



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

September 15th the club has been invited to participate in the Casper Benefit Riders Annual Picnic and dam cancer poker run. Meet at Taylor Sports & Spirits 37 Curtis, Evansville 8:00 am. Cruise to Pathfinder and Alcova, then back to Casper. BBQ Washington Park after.

Club meeting, October 10th 7:00 Club meeting will be at the new location this month. It will be at the Potter's Garage, 2049 E. Yellowstone. Same time, 7:00 pm. This will be the long term location for the club meetings.

Christmas Party! Saturday December 1. 6:00 Cash Bar, Diner served at 6:30

Place Caddy Shack 2120 Allendale Blvd.

Cost: \$25.00 per couple (\$12.50 single)

Menu in planning process

Gift Exchange \$15.00 value.

Tickets for sale at the October and November club meetings.

November meeting will include election of officers. At least one officer and the newsletter editor will be stepping down.

** WEEKLY ACTIVITIES **

<< SUNDAY BREAKFAST >> 7:30 am

September: G-M'as (Old Herbo's)

October: Perkins

November: Western Grill

** FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER **

6:30 pm *Future locations to be announced. Call Skip Hoffman for more info. 277-0818*

September 12, 2012
Oil Capitol Auto Club

Welcome everyone attending meeting (29 members).

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" Terry Apel, Gary Edwards, Bob Entrekim, Mary Hoffman, Cathi Knight, Julie H. Merdink, Mark Milliken, Christal Ramirez, Jerry Russell & Bambi Stolte
Guests Karen Moore for "Gracies Promise" supporting families with children facing years of medical treatment and daily struggles related to life changing event. "1st" Annual Dam Cancer Poker Run September 15, 2012 Registration Taylor's Sport & Spirit 37 Curtis St. EVNSVL 8 a.m. Kickstands up at 9 a.m. Everyone welcome at Washington Park NOON???
BBQ Auction 50/50 Door Prizes Raffles & Drawings Activities & Games for Children & Adults
Meeting came to order at 7 p.m.
Motioned by John Chaney & 2nd by John Gardner to approve Treasurer's Report;

BILLS PAID:

Quality Office Solutions Senior Cruise/Ice Cream Social OLD TOWN Postmaster

BENEVOLENCE: Carol Kennedy get well soon! Steve Schaeffer back in hospital with knee complications.

CORRESPONDENCE:

2013 Rocky Mountain Area Rod Run Schedule information for Area Car Clubs, Associations, Event Sponsors & Advertisers. Schedule will be printed by Thanksgiving. Please send events sheets & ad payments to
Pat Shaw 312 11th Avenue Longmont, CO. 80501 by Friday October 5th for inclusion in next years schedule.

Thank you card from NCSO Homeless Student Program. Donation.

Thank you letter from Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions for donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 received August 13, 2012.

Thank You Card from The Scott Siedschlag Memorial Car Show monies toward "SUICIDE PREVENTION" in our community. Funds raised.

Downtown Casper Business Association invitation to participate for this year's theme "STORY BOOK CHRISTMAS"

Saturday, November 24, 2012 6 p.m. with deadline entry November 15, 2012, no applications will be accepted after November 15, 2012.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

August 13, 2012 DONATION to support the mission "To companion the end of life journey with skill and compassion of Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions Programs.

NCSO Homeless Student Program Donation will be used for school supplies, shoes, clothing & musical instrument rentals.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to accept last month's minutes John Gardner 2nd by Bailey Midkiff.

Motion made by John Chaney to keep meetings at Z's Classics 2nd by John Gudgeon

Mike Kennedy & Mark Milliken volunteered to count votes, in event of tie, President would make the deciding vote. Outcome...overwhelming votes to keep meetings at Z's Classics. If problems should arise consult with President or Vice President to address Ron Potter. Newsletter and web page OCAC.CC addresses will be changed to new address.

Ron Potter motioned to shorten Memorial Weekend 2013 Car Show to 2 day Event 2nd by Don Heil

John Simmons motioned Bailey Midkiff be Car Show Chairman for 2013 MW Car Show 2 day event

2nd Mike Johnson Volunteers Phil Nissen & John Simmons will help with MW 2013 Car Show

Ralph Butler Cruise Director has 2 more cruise nights left for the season. RALPH "Thank you" for treating Seniors & club members 'ice cream' at the Senior Cruise to Old Town for Ice Cream Social.

Phil Nissen motioned to raise an additional MONEY for Veteran's Program.

2nd Mike Johnson

Expense breakdown for MW Car Show 2012 from Connie Bryant Special Events Treasurer for October Meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Kennedy suggested to update current information on club web page section "FOR SALE" and

Cindy Chopping be removed as "CONTACT"

Mike Kennedy will be retiring after 3 years as Editor. Thank you Mike for all your hard work..we will miss you!

Christmas Committee will hold Christmas Party at The Caddy Shack Municipal Golf Course 2120 Allendale

Saturday, December 1, 2012 COST \$25.00 couple \$12.50 Single includes tax & tip. Starts 6 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Menu chicken or pork chops.

White Elephant Gifts will be exchanged (\$15.00) Couples 2 gifts Single 1 gift if you would like to participate in Gift Exchange. Contact John/Liddy Cheney, Bob Entrekim or Pat Potter for more info.

Time to nominate NEW OFFICERS at October meeting. Elected Officers shall serve a term of 1 year. President's duty is to appoint a NOMINATING COMMITTEE one month prior to election of officers. Election held at November meeting and term of office begins January 1 of the following year. NO member shall be eligible to serve more than 2 years.

Nomination for Editor is also open.

Motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m. by John Chaney 2nd by Mike Johnson

Yolanda Scribner

We're not the richest people in town....but we're the proudest! (vintage cars)

CORRECTION TO AUGUST MINUTES

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m. by Ray Parnell & 2nd by Steve Schaffer:

OLD BUSINESS: Motion to accept Mike Kennedy 2nd by John Chaney

Motion by Lyn Kaper Save MONEY for club, DONATION to Hospice, DONATION to NCSO Homeless Student Program DONATION Veterans Fund (if monies are not donated in 2 months, monies would go to the NCSO Homeless Student Program) 2nd Ray Parnell Motion passed Phil Nissen will be asked to post Veteran's Fund on campus.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to keep meetings at Z's Classics Steve Schaffer 2nd by Neil Overman

Ray Parnell did not 2nd motion to have meetings at Z's Classics

Motion to keep meetings at Z's Classics was tie vote. Pat Potter motioned to re-vote at September meeting.

Thank you for items (4 1979 HOT ROD magazines, Top 25 Automobile Collector Book, 1949 Ford 2 window/1 door handles, 3 OCAC 2012 Memorial Day Weekend Posters and 1953 Plymouth framed picture) donated for auction.

CORRECTION TO JUNE MINUTES

Guests Troy Snyder and son Kyle who relocated from Alabama. Welcome to Casper, Wy.

Meeting came to order 7 p.m. Motioned by Jim Chaney 2nd by Mike Kennedy to approve Treasurer's Report

September Prez Says

Well gang! Summer is almost over and it's been a blast. Won't be long before we start wearing our car club jackets for the cool evenings. Our cruise director, Ralph Butler put together some awesome Wednesday evening cruises during the summer and also thanks to everyone who put together specialty cruises. Friday night dinners are beginning to get popular again as the car show season winds down, so check the website for the dinner destination. Be sure to call me at 277-0818 if you would like to join in. We need a head count. Remember, no matter where you go, there you are.

Looking for a new newsletter editor.

The December issue of the club newsletter will be the end of the third year since my accepting the position of newsletter editor. I plan to step down from this position as of the end of December. This gives lots of time for members to step up to the duties of newsletter editor. I have enjoyed these last 3 years, but I think that it is time for new blood. I sincerely appreciate all of the input from contributors over these years and hope the new editor will have the same good luck. If anyone would like to be the editor, I will be glad to spend as much time as necessary to train them and ease them into the position.

Applicants should have a computer with some sort of word processing program. I have been using Microsoft Publisher, but Microsoft Word will work as well. A scanner is helpful to scan articles and the minutes into the document. Internet and e-mail connection very helpful.

Mike Kennedy

Upcoming Car Shows:

September, 2012

15th Littleton, Co 11th Annual Wild West Auto Fest ww.denvermustangclub.com

15th Vail, Co Colorado Grand Non d'Elegance Angie Getchel 970-670-6443

15th Newcastle, Wy Annual Newcastle car show. 307-746-5064

22nd Gillette, Wy Annual Fall Show & Shine 307-687-1756

23rd Golden, Co Nova Roundup Rocky Mt. Nova Club Tom Koehler 303-252-0766

23rd Lincoln, Ne. All Corvette Car Show Bill Zuspan 402-432-4014

29th Arvada, Co Rocky Mt. Street Rods open house 303-399-4256

October, 2012

5-7 Sidney, Ne 28th Annual Rod & Roll Show Loren Hokema 308-249-0062

23-25 Denver, Co 15th Annual Crème de la Chrome Rocky Mt Rod & Custom Joe Haska 303-987-1377

"The Blown Gasket"



Mark Milliken's cars at the Laramie Car Show



Club members on Casper Mountain cruise



Mountain climber, Mark Milliken

Wednesday Cruises.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of the members that hosted cruises this summer. I found them to be fun and in some cases very informative. Below are some photos taken during various cruises this summer.

Mike



Casper's Mansion Cruise



Garden Square Cruise



Meadow Winds Cruise



A twist of fate.

When I bought my '68 Mustang convertible I noted that one of the earlier owners of the car was a person by the name of Paul Koehnke. I wondered if he was the original purchaser of my car and so I did some Internet searches for that name. I found records of a person with that name in Yorba Linda, California, which made sense since the car was built in California. Later records indicated a residence near Kinnear, Wyoming. I had some questions about my car that I thought that an earlier owner could answer, but after many futile Internet searches for an address or phone number I gave up trying to contact Mr Koehnke. A few weeks ago I was watching the evening news on KCWY TV and an article about a Paul Koehnke was featured on that news broadcast. The broadcast indicated that Paul used to live in the Kinnear area and I thought EUREKA!!! I have found my missing person. Mr. Koehnke had been injured in an auto accident and is disabled. He is living in the Shepherd of the Valley nursing home. Last week I went out to see him. I took several photos of the Mustang, both as I had brought it home and after the restoration.

At first Paul didn't recognize the car, he said that his car had been red. After I told him who I purchased it from, and pointed out that parts of the car had the red color he remembered he agreed that it was his car at one time. He said that he bought it used in 1981 or 1982. He is either the second or third owner. The car had been used hard and needed work. He repaired and updated the car and drove it in California before moving to Wyoming. He couldn't remember if the car had turned over 100,000 miles while he had it, so that is still a mystery. He also indicated that the car didn't have air conditioning when he bought it, so he pulled a system out of a wrecked Mustang. (I always thought that the air was factory installed.) I learned some things from Paul, and he learned some things from me. For example I told him that the car had a power top. He didn't think that it did, but I know that when I started the restoration process I noted the hydraulic cylinders and pump for a power top. The switch and switch bracket were missing when I bought the car, but the wiring for the power top was in place.

I took my Mustang to Shepherd of the Valley to show Paul how his old car looked now. He just couldn't believe that it is the same car that he once owned. An interesting twist of fate to have seen this TV news article and to become acquainted with an earlier owner of my Mustang.

Below is a photo of Paul beside the car he once owned.

Mike Kennedy



My first ride in a Porsche.

The day before Labor day, Mark Milliken called me and asked me to ride with him the next day, to Laramie to visit the crash site of a United Airlines plane that crashed into Medicine Bow Peak in October of 1956. I thought what a great time to ride in his Porsche (See article on following page). I have never had the opportunity to ride in one of those German masterpieces so I jumped at the chance. Mark's quest was to find the crash site and see if we could find one of the radial engines from the plane. As a bit of a background, the DC-4 was on a flight from Denver to Salt Lake. It was over an hour late leaving Denver. The flight normally would have taken an airway leg from Denver to Laramie, then several more airway legs from Laramie west to Salt Lake.

The theory is that since the flight was over an hour late, the pilot elected to shorten the route by skipping the Laramie airway leg of the flight by taking a diagonal line to one of the other airways. At any rate the flight ended up in the area of Medicine Bow peak. For unknown reasons, (possibly turbulence due to the mountains) the airliner crashed into Medicine Bow Peak about 50 feet below the summit. 66 people died in the crash, which at the time was the deadliest crash in the U.S. The trek to the crash site involves about a half mile bolder hop over rocks the size of Mark's Porsche. For a fat old man like me it was truly a trek. We did find the crash site and some of the wreckage, more importantly one of the radial engines from the DC-4.

More complete details of the crash are available on the following web site.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Airlines_Flight_409

Mike Kennedy



PORSCHE 944: OR WHY DIDN'T THE GERMANS WIN WORLD WAR 2?

German engineering has always been considered to be some of the best in the world. Of course we all know how close the Allies came to losing the war. Well before America entered the war, Germany had an intercontinental bomber and nuclear weapons on the drawing board. You might say Germany was over-engineered and under-led.

Speaking of over-engineering, the early '80s to early '90s Porsche 944 was an example of beautiful design that bordered on art. The engines were only 150 hp and intended for the wife to chase errands around town. But the engineering was clearly intended to allow m'lady to run the Le Mans 24 hour race if she so chooses.

My 1986 944 was discovered as a basket case in a friend's garage. For many years it occupied an area normally reserved for the wife's car. As they say, "ain't mom happy, ain't nobody happy." So the 944 had to go.



The car came together over a year, and now it's used on a regular basis. The leak-prone power steering was removed and replaced with a 1983 manual rack. A German-only alternator bracket was installed that allowed elimination of the air conditioning. About 60 lbs of weight were saved off the front end. There are still a few bugs, such as bearing noise in the rear-mounted transaxle. We plan to run open track events in Colorado, and putting the Mustang in semi-retirement.

If the WWII German engineers (the sons of whom designed the 944) had been redirected and allowed to complete their projects, New York City may well have been reduced to ashes by 1941. Fortunately for the world, a leadership vacuum in Germany paved the way for them to produce some of the world's best cars in the post-war era.

Mark Milliken