an REO Speedwagon that my husband, Randy, is restoring. The round VMCCA sign is a magnet from a couple in our chapter who does wood engraving. Everything else on the piece is from Ron or Randy's shops. They had a great time searching for items to put on the piece. When I checked on the progress a few days before I left for Rapid City, Ron said it was almost done except he wanted to put a bird on the fencepost but hadn't found one small enough. Lo and behold, his wife, Carol, found one on a magnet on their refrigerator.

We hope you all like it as it is from the heart of our chapter. If you would like to read about Ron Becker and his amazing creations, go to our website nocovmcca.org and click on members."

Sandy Carlson

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

May 1 Dwayne Breyer
May 19 Pat Snook
May 24 Judy Monner



Anniversaries

May 3 Chuck & Karen Swenson
May 18 Nick & Judy Monner
May 27 Ron & Beverly Blessing
May 27 Allen & Gail Trask



Riding on the Running Board

2024 GOLD DUST MEETINGS & TOURS

Contact Allen Trask (605-673-1918) to sign up to host!

| | | | |
|--------------|---------|------------------------|--|
| January 13 | Meeting | George & Shari Twitero | Westhills Village |
| February 10 | Meeting | Keith & Debs Mueske | Minerva's |
| March 9 | Meeting | Randy & Patsy Schmidt | JR's BBQ Summerset |
| April 13 | Meeting | REUNION COMMITTEE | 40th Anniversary! Holiday Inn Rapid City |
| May 18 | Tour | Randy & Jan Skott | Custer State Park Jalapeño Grill Hot Springs |
| June | Tour | | |
| July | Tour | | |
| August 10-11 | Tour | Randy & Patsy Schmidt | Dam Run Pierre SD |
| September | Tour | Allen & Gail Trask | TBD |
| October | Tour | | |
| November | Meeting | Chuck & Karen Swenson | Hill City |
| December | Meeting | Ron & Bev Blessing | Minerva's Rapid City |

2024 VMCCA TOURS (www.vmcca.org)

Apr 28-May 3, 2024: VMCCA Chrome Glidden Tour | Clarksville AK | Raymond Harrill | Raymond.harrill@att.net
 May 12-18, 2024: Part II Old Santa Fe Trail | Grand Junction CO to St George UT | Steve Fitzgerald | studebakersteve@bresnan.net
 May 19-22, 2024: 25th Anniversary Mid-Atlantic Region Tour | Hagerstown MD | Eileen Eby | 301-491-2400
 June 3-7, 2024: Great Lakes Region Tour | Cadillac MI | Bill Sturgeon | wsturgeon@live.com
 June 9-14, 2024: Lewis & Clark Regional Tour | Washington & Oregon | Carl Edem | carldedem.52@gmail.com
 June 23-28, 2024: VMCCA 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour | Medina OH | Dave & Debbie Vasel | 330-416-5341 | dvasel1576@gmail.com
 Sept 22-27, 2024: Revival AAA Glidden Tour | Northern Maryland/Adams Co PA | Rob Burchill | 240-344-2022 | hattiesgarage@comcast.net
 Oct 8-11, 2024: Hershey Swap Meet | Hershey PA | Jim & Marilyn Talbot | mjbotal@gmail.com
 Nov 3-8, 2024: National Western Tour | Tucson AZ | Steve Partman | 630-470-3749 | smpartman@outlook.com
 Nov 17-22, 2024: Part III Old Santa Fe Trail | St George UT to Santa Fe NM | Steve Fitzgerald | studebakersteve@bresnan.net

June 23-27, 2025: VMCCA Orphan Car Tour | Ypsilanti MI | John Zimmerman | 419-350-3666 | jzimmerman1666@gmail.com
 Sept 7-12, 2025: Revival AAA Glidden Tour | Owensboro KY | Jeff Stumb | 423-385-4414 | mistergreatrace@gmail.co

OTHER CAR EVENTS (Not Confirmed)

Apr 27, 2024: Cars & Coffee Black Hills | 9am-11am | Sturgis Coffee | Sturgis—parking at LifeSpring
 May 18, 2024: Cars & Coffee Black Hills | 9am-11am | Ziggi's Coffee | Rapid City
 June 8, 2024: Cars & Coffee Black Hills | 9am-11am | City Brew | Spearfish—parking at Northern Hills Cinema
 June 8-9, 2024: Energy Capital of the Nation Car Show (\$20 reg fee) | 10am-6pm | Camplex Central Pavillion | Gillette WY | Chuck at 307-680-2942
 June 22, 2024: Mopars in the Hills Car Show (\$10 reg fee) | 10am-2pm | Liberty Chrysler, Rapid City | Steve at 660-864-3023
 July 20, 2024: Cars & Coffee Black Hills | 9am-11am | TBD
 July 20, 2024: Bob Plaisted Memorial Car Show | 8am-1:30pm | Custer | Custer Chamber 605-673-2244 www.custersd.com
 July 27, 2024: Dakota Territory Car Club Car Show (Free early reg—\$10 reg fee after June 1) | Bowman ND | www.dakotaterritorycarclub.com
 Aug 9-10, 2024: 35th Anniversary Dam Run | Pierre SD | www.pierrestreetmasters.com
 Aug 17, 2024: Cars & Coffee Black Hills | 9am-11am | Dunn Brothers | Rapid City
 Aug 17, 2024: Devils Tower Car Show (\$15 reg fee) | 10am-3pm | KOA Campground | Hulett WY | Texas Trail Cruisers Car Club | Jeff at 307-756-2292
 Sept 21, 2024: Cars & Coffee Black Hills | 9am-11am | Wild Magnolia | Belle Fourche—parking at Pioneer Bank

Celebrating Gold Dust 40th Anniversary!



Seated L-R: Bill Kuhl, Helen & Roger Spitzer, Thomasetta Kuhl, Pat Snook, Tanya Manus, Bev Blessing

Standing L-R: Kresta Faaborg, Gary Hendrickson, Gail Trask, Jim Johnson, Bruce Swan, Judy Johnson, Kathy Swan, Allen Trask, Jane & Steve Holstein, George & Shari Twitero, Karen & Paul Larson, John & Joan Lemer, Ron Blessing, Patsy & Randy Schmidt, Doug & Judy Melhaff, Tom & Janice Rowett, Keith Mueske, *(guests)* Sandy Carlson & Shirley Reed, Al Perry, Lou Manus, Will Kuhl, Rod Fuhrer, Jan Skott, Ron & Karen Siers, Kay Fuhrer



Bill & Thomasetta Kuhl
Members—40 years



Roger & Helen Spitzer
Members—36 years



John & Joan Lemer
Members—27 years



Ron & Karen Siers
Members—23 years



Judy & Jim Johnson
Members—18 years



Lou Manus, Member—18 years
Tanya Manus, Member—11 years



Randy & Patsy Schmidt
Members—17 years



Rod & Kay Fuhrer
Members—14 years



Al Perry, Member—14 years
Pat Snook, Member—9 years



Ron & Beverly Blessing
Members—13 years



Keith & Debs (*not pictured*) Mueske
Members—11 years



Karen & Paul Larson
Members—10 years



Doug & Judy Mehlhaff
Members—9 years



Jan & Randy (*not pictured*) Skott
Members—9 years



Steve & Jane Holstein
Members—7 years



Tom & Janice Rowett
Members—7 years



Allen & Gail Trask
Members—6 years



Gary Hendrickson, Member—1 year
Kresta Faaborg, Member—5 years



Bruce & Kathy Swan
Members—5 years



George & Shari Twitero
Members—3 years



Will Kuhl
Member—2 years

Gold Dust members not able to attend the 40th anniversary:

- * Dwayne Breyer, Member—26 years
- * Nick & Judy Monner, Members—17 years
- * Chuck & Karen Swenson, Members—17 years
- * John & Kay Mentele, Members—11 years
- * Don Carey, Member—10 years
- * Brad & Jody Docken, Members—8 years
- * Ron Carey, Member—1 year
- * Brad & Bonnie Jo Exton, Members—1 year



Allen Trask (*right*) revealed a secret during the anniversary celebration...

Kresta Faaborg (*left*) and Gary Hendrickson (*not pictured*) were recently married! Congratulations, Kresta & Gary!





Mini-Cupcakes: Carrot Cake, Lemon Curd, Red Velvet with White Chocolate. Yum!





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jumps

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40 YEARS OF CLASSIC CARS, GOOD FRIENDS



DARSHA DODGE, JOURNAL STAFF

Cool classics: Al Perry's 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 retractable, left, and Kay Fuhrer's 1976 Ford Elite sit side by side during the Gold Dust chapter Vintage Motor Car Club of America's 40th anniversary celebration on April 13.

Gold Dust car club celebrates milestone

TANYA MANUS
Journal staff

For 40 years, the Gold Dust chapter of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America has been a show-stopping sight whenever club members take their lovingly restored vehicles on the road. Enthusiastic smiles, thumbs-up and friendly shouts of "nice car!" are just part of the fun of being in this car club.

The Gold Dust chapter VMCCA celebrated its 40th anniversary on April 13 in Rapid City. Classic vehicles, friendly people and decades of road trip adventures are the heart of this western South Dakota car club.

The Gold Dust chapter welcomes anyone who owns or enjoys classic cars. The chapter was formed in 1984 by Bill and Thomasetta Kuhl of Hot Springs, the late Jack

Markitan and the late Maynard Downen. Markitan named the chapter in honor of gold mining in the Black Hills. Markitan owned a 1929 Chandler and a 1939 Packard when the chapter formed, and a sketch of his 1929 Chandler still serves as the Gold Dust chapter's logo.

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Cars

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The Gold Dust chapter formed with 48 members and has maintained a steady membership. Forty years later, the club has 54 members, most of whom gathered for the 40th anniversary celebration. Many current members have been part of the Gold Dust chapter for a decade or longer. The club's president, Kresta Faaborg, is a relative newcomer by comparison who joined in 2019.

"I like going for the tours. We actually use the cars," said Faaborg, whose vintage car is a 1983 Monte Carlo. It's the first car she ever owned, and she's had it for 31 years.

The Gold Dust chapter plans tours throughout western South Dakota from May to October each year. In the past 40 years, Gold Dust members have traveled the entire United States for regional and national tours and events. The chapter has hosted events including the national 61st Revival AAA Glidden Tour in 2006 that showcased cars from the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

Memories of tours, travels and cars they've owned was a big part of the Gold Dust chapter's anniversary celebration. Members shared scrapbooks, photos, memorabilia, tales about their travels and, of course, their cars.

"Everyone is so interesting and their backgrounds are diverse ... but we all come together because we love old cars," Faaborg said. "I like all the people and the stories with their cars."

Kay Fuhrer, for example, still



DARSHA DODGE PHOTOS, JOURNAL STAFF

Randy and Patsy Schmidt of Rapid City have been members of the Gold Dust chapter VMCCA for 17 years.

remembers the panic she felt when she bid on – and won – an auction to purchase a 1967 Ford Galaxy 500 convertible on eBay. She'd never bought anything on eBay before, but the car was like one she'd owned and loved years earlier. Kay said her daughter assured her she'd be outbid. Instead, Kay was shocked to find herself the winning bidder. As its new owner, Kay had to figure out how to get the car from the seller in New Mexico to the Black Hills. "I couldn't believe I had done that," Kay said of buying the car online.

When the car was transported from New Mexico, it turned out to be in excellent condition. Now, about 16 years later, Kay and her husband, Rod, still own it. That was the beginning of Kay becoming the family's classic car collector. The Fuhrers have been

Gold Dust chapter members for 14 years.

While the shared love of cars attracts people to the Gold Dust chapter, the camaraderie and friendships are what Gold Dust members cherish most.

"I think car nuts are real interesting kind of people," Thomasetta Kuhl said. "They love their hobby. They're pleased with it and when they talk about it, they're always interested and excited about it. I just like them. We've made a lot of friends."

Gold Dust members have supported each other through joys, such as congratulating Faaborg on her recent marriage, and sorrows, such as the recent deaths of club members including Maynard Downen.

Thomasetta Kuhl and other Gold Dust members fondly recall a birthday celebration the chap-



Louis Manus of Rapid City drove his 1968 Mercury Monterey convertible to the Gold Dust chapter VMCCA's 40th anniversary celebration on April 13. Manus has been a member of the Gold Dust chapter VMCCA for 18 years.

ter organized for her weeks after the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Several club members drove to Hot Springs to parade past Thomasetta's house to offer socially distanced birthday greetings that surprised her and her entire neighborhood, Thomasetta chuckled.

"The people are fantastic," said Randy Schmidt. He and his wife, Patsy, have been club members for 17 years. "There couldn't be a better bunch of people."

New members welcome

The Gold Dust chapter is the only chapter of the VMCCA in South Dakota. The Vintage Motor Car Club of America, a national organization, was formed in 1938. Its mission then and now is to promote touring and enjoyment of vintage vehicles through the acquisition, preservation and exhibition of all vintage and historically significant vehicles and associated materials.

At the time they talked about

starting the VMCCA chapter, Markitan and Downen belonged to another car club that limited its membership. Thomasetta Kuhl recalls that Markitan and Downen wanted to start a club that didn't limit its membership and could be open to more people. They were convinced there would be interest in such a club, and they were right.

Over the past 40 years, Gold Dust members and their cars have appeared in countless local and regional parades and car shows, and they're always on the lookout for new places to tour and explore.

The Gold Dust chapter is continually seeking new members to join them on their adventures. Faaborg encourages anyone who's interested in learning more to come along on one of the upcoming local tours the club is planning. The next one will be a trip through Custer State Park on May 18. Guests and prospective members are welcome. For more information, contact golddustchapter@gmail.com or vmcca.org.



Thomasetta and Bill Kuhl of Hot Springs are founding members of the Gold Dust Chapter Vintage Motor Car Club of America, and now their grandson, Will, is the club's youngest member. Jack Markitan, Maynard Downen, and the Kuhls formed the club in 1984. Club members gathered April 13 for a 40th anniversary celebration in Rapid City.

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Gold Dust VMCCA Chapter members Al Perry and Pat Snook pose with Perry's 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 retractable at the car club's 40th anniversary celebration April 13. Perry has been a Gold Dust member for 14 years, and Snook has been a member for nine years. *Rapid City Journal*



Rod and Kay Fuhrer drove their 1976 Ford Elite to the Gold Dust Chapter VMCCA 40th anniversary celebration on April 13. The Fuhrers have been Gold Dust Chapter members for 14 years. *Rapid City Journal*



Patsy and Randy Schmidt drove their 1971 Cadillac Eldorado to the Gold Dust Chapter VMCCA's 40th anniversary celebration on April 13. The Schmidts have been Gold Dust Chapter members for 17 years. *Rapid City Journal*



Al Perry of Rapid City, left, and Rod Fuhrer of Spearfish, right, take a moment for a playful fist bump during the Gold Dust VMCCA Chapter's 40th anniversary celebration on April 13. Chapter members say they enjoy the camaraderie and friendships in the club as much as the cars. *Rapid City Journal*