



Blown Gasket

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Dues are \$20 per year payable January 1st.

Upcoming Club Activities

Car show meeting Wednesday February 7, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at Stan & Judy's

Friday club dinner: Contact Pat Potter 315-5144

Sunday Breakfast in January: Village Inn (Downtown)

February: G-Ma's

March: Perkins

OCAC MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2018

Board of Directors (BOD) and support members present:

Rocky Smith (President)

Bruce Berst (Vice President)

Ken Lantta (Treasurer)

Mark Milliken (Secretary)

Jerry Russell (Past President and Newsletter Editor)

Mike Kennedy (Web Site and Social Media)

President Rocky Smith brought the meeting to order at 7 PM. The December minutes were approved as posted on the OCAC web site.

Visitor: John Simmons brought Russ Dickman, owner of a 1972 Chevelle.

Treasurer's report:

- \$8876.26 in club account,
- Events account includes \$6730.00 for car show seed money,
- Members paid for 2018 are over 30, unsure who hasn't paid,
- The 2018 budget is in progress. A draft budget will be ready for the February BOD and General membership meetings.

Issues involving club logos and nomenclature (as reported by the Treasurer):

- The club slogan and graphic need corrections and upgrading, due to inconsistent applications on shirts, jackets, checks, paperwork, and filings. Sometimes the wording varies between the front and back of jackets.
- The word "Capitol" was adapted as a club name by the founders in 1986. Technically, it is an incorrect term, for it refers to a building (National Capitol). The club has used the correct term, capital, on check headers. For consistency, the club must decide on which term to use.

The following discussion summarizes the Capitol vs capital differences:

1. Capitol is said to be a building or a complex of buildings where the state legislature regularly meets.
2. The word Capitol usually refers to the building in Washington D.C. where the United States Congress meets.
3. Capital refers to a city or town where the official seat of government resides. It can also refer to the financial capital where all the business activities take place.
4. When the word is used in legal terms, it means the death penalty.
5. Capital also has other meanings, like foremost, first and excellent.
6. The word capital also refers to wealth in the form of property or money, the wealth that is used for investing and creating more wealth and assets.
7. Capital also refers to the capital letter.
8. Capital also refers to the top part of a column or pillar.

<http://www.differencebetween.net/language/difference-between-capital-and-capitol/>

- The club's prior name, Horseless Carriage Club of America, is listed on the IRS tax forms. The Treasurer will have the name corrected. HCCA does not show an affiliated club in Wyoming:

<https://www.hcca.org/regions.php>

- The logo has typographical and spelling errors that will be corrected. The errors vary between applications, but they include Wy instead of WY, several variations of "Cruzin," and an incorrect period behind the state abbreviation.
- Permission to use the State's "Steamboat" the bucking horse has not been obtained in recent years. Ken will follow up.
- Given the membership's stated desire to attract more young people into the club, the BOD suggests updating the logo graphics at the same time the corrections are made. One suggestion is to replace references to "Old" with a term more attractive to young people (VP Berst has noted that teenagers and 20-somethings think the term "old car" applies to anything in the 2000-2010 range). The cars in the logo should include a modern type.

Valve Cover Races:

- Owing to business commitments, Doug Walters can no longer participate as he has in the past. A new champion is needed, someone who can transport, erect, and repair the track.
- The Butlers have generously donated the trailer. The BOD feels that if the track is to continue, then some form of compensation is necessary. Options include leasing or purchasing outright. "No change" is not an option in this case.
- Since the track is used mostly by kids and gives the club positive visibility in that way, the track should be taken to out-of-town events. Several shows would welcome the track.

- The club has approved funds to repair the track, and Dennis Day has volunteered the work. Additional funds need to be approved and budgeted for expenditures associated with the trailer and its transport.
- The BOD requests input from the membership on the future of Butler's trailer and the track.

Membership categories:

- The Treasurer noted that current Bylaws allow for two levels of membership: active (voting) and family (nonvoting). Previous Bylaws referred to Lifetime members, those with 20+ years who get their dues waived. Several years ago, the club cancelled that classification, allowing current members to grandfather in.

Charitable donations:

- The club seems not to have a procedure for selecting charitable donations. Rather, "tin-cuppers" show up at meetings in random fashion, allowing possible inequities to occur.
- One suggestion is for the membership to research carefully and determine charities a year in advance. In that way, the public would know of the club's generosity months in advance of the car show.

Vice President's Report (Bruce Burst)

The following club activities will need champions this year. Some may already have champions carrying over to 2018. Some may not need champions at all. If so, please advise the Vice President.

- Christmas party
- Garage tour
- Pot lucks
- Weekly cruises
- New Years meeting
- Calling committee
- Benevolence
- Friday dinner
- Sunday breakfast
- Birthdays and refreshments

New business:

- Pat Potter made a motion to enlist Stan to make arrangements for the club's sound system to be used in club meetings. The motion was seconded and approved.
- After some discussion, the club concurred that 50/50 raffle should no longer be carried over to Christmas. The Treasurer suggested and the membership concurred that 50/50 funds be deposited in the club checking.

February meeting:

- The club agreed to have a Valentines potluck meeting on February 14th.
- The membership will be asked at this time to decide several issues, including:
 - o Changes and corrections to the club logo graphics and motto,
 - o Disposition of valve cover races, track, and trailer,
 - o Decisions regarding charitable donations,
 - o Champions for various club activities,
 - o Possible other items.

The BOD will discuss membership responses to these issues and prepare options at the February 5th BOD meeting at Roosevelt School. Please provide your input to the Secretary (mmilliken@blm.gov) by January 26, 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, President Rocky Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Mark Milliken
Secretary (1/11/2018)

EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using leaves and was never green.

Chicken did not have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

MY CAR

All members are invited to submit stories about their cars and the histories behind them. Since this is my first issue, I thought that I would start with mine. The first car that I truly owned outright was a 1965 Mercury Parklane convertible, Carnival Red, with a white top and interior. I drove it many a mile cross country and eventually traded it off for something newer. However, you know how we are with our first cars.

Then in 1976, while living in Sheridan, I was looking through Hemmings Motor News and spotted a 1965 Parklane convertible for sale in Bend, Oregon. After some family discussion I flew out of Billings to purchase my "first car." It wasn't exactly like the first one but it was pretty close. The top was shot but it was mechanically sound. I drove it back to Sheridan through Yellowstone and almost lost it at the East Gate. A hippie was walking in the ditch with a basset hound who decided to cross the road in front of me. It was raining and on a down slope so I locked them up. The next thing that I knew I was looking at a station wagon from Wisconsin through the driver's side window. Needless to say a lot of words were uttered and everyone managed to miss each other, although not by much. I sat there stalled, with water from the rotten top leaking on my head, and hoping that the chipped tooth on the flywheel had landed somewhere other than on the starter. It did.

The rest is history as most of you know the car well. It is Tiffany Blue and not Carnival Red and is a 4 speed and not an automatic. The top doesn't leak any more and I got that fly wheel fixed. It is now great fun to scare the grandson by putting the top down and screaming around. Until last summer he had never been in a car that did not have a top or seat belts in the back seat.

If you have a story behind your car send it to me and I will share it with all of the members. That is why we do this, we love to tell stories about our favorite ride.

CLASSIC CLUES

Question: Who opened the first drive in gas station and where?

Answer: Gulf opened the first drive in gas station in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1913.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Monthly Meeting, 2/14/18, Pot Luck, 6:15 PM.

Memorial Day Car Show Meeting, 2/7/18, Stan & Judy's, 6:30 PM.

Barrett-Jackson, Scottsdale, AZ, 1/13/18 to 1/21/18.

Rosso And Steele, Scottsdale, AZ, 1/17/18 to 1/21/18.

Christmas Party



