



Oil Capitol Auto Club

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# Blown Gasket

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## Upcoming Club Activities

**Friday Night Dinner**, Contact Arvilla Bush, 262-8989 (cell) or 265-2468 (home).

**Sunday Morning Breakfast**, we order at 8:00 a.m.

Oct. – Denny's; Nov. – Yellowstone Garage

**Regular Monthly Meeting**, 11/11/20, 7:00 p.m., at Z's Classics

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

MARILYN ALTEBAUMER, JERRY BARTON, PETER BUELL, DIANNE BUTLER, RYAN BUTLER, DENNIS DAY, AUTUMN HUNT, MIKE KENNEDY, MARY KING, RON POTTER, LUCINDA SIMMONS, SHELLEY SMITH, MIKE UTECH

## Oil Capitol Auto Club General Membership Meeting Minutes October 14, 2020

### Board of Directors:

President:

Mark Pitts

Vice President:

Mike Johnson

Treasurer:

Ken Lantta - Absent

Secretary:

John Gudgeon

Car Show Committee Chairman:

Jerry Barton

Newsletter Editor:

Jerry Russell

Webmaster and Social Media:

Mike Kennedy

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M. By President Mark Pitts**

**TREASURY REPORT:** Mark Pitts – OCAC President

2020 Membership total: Active 74, Family 51 (Total 125)

The **General Club Account** and the **Car Show Account** were discussed.

**MINUTES:** Accepted as published on the OCAC web site.

**BENEVOLENCE:** Pat Potter is recovering from knee surgery.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**State Veteran's Museum Fire Truck project - Mark Milliken**

Project is continuing with steady progress. The wiring is nearing completion, and the pump & transfer case has been installed. The front clip is at the body shop, and work will be progressing on preparing them for primer & painting by the end of October. The museum would like to have the truck entered in the Downtown Christmas parade; efforts are being made to have the front clip painted and installed for that event.

**Memorial Weekend Car Show:**

No current updates were made; venues have been reserved. Previous suggestions were to have the show as a simplified one-day event. Member Phil Nissen suggested for best results we would need to have a Chairman in place to drive the schedule for the sub-committee chairs. Member John Lanum suggested that the club would need to step up organization for the show and make a final decision as to whether to have the show soon.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Club Christmas Party has been scheduled/reserved for December 12th at the Ramkota hotel (we can cancel at any time at no charge). Ken Lantta reported that the Ramkota venue will be limited to 50 participants. If the club chooses a buffet style, hand sanitizer & masks will be required in the food line. If the club chooses plated meals, no restrictions apply, but price per meal will be higher. (There are no mask requirements upon entry or at tables.) Ken Lantta will present pricing options at a later date. Other suggestions made by members present would be to have a pot-luck style dinner at Z's Classics with OCAC providing the main course, or having a local restaurant cater the event. In years past, we have had a gift exchange at the party; a volunteer or volunteers will be needed to run that – if the Club chooses to have that event. President Mark Pitts stated that he will draft a letter presenting the options that will be sent to OCAC members via email & mail. The final decision will be made at the November OCAC general meeting. The New Year's brunch will be Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, also at the Ramkota. Final details will be forthcoming, vis a vis Covid 19 protocols for the events.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Officer elections will be taking place at the November meeting; we have one position open – Vice President. Mike Johnson has completed his 2-year term. Member Dennis Day was nominated from the floor for the position; additional nominations will be accepted as well at the November meeting.

**WEDNESDAY CRUISES:** OCAC weekly cruises have come to an end for 2020.

**CAR SHOW/TRIP REPORTS:**

The Wyoming Food for Thought car show on October 10<sup>th</sup> was a great success; with 84 entries. The weather was nearly perfect – especially for October. Four club members won trophies.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 7:36 P.M.

John Gudgeon – OCAC Secretary

## NEW MEMBERS

Marvin and Jeanine Clark, Casper, Wyoming



## NAP TIME AT THE CAR SHOW

Phil Nissen put together this photo collage from photos that he collected over the last 5 years (all but one he took).



## CAR SHOW 2021

To all members and gear heads. The 2020 Memorial Day Car Show was canceled due to circumstances beyond anyone's control. That is now history. Having said that it is now time to start planning the 2021 Memorial Day Car Show with the goal of actually having the show. It may be a one day event due to the current health and safety situation, but it will and should go on. To that end the club membership will have to stand tall as did the people that we honor with the event. Therefore, I would ask that every member consider becoming a volunteer for a car show committee and especially to act as head of the Car Show and bring the whole event together. If everyone works together the load is not great and we can even have a little fun doing it. Now is the time for all gear heads to come to the aid of the club and save the show.

It is also election time. The November meeting will see new officers elected to lead us all into the coming year. I would urge all members to attend the November meeting and vote for your candidate who will lead us all boldly into the future.

Ed.



# Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Museum

## 1942 Chevrolet Fire Truck Project Update

### Period Ending 10/17/2020

Mark Milliken

**Volunteer Hours:** 34

#### Highlights:

- Continued metal prep on front clip body parts by Jerry Russell and Doug Walters.
- The complexly vented hood panels were bead-blasted in preparation for paint.
- Repairs to hood trim spears is in progress. Installation hardware has been ordered.
- The wiring is complete, except for those harnesses requiring body panels.
- All OEM truck and code 3 lights and siren circuits have tested all good.
- The original headlight switch is nonoperational, and a new NAPA switch was installed.
- The vacuum windshield wiper motors are operational. The driver's side motor is original, and the passenger side unit is a replacement. Both will be disassembled and the internal soft parts specially treated.
- A presentation on the fire truck project was given to the Rotary Club.
- John Gudgeon restored a 1940s fireman's axe that was donated by Dana Jones.
- Inquiries made regarding an entry into the Casper Christmas Parade on 11/28.
- RF brake bleeder valve adjusted, brakes bled.
- Windshield bumpers installed.
- Steering column to dash support installed.
- Truck horn made operational after minor adjustments.
- Throttle and choke cables adjusted to proper length, choke cable attached to carb.
- Fuel tank and straps installed. Fuel gauge harness installed.
- Oil leak discovered in LR axle. A new gasket will be installed.
- Intercooler and coolant lines installed.
- Installed cowl weather-stripping.
- Glove box installed and door adjusted.



1940s-vintage fireman's axe donated by Dana Jones and restored by John Gudgeon.



The complexly vented hood side-panels were bead-blasted to remove many layers of paint. The damaged uppermost spear on this panel will be replaced.



Mike Kennedy adjusts the RF bleeder valve.



John Gudgeon tightens bolts on the steering column support bracket.



Mike Johnson fits the fuel tank into place.



Before



After

## Food for Thought Car Show, October 10, 2020



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Directors Meeting, 11/9/20.

Regular Monthly Meeting, 11/11/20, 7:00 p.m., at Z's Classics.

OCAC Club Christmas Party, 12/16/20, Ramkota Hotel.

New Year's Brunch, 1/2/21, Ramkota Hotel.



## Casper Mountain Cruise, September 26, 2020



### The 10 Rules of Vintage Car Ownership

1. There's always something to fix, but not right now.
2. You should sell it while it's running great, but you won't because this experience is why you own the thing in the first place.
3. No, you aren't going to make any money off it.
4. One out of 10 parts will not arrive in time for the weekend.
5. That rattle.
6. There's always a better example for sale.
7. You can never have enough spares.
8. You're never going to use all those spares.
9. Rust is an enemy worth fighting to extinction.
10. That rattle.

