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Upcoming Club Activities

FRIDAY CLUB DINNER

Cancelled until further notice

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Cancelled until further notice

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

- ✓ 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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

LAURA HENDERSON, ADA JONNASSEN, CHUCK LAUDERDALE, ANDREA LAWS, JEANETTE PIERCE, PAT POTTER, RON RICKABAUGH, JIM STONEKING

Oil Capitol Auto Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 20th, 2020

Board of Directors:

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| <u>President:</u> | Mark Pitts |
| <u>Vice President:</u> | Mike Johnson |
| <u>Treasurer:</u> | Ken Lantta |
| <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 |

➔ Meeting called to order 7:01 PM; All officers present

Minutes accepted without change as posted on the OCAC web site.

Treasury Report: Ken Lantta - Treasurer

The General club acct was discussed. The Car Show account was also discussed. (All pre-registrations & vendor fees have been refunded – due to car show cancellation)

Ken reported there are currently 71 regular members and 50 family memberships.

Benevolence: Pat Potter is reportedly in the hospital with some ongoing issues.

Committee Reports:

CAR SHOW: Jerry Barton – Car Show Chair

Show has been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID -19 Pandemic restrictions. Planning for 2021 will be forthcoming.

Jerry Barton has announced he will be stepping down as Car Show chairman. A new chairperson will be needed for next year. Please let the board know if you are interested in the position or wish to nominate someone. Jerry will help in the transition.

Veterans Museum Firetruck project: Mark Milliken

Mark reported continued progress on the fire truck project. Frame has been stripped and painted, and the truck cab, box & fenders have been stripped and are ready for paint. The engine has been re-assembled and is ready for paint and installation back into the truck. Check out the progress reports & pictures on the OCAC website for more details.

OLD BUSINESS:

The By-laws volunteer committee (Mike Johnson, Arvilla Bush & Ron Rickabaugh) was able to meet and reviewed the by-laws; they found there were no changes needed.

Members may recommend changes they would like to make – please type up a proposal and present to the board or at the next general meeting.

Final by-laws will be tabled till next meeting, in lieu of member suggestions – and final club vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Mark Pitts announced that the Wednesday cruises will commence; observing current COVID-19 protocols. The sign-up sheet is open and on the OCAC website.

There is an informal Saturday cruising group (not affiliated with OCAC) that started several weeks back, but has unfortunately become unruly, with burnouts, racing, speeding and loitering in business parking lots along the CY Ave route. President Mark Pitts has written a letter stating that the OCAC is NOT affiliated with the Saturday cruising group, and we cruise Wednesdays – always observing safety and traffic laws. This is to try and distance the club from the bad actors on the Saturday cruises.

Club meetings will also resume on the normal schedule; again, observing COVID-19 social distancing & group size protocols.

50/50 RAFFLE: No Raffle held

MEETING ADJOURNED -- 7:46 P.M.

Oil Capitol Auto Club General Membership Meeting Minutes June 10th, 2020

Board of Directors:

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** All officers present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:01 P.M. By President Mark Pitts

TREASURY REPORT: The General Club account was discussed. Also, the Car Show account was discussed.

Currently, we have 71 regular members & 50 family memberships.

Minutes: accepted as published on OCAC website.

OLD BUSINESS:

OCAC Annual Kite fly & picnic cancelled, due to continuing COVID -19 guidelines restrictions. August 16 club summer picnic will go on as planned. The OCAC board met on June 1st to discuss; current restrictions made the picnic difficult or very unwieldy to put on – it was decided to cancel.

Mike Johnson reported that the WSRA will have their annual meeting August 14 & 15 in Thermopolis.

The By-Laws volunteer committee concluded the current draft needed no changes & no changes were submitted/suggested by any members. Bruce Berst motioned to accept the conclusion of the committee, seconded by Ken Lantta. The Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

There was no benevolence to report.

The Wednesday cruises are going forward – please see signup sheet for cruise schedule on the OCAC website; volunteer leaders needed for open slots. Meeting point is the Rocky Mt. Sports parking lot on CY Avenue.

Upcoming cruise scheduled for June 17 will be out to the airport for an open house at the shop where the WWII Firetruck is being restored by several of the OCAC members. Come out and see the progress in person.

Stan Goodwin is leading a cruise to a show in Craig, CO, on June 20 - leaving Casper on June 19 @ 8:00 A.M. from the Wal-Mart west parking lot. Please contact Stan for more details & if you wish to join the caravan down to Colorado.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Veteran Museum Fire Truck Project

Mark Milliken reported that the project is continuing with steady progress. The truck cab, fenders & rear box should be at the paint shop in the next few weeks. Mark had removed & refurbished the distributor for the engine – and is ready to install. See the OCAC website for progress reports and pictures.

CAR SHOW

There was no information regarding the Car Show – except that it was cancelled for the 2020 year. All monies for registrations & vendors have been refunded. Chairman Jerry Barton will be stepping down, and a new Chairman will be needed to carry on for 2021. No volunteers have stepped forward yet.

Member John Lanum made a motion that the OCAC club cease hosting a car show indefinitely. Members present discussed multiple options – including possibly a more simplified one-day show by Stan Goodwin. Member Julie Judd expressed that the show was getting a good word of mouth & good attendance and wanted the show to go on. Most all present agreed that they would like the show to continue – even if in a reduced capacity; the main key will be getting a volunteer to step into the Chairman role.

There was no second for the motion by John Lanum; and was not approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was reported.

The 50/50 Raffle yielded \$27.00 to the winner.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:48 P.M.

CLASSIC CLUES

Question: What car was reportedly designed on the back of a Northwest Airlines airsickness bag and released on April Fool's Day, 1970?

Answer: 1970 Gremlin, (AMC)

WYOMING VETERANS MUSEUM FIRE TRUCK PROJECT



Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Museum 1942 Chevrolet Fire Truck Project Update Week Ending 6/13/2020

Mark Milliken

Volunteer Hours: 41

Weekly Highlights:

- Installed freeze plugs into engine block.
- Cleaned and prepped engine block for painting.
- Applied primer and two coats of OD green to the engine.
- Cleaned and painted various brackets and rods.
- Removed driver's side window from the 1942 door.
- Cleaned transmission (external) and checked internal gears (OK).
- Removed 1941 tie rod for modification (too long at this time).
- Removed generator bracket from 41 truck.
- Trial fit of generator using 41 bracket (OK).
- Rebuilt the original glass top fuel pump. • Rebuilt and detailed the original fire truck distributor.
- Gave Museum Director John Woodward a briefing on fire truck restoration progress.

Looking ahead:

- All or some volunteers will be out of town over the next two weekends.
- Oil Capitol Auto Club open house, 6:30 PM, June 17, 2020.
- Modify 1941 tie rod to fit on the 1942 truck tie rod ends.
- Finish restoration and detail of starter and generator.
- Install distributor and fuel pump.
- Clean, detail, and install generator and starter.
- Install bellhousing, clutch, and transmission, and install assembly into frame.



Mike Johnson and Mike Kennedy disassemble the 1942 drivers side door. They successfully removed the window and frame.



Comparison of the 1941 fire truck radiator (L), and the 1947 radiator from the 1941 utility truck (R).



The 1947 radiator (top) is about twice the capacity of the 1941 fire truck radiator. Years are on the tanks.



John Gudgeon masks off the intake and exhaust ports prior to painting..



The engine is masked and ready for primer.



The primer goes on.



Jerry Russell applies OD green..



Mike Johnson and Mike Kennedy retrieve the 1941 generator bracket.

Mike Johnson grinds on a generator bracket.



Trial fitting the 1942 generator. The '41 bracket fit best, because the '42 bracket had shoddy repairs.





Mike Johnson removes the tie rod end for further modifications.



John Gudgeon drew the task of cleaning the transmission. The gears seem to be in good condition.

WEDNESDAY CRUISES

Cruise Leaders:

Cruise leaders are needed for every Wednesday night (except meeting nights). The Cruise Schedule is posted on the website. Please contact Mike Johnson at 307-265-3256 if you wish to lead a cruise. Pick a date and let's drive!

Rendezvous point:

Arrangements have been made to meet in the parking lot of Rocky Mountain Discount Sports. The cruise will begin from there. The address is: 1351 CY Ave. This is a change from last year and early 2020 planning. Do not go to the U-Haul parking lot.

Depart at 6:30 p.m. from the Rocky Mountain Discount Sports parking lot

- Unless a destination makes a different time more workable

Submit your ideas and recommendations to:

Vice President, Mike Johnson
magicm@vcn.com, 307-265-3256

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Directors Meeting, 7/6/20.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISE 6/17/20 - Fire truck restoration project cruise and open house. Refreshments will be served. Bring a chair if desired. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at Rocky Mountain Discount Sports.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISE 6/24/20 – Meet with Douglas Knight Cruisers club members at Glenrock Town Park for ice cream. Bring a chair if desired. Depart from Hat Six Travel Plaza at 5:30 pm.

Bear River Car Show, 6/19-20/20, Craig, CO.

North Park Days, 7/18-19/20, Walden, CO.

WSRA Annual Meeting, 8/14-15/20, Thermopolis, WY.