



# Blown Gasket

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## Upcoming Club Activities

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

### **SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

**The Sunday Breakfast schedule has not been received as of press time. If any of the participants have the schedule please send it to any of the officers or the editor  
[GhostMerc@qwestoffice.net](mailto:GhostMerc@qwestoffice.net).**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

John Gudgeon, Julie Judd, Jim Nelson



# OCAC MEETING MINUTES

## Oil Capitol Auto Club General Membership Meeting Minutes

### ***Board of Directors:***

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

**Call to Order:** The Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. 24 members were present.

- The February minutes were approved as posted on the website.
- Bruce Chandler and Derrick Dietz of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing gave a presentation on how their group helps veterans. They welcomed OCAC members to attend their meetings, and perhaps bring cars to upcoming events.

### **Treasurer's report:**

- Financial status reports for the club and car show were discussed and made available to the membership,
- There are currently 75 active members and 49 family members. Membership expires on 3/30/19 for unpaid dues.
- Lists of meeting programs, Wednesday cruises, and weekend excursions (as determined to date) were provided.

### **Upcoming events:** (Membership was invited to submit additional ideas.)

- April (TBD): Cars and Coffee, East Side City Brew, Saturdays 8-10 AM, Justice Hayes, Manager.
- May 8: Douglas Car Show.
- May 15: First Wednesday Cruise night. Leader and destination TBD.
- June 9: Kite fly and pot luck, 11 AM, PV Park shelter 3, Ralph Butler Chairman.
- June 23: Glenrock Deer Creek Days.

- August 3: History cruise to Devils Gate, assisted by the National Trails Center.
- August 10: OCAC pioneers cruise to the Thompson shops, and potluck at Connie Thompson-Hall's place.
- August 18: OCAC summer picnic, Wells Park Shelter 1, Chairman needed.
- TBD: Gathering with the Douglas Knight Cruisers car club.
- TBD: Member Jim Pattan will arrange a tour of the Natrona Co. Airport fire and emergency facility.
- TBD: Bruce Berst provided a list of National Trails Center treks for OCAC's participation. BOD will address.

### **Car Show Committee:**

- Total entries are running ahead of last year.
- OCAC member entries are low. Members are encouraged to enter early and often.

### **Deceased member memorial discussion:**

- The club can provide a venue (cruise or car show award) to memorialize a deceased member.
- The club will consider only requests made by the deceased member's family.
- The family would incur all costs of the memorial.
- Any memorial would honor those having passed away during the preceding year or before.

### **Webmaster and Social Media:**

- Mike is working with the Mailchimp software, as it will not easily accept attachments or mass mailings.
- Members should not label OCAC emails as spam, as that adversely affects the website.
- The new OCAC email address is [caspercarrclub@ocac.cc](mailto:caspercarrclub@ocac.cc)

**Adjournment:** Hearing no further business, the Vice President adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.

OCAC Secretary

## **BENEVOLENCE**

One time member, acquaintance, and old car enthusiast, Gene Jevne passed away at the age of 85 in Casper.

## **FOR SALE**

Chevrolet Suburban tailgate & hatch, right rear door (3 door), for 1967-1972. Also, a spotlight for a 1950's Ford and a 1950's Philco radio. Please contact Hank at 307-247-3105 for more information.

2007 Ford Fusion, 140 K, 5 speed, body rough but it starts, stops, and drives straight. A good learner car for a teenager. Contact Jerry at 577-7119 for more information.

## **EDITORS NOTE**

At the March meeting members received a special treat as they were addressed by Mr. Derrick Dietz and Mr. Bruce Chandler of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. This local organization is dedicated active military personnel and disabled veterans and their physical and emotional rehabilitation. This all volunteer organization accomplishes this support through fly tying, associated activities, education, and fishing and other outings.

For more information on this great organization look them up on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CasperPHWFF>.

JR, Editor

## **CAR SHOW**

Planning for the Memorial Day Car Show is ongoing and it is important that anyone who plans to attend should register as soon as possible. Registration forms are available on the club website or from any of the officers. Also participants can contact Jerry Barton for more information at 307-266-4748.

Also, the next car show meeting will be held on April 3, 2019, at the home of Ron & Pat Potter at 6:30 PM. All committee members and anyone interested in helping are invited to attend. The Car show committee can always use some help and volunteers are gladly welcomed. Come on Down!

Speaking of Car Shows, your editor has an extensive list of events for the coming year. This list is too extensive to publish here. However, a very complete list is available on the club web site and all interested parties are encouraged to visit the web site and see what is coming up and

where. There is lots to do so visit the web site and click on Regional Car Shows and see what is happening.

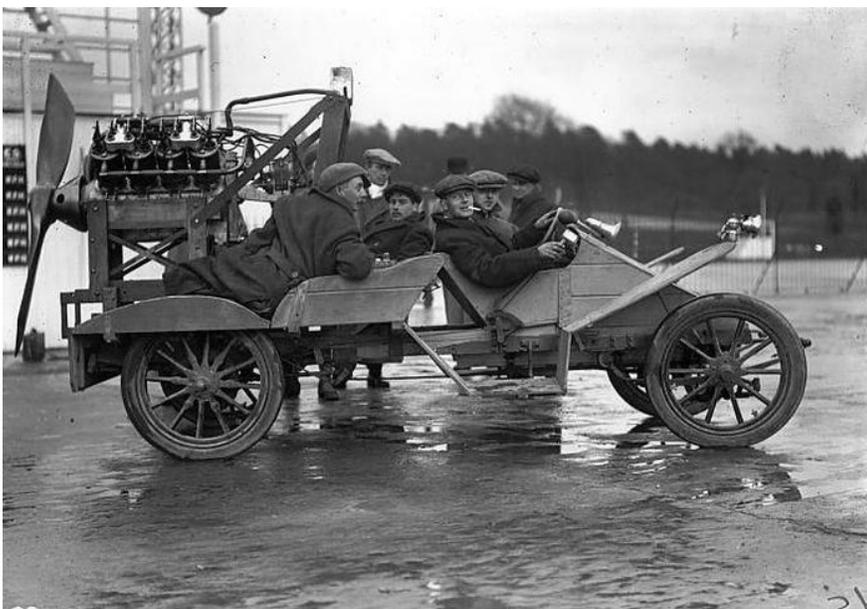


***HEADED TO THE CAR SHOW!!!***

## **CLASSIC CLUES**

Question: What's the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of Time and Newsweek?

Answer: The Ford Mustang.



## Classic Car Scam

Mike Craig's 1967 Corvette 427 was impressive. Pearly white on the outside, with a Caribbean-blue interior. It cost him \$97,000.00 to buy and another \$20,000.00 to detail.

In 2013, the retired restaurateur took his collectible car to the prestigious National Corvette Restorers Society's Midwest Meet in Joplin, MO, a first step toward exhibiting it at a national show.

As Craig, 76, recalled to the Post, he had a smile of pride plastered across his face-until the event's top judge rendered a devastating verdict.

"I felt like 1,000 pounds had been dropped on me," Craig said.

He was told his beloved automobile was a counterfeit. (A bogus data plate inside gave it away.)

"They told me to take the car off of the show floor," he recalled. "I had to load it onto the trailer and leave like a thief in the night. It was embarrassing."

He's not alone. In February, comedian Jerry Seinfeld was sued by Fica Frio Limited over the 2018 sale of a 1958 Porsche Carrera GT-for \$1.54 million- which court papers call "not authentic."

Last month, Seinfeld filed a third party complaint against a California dealer European Collectibles, which sold him the Porsche.

While it's impossible to know how many counterfeit cars are on the collectible market-"We only hear about the ones that get publicized," said Mike Gullett, who publishes MyCarQuest.com- the problem is big enough that lawyers specialize in these cases.

"If there is enough value in it, you have people willing to make cars out of thin air," said Bryan W. Shook, a Pennsylvania attorney with a practice called Vintage Car Law.

"We had one client with a very rare [1960s] Chevelle Super Sport. He paid \$100,000.00...He was so thrilled that he wanted to find out how rare it was. He hired an expert who [said], "The paperwork is real. The car is fake."

In that case, Shook alleged, someone spent \$25,000.00 for the paperwork from a Super Sport that had likely been totaled. Then a car was made to match the paperwork, complete with a forged identification or VIN tag.

The jig was up when the body panels were found to have been made before the car in question was produced. (Shook's client reached a settlement with the seller.)

According to Kevin Mackay, a Corvette expert who runs Corvette Repair in Valley Stream, LI, it's not difficult to get the parts to build a counterfeit cars, typically cobbled together by rouge mechanics with access to body shops.

"This is big business," Mackay said. "You start with, say, a low end 1967 Corvette and buy it for \$30,000.00. Put in a big block motor that was built a couple of months before the car's body and restamp the serial number on the engine [so it matches the car]. You put the hood stripe on, change some of the suspension pieces, the rear end, the tachometer, the oil pressure gauge."

A car that cost \$80,000.00 to rebuild is then worth \$200,000.00.

In Craig's case it was found that the Corvette's interior and exterior colors were changed and engine and the rear axle were replacements-all to make the car look factory authentic.

It was a fakery that left Craig some \$100,000.00 in the hole, including the cost of the failed lawsuit, after he sold it for \$50,000.00. (The buyer knew what he was getting.)

Sometimes, the good guys win. Todd Morici, of Morici Motorsports in Clifton, NJ saved a client \$3 million on a vintage Maserati by doing a metallurgy test on the chassis.

"It should have been built with 10% chromium and molybdenum, along with steel, in order to make it lighter. The test told us that the car had a fake chassis because neither material was present," Morici said.

[The alleged counterfeiter] bought the car for next to nothing, spent maybe \$200,000.00 on building the fake car and tried selling it to my client as the real thing for \$3 million. My client thought that he was getting a bargain."

Making it more believable was a compelling back story that was true for the car that some of the parts came from-it had crashed on a race track, hence the alterations to the chassis.

"Cars that have stories, stay away from them," Morici said. "Unless the story is a positive one."

By, Michael Kaplan

New York Post



***I DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL MAKE IT TO THE CAR SHOW!***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Car Show Meeting, 4/3/19, Ron & Pat Potters house, 6:30 PM.

Board of Directors Meeting, 4/8/19, 6:30 PM, Village Inn.

Regular Monthly Meeting, 4/10/19, at Z's Classic's, 7:00 PM.

Wyoming NSRA Appreciation & Safety, 4/20/19, Casper, WY.

Intermountain Car Show & Swap Meet, 4/27/19, Cheyenne, WY.

Hot Rods & Hatcheries, 4/27/19, Spearfish, SD.

Wyo-Braska Auto Expo, 4/27/28/19, Mitchell, NE.

Atwood Early Rod Run, 5/17/19, Atwood, KS.

Cruizing With The Oldies, 5/25-27/2019, Casper, WY.

Knight Cruizers, 6/9/19, Douglas, WY.

Glenrock Deer Creek Days, 6/23/19, Glenrock, WY.

History Tour to Devils Gate, 8/3/19, Casper, WY

Historic Garage Tour, 8/10/19, Casper, WY. Contact Mark Milliken for details.

