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Upcoming Club Activities

Friday club dinner: Contact Pat Potter 315-5144

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The Sunday Breakfast schedule will be as follows:

August – Johnny J's; September – Village Inn (downtown)

Don Heil said they order around 8:00 a.m.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

KENNETH BRITTAIN, ARVILLA BUSH, JULIE COLLINS-THIEL, RUSSELL DICKERMAN, PATRICIA GARGIULO, MIKE JONNASSEN, KENNETH JUDD, JERRY KNIGHT, KEN PHILLIPS, JOHN STOLTE, DOUG WALTERS

Group Photo on Casper Mountain



**Oil Capitol Auto Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2019**

Board of Directors

President:	Rocky Smith
Vice President:	Mike Johnson
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.

- Attendance was 31 members.
- The July 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,
- All car show bills have been paid, and the charity committee will be paid. Funds can now be transferred to the club.
- Five veteran scholarships will be awarded. The membership is encouraged to submit suggestions for charitable giving.
- There are currently 155 members, including 96 active (voting) and 59 family (nonvoting).
- There is concern that of 155 members, only 30 or so typically attend meetings and make important votes.
- Lists of meeting programs, Wednesday cruises, and weekend excursions were provided.
- Open Wednesday Cruise nights include 9/4, 9/25, and 10/2. Open speaker opportunities include 9/11 and 10/9.

Vice President's report: Upcoming events. Always check the OCAC website for regional and out-of-state events.

- Saturdays: Cars and Coffee, East Side City Brew, every Saturday 8-10 AM, Justice Hayes, Manager.
- August 18: OCAC summer picnic, Wells Park Shelter 1.
- August 20: Charitable benefit car show at Gruner Bros. Brewery, 4 PM.
- December 14: Christmas party at Ramkota, 6 PM. Pat Potter will champion the gift exchange.
- January 4: New Year's brunch and officers installation, 10 AM, Ramkota.

Car Show Committee report:

- The Chairman took votes on the car show location (Fairgrounds, yea) and headquarters (Ramkota, yea).
- The Chairman can now move forward with contracts.
- Jerry volunteered for one last year as Chairman. John Lanum volunteered to be co-Chairman.
- Volunteers are needed for the various car show committees.

President: (new business)

- A nominating committee has been formed to assemble a slate of candidates for the 2020 BOD.
- At this point, the positions of President and Secretary are open. BOD positions are for two years.
- Club elections will be held at the November 13 General Membership meeting.
- The 2020 officers will be installed at the December 14 Christmas party.

Webmaster and Social Media:

- Members should not label OCAC emails as spam, as that adversely affects the website.
- The OCAC email address is caspercacclub@ocac.cc

Next General Membership meeting: September 11.

Adjournment: Upon hearing no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

DEVIL'S GATE HISTORY TOUR ON AUGUST 3, 2019



FUN STUFF

Starting May 4, 2019, all interested members and car guys are invited to partake in a special event at the Eastside City Brew. Every Saturday from 8-10 AM cars and drivers can meet and greet and get a good cup of joe. Bring out the car and meet some folks.

CLASSIC CLUES

Question: What car was the first production V12, as well as the first production car with aluminum pistons?

Answer: The 1915 Packard Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy, these motors inspired Enzi Ferrari to adopt the V12 himself in 1948.

AUCTION

HOURS: Preview 9:00 Auction 10:00
2049 E. Yellowstone
STARBRITE RESTORATION AT Z'S CLASSIC'S BLDG.

Sept. 21st (SAT.)

Do you have some things you would like to sell at the auction? The Auction fee is 20% of sale price. Items will be accepted from 9:00-3:30 weekdays until Aug. 24th. Along with your items bring a list of what you are selling with your name and a contact number.

For sale: cars, parts, tools, etc. & etc.

Questions? Ron Potter 307-262-6650 or Pat 307-315-5144

Picnic August 18, 2019





MEMORIAL DAY SHOW 2020

This year the Oil Capitol Auto Club put on the 19th annual car show at the fairgrounds. As usual a lot of hard work went into the show and it was resounding success. A hearty thanks should go out to all of the members who helped bring the whole thing off.

Thanks to you all.

Having said that, the next topic of discussion is the upcoming 2020 car show. I think that it should be pointed out that the 2020 car show will be the 20th year that the OCAC has sponsored this event for our veterans, the gear head community, and the public. Next year's event will enter the planning stages shortly and the goal is to make this show as memorable as possible. In order to do that volunteers are needed. Last year's committee did an outstanding job but everyone needs to pitch in. The more the merrier. Also, the more folks working on the show, in whatever capacity, the less there is to do for each individual volunteer. So, let's give some real serious thought to what you each want to see happen for the 20th anniversary and how you plan to help bring it off. Contact Jerry Barton, John Lanum, or any of the officers. Let's pull together and make the next show a real show stopper. Ed:

CLUB STORE

Just a reminder, the club store does have quite a little inventory and members are urged to show our colors proudly. Shirts, hats, and accessories are available for purchase at very reasonable prices. To make a purchase please contact Ralph Butler or any of the officers, Ed:

MY CAR



A half century is a long time for a car to hide out, away from prying eyes and offers to buy it, even longer when that car looks like a jet engine on wheels and graced many of the hot rod and custom magazines of the day. Yet the Studebaker Manta Ray of the early 1950's has remained unseen by the general public since before 1959.

Glen Hire and Vernon Antoine of Whittier, California, both employed in aircraft design at North American Aviation, bought a 1951 Studebaker Commander and began work in a back yard garage turned workshop. The car was completed in late 1952 and thus debuted before the Chevrolet Corvette. By 1959 the car made its way to a car dealer in Topeka, Kansas where L.L. "Peanuts" Lacer came across it. "Peanuts" was always buying weird old cars that nobody wanted, then never driving them. "Peanuts" traded a Volkswagen and a Crosley for the Manta Ray, then took it back to his Junction City, Kansas home where he stuck it in a warehouse and then never touched it until the day he died in 1990. Nobody else has one.



Two mustangs were used in the filming of Bullitt, now, one of those cars is headed to auction. Mecum Auctions announced that a 1968 Mustang GT Fastback is slated to be a feature car at its Kissimmee, Florida, auction next January. It may become the most expensive Mustang ever sold. A 1967 Shelby GT500 Super Snake sold for \$2.2 million, will the Bullitt exceed that figure?

The car was heavily modified for the movie with a heavier suspension, engine upgrades, and camera mounting points. In fact, Steve McQueen tried to buy the car from the present owner back in 1977 but the owner held onto it until his death in 2014, at which point it passed on to his son. The current owner states that it was always his father's wish that the car will always be in my family. Things do change and the family has reached out to Mecum Auctions to bring this car to the world.

It's hard to blame him for wanting to sell. He even conceded that its value could "change lives." We've reached out to Mecum to see if the auction house has a sale-price estimate. No estimate yet.

Red Lodge, Montana Car Show

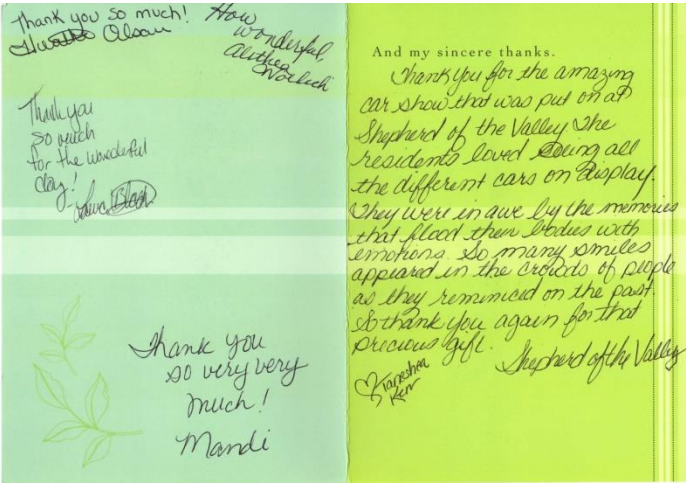
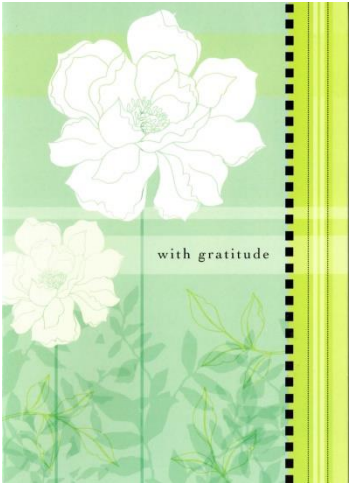
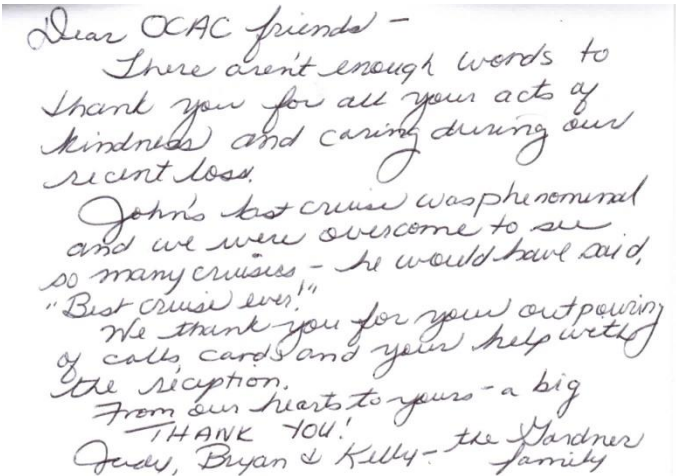
Trophy winners at the Red Lodge, Montana, Car Show included Larry Kloster and Newt Weber from Casper.



Larry Kloster



Newt Weber



UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Directors Meeting, 9/9/19, 6:30 PM, Village Inn.

Regular Monthly Meeting, 9/11/19, at Z's Classic's, 7:00 PM.

Kool Deadwood Nites, 8/22-25/19, Deadwood, SD.

Cody County Car Show and Poker Run, 8/23-24/19, Cody, WY.

2019 Corvette Caravan Wyoming, 8/23-31/19, Casper, WY.

The Eagle Classic Car Show, 8/24/19, Laramie, WY.

Sturgis Mustang Rally, 8/26-9/1/19, Sturgis, SD.

Burn the Point Classic Car Show, 8/30-31/19, Billings, MT.

The Good Ol' Boys Give Back, 8/31/19, Casper, WY.

Studebaker Car and Truck Show, 9/1/19, Custer, SD.

Pop in the Shop Labor Day Car Show, 9/2/19, Mills, WY.

Goodguys Colorado Nationals, 9/6-8/19, Loveland, CO.

Recovery Rocks 12/24 Club Car Show, 9/7/19, Casper, WY.

Rush-No-More Cruize-in, 9/7-8/19, Sturgis, SD.

24th Annual Colonel Cody's Cruise Show, 9/7/19, North Platte, NE.

Rose Classic, 9/7/19, Upton, WY.

Cowchip Nationals, 9/7/19, Torrington, WY.

James Hladky Memorial Rock-n-Fall Classic, 9/7/19, Gillette, WY.

High Plains Classics Car Club Show, 9/7/19, Miles City, MT.

Ted Siers Memorial Car Show, 9/14-15/19, Douglas, WY.

Mustang and Ford Club of the Blackhills Car Show, 9/14/19, Rapid City, SD.



Camping out/Trailer parking in 1918