



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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JOHN BEAL, GABBY BUTLER, DEANNA DAY, JOHN ENGLISH, JUDY GOODWIN, JOHN MERDINK, PHIL NISSEN, RICK PIERCE, LARRY RUBIS, GEORGE STANFIELD, FRED STETZ, MARGARET STEVENS

Toys for Tots

Through the generosity of club members, the Toys for Tots box was filled to the brim. All of those toys were delivered to the United States Marine Reserve distribution center on December 15, 2020. Because of members' generosity, many deserving Natrona County children will have a brighter Christmas. Thank you all very much and have a safe and healthy season!

Editor



View From the Top!

Good day fellow members,

As I sit here gazing out my window watching the trees move, I am reminiscing about 2020 as it comes to a close. What a year: cancelled car shows, cancelled concerts, cancelled gatherings, and things not cancelled postponed until 2021. I am not a partying guy any more, but I am staying up New Year's Eve until 12:01 to make sure 2020 is out the door!

2020 had its highlights for some. One memorable one for me was going to Craig, CO, with 8 other members of the club. Phil Nissen placed in two categories with his '55 wagon, Mike Kennedy placed with his 1958 Mustang, and OCAC received top award for the club that travelled the farthest distance. Perhaps as a club we should pick a few shows and attempt a group showing more times. Another success story for 2020 is the fire truck restoration project. The OCAC team has taken a non-running WW2 fire truck and now has it running; work is continuing at a great pace. The truck made a public appearance in the Christmas Tree Lighting at David Street Station and was able to be positioned and moved under its own power. What a great thing to be happening!

Our planning for the 2021 OCAC car show is under way with a change of venue. 2021 will see us move to Antelope Park in Bar Nunn. So far everyone in Bar Nunn we have talked to is excited and supportive of the move, from the City Council to the Fire Chief and the pastor at the Bar Nunn Baptist church. The committee will release more details on the show as planning firms up; however, we can start getting our cars ready for May. Maybe I'll have one of mine washed and polished by May 28, 2021! (It may be the Mini, time will tell.)

2021 looks to be a much better year, in my opinion. Dennis Day will be taking over the Vice President's duties from Mike Johnson. Let's all tell Mike we appreciate what he did in 2020 and at the same time give Dennis a warm and hearty OCAC welcome to the Vice President's position!

Until we meet again, Rhonda and I are wishing that each of you stay safe and healthy and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May Santa leave you what you need and some of what you want under the tree. I know what I'm getting, a dozen new face masks!

Mark Pitts

President



Christmas at Z's Classics

Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Museum 1942 Chevrolet Fire Truck Project Update Period Ending 12/12/2020 Mark Milliken

Volunteer Hours: 15

Progress highlights:

- Doug Walters has completed the sheet metal and fill work on the doors. They are ready for primer.
- Mike Bartenstein received the engineer panel control tags. He has straightened the metal and started stripping the old paint. • Installed correct screws on the floor panel.
- Installed transfer case engaging control (the transfer case is nonoperational due to a frozen pump).
- Ran the engine for an extended period to confirm coolant leaks have been fixed.
- Tim at Pro Film re-mounted the hood letters parallel with the hood outer edge.

Doug Walters has completed sheet metal repairs on the passenger's and driver's doors. The doors are ready for primer, then paint.



Pro Film re-mounted the hood letters.

Christmas Parade





THANK YOU!

I know that we all go about our daily business without giving much thought to those folks behind the scenes who make it all possible. Two of those folks are Doug and Cindy Walters, who set up tables and chairs for meetings, donate time and expertise on an old truck, and decorate what has become our de facto clubhouse. On top of that, they have also donated a display case for the purpose of displaying club memorabilia for all to see. At this time of year we give thanks for our many blessings as we should. We also need to thank Doug and Cindy for all that they do to make the Oil Capitol Auto Club events and exhibits more enjoyable for us all. Thank you very much for all you do!

Editor

CLASSIC CLUES

DO YOU SPEAK HOT-RODDER?

Bellflower tips

Straight chrome exhaust tips that appear behind the rear wheels and run parallel to the end of the car.

Chopped/Chopping

Lowering a car's roof by removing a horizontal section of sheetmetal from the window pillars. Sometimes involves either lengthening the roof or slanting the A-pillars rearwards, the C-pillars forward, or both.

Decked

Trim has been removed from the trunk.

Elephant

Nickname for the second-gen Chrysler Hemi. The 426 was the only factory displacement offered.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Because of the COVID virus, all club functions are cancelled until further notice. This includes the New Year's Brunch. A decision will be made on a January meeting at a later date.



After Dark at Z's Classics