



# Blown Gasket

Oil Capitol Auto Club

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

## Upcoming Club Activities

**Car show meeting Wednesday March 7, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at Stan & Judy's**

**Friday club dinner: Contact Pat Potter 315-5144**

**Sunday Breakfast in February: G-Ma's**

**March: Perkins**



**Oil Capitol Auto Club**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**February 14, 2018**

Rocky Smith (President)

Bruce Berst (Vice President)

Ken Lantta (Treasurer)

Mark Milliken (Secretary)

Jerry Barton (Car Show Committee Chairman)

Jerry Russell (Immediate Past President and Newsletter Editor)

Mike Kennedy (Web Site and Social Media)

President Rocky Smith called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The January minutes were approved.

**New member:** Glenn Vogel, 1929 Ford pickups.

**Treasurer's report:**

- \$8200.00 in club account as of January 1, \$8452.00 as of this date (see attachment).
- A proposed 2018 budget was voted on and passed by the membership (see attachment). The Treasurer reminded the membership that club by-laws call for a budget to be completed by November for voting upon in December. The BOD is committed to ensuring that the by-laws are complied with in 2018.

**New Business (VP). Club logo and nomenclature standardization as voted on by the membership:**

- Capitol
- Cruizin'
- Wy (This required 15 minutes of debate)
- "Oldies" will stay
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**Membership categories:**

Originally decided upon in 2015 by concurrence of the membership, the issue of lifetime membership has once again reared its controversial head. The Treasurer noted that current Bylaws allow for two levels of membership: active (voting) and family (nonvoting).

Apparently, there is some confusion because the 2015 Bylaws don't refer to lifetime members. Jerry Barton, a member of the 2015 Bylaws Committee, reminded the membership that in 2015 the club had cancelled that classification going forward, thus eliminating the need for further Bylaws references. At that time, the club decided those members with designated lifetime memberships would grandfather in, but no more such designations would be made. The issue came up *yet again* in 2016, with no further resolution.

Three years after the club felt they had put the issue to rest, a new definition is now needed. Since 1995 predates 2015 by 20 years, all members who have been continuously dues-paying since 1995 or before are now considered Lifetime Members. This definition was voted upon and approved by the membership.

### **Car Show Committee Report (Jerry Barton):**

The current version of the show schedule is available on the OCAC web site. The various subcommittees are moving forward with no major issues. Help is always needed. Contact Jerry or a committee to help.

### **New Business:**

- John Gudgeon invited the club to the Elks Club car show on Saturday, June 2, 2018. This date conflicts with the Gumbo Cook-Off the same day. The Elks will have a cruise-in the previous evening, Friday June 1.
- On behalf of Food for Thought, Julie Judd requested mechanical assistance on a bus recently acquired by the organization. Contact Julie if you can help.
- As decided upon earlier, the March 2018 OCAC meeting will feature a corned beef and cabbage potluck.

President Rocky Smith adjourned the meeting at 8 PM.

Mark Milliken

Secretary

2/14/2018

### **NEW CLUB MEMBERS**

Russell Dickerman,  
1972 Chevrolet Chevelle SS

Glenn Vogel,  
1929 Ford Roadster Pickup

Chris Raymond,  
1970 Triumph Spitfire, 1981 BMW 528, 2004 Nissan Sentra Spec V Rally Car, 2009 Mini Cooper S

The OCAC has a new member, Russell "Russ" Dickerman and his wife Ula. John Simmons has been talking to Russ for a long time about the club and his persistence has paid off. Besides sharing a love of old cars, the two men collect license plates together, Russ is a Casper native born here in 1946. He attended school here and joined the Navy in 1965 serving into 1969. When he was in school his first car was a 1951 Chevy and when he came home from the Navy he bought a 1965 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport. It was teal green with a black top.

Russ and Ula are both retired from the Post Office and Russ now drives for CATC while Ula ferries the grand children around to sporting events. Between them they have 5 children, 13 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Russ likes to build WWII model airplanes and boats. Ula has a huge frog collection and does water aerobics. Together they like to go to the movies.

Their old car has only had one owner and that is the Dickerman's. Russ bought the car brand new in 1972 right off the line. He can proudly say that he has owned that car for 45 years this May. He has added another horn since it came with only one and that sounded like a sick Volkswagon. He has added another right side mirror and had a LT1 350 installed along with an electronic ignition. Some 20 years ago he had some other reconditioning done and is now in the mood to continue with that updating. Not bad when you consider that this care has over 300,000 miles on it.

The Oil Capitol Auto Club would like to welcome Russ and Ula and hope that they enjoy all of our upcoming activities.

A hearty welcome is also extended to Glenn Vogel and Chris Raymond. The club has a long list of fun activities coming up this summer and hope to see all of you there. The mission of the OCAC is to bring together anyone interested in motors and wheels, of any kind. Especially all of the young people out there with those new rides. Come along and bring a friend. WELCOME TO ALL.

### **MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW**

Planning for the 2018 Memorial Day Weekend "Cruizin with the Oldies" car show is coming along very nicely. Please check the show website frequently for the most up to date information, [www.cruizinwiththeoldies.com](http://www.cruizinwiththeoldies.com). Member are asked to register as early as possible (entry forms are available on the website or any committee member). The host hotel is the RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER. Of course, all volunteers are welcome and there are any number of activities and committees that need help. Besides-it is a lot of FUN!



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Oil Capital Auto Club,

Pop in the Shop Financial Donor,

Thank you for your amazing support of God's Ministry Pop in the Shop! We are very grateful for your support! You have helped to change the lives of many fatherless young men through this program! We had an exciting year teaching these young men how to restore classic cars, memorize the Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments as well as help them learn from the bible studies we have with them! Your support has also helped the men who mentor these kids by giving them the opportunity to build relationships with these young men and hopefully help to stop the fatherless cycle with these kids! You can follow our progress on the shop projects via our website or Facebook page!

Thank you again and please spread the word about this Ministry! We need the support of people like you to keep this program going!

*Thank you so much!*

God Richly Bless You!

*Jerry Knight*

Jerry Knight  
 President/Founder  
 Pop in the Shop, Inc.

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# Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions

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January 15<sup>1</sup> 2018<sup>h</sup>

Diane Butler  
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Dear Diane Butler:

On behalf of Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions' patients, staff and Board of Directors, thank you for your generous support in 2017. We depend upon a combination of fundraisers, grants and donations to fill the widening gap between third party reimbursements and the costs of providing actual services. Without a doubt, our doors would not be open today without gifts such as yours.

Thank you for everything you do for our patients and their families, this allows us to fulfill our mission of companionship at the end of life journey with skill and compassion.

Your year-end summary of donations is listed below. If you would like a detailed list of your gifts or if you feel like there is any error in your total giving, please contact Brooke Fielder, Data Entry, via email or phone: [brookef@cwHP.org](mailto:brookef@cwHP.org) or 307-577-4832.

**Your 2017 total contributions to Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions is \$100. The estimated value of any goods or services received by you in return for your gifts is \$0. Therefore your 2017 tax deductible donation total is \$100.**

Thank you again for your continued support of Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions. We hope you'll keep up with our upcoming events through either Facebook or our website and we look forward to your support in 2018.

With my highest regards,



Kilty Brown  
Executive Director

## 2018 Oil Capitol Auto Club Officers



**Rocky Smith – President**



**Bruce Berst – Vice-President**



**Mark Milliken - Secretary**



**Ken Lantta – Treasurer**

## BIRTHDAYS

February Birthdays are Jean Heil, Bruce Berst, Richard Culbertson, Vince Gargiulo, Cindy Walters, Tom Culburn, Boyington Clune, John Lanum, and Jeff Neubauer.

## EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal and stewed.

Surprisingly Muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks or were round with a hole in the middle, in a tin. We only saw real ones in pictures.

There were three things that we never had at/or on our table, elbows, hats, or cell phones.

And, there were always two choices for each meal.....Take it or Leave it.....

## CLASSIC CLUES

Question: True or False: The 1953 Corvette came in white, red & black.

Answer: False. The 1953 Corvettes were available in one color, Polo White.



## MY CAR

**Hey Bruce, why Studebakers?** Well, I grew up on a small farm in Montana. Everything that had a motor on the farm was a Studebaker, except for the lawn mower and our tractors. We had a Sears mower and Ford tractors even though Studebaker did sell Gravelly tractors. Don't know why Ford tractors?

My first driving experience was my Dad's 1949 Studebaker half ton pick-up. Dad had wooden blocks on the pedals so I could reach them. I would idle it down the field as Dad pitched hay bales on it and the trailer that was hitched behind. As I remember I was about 8 years old and could barely see over the dash. The other Studebaker of my childhood with not so fond memories was a 1950 Bullet nose Champion. We often loaded everyone into this car to go see Grandma and as a little boy I had to sit in the back with my brother and sisters. Being too little to see out of the window and the dirt road was like a roller coaster guess who always ended up sick in the car. This did not please my Dad, especially after two or three stops to clean up the car and beat my butt. To try to solve the problem, dad had heard from someone down the road about setting a box or something up in the front seat so I could see. Now I won't say that this didn't cause any problems either because now my siblings were all mad at me; however, this took care of the car sickness and my dad was a little happier not having to make so many extra stops. Just last year my sister sent me an old black & white photo of all of us in front of that big ole car.

My first car was a 1930 model A Ford coupe, which I bought for \$75.00 when I was a junior in high school. I put together a 239 cubic inch mercury flathead V-8 in shop class. It already had a 1940 Ford rear end and a 1939 4-speed transmission. Dark tinted windows and a canary yellow paint job, with small front tires and cheater slicks on the rear. Needless to say, I got into my fair share of trouble with my first car.

So of course my first Studebaker, that I still own, is my 1949 pick up just like dad's, except for the fancy paint job and new seats, and I don't need the wooden blacks to reach the peddles now. My truck has been customized in several ways, but it still has a Studebaker engine in it and that seems to surprise a lot of people that they made their own engines, too.

So Studebakers keep me out of trouble because NOBODY takes them seriously, and I have always been a champion for the underdog, besides it could be worse, it could be a Corvair!!!

Currently, I have 3 – Studebakers, 1 – Packard Hawk, 1 – Nash Metro, and 1 – Morris Minor. Yes, I really do have a soft spot for the oddballs, not to mention Tammy.

Bruce Berst

This is the story of a 1968 Ford Mustang. This pony was assembled in California and stayed most of it's life in the Yorba Linda area. However, at some point Paul Koehnke brough this car to Wyoming. Paul was the second or third owner, he thinks. At any rate after Paul moved to Wyoming he was injured in an automobile accident which left him paralyzed and unable to drive or restore the Mustang. Paul then sold the car to a fellow in Riverton who had to pull the car out of a chicken coop. Lots of poop and mice, as one might imagine. He started to restore the car but decided that his time might be better spent building a pickup for his son. That is when he sold the car to me.

I bought the car on St. Patrick's day (March 17, 2007). The Riverton fellow stated that" I wouldn't be afraid to drive that car anywhere". I have heard those words before so I trailered the car home to Casper, and I am glad

that I did. I discovered that there was no coolant in the radiator and the carburetor leaked like a flushing toilet. It ran well enough for a short test drive.

Restoration started immediately. I discovered minor rust in the rear floor, which I repaired, my first welding experience. The rest of the car was mostly rust free but all the chrome was pitted to destruction by the salt air od California. The car was well equipped for a car of that era. It came with power disc brakes, power steering, and air conditioning, which was rare for a convertible of that era.

The 289 engine was rebuilt by J. Team of Casper, the paint and body was done by S&L Classics of Casper in Ford Blue Flame Metallic. I did most of the rest of the work myself finishing in 2009. It is a “driver” but I have had many trouble free miles throughout the western United States. My only suggestion is that if you start a restoration project **DON’T** keep a spreadsheet of expenses. \$\$\$\$\$\$!

Mike Kennedy

**QUESTION:** Why do chicken coops have two doors?

**ANSWER:** Because if they had four, they’d be chicken sedans!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Monthly Meeting, 3/14/18, Pot Luck, 6:15 PM. Jennifer Baker will again use her delicious recipe to make the corned beef and cabbage. Please plan to attend and bring a side dish or a dessert. Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Memorial Day Car Show Meeting, 3/7/18, Stan & Judy’s, 6:30 PM. Planning is coming along very nicely. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

Rocky Manginelli Memorial Swap Meet, 3/4/18-Lincoln, Nebraska.



Yummy corned beef!!!