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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 1/20/2016, Stan and Judy Goodwins'

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

Sunday breakfast: Jan: Johnnie Js; Feb: G-Mas

## Special Events

<http://ocac.cc>

NOVEMBER 2015 OCAC MEETING  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by  
President John Gudgeon

There were no guests or new members

The minutes from the October 15  
meeting were accepted as posted in the  
newsletter

The treasurers report was read by  
Treasurer Dianne Butler and accepted by  
the club

Birthdays this month were as follows:  
Skip Hoffman, Richard Bush, Jacob  
Baker, Connie Thompson, Linda Kloster

Judy Goodwin had no reports of  
Benevolence

Committee reports: Doug Walters had  
the Valve track all set up for anyone  
wanting to race and make some  
adjustments

Jerry Barton reported on the first car  
show meeting the fairgrounds & parkway  
have been contacted, there are many  
committee chairs in place, but always  
room for lots of hel in all areas.

It was announced the Cole Creek Fire  
Fund received \$30,000.00 from the fund  
raiser at Sonic

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Jerry  
Russell- President. Jerry Barton Vice  
President and Dianne Butler  
Secretary/Treasurer

50/50 Winner was Mike Kennedy and he  
donated his winnings to the Auction Fund  
\$12.00 and then \$12.00 to the club.

Thanks Mike

Motion to adjourn Ron Potter 2<sup>nd</sup> Skip  
Hoffman

## OCAC MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 13 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jerry Russell

We had one new Member Randy McIntosh and his family. One guest of Tammy Raver his name was Darrell. We had 34 Members in attendance.

Jerry announced the last meeting minutes from November had been published to the website and also in the newsletter.

There were no changes or additions. It was motioned by Mike Kennedy and 2nd Arvilla Bush and passed by show of hands.

Benevolence: Judy Goodwin reported she had sent a card and flowers for Bev English.

Doug Walters: Reported they had 23 cars for the New Years Day race held at Z's Classics

Jerry Barton: Car Show Chair reported the Car Show meeting will be held January 20th at Stan Goodwin's house. They almost have all the committee heads but do still need a chair for the parking

The shirts this year will probably be Maroon. The Art has been done by Peden's.

Mike Kennedy : Reported on Face book and social media and how many hits the web site has generated.

Jerry Russell has put an ad for the meeting in Town Crier and there was discussion on several other publications we may be able to use to get the word out about the club.

Dianne Butler/Secretary-Treasurer: We have a balance of \$7,992.11 in the checking account. Mary Hoffman won the 50/50 drawing at the Christmas Party \$63.00.

Summer Anderson has offered to edit my attempt at the Newsletter. Thank you Summer I appreciate your help as will the members who read the minutes and Newsletter.

The 50/50 drawing brought in \$40.00 tonight with \$20.00 going to Ralph Butler and \$20.00 into the bank.

Meeting was adjourned: We enjoyed cake for Arlene Russell and Wayne Carlson, our January Birthday's



For those of the membership who do not know me, I thought that I would introduce myself. I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pa. and grew up on cowboy movies. I learned to drive on a 1954 Dodge pickup with no floorboards, with flapping fenders, and no kingpins. I think that I pushed it as far as I drove it. My father did not want to see me get into trouble on the road so I graduated to a 1961 Dodge Lancer Slant 6 and a three speed on the floor, with a bench seat. A real chick magnet. (The old man was a Chrysler guy in those days.) I then graduated to a 1965 Plymouth Belvedere II, which was a nice car but a six.

At this point I went away to college in New Mexico with no car. I finally struck out on my own, automotively, and bought a 1965 Mercury Parklane convertible from a friend of mine, red with a white interior. (Wish I still had it!) And thus the Mercury tradition started and is being carried on today with another 1965 Mercury Parklane and a 1968 Cougar XR7.

The other cars in the family, which gave me my love of the classics, were a 1941 Packard 120 Convertible Sedan and a 1930 Auburn 895 Cabriolet, which is currently undergoing a restoration.

On a personal note, after a little cowboying in New Mexico I came to Wyoming in 1974 and went to work for what would become GAB Business Services as an insurance adjuster in Sheridan. In 1983 I made my way to Casper and worked at the same trade. Then in 2001 I started my own business, Central Wyoming Claims, specializing in heavy equipment, property, and oil and gas claims. In 2014, after 40 years in the business, I retired to spend more time on the golf course, with the cars, car shows, and, of course, with Arlene and the grandkids. On that note, I recently took my grandson for a ride, before the brakes failed, and he had never been in a convertible or a car without seatbelts. I showed him how to drive the car with both hands held above the windshield frame, going down the interstate. I don't believe that I will ever forget the look on his face.

Those are the kind of experiences that we as a club have to pass on to future generations--the feel of wind in your hair and the smell of gasoline, in the passenger compartment. I know that with the help of the entire membership we can reach these young people before the carburetor is a thing of the past and forgotten except in the history books and museums. I would also like to see the club name and logo in the public eye. I believe that it is important that the public know how much good we do as an organization. I will work my best toward these goals and to justify the club's faith in me. I hope to know everyone better, cruise longer, and keep as much of that old and unique iron on the road as possible. No hands on the wheel.

I wish you all a prosperous and healthy new year. See you at the next meeting.

Jerry Russell

President