



Blown Gasket

Oil Capitol Auto Club

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Upcoming Club Activities

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Sunday morning club breakfast is back! The Sunday breakfast will be at Denny's for the month of April. G-Ma's will be the site for the breakfasts in May. The normal time to order is 8:00 a.m. Questions: contact John Lanum at 315-4909.

Friday Night Dinner

The Friday club dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. Call Arvilla at 262-8989 or 265-2468 to confirm attendance.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

JOHN CHANEY, LIDDY CHANEY, JEANINE CLARK, LYN CLARK, ED DOWNES, THOMAS FINLEY,
CHET HEIL, JESSE HENDERSON, RHONDA PITTS, JOHN SIMMONS, VERNA WILLIAMS

NEW MEMBERS

JEREMY TUCKER AND CHERIE BRUNGARDT - 1978 Ford Thunderbird
RAY AND ELAINE PARNELL



Vice-President Dennis Day

Oil Capitol Auto Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 14th, 2021

Board of Directors:

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| <u>President:</u> | Mark Pitts |
| <u>Vice President:</u> | Dennis Day |
| <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: 7:04 P.M. by President Mark Pitts

(Following corned beef & potluck dinner at 6:30)

TREASURY REPORT: Ken Lantta - Treasurer

The General Club Account and the Car Show Account were presented to the membership and discussed. Registrations & community donations for the 2021 car show are now coming in.

MINUTES: Accepted as published on the OCAC web site.

BENEVOLENCE:

Steve Shaffer is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Stan & Judy Goodwin's grandson is in the hospital due to complications with his heart transplant but is stable and doing well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

State Veteran's Museum Fire Truck project - Mark Milliken

The fire truck is progressing well. The cab & chassis are now complete. The doors are on and interior is completed. The truck bed is ready for paint. The wood ladder (donated by Dana Jones) and pike pole are being restored by Jerry Russell. Repairs have been made to the bed, including some metal damage, rust & extraneous holes welded up. The water tank is painted & will be reinstalled on the truck for final paint. The rear fenders and running boards are repaired and ready for paint. Club member Doug Walters will be scheduling the painting into his shop during the next month. Once completed, there will be final assembly on all remaining parts. Mark stated that since the truck is the property of the State of Wyoming, only state employees are authorized to drive the truck. However, none of the Veteran's Museum employees can operate a manual transmission, so the State has stipulated that a non-employee may drive the truck if they are accompanied by a state employee. Many donations of money & in-kind services have been collected from the community. There is also a plan to build a storage building on the museum grounds to house the truck – Casper Building Systems will be advising on that project. See updates on the OCAC web site.

Car Show - Phil Nissen

The show is a go for Sunday, May 30th – (Memorial Weekend). Greiner Ford has announced that they will have an All Ford show at their dealership on Friday May 28th. Fremont Motors will have an all Mopar show, and Honda of Casper will host an import car show on Friday the 28th as well. The GM dealership has declined to do a show this year. John Huff is planning to have his cruise-in downtown at the Yellowstone Garage on Saturday May 29th. The venue for May 30th has been changed to Antelope Park in the nearby town of Bar Nunn. Due to limited space, the show entrant numbers will be limited to 250 cars. The mailer will be sent to past show participants. The posters are printed; contact Phil Nissen if you would like a poster to display at businesses. The t-shirts have been ordered and will be available for sale at the car show

in the OCAC club trailer. Since the numbers are limited this year, participants are encouraged to pre-register to guarantee a spot. Also, club members who may have several cars are encouraged to limit multiple entries to allow more participants to enter.

The next Car Show planning meeting will be on May 5th - 7:00 P.M. at Z Classics. Members are strongly encouraged to attend, as many volunteers will be needed to make the show a success. If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to volunteer – please contact President Mark Pitts to let him know you can help.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wednesday cruises will start on April 28 (providing it has stopped snowing by then). There are many openings on the cruise schedule; members are encouraged to sign up to lead a cruise. Contact Club VP Dennis Day if you are interested in leading a cruise. The schedule will also be available at the monthly meetings for sign up. The cruise muster point will be Rocky Mt. Sporting Goods parking lot – 6:30 p.m.

Friday night dinners are now back on schedule – contact Arvilla Bush to RSVP.

There is still interest in having some summer excursions to the Shelby Museum in Boulder, CO, and a trip to the Military museum in Dubois, WY. John Lanum will be the coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Pop in the Shop youth group has now shut down, and they have given the Valve Cover racetrack back to the OCAC. Unfortunately, they sold the cargo trailer that housed the track; so the club will need to acquire a trailer for storage & transport. Pop in the Shop restored the track shortly before their doors closed, so the track is in good condition. Dennis Day has been searching the interweb for a trailer – both new & used options. Doug & Cindy Walters and Dennis Day expressed an interest in running race events at car shows & other events. Club members discussed the feasibility of having the track at events, as well as possibly race days at Z's Classics. Treasurer Ken Lantta has budgeted from the car show proceeds for the purchase of an enclosed trailer to store & transport the track - if the club should decide to do so. It was suggested that a vote be taken at the next OCAC general meeting on whether to proceed with keeping the track & using funds to purchase a trailer. Member Jerry Russell motioned to table further discussion on the track in lieu of locating a suitable trailer for the project, seconded by Stan Goodwin & unanimously approved by members present. Dennis Day will continue to search for a trailer.

The Natrona County Fair board has scheduled the annual Fair Parade for July 13th and is looking for convertibles to transport dignitaries in the parade. It was discussed, and several club members are willing to use their convertibles for the parade. Please contact President Mark Pitts if you have a convertible or want to enter in the parade. The fair board will allow the club a free entry for any other cars to be entered in the parade.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- ➔ **Thursday May 6th** – OCAC Executive board meeting at Perkins Restaurant – 6:00 P.M. This is an open meeting and as always, members are welcome to attend.
- ➔ **Wednesday May 5th** – Memorial Weekend Car Show meeting - 7:00 P.M. Z's Classics Please attend if you would like to help with the show.
- ➔ **Wednesday May 12** – OCAC General club meeting - 7:00 P.M. at Z's Classics
- ➔ **Thursday May 20th** - Car Show & fundraising auction at the Pathways Innovation Center. 3:00 P.M to 8:00 P.M. There will be no fee to enter in the car show. Prizes & free BBQ will be provided for car show participants.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:03 P.M.

Minutes provided by: John Gudgeon – OCAC Secretary

Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Museum 1942 Chevrolet Fire Truck Project Update Period Ending 4/17/2021

Mark Milliken

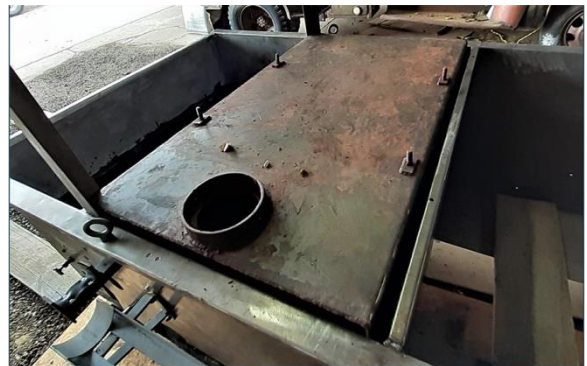
Volunteer Hours: 19

Progress highlights:

- Installed the water tank.
- Loaded the box and related items on Mike Johnson's trailer in preparation for moving to Doug Walter's body shop for paint and body work.
- Pepper Tank fabricated a door for the rear tool box door. A latch and hinges will be mounted on it.
- Kistler's Tent and Awning mocked up a WWII facsimile of a tie down strap for the ladders and hose rack. An order was placed for four ladder and two hose straps.
- Coated the backsides of side skirts and running boards with POR-15 corrosion inhibitor. We may use the coating on other hidden parts, including inner rear fenders, and box and cab bottoms.
- Brass output valves were glass beaded courtesy of John Lanum allowing access to his blasting case.
- Rob at Doug's shop smoothed up some poor brazing work on a brass valve cap.
- Jerry Russell has restored the metal pike pole head, and is restoring the wood pole.
- Gave two auxiliary lights to John Lanum, courtesy of Dana Jones. John will restore the best of the two for the engineer's panel. This will be the third auxiliary light John has restored.



Mike Johnson oversees installation of the water tank.



The installed water tank. Clearance between the tank and bolts holding the hose and ladder racks presented problems, and two attempts were required.



The box loaded onto the trailer and ready for moving to the paint and body shop.



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SPRING/MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW

Spring isn't here, but we can see it from here. So it is time for all of the members who were hunkered down to peek over the edge of your fox holes and consider getting those cars ready to leave the garage. With a little caution we can get back on the road and start hitting some of those car shows and events. Speaking of which, the Car Show for 2021 will be a scaled back version and will be held in Bar Nunn. Let's all make plans to attend this show with our cars. More importantly, let's volunteer to help the show committee; now is the time that all good gear heads should come to the aid of their club and hobby. So get in touch with any of the officers, Jerry Barton, or Phil Nissen to help them dust off this event and get it back on the road. Next year we want to be back to full speed and to let this little bug know that gear heads and knuckle busters cannot be kept down. Come on out and let's get motoring.

Jerry Russell – Editor

VALVE COVER RACING

It has recently been learned that Pop In the Shop has folded up its tent and sold off all of its assets. In view of this situation, the Club is going to take back the Valve Cover race track that Pop In the Shop was using at their functions. Doug and Cindy Walters have volunteered to run the track, which was very popular with the kids at the car show and other club events. However, the trailer that the race track was transported in has been sold off and there is no way, at present, to transport or store the race track. Therefore, all members are requested to put on their thinking caps and try to locate a means of transportation and storage for the track, which would fit nicely in a 6'x12' enclosed trailer. The club discussed buying a trailer but would like to consider as well a used trailer or a similar solution. If any member can help, please contact Mark Pitts or any of the officers with suggestions or ideas. The kids really love this thing, and we have volunteers to run it.

Jerry Russell - Editor

CLASSIC CLUES

DO YOU SPEAK HOT-RODDER?

Flathead

An engine with valves in the block, rather than in the cylinder head.

Lowrider

A highly customized lowered car, typically from the 1960s to the '80s, with intricate paint graphics, an abundance of chrome, and an adjustable suspension—either air or hydraulic.

Snail

Slang for a turbocharger, or sometimes a centrifugal supercharger, due to the shape of both the turbine and compressor housing.

Tubbed

Larger rear wheel wells have been installed to fit wider and often taller rear tires for drag-racing or Pro-Street cars.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Weekend Car Show meeting, Z's Classics, 5/5/21 at 7:00 p.m.

OCAC Executive Board meeting, Perkins Restaurant, 5/6/21 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular OCAC monthly meeting, 5/12/21, 7:00 p.m., at Z's Classics.

Casper Cars & Coffee, City Brew eastside (across from Home Depot), begins at 8:00 a.m. each Saturday, starting May 1.

American Tri-Five Association's Western Invasion, Bakersfield, CA, 4/30-5/1/21

Wyoming License Plate Society Spring Meet, Casper, WY, 5/8/21

Annual Ute Trails Car Show, Hotchkiss, CO, 5/8/21

13th Annual Hot Rods & Hawgs, Loveland, CO, 5/15/21

Car Show & Fundraising Auction at the Pathways Innovation Center, 5/20/21, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Atwood Early Rod Run, Atwood, KS, 5/21-22/21

All Ford Show at Greiner Ford, Casper, WY, 5/28/21.

Fremont Motors All Mopar Show, Casper, WY, 5/28/21.

Honda of Casper Import Car Show, Casper, WY, 5/28/21.

Cruise In at Yellowstone Garage, Casper, WY, 5/29/21

Cruizin' With the Oldies Car Show, Bar Nunn, WY, 5/30/21

Route 385 Cruisers 20th Thunder on the Prairie Rod Run, Alliance, NE, 6/4-6/21

21st Wyo Tech Street Open House & Car Show, Laramie, WY, 6/5/21

Club Spring Picnic, 6/6/21.

Sweetheart City Car Show, Loveland, CO, 6/12/21.

Knight Cruiser's Car Show, Douglas, WY, 6/12/21.

31st Annual Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup, Colorado Springs, CO., 6/13-21/21.

Cheyenne Rods & Customs 49th Annual Benefit Car Show, Cheyenne, WY, 6/18-19/21.

Chugwater Chili Cook-off, Chugwater, WY, 6/19/21.

Bear River Young Life Car Show, Craig, CO, 6/19-20/21.

High Plains Auto Club Rock-N-Roll Father's Day Classic Car Show, Gering, NE, 6/18-19/21.

Colorado Camaro Cub Show & Shine, Broomfield, CO, 6/19/21.

Hot Spot Car Rally, Thermopolis, WY, 6/19-20/21.

The Original Good Times Car Club Show & Shine, Greeley, CO, 6/20/21.

International Mercury Owners of America Car Show, Denver, CO, 6/23-27/21

FOMOCO Owners Club's All Ford Picnic & Car Show, Golden, CO, 6/27/21.

Sturgis Camaro Rally, Sturgis, SD, 6/24-27/21.