



Oil Capitol Auto Club

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Upcoming Club Activities

Friday club dinner: Contact Pat Potter 315-5144

Sunday Breakfast: July: Johnny J's

August: Village Inn (downtown)

BIRTHDAYS

Carl Baker, Pam Burrous, Ralph Butler, John Gardner, Margaret Hiatt, Mike Johnson, Wendell King



OCAC MEETING MINUTES

Oil Capitol Auto Club General Membership Meeting Minutes July 11, 2018

Board of Directors:

President:	Rocky Smith
Vice President:	Bruce Berst
Treasurer:	Ken Lantta
Secretary:	Mark Milliken
Car Show Committee Chairman:	Jerry Barton
Newsletter Editor:	Jerry Russell
Webmaster and Social Media:	Mike Kennedy

Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, with 35 members present. The June minutes were approved as posted on the website.

Treasurer's report:

- Financial status reports for the club and car show were discussed and made available to the membership,
- New member introduced: John Robeski,
- Returning members: Rich and Dixie Blower.

Vice president:

- The July 4th Pop-in-Shop show had 39 cars,
- OCAC had 10 cars in the parade,
- A long list of upcoming local and regional events was discussed, including:
 - 7/17: Solar car event at the **Trails Center**,
 - 8/17: **NSRA** dinner at Yellowstone Garage and open house at Flip Cooper's home,
 - 8/18: **NSRA** Cars and Coffee at Eastside City Brew, and tour to Natural Bridge,
 - 8/18: **Food for Thought** Car show at Hat Six,
 - 8/25: **Elks** summer picnic,
 - 8/26: **OCAC picnic**, N. Casper Soccer Field,
 - A Saturday TBD: Cars and Coffee followed by a car show at **Sonny's RV**,
 - Every Saturday 8-10 AM, **Cars and Coffee** at Eastside City Brew.

Charity:

- United Way will speak to the club in August.
- Pat Potter requested the BOD inform her on how money will be donated to charity.

Adjournment: Hearing no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Mark Milliken

OCAC Secretary

NEW MEMBER

John Robeski, Casper, WY
1993 Chevrolet Corvette and
1978 Mercedes 450SL

My Car:

My journey with our 1964 Falcon began in August 1993 in Salt Lake City. I was at the Flying J Truck Stop waiting to load a car and was passing time reading the classified ads for old cars. There was a Falcon convertible listed for \$1500.00. I called the owner and asked for directions from the Flying J. He told me to go to the driver's room and look out the window and across the street (2100 South); the car was parked there where he worked. I walked over to have a look. It was less than desirable, but it was a convertible. The owner was driving the car to and from work with a Florida license plate on the front and an Arizona plate on the back. The seats were GM high back buckets, it had a make shift 3-speed on the floor, and the top was in shreds. There was a steel fence post under the car that was held on with U-bolts through the floor pan in place of a missing support plate. Even so, the body sagged in the middle making the doors not close properly. The front fenders were basically rust but, to my surprise, the quarter panels were salvageable. It's a convertible, I kept telling myself.

The next day I called the St. Louis office and asked the bookkeeper for \$1500.00 in Com Checks. She wanted to know if Lucy was aware of my purchase. Well, not yet. The money was sent.

The next problem was how to get the Falcon home? The next time that I would be in Casper I was loaded for California and Lucy was going with me. We discussed the situation with our two sons, and they were up to the task. They rode with us in the truck to Salt Lake and then headed out in the convertible. Part way home they got cold so they put up the shredded top and drove it on to Casper.

I took the car to Straight Lines where Dexter Williams and Wade Sutphin began the body work with the help of a donor car. They painted the car and then sent the car over to Kenny Shuler who removed the engine and installed a 302 I purchased in Dallas, TX. A lot of work and considerable pocket change transformed that heap into a beautiful car.

A Happy Ending

It's a convertible

John & Lucy Simmons

CASPER FAIR PARADE



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISE TO LIFE CARE CENTER



Oil Capitol Auto Club Wednesday Cruise Schedule 2018

Meet at the **Hamburger Stand** (K-Mart parking lot) about 6:00 p.m.

Depart on the cruise at 6:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).

"Cruizin' Boss" provides handouts with directions and or maps.

<u>Date</u>	<u>"Cruizin" Boss</u>	<u>Notes</u>
July 18	Bruce Berst & Tammy Raver	"Drive-In" to Primrose – arrive 6:30 p.m.
July 25	Ken & Rosemary Lantta	Depart at 6:15 p.m. for a 'field trip.'
August 1	Mike & Carol Kennedy	
August 15	Phil & Millie Nissen	
August 22	Ken & Rosemary Lantta	Depart at 6:15 p.m. for a 'field trip.'
August 29	Mark Milliken	Casper Mountain Photo
Sept. 5	TBA	Central Wyoming Counseling Center – Tentative
Sept. 19	Burrous & Baker families	
Sept. 26	Ron & Pat Potter	
Oct. 3	TBA	Weather permitting

CLASSIC CLUES

Question: What car used the first successful series-production hydraulic valve lifters?

Answer: The 1930 Cadillac 452, the first production V-16.

ROAD TRIP

2018 Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup

Jerry Barton, Mark Milliken, John Lanum and I attended the Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

The Mustang Roundup is held each Father's Day weekend in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The show is put on by several Mustang clubs in Colorado.

Our group departed Casper on the Wednesday before the Father's Day weekend. We drove through Medicine Bow and had lunch in Saratoga. After lunch we drove into Colorado. We were on the west side of the Sierra's and avoided the smoke and road closures that were caused by a major forest fire in the Snowy Range. We arrived in mid afternoon just in time to make tee times at the Haymaker golf course. Ask John Lanum about descending Rabbit Ears Pass.

Thursday is the mountain cruise. We drove about 70 miles in Colorado Mountain scenery.

Friday is kind of an off day unless a person is a fan of autocross. The autocross runs all day. Instead of watching autocross John, Jerry and I played 9 holes at the Haymaker. I got my first birdie in golf on the 7th hole. My only other birdie was a Canada goose on the 3 crowns course. Mark is a glutton for punishment, he spent the morning hiking up Mt. Werner. We detailed our cars in preparation for the Saturday show. Then Jerry and I took a Gondola ride to the top of Mt. Werner. On our way up we saw a black bear looking for food in someone's back yard. Couldn't get a picture. Friday evening is the social gathering. Burgers & fixings, Free Beer and music.

Saturday, the day of the big show we lined up early morning for staged entry into downtown for the show. The main street in Steamboat is blocked for most of the day. I am amazed that the main thoroughfare is closed, and this may have been the last year. It is rumored that Colorado DOT is a bit whiney about the detour needed by closing the street.

It is my understanding that between 500 to 600 Mustangs were in the show. This year I noted a greater number of classic Mustangs. I am glad to see more participation of older Mustangs.

We left Steamboat Sunday morning in a slight drizzle which got more intense as the day progressed.

We all enjoyed the show and plan to go again next year. Next Mustang show is Sturgis over Labor Day.

Mike Kennedy



More Road Trip Photos



UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Directors Meeting 8/6/18 Roosevelt School 6:00 PM.

Regular Monthly Meeting, 8/8/18, at Z's Classic's, 7:00 PM.

Black Hills Corvette Classic, Beresford, SD, 7/18/18

Rod & Rides, Lusk, WY, 7/14/18

Rocky Mountain Rebels Car Show, Riverton, WY, 7/20/18

Bar Nunn Fire Dept. Show, Bar Nunn, WY, 7/21/18

Cool Pine Cruises Car Show, Custer, SD, 7/21/18

Cloud Peak Blue Grass Festival, Buffalo, WY, 7/21/18

Billings All Original Car Show, Billings, MT, 7/21/18

The Evanston Car Show, Evanston, WY, 7/21/18

Crook County Fair, Sundance, WY, 7/21/18

Cruisen Red Lodge, Red Lodge, MT, 7/27/18

Deer Creek Days, Glenrock, WY, 8/3/18

Yellowstone Rod Run, West Yellowstone, MT, 8/3/18

23rd Annual Car Show & Charity Cruise, Evanston, WY, 8/4/18

Cruise, Dinner, Garage Tour, OCAC 8/17/18

Club Picnic-N. Casper Ballfields, 8/26/18

