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# Blown Gasket

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## Upcoming Club Activities

### Friday Night Dinner and Sunday Morning Breakfast

At the request of the event coordinators, due to the recent increase of COVID-19 cases and the need to keep our members safe, the Friday night dinners and the Sunday morning breakfasts are being suspended until further notice. We will keep you informed when the timing is correct to resume these experiences. Thank you for your understanding.

Mark Pitts

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JIM ALTEBAUMER, JACOB BAKER, PAMELA DOWNES, HARRELL HIATT, JOHN MIDKIFF, STEPHANIE STANFIELD, JIM TRANTHAM, GARY WAXLER

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

At the recent Board meeting, we looked at the rates of COVID-19 infections and the number of members that had expressed a desire to cancel the Christmas party this year and made the tough decision to cancel the Christmas party. We feel the health, safety and welfare of our members are the things we must consider first when planning an event. Currently, we are looking at a way to safely continue the Toys for Tots collection which has previously been done at the Christmas party. We will keep you informed as we move along with that, as well as the future of the New Year's brunch.

## Toys for Tots

In these uncertain times, the Board of Directors has decided that it is in the best interest of the membership to cancel our annual Christmas Party. I am sure that this will dampen the holiday spirit of some of us. However, the Christmas spirit must live on. It must live on for the smallest and the weakest of all of us. Toward that end, a Toys for Tots collection box has been placed at Z's Classics in the front showroom. All members are asked to, as usual, donate an unwrapped toy for a child between the ages of five and fifteen. The toys will be delivered to Toys for Tots on December 14, 2020, for delivery to deserving youngsters in Natrona County. Even though Christmas in 2020 may not be the same for us, it should be the same for the children. Please drop off your donations at Z's Classics during business hours, and I will see that they are delivered to Toys for Tots. Thank you!

Editor

# Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Museum

## 1942 Chevrolet Fire Truck Project Update

### Period Ending 11/7/2020

Mark Milliken

#### Progress highlights:

- Preparation of various parts in preparation for painting.
- Doug Walters finished painting the front clip sheet metal.
- All painted items were moved to the airport shop.
- Trial fit and installed the RF fender and associated components.
- Installed oil filter and lines, oil pressure gauge engine connection, and fuel tank feed adaptor.
- Installed toe board, modified gas pedal assembly, pedal seals, and brake light switch (with wiring).
- Installed cowl vent actuator linkage and auxiliary cowl lights.
- Installed exhaust system.
- Modified cab floor to accept PTO control.



The fenders with fresh primer at Doug Walters' shop.



The grille with fresh primer.



Fenders and grille after the primer was sanded.



Headlight bodies in the paint booth ready for painting.



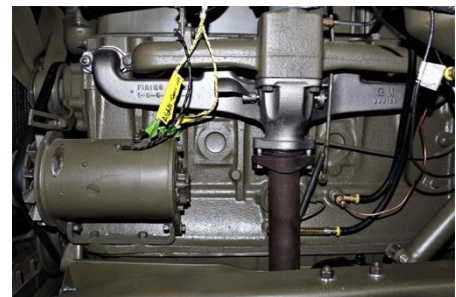
Mike Johnson reworks the toe board to accept an updated gas pedal and pivot.



Mike Johnson prepares the chassis for the RF fender.



Mike Kennedy and Jerry Russell prepare the RH headlight body for installation.



Exhaust system head pipe installation.



## Studebaker National Museum Welcomes New Vehicle

The Studebaker National Museum is pleased to announce the arrival of a 1952 Studebaker Commander Indianapolis 500 Pace Car replica. Studebaker was chosen to serve as the pace car for the 1952 Indianapolis 500 in honor of Studebaker's 100th anniversary. Two identical pace cars were created, however, neither are known to survive today. This car is a near exact replica of the actual vehicle with identical paint, interior, and lettering. It is exhibited through the courtesy of Richard T. Quinn, of Mokena, Illinois.

The Studebaker National Museum is located at 201 Chapin St., just west of downtown South Bend. It is open Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm, and Sun. Noon-5pm. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors over 60, and \$6 for youth ages 6-18. For more information, please call the Museum at (574) 235-9714 or toll free at (888) 391-5600 or visit our website at [www.studebakermuseum.org](http://www.studebakermuseum.org). For an additional cost, visitors can tour the exhibits and Oliver Mansion at The History Museum, which adjoins the Studebaker National Museum.



# Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Museum

## 1942 Chevrolet Fire Truck Project Update

### Period Ending 11/14/2020

Mark Milliken

**Volunteer Hours:** 42

#### Progress highlights:

- Fenders and grille installed by Mike Johnson, Mike Kennedy, John Gudgeon, and Jerry Russell.
- The grille inner panel was modified to accept the RPO (regular production option) radiator from the 1941 donor truck.
- Headlight and parking light bodies installed.
- Headlight, parking light, siren, and blackout light wiring harnesses installed.
- Operation of headlights, parking lights, siren, blackout (BO) circuits, and turn signals confirmed.
- John G. drilled mount holes and trial-fit the LF BO driving light.
- John G. and Mike J. installed the hand brake lever and linkage.
- Mike J. fabricated and test fit mountings for the fender BO indicator lights.
- Rob Adams welded the broken hood panels.
- Several remaining cab trim parts were prepared for painting.
- Dana Jones donated a better quality fire truck ladder.
- John G. painted the steering wheel hub and button.
- Kick panels installed.

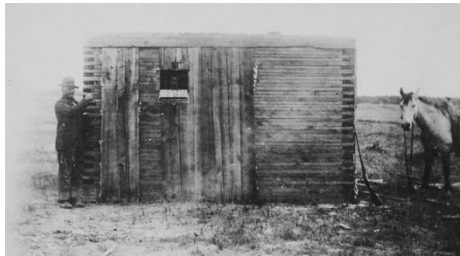




## EARLY AMERICANA



Log motor home by Wade, 1922.



Wood-plank prison in Wyoming, 1893.



Motorcycle chariots, 1920's.



Drive-in restaurant on West Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, 1932.



A horse-drawn fire engine of Engine No. 39 leaving Fire Headquarters for the last time after being replaced with a motorized fire engine, New York City, February 19, 1912.



Three friends take a joyride in their 'new' vehicle, Ohio, c. 1924.



Alice Huyler Ramsey, the first woman to drive across the U.S. from coast to coast, 1909. Only 152 miles out of the total 3600 mile trip were on paved roads.



New York City sidewalks filled with trash during the 1968 strike of sanitation workers.

## CLASSIC CLUES

Question: Who invented the jerrycan?

Answer: The jerrycan design was pioneered by Vinzene Grunbodel, Chief Engineer for Arthur Mueller at ABP in 1937 Germany. Adolph Hitler approved the design of the Armed Forces Unit Canister that same year. The design was pirated to the United States by American Engineer Paul Pleiss, who smuggled it into the country safely attached underneath a car.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Parade, 11/28/20. (Fire truck project will be in the parade.)

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# Honoring Wyoming Veterans

## Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum

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John Woodward prepared the graphics for the banner to be mounted on or near the truck. Size will be 2' x 6'. Pepsi will be making two banners at no charge to the museum.

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

