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BLOWN GASKET

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Recurring Club Activities

General meeting: Every 2nd Wednesday, 7PM, Z's Classics, 2049 E. Yellowstone. *No meeting Dec 2015.*

Car Show Committee: Next meeting TBA.

Friday night dinners: Check with Skip Hoffman, 277-0818.

Special Events

Oct 24: Fire benefit car show, Sonic Drive In, and Hat Six Travel Plaza, 10 AM, Ray Parnell 258-9009

Nov 14: OCAC Girls night out, dinner/bowling, El Marko Lanes, 6 PM. Julie Judd 258-4868.

Dec 12: OCAC Christmas party. Caddy Shack at Municipal Golf Course. Pat Potter, 472-5445

Jan 1: OCAC New Years and membership party, 10 AM, Parkway Plaza, Pat Potter, 472-5445.

Sunday breakfast, 8 am: Oct - Perkins, Nov - Red & White, Dec - Village Inn Down town, Jan - Johnny J's

September 9 2015 OCAC Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 pm by President John Gudgeon

We had 2 guests present George Tillman and wife Carla and Casey Keleilber both George and Casey are recipient's of our scholarships.

The minutes of last month were accepted with no changes.

The treasurer's report was given by Sec/Treasurer Dianne Butler

Correspondence was passed around for everyone to see.

It was noted Pat Potter is in the hospital for some test, but is doing well and should be home tomorrow.

Don Heil is home and doing well after having both his knees replaced.

John announced the passing of Jerry Barton's wife Charlotte. Jerry thanked everyone for their cards and caring thoughts. A donation in Charlottes name has been given to the Humane Society of Casper. Any one that knew Charlotte knew about her love for animals. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jerry and their family.

There were no committee reports

There was no old or unfinished business at this time.

Arville reported on the Mustang Run to Sturgis. Mike Kennedy won an award

Jerry Russell attended a show @ Spearfish SD for Mercury, Jerry said about 50 attended.

The Elks show here in Casper had about 23 cars everyone that attended had a good time.

Upcoming events: Bruce Berst has a treasure hunt scheduled for Saturday

There is a cry show in Morbridge SD

The 12-24 club has a show planned for Sat also there will be a parade from the club to Washington Park.

New Business: Election of Officers for 2016
Phill Nissen will be calling for an election committee.

Election will be in November

Valve Cover Racing Doug Walters has volunteered to chair that committee and will be forming a group to meet with the board on plans for the valve cover races to be held when and where for the winter.

We sold 44 50/50 tickets with \$22.00 going to the club and \$22.00 to John Simmons.

We had Bambi Stolte, Gary Edwards, Cathi Knight, Jerry Russell, Mary Hoffman, Bailey Midkiff and Mark Milliken with birthdays this month.

The meeting was adjourned and cake was served.

OCAC OCTOBER 14 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by OCAC President: John Gudgeon

John asked if everyone had bought their 50/50 raffle tickets

We had no guest or new members present

The treasurer's report was read by Sec/Treasurer: Dianne Butler and was accepted as read

Happy Birthday to the following October birthday's: Mary Russell, Janice Morgan, Dianne Butler, Mike Kennedy, Jerry Barton, Ron Potter and Lucille Simmons.

The correspondence for this month was Thank you letter from Poplar Living Center for the mini car show we had for the residents on one of our Wednesday night cruises. A Thank you card from the Casper Humane Society for the donation in the name of Charlotte Barton. We received a letter from the Cadama Foundation explaining their service for the Bishop house and a letter from the Downtown Business Christmas Parade. The theme this year is A Christmas Wish List. We can only have 10 cars and they must have Christmas lights on them.

Mark Millikan shared a few points about being the newsletter editor. It's not a difficult job, but is a little time consuming. It just depends on what the new editor was to include in the letter. We do need to have upcoming events and the minutes from the previous meeting included. All the information is on the web site we just need to send it to the members who do not have access to the web.

If someone does not come forward to take over the newsletter we may have to suspend it all together and just send out the minutes only.

Tammy Raver and Bruce Berst gave a report about the Newcastle car show they attended last month and said they had a really good time. This is the 9th year for the show and there were around 200 cars.

John and Liddy took a bus tour of the eastern US and visited 8 states in 9 days. John Simmons talked about the garage tour last month out on 20-26 he said the guy has a 1954 Rambler American station wagon and 3 0 4 thousand match box cars. They served coffee and would like to invite the club to come back for a BBQ

Bruce Berst gave a brief report on the scavenger hunt and said it was really a

lot of fun and he would like to do it again sometime.

The Wednesday night cruises are pretty much done as only 3 of showed up last week. We did say we would like to do more car shows for seniors on Wednesday night cruise night next summer.

The old club trailer has been sold and is gone. Jerry Barton & Ralph Butler have been putting shelves in the new show trailer and are getting it all organized for next year.

Pat Potter is working on the Christmas party, it will be Dec 12 @ the Caddy Shack and Pat's calling committee will be calling everyone who was not at the meeting to talk about the menu and gift exchange.

John Gudgeon is working on the New Years Brunch, it will be at the Parkway Plaza

NEW BUSINESS: Phil Nissen 2016 OCAC board member's nominations committee. John Gudgeon will step down as he has served for 2 years.

Mike Kennedy nominated Stan Goodwin for president. If anyone else would like to be put on the ballet please let Phil know.

The Valve Cover race track was set up so members could run their cars tonight.

Bruce Berst announced the National Studebaker Club is going to meet in Casper the weekend of July 16th at the Parkway Plaza and they may want to rent the track for that weekend.

Julie Judd and several of the ladies in club would like to start getting together once a month during the winter to get to know each other better and are talking about some really fun activities, such as crafts, dinner and bowling maybe a movie and just whatever. If you have any ideas they would be welcomed. The first Girls Night Out will be Nov 14th @ 6pm ElMarkos dinner & Bowling please call Julie Judd 258-4868 with questions and a headcount.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Potter and 2nd Bruce Berst.

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To our highly valued OCAC membership:

The purpose of this letter is to reach out to you, our OCAC members who may feel a hardcopy OCAC newsletter is of critical importance. To that end, we are asking for your assistance in ensuring its continuance.

In order to improve our ability to rapidly disperse information, OCAC has entered the modern era of web and social media. Club activities and other important information are quickly posted and updated if last-minute changes are made. Given these modern web-based tools, hardcopy newsletters are obsolete in most clubs.

Members who at one time devoted much time and effort to editing, publishing, and mailing hardcopy newsletters are now focused on improving the far more effective OCAC website and Facebook page. Information in the newsletter is currently a duplication of that already posted in the web site. In fact, OCAC web site info is probably much more up-to date, given event changes due to schedule conflicts, weather, etc.

At the June and July 2015 OCAC general meetings, the President asked for volunteers to continue with hardcopy newsletter publishing and mailings. No one responded. Can you help?

Please contact the editor for any questions at the club address or at newsletter@ocac.cc. Some typical questions are below. We very much look forward to hearing from you. If not, we will assume you have no interest in assisting with the newsletter.

Sincerely,
2015 OCAC Newsletter Editor

FAQs:

Is the newsletter being stopped? No, not if volunteers like you step up to do the work.

Don't I pay for the newsletter with my dues? Yes, but club dues cover much more than publishing and mailing of the newsletter. OCAC dues have not risen in decades, despite significant increases in publishing and mailing cost. Dues-paying members who chose the web site for their information are subsidizing hardcopy mailings to others.

Do I need a computer to help? It's strongly recommended, but entirely up to you. The most important information are meeting minutes, which can be easily reproduced and mailed. The critical issues are budget compliance, timeliness, and ensuring you have an up-to-date membership mailing list.

How do I get information without the newsletter? All club activities are discussed at club and committee meetings. All club and regional car events are posted on the website. Websites and the folks who can assist you can be accessed through widely available computers such as print shops and libraries. Moreover, OCAC members are more than happy to assist you, especially if you are restricted by health or family issues.

