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Upcoming Club Activities

FRIDAY CLUB DINNER

Cancelled until further notice

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Cancelled until further notice

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

JOHN CHANEY, LIDDY CHANEY, LYN CLARK, ED DOWNES, LARRY HALL, CHET HEIL, JESSE HENDERSON, RHONDA PITTS,
JOHN SIMMONS, NGOC STETZ, VERNA WILLIAMS



WYOMING VETERANS MUSEUM FIRE TRUCK PROJECT



Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum 1942 Chevrolet Fire Truck Update Week Ending 4/4/2020

Volunteer Hours: 30

Weekly Highlights:

- The chassis was moved off the trailer and placed on jack stands,
- Work continues on preparing the engine for removal,
- The frame rails are being cleaned of old paint and corrosion,
- From archeological evidence uncovered during cleaning of the frame and drivetrain, the sequence of paint was:
 - GM factory black and blue (not every part had these colors),
 - Army olive drab,
 - Light gray-greenish blue (post Army, similar to Navy colors),
 - Bright red and silver paint on the chassis were overspray from the box and cab. No parts of the chassis or drivetrain were intentionally painted red or silver,
 - Engine colors include GM corporate blue, medium gray, olive drab, and light gray-greenish blue.

Looking ahead:

- The chassis will be ready for paint by 4/11,
- Based on archeological evidence from various paint layers, the restoration team has agreed to apply an overall scheme of olive drab to the chassis and drivetrain, as was originally done by the Army. "Chassis Saver" black will be used inside and on top of the frame rails (behind the cab) for corrosion protection.

Mark Milliken



Thoughts in April

As I sit here looking out my window, I keep thinking there's something I'm supposed to do. Mowing the grass isn't it, there's 8 inches of snow on it right now. Now it's back to thinking again. Staying home is one thing, stock up on supplies is another, stand 6 feet away from anyone else, wear a mask, don't wear a mask, and many more thoughts crossing my mind.

Let's be honest, none of us like to have to stay home, we did that when our parents told us to, it was called Grounded. I'm not partial to being grounded, but I am staying home and not going to the store unless it is absolutely necessary. Rhonda usually tells me when a trip to the store is necessary, no guessing there. I thought about uncovering Pearl a few days ago, then thought I'd just let her stay under the blanket for a few more days. (There's more on the car in the garage thing in a later installment.)

March came and stepped on our plans, not just ours but everyone's. Car shows are dropping left and right. April came in and played a good trick on us, it snowed. We'll have to wait and see what comes next.

One thing I am sure of, we'll come out of this ok. Shoot, we have cars, real cars made of real steel. Some of these cars have seen the Depressions days, WWII, the Korean conflict, the Viet Nam conflict, and made it through. If these cars are that tough, how tough are we? We own these cars! They go where we point them (usually)! So let's be like these cars, let's carry on, go forward, and plan on seeing each other in May. Stay safe, stay well, stay home because "You're Grounded!" for a couple of more weeks, anyway.

And on that note, I've got nothing else to do until then, other than clean the garage, wash the windows, trim the yard, pull the weeds and more. All of which I think I can get out of as they are all "outside" work. Well, maybe not.

Mark Pitts, President OCAC

Car Show Committee Report

The Board and Car Show Committee met by teleconference on March 25, 2020, to discuss the 2020 OCAC Car Show. Members in attendance were Jerry Barton, Phil Nissen, Mike Kennedy, Ken Lantta, John Gudgeon and Mark Pitts. President Pitts had been in touch with the Casper-Natrona County Health Department concerning their timeline on the COVID-19 Virus by the end of May. The Health Dept. indicated that they were working on a 15-day window. At the present time they were not able to provide any guidelines or recommendations for a date in May.

President Pitts has also been in touch with other car clubs that have much larger shows scheduled for April and May. Two of these clubs indicated that they did not think their shows would be going forward. One show scheduled for mid June was still in the planning stages.

Mike Kennedy indicated that pre-registrations were quite slow. He also indicated that show activities would be severely curtailed by the "ten people in a group" rule.

Phil Nissen stated he was already two weeks behind in soliciting support from sponsors due to the stay-at-home guidelines issued by the county and state.

A general discussion was held and various options were considered. Options considered were setting a later date in the year, continue with current plans and dates, putting off a decision until mid April, or cancelling/postponing the show until next year. The discussion was lengthy and quite lively. The consensus was to cancel the 2020 Car Show until May of 2021. The reasoning being uncertainty over sizeable gatherings, health risks of sponsors, participants, and the general public. The decision to postpone the show was not an easy one nor was it anything anyone wanted to do. However, taking emotion out of it and examining what everyone knows, as of today, all members in attendance felt that it is in the best interest of the public and most importantly the members of our club to cancel the Car Show until May 2021.

Mark Pitts, President OCAC

“E Ticket” Ride

0 to 165 mph 2 seconds 250 feet



Proudly provided by: Ken Lantta

CLASSIC CLUES

Question: In what model year did Cadillac introduce the first electric sunroof?

Answer: 1969

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL COMMITTEE, CLUB AND BOARD MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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

Third Annual Model T and Model A Swap Meet, 6/6/20, Brighton, CO - **Unknown**

13th Annual Cruzin' Havana Car Show & Poker Run, 6/20/20, Denver, CO - **Unknown**

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

All Ford Picnic/Car Show, 6/28/20, Golden, CO - **Cancelled**

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.

