



Blown Gasket

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

Upcoming Club Activities

Car show meeting Wednesday May 2, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at Stan & Judy's

Friday club dinner: Contact Pat Potter 315-5144

Sunday Breakfast: April: Perkins (7:30 AM)

May: Denny's (7:30 AM)

June: Yellowstone Garage (8:00 AM)

BIRTHDAYS

John Chaney, John Simmons, and Liddy Chaney.



OCAC MEETING MINUTES

Oil Capitol Auto Club General Membership Meeting Minutes April 11, 2018

Board of Directors:

President:	Rocky Smith
Vice President:	Bruce Berst
Treasurer:	Ken Lantta
Secretary:	Mark Milliken
Car Show Committee Chairman:	Jerry Barton
Newsletter Editor:	Jerry Russell
Webmaster and Social Media:	Mike Kennedy

Call to Order:

- The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- A total of 37 people were in attendance.
- There were no corrections or additions to the March minutes, and so were approved.

New members:

- No new members to report.
- Chris Raymond (joined last month) discussed his automotive technology program at Casper College.

Treasurer's report:

- There are currently 53 Active Members and 32 Family Members.
- Members are invited to attend BOD meetings. Please contact a BOD member if you wish to be on the agenda. BOD meetings are normally held at 6 PM on each Monday before the General membership meeting at Roosevelt High School.

Vice President report:

- Pathways Learning Center will auction a tiny house at 5 PM on April 19. They have invited OCAC members to bring their cars for a mini-car show.

Car Show Committee (Jerry Barton):

- Overall, there are no major issues.
- The T-shirts are in, and Judy is stuffing the bags.
- Routes for the Dash for Cash and Donut Cruise are coming together.
- Sponsors are still coming in.

- Parking and signage at the Ramkota are adequate.
- There will be live entertainment at the Ice Cream Social.
- Stan Goodwin gave a lesson on the history of the car show.
- Next Car Show Committee meeting: May 2, 2018.

Old business:

- None

New Business:

- Phil Nissen motioned that Wednesday night cruises (6 PM) begin at Sunrise Mall. Apparently an overabundance of roach coaches collect at that location at that time. The motion was passed by vote.

Presentation:

- Denise Lyons Kleemyer is Director of Philanthropy at Central Wyoming Rescue Mission. She went over their mission and some success stories. The Mission is attempting to raise enough money to build a new facility. The existing building is an ex-brothel. Although it has unique history and patina, a new building is preferred.

Upcoming events:

- April 21: NSRA Safety Inspection. <https://www.nsra-usa.com/>
- May 2: Car show Committee meeting.
- May 7: OCAC BOD meeting.
- May 9: Club meeting.
- May 12: Oftedal Chili Cookoff and Car Show, 2376 Seven Mile Road.
- May 25-27: OCAC Memorial Weekend Car Show.
- June 2: Elks car show 10-2 PM. A supporting cruise-in on the night before is pending.
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- June 8-9: Alan Rietz Gun/Mopar Auction, Mansfield, SD, Van DerBrink Auctions
- June 9: OCAC history Cruise to Ft. Phil Kearney, Wagon Box, and Fetterman site.
- June 9: Douglas Knight Cruisers show.

- June 30: The National Trails Center has invited OCAC on a history tour of the Oregon Trail between Poison Spider and Independence Rock. County roads will be dirt, so choose your car accordingly.
- Don't forget, Wednesday night cruises are now 6 PM from Sunrise Center.

President Rocky Smith adjourned the meeting at 8 PM.

Mark Milliken
OCAC Secretary

CONDITION RATINGS

By Richard Lentinello

Since car show and auction season are upon us I thought that it might be interesting to visit the condition ratings scale that we have all heard so much about. Of course, every owner has his or her own opinion of this scale so it is fair to say that the following is one man's opinion.

#1 Condition: This is a car that is literally perfect. Its condition is not only superior to when it was new, but is virtually flawless. Most experts label such cars as "Pebble Beach quality", which they are. That's all due to the perfection of the exterior finish, with nary a sand scratch or fleck of orange peel in sight, including perfectly aligned panel gaps throughout, and the flawless stitching of the finely crafted upholstery, in addition to every square inch of engine bay and undercarriage being absolutely impeccable. Even the quality of the chrome plating is spectacular, with a deep glossy luster.

#2 Condition: While sporting a restoration quality that is just about equal to that of a #1 car, the differences between the two are minor. For instance, there may be a gap between the body panels that isn't equal to the rest of the body or a door that might be noticeably out of whack; the paint may display some very minor flaws or the undercarriage has a few paint chips; or the engine manifolds, especially the exhaust, are either slightly rusted and/or heat blemished. Incorrect head markings on certain bolts is another minor issue that renders the car less than perfect, and authentic.

#3 Condition: Essentially, this is a nicely restored car that shows signs of use. More than likely it had a frame on restoration or, at least, a bare metal repaint, but the paint finish has some minor sanding scratches along with a slight orange peel or an overly thick coating of clear. The engine bay is nice, but the jubilee clips are used in place of the original wire clips; the windows have minor delamination revealing itself in the corners; and many of the new parts are reproductions which is clearly evident by the satiny finish on all of the chrome plating.

#4 Condition: Clearly a restoration project and one that looks good from 50 feet away. Most likely it runs, but barely. The engine might not be original to the car, but if it doesn't run it can be made to with a quick tune up; same with the brakes. The body is rusted through in many places, it needs and extensive repaint and a new interior, and it requires a through mechanical rebuild. But it is all there.

#5 Condition: This is a parts car. It's missing lots of the components, maybe even its engine. The body need a huge amount of work, and the underside has many rust problems. No, it doesn't run, and it may not even roll on its own. It's a mess. But if it is from the Southwest, chances are it can be restored.

Reflecting back, my ideal car would be a condition #3. They look great, even up close, but because they are not perfect, they can be driven and enjoyed without any worries about damaging a perfect automobile. Yet you still might win an award or two down at the local Lions Club show. This is really the best of both worlds.

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For The Ladies: In case of emergency this is good to know. I had a flat tire on the interstate, so I eased my car over to the shoulder of the road, carefully got out of my car and opened the trunk. I took out two cardboard men, unfolded them and stood them at the rear of my car facing oncoming traffic. They look so lifelike you wouldn't believe it! They are in trench coats exposing their nude bodies to the approaching drivers.

To my surprise cars started slowing down to look at my life like men, which made it safer for me to work on the side of the road. Everybody was tooting their horns and waving like crazy. It wasn't long before a state trooper pulled up behind me. He gets out of his car and starts walking toward me. I could tell he was not a happy camper!

What's going on here lady!! My car has a flat tire I said calmly. Well what the he___ are those obscene cardboard men doing here by the road? I couldn't believe that he didn't know. So I told him, Hellooooo, those are my "Emergency Flashers".

BENOVELENCE

Connie (Chuck) Smith passed away at Central Wyoming Hospice on April 2, 2018. Connie and Chuck were long time members, and Connie was the younger sister of John Gardner. On behalf of the car community, please accept our heartfelt condolences.

Sylvia Kirby is currently at Central Wyoming Hospice. Sylvia appreciates visitors.

It is reported that Mary Russell is in the hospital. No further details are available.

Steve Schaffer continues his battle with cancer. Keep up the good fight Steve.

MY CAR

I just had a great conversation with our new member Gina Greenlee, who is married to Stan Yount. Gina fulfilled a high school dream of owning a 1980 Z28 Camaro which she bought in 1983. Many years later she restored the car with new carpet, paint, and much more. You might have seen this little red beauty with black shadowed vent running around town on nice days. Gina is a Casper native who graduated from KW and has worked for an oilfield company for the past 18 years. She has grown children but no grandchildren, yet. Stan and Gina both love jeeps and muscle cars. As a side line Gina also owns Gina's Alterations and Custom Design and can be contacted at 259-8862. A hobby turned into a business. She does everything from weddings to hemming pants. Gina plans to attend the Memorial Day Car Show with her Camaro and hopes to be at the next meeting. Thanks to Nancy Stewart for telling Gina and Stan about our humble little group of car nuts.

CLASSIC CLUES

Question: What was the first car to have its radio antenna embedded in the windshield?

Answer: The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.

MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW

Planning for the Memorial Day Car Show continues with more and more sponsors coming on board. Of course, volunteers are always needed; and there is always lots to do. Members are urged to register early and to check the website and Facebook regularly for updates and schedules. For up to the minute information, please contact Jerry Barton or any of the officers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Barrett-Jackson, Palm Beach, 4/12-15/18, Selling John Stauppi Collection.

Scottsbluff, NE Car Show 4/21/18 Scottsbluff, NE 308-641-1227.

Highway Creepers Car Show, 4/21/18, Kearney, NE.

April Action Car Show, 4/27/18, Moab, UT.

Car Show Meeting, 5/2/18 At Stan & Judy's, 6:30 PM.

Spring Fever Car Show, 5/5/18, Sioux Falls, SD.

Regular Monthly Meeting, 5/9/18, at Z's Classics, 7:00 PM.

Alan Rietz Gun/Mopar Auction, Mansfield, SD, VanDer Brink Auctions, 6/8-9.