



# Blown Gasket

Oil Capitol Auto Club

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**DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR PAYABLE JANUARY 1ST**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday Morning Breakfast- Month of July Johnny J's- orders taken @ 7:30 am

Friday Night Dinner: Call Pat Potter to RSVP 472-5445 or Jerry Barton 266-4748

Be Sure to check the Calendar on the web site [www.ocac.cc](http://www.ocac.cc)

OIL CAPITOL AUTO CLUB  
MINUTES JULY 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Russell @ 7:00pm

Welcome guests/New Members Sarah and Tel Baird

New members for this month are Chris & Charlene Holten, Ty Kuehnel, Rick Baker and Sarah & Tel Baird

There were 26 members in attendance

The minutes were accepted after 2 changes were made. The check to Pop in the Shop was for \$1,000.00  
And the date of the picnic was corrected to read 8/12/17

The checking balance for the month is \$8,532.25

Birthdays: John Ott, Lyn Kaper, Ralph Butler, John Gardner, Don Heil, Mike Johnson, Pam Burrous, Carl Baker, and Ray Parnell

Correspondence: We received a Thank you note from the Jaycee's for letting them help at the car show and we also received bank statements for club & show accounts

Benevolence- Dennis Day is recovering from surgery. Carol Kennedy is also in the hospital recovering from pneumonia

Memorial services for Gary Edwards will be held Monday July 31<sup>st</sup> at Veterans Cemetery watch your e-mail for time and further plans. Drive your cruising vehicle.

Committee reports: I had announced at the meeting the new phone directories would be published in the newsletter and mailed out to the members without computers. After the meeting, I was approached by a member that did not want their information on the Web such as home phone, cell phone and address. So, the new directories will be available at the meetings or you can contact me and I will get you a copy. E-mail [dianneh1947@charter.net](mailto:dianneh1947@charter.net) or phone 234-3236.

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Trips/Car Shows: Ray Parnell, Ed Downes, Rick Baker all went to Gehring Ne, Pop in the Shop had a good showing of members. Ken & Julie Judd went to Buffalo for Longmire Days and Stan & Judy Goodwin were in Sheridan. John Gudgeon, Arvilla & Rich Bust went to the Black & Gold Grille

New Business: Fort Fetterman is having a celebration on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> the members that wish to attend should meet at the Hat 6 travel 7:30 am and bring a chair & water, there will be food available for sale

Next meeting will be August 9, 2017 at Z's Classics 7:pm

The club Store is well stocked with items from hats to polos to t-shirts

Cruise night Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> meet at K-Mart east side 6:30 Jim and Susan Brusaw will be leading

7/26 will be a cruise to Shepard of the Valley we will be leaving the Wall-mart West side parking lot at 6:00

Dorothy Hunter class of 67 would like some cars to show up at their ice breaker Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ramkoda maybe 5-10 cars. This is for the NCHS & KW combined 50 yr. reunion

Club Picnic: August 12, 2017 Natural Bridge, the club will furnish Brisket prepared by Bethany Baker. Please bring sides and you can call Dianne Butler, 234-3236 or Jerry Russell 577-7119 to RSVP. We will need a headcount so we will order enough meat.

Mike Kennedy won the 50/50 drawing \$17.50

Thanks to Ray Parnell the cruise to Prime Rose was a great cruise and the residents really had a good time looking and remembering the cars.

The Scholarship committee met on 7/10 and chose 5 applicants for the scholarships for this year. We will let them know and then invite each one to attend a meeting we can get 5 to know them.

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7/21 Red Lodge, Mt

7/21/ Friday night dinner- Guadalajara

7/23 Breakfast Johnny J's

7/21 Show Red Lodge, Mt

7/22 The movie being filmed at the Higgins Hotel in Glenrock needs some 60's era cars for the show

7/26 Cruise to Shepard of the Valley we will meet at Wal Mart west

8/5 Colorado Cruisers-Craig, Co

8/5 Lincoln County Kickin' Klassiks Car Show Afton, Wy

8/6 Deer Creek Days Glenrock Wy registration 8-10 show 10-4 awards 3:00pm

9/9/2017 12- 24 Club contact Lyn Kaper for details265-1214

### TRIP TO FORT FETTERMAN

Mark Miliken, Arvilla & Rich Bush, John Lanum, Mike Kennedy, Chris Holten, Ralph & Dianne Butler, John & Liddy Cheney, Newt Weber, Jerry Barton, and Jerry Russell all attended the celebration and reenactment of the building of Ft Fetterman. We had demonstrations of what life would have been like at the time the Ft was built. It was nice to visit, they have a very nice museum.





Primrose car show was well attended and the residents really seemed to like the show and the ice cream furnished by OCAC.

## Automotive Pioneers

### Ford's Designing Woman

The role of women in the American civilian workforce during the years that encompassed World War II Has been thoroughly documented. We all salute the memory of Rosie the Riveter in the West Coast shipyards of Henry J. Kaiser during the war years. In the auto industry, scores upon scores of women toiled in the assembly plants once they were converted to war production; the men who'd held the jobs were off fighting in two theaters of combat. Few probably know, however, that many women also worked in automotive styling studios, helping to plan the first postwar cars that would come to the public after peace was achieved.

At the Ford Motor Company, the lead stylist Joe Oros was married to Betty Thatcher, who had been a prewar designer at Hudson and just may have been the first woman hired by a major automobile manufacturer to work in its design studio. After she married Oros in 1939, Thatcher retired from the business to raise a family. But at Ford, women designers found employment in the later days of the war, when the corporation was beginning to tentatively refocus its vision on the coming wave of postwar cars. Several of the women hired by E.T. "Bob" Gregorie were fine-arts graduates of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, chosen for the jobs for the same reason as the women on the assembly lines, to take the place of men now in the military or in critical civilian defense jobs.

The first woman hired by Gregorie was Leota Carroll, chosen for her skill as illustrator. She was assigned to work with Ross Cousins, himself the son of an automotive illustrator from Toronto. Gregorie wanted someone to generate proposals for submission to Edsel Ford, before Ford died in 1943. Later Cousins would airbrush the first renderings of the eventual Ford Sportsman convertible. Carrol was a very photogenic woman, and in addition to her artwork, she was frequently a photo subject in the Ford

Design Department photographs, such as one that shows her demonstrating a reclining front seat alongside Ford stylist Steve Gall.

Carroll's success at Ford helped lead to the hiring of other women for the Design Department. One of them was Doris Dickason, who worked on the 1944 creation of a Model A-based concept called the Estate Wagon that Gregorie personally delivered to Henry Ford II following the death of Edsel Ford. The Estate Wagon never made it to production, but Gregorie considered it and other wood-bodied cars that the design team created in those years to be an excellent warmup for actual production cars like the Sportsman and postwar Ford station wagons.

Dickason and Beth O'Rourke were assigned to the staff of John Najjar and worked in designing steering wheels and instrument panels. Florence Henderson created escutcheons as other ornamentation. Elre Campbell and Letha Allen were assigned to work on color and trim combinations. At the time they were hired, all the women were single. By 1948, all these pioneering women had left the Design Department, generally either to make room for returning male employees or for marriage. Submitted by Bruce Berst from Hemmings Classic Car March 2017

