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DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR PAYABLE JANUARY 1ST

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PLEASE SEE THE EVENT CALENDER ON THE WEB SITE www.ocac.cc

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CALL DON HEIL 235-5540

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS CALL PAT POTTER 472-5445

150th Anniversary of Fort Fetterman Hosted by Converse County Historical Society and Friends of Fort Fetterman

On July 19th 1867, elements of the 4th US infantry, under the command of Major William Dye, arrived at a plateau overlooking the North Platte River. They came to reconnoiter and eventually construct a new fort to establish an Army presence near the confluence of several important trails. Staff from the Wyoming Pioneer Memorial Museum, the Friends of the Fort Fetterman, and numerous other volunteers and reenactors will be hosting a 150th anniversary memorial event on July 15th and 16th. It will feature talks by several local authors, demonstrations by living historians and interaction with reenactors, vendors, and other events. The cost is \$2.00 per person if they are Wyoming residents and \$4.00 if they are not. Saturday's events will run from 8:00am through 5:00pm, and Sunday's will run from 8:00 until noon. Vendors and other participants are welcome to set up early. For more information please contact Lisa Thalken at 307-797-2493 or Mel Glover at 307-359-8721

Don't forget the Wednesday night Cruise Nights. Meet at the Hamburger Stand on 2nd in the K-mart Parking Cruises will leave at 6:30 unless otherwise stated

June 21 Ralph Butler

June 28 Bruce Berst & Tammy Raver

July 5 Ray Parnell- Cruise to Primrose meet at the Hamburger Stand -K-mart parking lot 6:30

July 12 **CLUB MEETING**

July 19 Jim & Susan Brusaw

July 26th Jerry Russell meet in the Beacon Parking Lot and Jerry will lead us to Sheppard of the Valley by the back way

August 2 Ron & Pat Potter

August 9-**CLUB MEETING 2@ Z's CLASSICS 7:00 PM**

August 16th Jerry Russell Poplar Living Center

August 23 Stan Goodwin

August 30- Ryan Butler- Private Tour of the new Hogadon Ski Resort on the Mountain

Sept 6th Phil & Millie Nissen

Sept 13th-**CLUB MEETING @ Z's CLASSICS 7:00 pm**

Sept 20 Burrous/Baker Cruise

Sept 27th Richard & Arvilla Bush



Rest in Peace our long-time member Gary Edwards.



Debuting in 1953 in Whittier, Ca, this space-age inspired concept car – the Manta Ray, was built by Glenn Hire and Vernon Antoine. Both worked in the jet aircraft division of the North American Aviation Company and anted to incorporate the flowing lines of a jet fighter plane into the car’s styling.

This endeavor took over 4,000 hours to complete. Using a backyard garage as their workshop they sourced a 1951 Studebaker Commander to serve as the basis for the concept. The stock body was removed and replaced by a three-seater roadster body made entirely of fiberglass, molded in 14 sections. The 232-cu.in. V8 Studebaker engine, drivetrain and chassis were retained; however, the frame side rails were shortened by three inches. The three taillights came from a 1952 Lincoln (the center taillight concealed the fuel line filler neck), and the bumpers were custom made from Hudson

parts. The interior featured Stewart-warner instrumentation with a Plymouth speedometer arranged around a Lincoln steering wheel. The nose piece was first patterned in wood, after which a ¼ thick chrome plated casting was made.

The Manta Ray appeared on the cover of Motor Trend in July 1953, and the car featured in other magazines such as Rod and Custom, Motor World, Mechanix Illustrated, and Popular Science. Though there were plans to create additional types of the car, this was the only one ever built.

The Manta Ray appeared at the 2016 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, marking the first time it had appeared in public in over 60 years. However, the car at that show had been through several owners and had been modified fairly extensively. The Studebaker V8 was swapped out for a dual quad Cadillac V8 and somewhere along the line it was repainted from gold to an ivory white pink.