



Oil Capitol Auto Club

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Blown Gasket

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

Upcoming Club Activities

Club meeting, September 12th 7:00 Club meeting will be at a Different location this month. It will be at the Potter's Garage, 2049 E. Yellowstone. Same time, 7:00 pm. There will be a vote to decide if this will be the permanent location for future club meetings.

August 18th Douglas Parade. Meet at Hobby Lobby at 8am to go to Douglas. Following the parade will be the WSRA Picnic.

** WEEKLY ACTIVITIES **

<< SUNDAY BREAKFAST >> 7:30 am

July: Western Grill

August: Platte River

** FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER **

*6:30 pm Future locations
to be announced.*

August Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2012
Oil Capitol Auto Club

Welcome everyone attending meeting (28 members).

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" AUGUST birthdays Myron Bryant, Jerry Knight, Yolanda Scribner, John Stolte & Steve Wallace

JULY birthdays Mary Boldt, Dixie Blower, Ralph Butler,
Will Combs, John Gardner, Don Heil, Lyn Kaper, & Ray Parnell

Welcome August NEW members Jerry Barton 1937 Jaguar, 1953 Mercury & 1967 Jeepster & Doug Walters 1964 Ford 100

July NEW members Mike Holland two 1928 Model A Ford & 1948 Chevy
Mike Johnson 1966 Corvair Convertible & 1967 Corvair Hardtop

Meeting came to order at 7:02 p.m.

Motioned by Steve Schaffer & 2nd by Bailey Midkiff to approve Treasurer's Report;

BILLS PAID:

AUGUST Quality Office Solutions (77 newsletters) Senior Cruise/Ice Cream Social OLD TOWN
JULY Quality Office Solutions (78 newsletters), Office supplies (ink) Walmart sheet cake

BENEVOLENCE: Carol Kennedy loss of her father

CORRESPONDENCE

Downtown Casper Business Association invitation to participate for this year's theme "STORY BOOK CHRISTMAS"
Saturday, November 24, 2012 6 p.m. ENTRY DEADLINE November 15, 2012
The Linear Post Official Newsletter of the Wyoming Street Rod Assoc. More info www.wsra-usa.com

SPECIAL EVENTS: Bailey Midkiff and possibly Hunter Myer Temporary Co-Chairperson for
2013 Memorial Week-end Car Show
Deadline decision September 12, 2012 next OCAC meeting at Z's Classics.
Pat Potter Volunteer Poker Run

OLD BUSINESS; MEMORIAL WEEK-END 2013

Steve Schaffer suggested to shorten car show by one day, also President and Vice President be chairmen
for car show. Bob Kaper also suggested Treasurer should be included.

Motioned by Lyn Kaper to save money for club, money to Hospice, money to Homeless Children,
money to Veteran's fund (if monies are not donated in 2 months, monies would go to the Homeless Children)
2nd by Ray Parnell

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to keep meetings at Z's Classics Steve Schaffer 2nd by Ray Parnell

Thank you for items (Posters OCAC previous car show, KOOL Deadwood Nights Poster, license plates Wisconsin,
New Hampshire, Texas, Nevada & Maine, Compressor air hose, air dryer, torque wrench, (2) 350 emblems,
8 spark plugs M-8, magazines Deals on Wheels, Four Wheeler, HOT ROD & 2006 Route 66 calender) donated for auction.

Motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m. by Steve Schaffer & 2nd by Glen Williams

Yolanda Scribner
Dispense a horse and get a MUSTANG

In case you haven't noticed, the newsletter is a few days late this month. Phil and I have been working on the railroad in New Mexico again. This was our seventh year to work as volunteers on this historic railroad. Our project this year was to begin residing an old refrigerator car. During this session we were able to reside half of the car. The work is difficult because all of the old hardware on the car is not accessible from inside the car, and the bolts must be cut off, a very time consuming project. With luck, it will probably take another 2 sessions (Years) to finish the project.



Upcoming Car Shows:

August:

Aug. 10-12 Loveland, Co 29th annual Blue Light Special Charlie Mullins 970669-4964

Aug 11th Edgerton, Wy Salt Creek Days Parade & show Line up 9:00 for parade. No entry fee

Aug 11 Guernsey, Wy 12th Annual Car Show Karen or Wayne 307-836-2317

Aug 11 Cheyenne, Wy 2012 Summer Bash Road Devils Matt Gaines or Nelson Fresses 307-222-3133

Aug 11 Cody, Wy Cody Country Car show. Mike Shotts 307-527-7101

Aug 12 Wheat Ridge, Co Annual All Mustang Show. www.coloradostangs.com

Aug 17-18 Big Horn, Wy. Absaroka State Takeover Rods & Customs. Stutz 307-752-4676

Aug 17-19 Powell, Wy Wings & Wheels Classic Car Show. Mike Martin 307-889-5528

Aug 18th Douglas, Wy 28th Annual Summer Picnic WSRA. Ed Downes 307-358-4631

Aug 18th Worland, Wy Cruise In and Saturday Car show in conjunction with Wyoming state BBQ and Bluegrass festival. Brian Lamb 307-347-7012

Aug 19th Pebble Beach, Ca 62d Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

Aug 23-26 Deadwood, Sd. Kool Deadwood Nights 605-587-1876

Aug 25th Laramie, Wy. Gem City Car Classic Denise Deem 370-742-3774



Fashionable young lady in her new Station wagon.



The photo above is the Wolf Creek drainage looking toward the town of Chama, New Mexico. The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad climbs this valley at an average of a 4% grade. In other words the climb is 4 feet in 100 feet. About the maximum grade for a non cog rail railroad. The train leaves Chama at an elevation of about 7800 feet, and crests the summit of Cumbres pass at just over 10000 feet

Riverton Car Show:

On July, 21 several club members attended the Car Show in Riverton. I have attended the show for the last three years. I found this show to be somewhat less attended than in years past. There were about 102 cars on display. Everything from modern cars to classic Model A's. Several motorcycles were also on display. This year the motorcycles were modern Harley's with one Honda Gold Wing.

Several vendors for food and refreshments. Several members went the day before the show to enjoy the Balloon launch and other festivities.



He is actually polishing his Rat Rod!
Who'd a thought?



2012 Black Hills Rod Run with the Counts of the Cobblestone

On July 5th thru the 8th the Counts Car Club from Rapid City put on their 44th annual rod run. Judy and I cruised to Rapid City with the Potters, where we found a "Mom and Pop hotel that was clean and reasonable. We like those the best so one can park in front of your room door for oftentimes some detail work is involved. There were no car problems and Potters new Chevy coup and the old reliable 55 Plymmie ran great. Anyway, on the way through Hill City, there was a beckoning call from the Prairie Berry Winery to get some of the rhubarb "Red Ass" wine. And after sampling other wines, we didn't go away empty handed. And it wasn't just wine either, we found some absolutely delicious Red Ass rhubarb- raspberry with chipolte compote jam. Wow. We had to get out of there and head for Blackhawk before we bought the winery out.

We didn't need air conditioning like in Pueblo, in fact it was very cool, foggy and some rain showers so the temp all weekend was in the 60's and low 70's. The cool refreshing weather was great.

There were other OCAC members there who arrived later, Lyn and Cathy Kaper, Bob Kaper, the Choppings and the Hendersons although they stayed elsewhere.

The Rod Run was great with around 75 cars there. On Friday there was a great Poker Run that covered over 120 miles. Nothin' like cruisin' the Black Hills. We saw some interesting small towns and land marks. Gotta' love it. Didn't win anything that day, so on Saturday there as a Cruise through the Hills of around 120 miles with several stops. At noon at one stop we were fed sandwiches picnic style and it was great. During the cruise everyone picked their five favorite cars to be tallied for the awards, which we thought was way different. They didn't have a formal car show, and we didn't miss that a bit, after all it is a Rod Run. The Counts fed us pork sandwiches and ice cream before the awards Saturday evening.

On Sunday the Counts Car Club helped with a Rapid City car show that turned out to be great. What impressed us about the Rapid car show is that it is hosted by the Rapid City Police Department. I have not heard of that happening very often. I think that is so refreshing to see the interaction that the Rapid City area law enforcement and the Counts Car Club. Also the Rapid City police have a great association with the community, which is awesome.

The kicker here is that there were well over 400 cars in downtown Rapid. There were all denominations of cars there and all were great quality cars. Rapid City has a town square with live bands, a water fountain with jets of water shooting up to cool the kids off. Also there is a band stand where the live music was. We met some wonderful Rodders from California and Iowa and enjoyed their company very much. Also Jim Dorland cruizin' his 34 Dodge was there and we were glad to see him and hang out with him also. (His car is the yellow 34 Dodge convertible that was at our car show and won many awards). We ate downtown at an excellent restaurant with is called the Fire House. If you are ever in Rapid City I would recommend it.

The Counts club house in Black Hawk is new and beautiful, with the inside paneled with knotty pine wood and even after a year the wood smelled fresh. They also have a very large shelter so that events can also be hosted out side. It took many years of car shows to accomplish this, but it is great that they got it done. And by the way it was

all built by the Counts members volunteering the work. They are very talented construction engineers, along with being hot rod builders.



We are at the Belle Fourche visitor center marking the geographic center of the US 20 miles to the north. Potter wanted to restore the McCormick Deering tractor.



Creative hot rod “woody” roadster with a motorized bicycle and *no* he will not ride the cycle at all. He was considering

volunteers to ride the cycle. Nope, it’s deco-art only



The Rod Run Saturday cruise at Lake Pactola.
The cruise was 120 miles long.

These are pictures of the Cruise on Friday. Sorry but I didn’t have a “fisheye” lens to have abstract effects like Phil did. I guess I lead a boring life without life threatening pictures, anyway it’s my story and I am sticking to it, least wise as Roger Jetter says *“That’s the way I remember it”*.

Stan Goodwin

When it comes to sport and play, one of the forms of entertainment that gets spectators screaming with excitement is car racing. In this sport, drivers and their high speed vehicles race in competitions across the globe. As soon as automobiles were invented, the race was on for the best driver and the best car, even when there were horseless carriages and unpaved roads races were held. Since the very first racing competition in the 1800's, major competitions have been established. Some of these are: The Vanderbilt Cup, The Peking-Paris Race, The Indianapolis 500, and the Monaco Grand Prix to name a few.

The first auto race to take place was held in Paris in 1894. However, the first race in the United States happened in 1895, taking place in Chicago on Thanksgiving Day. In this race, drivers were speeding on a round trip race from Chicago to Evanston. The drivers' speed at that time was only 7.5 mph. Frank Duryea won that first American auto race. Although the first open road race took place in 1894, close circuit road racing did not occur until three years after the first American race, this happened in 1898 in France. By the 1900's, France was the leader in car racing and drivers took to the road at speeds of 80.46 kph. However, due to the risk of spectators and farm animals being in harm's way, road races in Europe decreased. It wasn't until after World War I, that racing cars took on a whole new look, being modified with special interior work like specialty drivers seats, even the gas tanks, tires and frame work were modified, changing a street car into a racing car for professionals