



Oil Capitol Auto Club

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# Blown Gasket

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## Upcoming Club Activities

### FRIDAY CLUB DINNER

Cancelled until further notice

### SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Cancelled until further notice

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

NEEKI CARTER, JOHN GUDGEON, CHRIS HOLTEN, JULIE JUDD, HUNTER MEYER, JIM NELSON



**Oil Capitol Auto Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2020**

***Board of Directors:***

<u>President:</u>	Mark Pitts
<u>Vice President:</u>	Mike Johnson
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Ken Lantta – (Absent)
<u>Secretary:</u>	John Gudgeon
<u>Car Show Committee Chairman:</u>	Jerry Barton
<u>Newsletter Editor:</u>	Jerry Russell
<u>Webmaster and Social Media:</u>	Mike Kennedy

\*\* Called to order 7:13 P.M. (following potluck - corned beef dinner @ 6:30)  
Minutes accepted as posted on the OCAC website.

**TREASURY REPORT:** Mark Pitts – President  
General Account was reviewed and the same with the Car Show Account.

**Guests:** Ray Parnell, representing Fremont Motors; dropped off donated certificates for auto detailing (4 ea) for the Memorial Weekend show.

**BENEVOLENCE:**  
Pat Potter is convalescing for 2 weeks at the Elkhorn Rehabilitation Center, following a hospital stay.  
Rosemary Lantta went in for surgery on her wrist & hand on March 11.  
Skip Hoffman – recovering from cardiac stent procedure.  
Dennis Day – shoulder replacement – 4/1/20.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: CAR SHOW**

Mike Kennedy – MWCWTO registration chair  
Mike reported that AMBI Mailing service has printed and mailed this year's car show invitation letters – with 500 mailed out to past attendees.  
All registration forms - including the general form, the golf tournament registration, schedule of events, vendor & swap meet, and a flier for the Grease dance at the Hall on Ash.

Jerry Barton – Car Show Chair:  
Jerry reported all is currently on track for the 2020 show; all venues have been secured – (Ramkota Hotel, Natrona Co. Fairgrounds, The Hall on Ash).  
Next car show meeting scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
As always; volunteers will be needed for events – please contact Jerry if you want to volunteer.

**Veterans Museum Firetruck project: Mark Milliken**  
Mark reports that the WWII airbase firetruck project is progressing well. The engine and drive train are ready to go. The engine was started and runs well. Wheels have been cleaned up and the brakes are repaired. It is in process of being partially disassembled for media blasting & painting.  
There are extensive photos & videos now on the OCAC website for a full representation of the project, as well as some historical information and photos of the truck.

Mark stated that new tires will be required for the truck – (total of 6) Mark will source the specialized tires - he requested donations from the members present. \$100 ea. was donated to sponsor a tire by:

Mark Milliken, Chuck Lauderdale, Jon Chaney, Bruce Berst, Mike Kennedy, Rocky Smith.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Wednesday night cruises starting location was discussed. There were two main location options; the U-Haul parking lot on 2<sup>nd</sup> street (formerly K-Mart) and Rocky Mountain Discount Sports on CY Ave. Both options were discussed, including possibly alternating between the 2 locations. Jenn Baker made a motion to designate the Rocky Mt. Sports location as the starting point. The motion was 2nded and discussed. President Mark Pitts called for a vote; the motion was unanimously approved by all members present.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The OCAC by-laws are due for review/renewal (5 YEAR). A committee volunteered to look at the current by laws and possibly recommend changes. All members are encouraged to review the current bylaws and suggest changes or addendums. Any suggestions can be submitted to the board members or Bylaws committee. The current by laws are available on the OCAC.CC web site. If that is not an option, contact one of the board members to acquire a printed copy. President Mark Pitts suggested that the changes be completed by the June 2020 general meeting.

The committee volunteers are: Mike Johnson, Arvilla Bush & Ron Rickabaugh

Member Bruce Berst mentioned that the Pathways Innovation Center is planning a fundraising car show – date TBA (likely in April).

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

Neeki Carter, John Gudgeon, Chris Holten, Julie Judd, Hunter Meyer, Jim Nelson

### **50/50 raffle:**

\$44.00 collected.

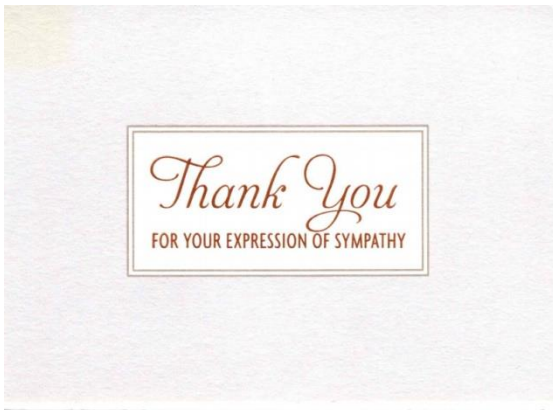
MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:54

John Gudgeon – OCAC Secretary

Save the dates and mark your calendars; reservations are now made for

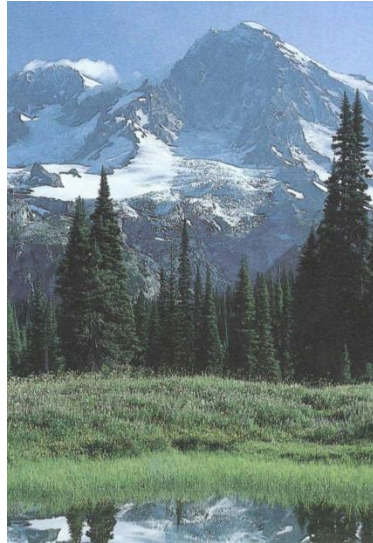
- ✓ Club Kite Flying picnic
  - Sunday, 07 June; Paradise Valley Park
- ✓ Club Summer picnic
  - Sunday, 16 August; Wells Park
- ✓ Christmas Dinner and Party
  - Saturday, 19 December; Ramkota
- ✓ New Year Brunch & Officer Installation
  - Saturday, 02 January; Ramkota

Ken reports the Ramkota already has most weekends booked for events through the first part of 2021.



*During our time of sorrow we have  
just how much our friends mean to us.  
The Club's donation to Hospice in  
Larry's memory is very much appreciated.  
Your kindness and sympathy will  
always be remembered.*

*The Stearns Family  
Margaret, Laura, & Larry Jr.*



*Dear Friends in  
Oil Capital Auto Club,*

The family of  
*Lee Taylor*  
thanks you for your  
kind expression of

sympathy  
*Thank you so much for  
your donation to Central  
Wyoming Hospice & Transitions  
in Dad's memory. It will  
help other patients and their  
families. Thank You!*  
*The Taylor Family*

## History of THE WHITEWALL

Tires were originally off-white in color, as there were no chemical additives to the rubber to change its color. In 1910, B.F. Goodrich began adding carbon black to its formula, with intentions of strengthening the rubber. Some tire companies added the carbon black to only the tread surface to save production costs. This resulted in the first tire with black tread and a white sidewall, and by the 1920's tire manufacturers were adding the whitewall as decoration.

As tire and wheel size evolved through the years, so did the whitewalls. Many would say that the peak in whitewall popularity was the 1950's. By 1962, a major change happened, as wide whitewalls were phased out of most regular car options, being replaced with one-inch whitewalls. These, too, would eventually shrink to 7/8 inch, 3/4 inch and so on, until the whitewall all but disappeared.

## 2020 Memorial Day Car Show

At this point, the Memorial Day Car Show committee is continuing to prepare for that event. However, in view of recent developments in the community and among car enthusiasts, the Board of Directors has scheduled a teleconference meeting for this coming week, during which the long-term plans for the Car Show will be discussed. As soon as any additional information is available or decisions made, information will be forwarded on to club members as quickly as possible and in as many forms as possible. Your editor will attempt to keep you advised of developments as they become known.

J.R., Editor

## WYOMING VETERANS MUSEUM FIRE TRUCK PROJECT



Thanks to all of the OCAC members who have helped in the restoration of the 1942 Chevy Army fire truck belonging to the Wyoming Veteran's memorial Museum here in Casper. Because of everyone's sacrifice and hard work, the cab and box have been removed from the chassis, and are ready for metal prep prior to painting.

At the March OCAC meeting, several members offered to assist in purchasing tires. Members may submit a check to: **Friends of the Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Museum**, or give to any OCAC Board member. Note that the check is for truck tire fund.

The truck will require six new tube type tires, 6.00 - 20 in size, at a cost of \$2877.00.

Thanks to everyone for your contribution.

Send check to:

Friends of the Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Museum

3740 Jorgensen Ave.

Casper, WY 82604

Mark Milliken



The Museum's 1942 Chevy fire truck has been reduced to bare bones in preparation for power washing and sheet metal blasting.



Ty Clinton cuts out the old gas tank retaining straps





## TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

We have all heard various terms used in the car hobby. One such term is “matching numbers.” The practice of stamping the VIN on the chassis has been done for nearly a century by most of the manufacturers. But that is not what matching numbers means. This is the most misused term in the classic car world. Well known Corvette historian, Noland Adams, who was one of the small number of people who had access to the GM archives explained the term came from Chevrolet. In the 1960’s Chevrolet began the practice of stamping a VIN variation on the cylinder block near the engine assembly code on Corvette only. This was done as an additional theft deterrent, although not a very effective one. In 1961, the practice continued again only on the Corvette. In 1962, Chevrolet also stamped the VIN on the transmission case. That same year, GM adopted the practice in all of its other divisions. Both Ford and Chrysler adopted the practice in the following year. This information can be found in any of the books by Noland Adams, as well as the “Chevrolet By the Numbers” series of books written by Alan Colvin. The bottom line is, if a vehicle does not have its original engine minus accessories and transmission, it is not matching numbers. Any other part in the vehicle has nothing to do with the term.

## CLASSIC CLUES

Question: Which car company started out German, yet became French after WWI?!

Answer: Bugati, founded in Molsheim in 1909, became French when Alsace returned to French rule.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Car Show Meeting, 4/1/20 at 6:00 p.m. at Z's Classics.

Board of Directors Meeting, 4/6/20.

Regular Monthly Meeting, 4/8/20, at Z's Classics

Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg 60 Years Anniversary Celebration, 5/8-9/20, Broken Arrow, OK.

Third Annual Model T and Model A Swap Meet, 6/6/20, Brighton, CO.

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run, 6/20/20, Denver, CO.

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

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

