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Upcoming Club Activities

FRIDAY CLUB DINNER

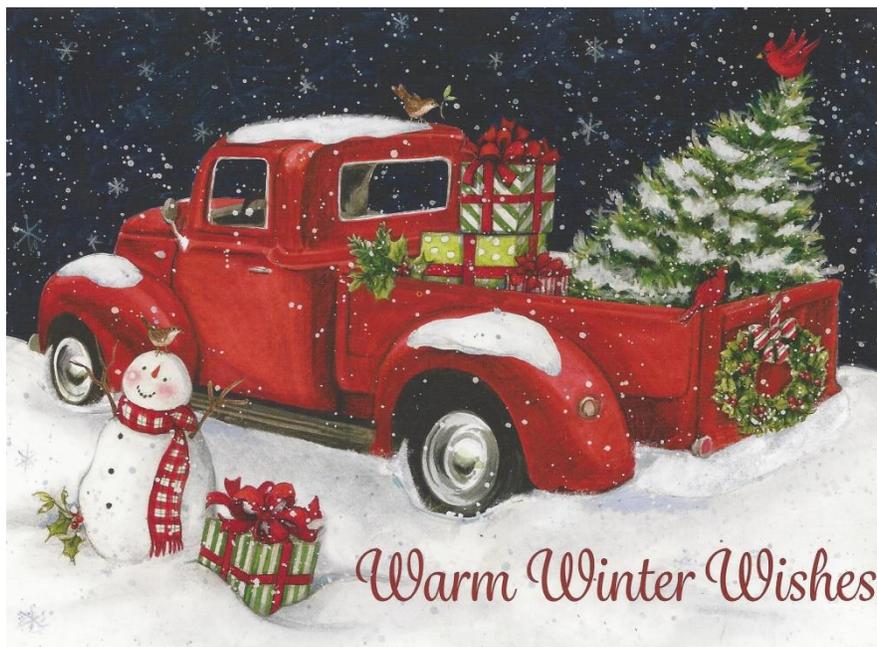
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SUNDAY BREAKFAST

To Be Announced in the New Year

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JOHN BEAL, GABBY BUTLER, DEANNA DAY, JOHN ENGLISH, BOB FERRAIZ, BOB GARNER, JUDY GOODWIN, JOHN MERDINK, PHIL NISSEN, ACE PHILLIPS, RICK PIERCE, LARRY RUBIS, GEORGE STANFIELD, MARGARET STEVENS



**Oil Capitol Auto Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
No Meeting is Held in December**

Board of Directors

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Secretary:	Mark Milliken
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President:	Mark Pitts
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OCAC Christmas Party



Twas the Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of plaster & stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give
And to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind
A sober thought came through my mind.
For this house was different, so dark and dreary,
I knew I had found the home of a soldier,
once I could see clearly.

I heard stories about them, I had to see more
So I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.
And there he lay sleeping silent alone,
Curled up on the floor in his one bedroom home.

His face so gentle, his room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured a United States soldier.
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean shaven, his weathered face tan,
I soon understood this was more than a man.
For I realized the families that I saw that night
Owed their lives to these men who were willing to fight.

Soon 'round the world, the children would play,
And grownups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
Because of soldiers like this one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.
Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more.
My life is my God, my country, my Corps.

With that he rolled over and drifted off into sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I watched him for hours, so silent and still,
I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.

So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,
And I covered this soldier from his toes to his head.
And I put on his T-shirt of gray and black,
With an eagle and an Army patch embroidered on back.

And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,
And for a shining moment, I was USA Army deep inside.
I didn't want to leave him on that cold dark night,
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, whispered with a voice so clean & pure,
"Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all secure."
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,
Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night!



OCAC NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH

The OCAC New Year's Brunch will be held January 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ramkota. Prepaid only. Member cost will be \$14.00, and the club will subsidize a portion. Payment deadline is December 30th to Ken Lantta.

Also, club dues are due on January 1, 2020, and will be considered delinquent on March 31, 2020. Come on down and pay your dues and have something to eat.

CLASSIC CLUES

Question: What car delivered the first production V12 engine?

Answer: The cylinder wars were kicked off in 1915 after Packard's chief engineer, Col. Jesse Vincent, introduced its Twin-Six.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCAC New Year's Brunch, 1/4/20, 10:00 a.m. at Ramkota.

Board of Directors Meeting, 1/6/20.

Regular Monthly Meeting, 1/8/20, at Z's Classics, 7:00 p.m.

Car Show Meeting, 2/5/20 at Z's Classics.

International Mercury Owners Association National Show, 6/24-28/20, Westminster, CO.

All Ford Picnic/Car Show, 6/28/20, Golden, CO.

