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Upcoming Club Activities

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Sunday morning club breakfast is back! The Sunday breakfast will be at G-Ma's for the month of 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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

BETH BAKER, JENNIFER BAKER, SALLY BEAL, SUSAN BRUSAW, CHUCK BURROUS,
ROSIE EDDY, STAN GOODWIN, KEN NELSON, MARK PITTS, ROCKY SMITH, TROY THIEL

NEW MEMBERS

JUSTIN AND MELONY BROST – 1964 Ford F100 & 2019 KIA STINGER

KEN NELSON – 1951 CHEVY PICKUP

BILL AND DEB SHUGHART – 1972 CHEVY CHEVELLE, 1971 FORD MAVERICK, 1998 PONTIAC TRANS AM AND
1939 FORD DELUXE

KEITH AND KITTY THOMSON – 1958 CHEVROLET IMPALA

JEFF GOETZ – 1969 OLDS TORONADO

BENEVOLENCE

STEVE SCHAFFER passed away on April 22nd following a long battle with cancer.

MARY HOFFMAN (wife of Skip Hoffman) suffered a fall and broke her neck and some ribs.
She is now out of the hospital but faces a long recovery.

Oil Capitol Auto Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 12th, 2021

Board of Directors:

<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: 7:00 P.M. by President Mark Pitts

TREASURY REPORT: Ken Lantta - Treasurer

The General Club Account and the Car Show Account were presented to the membership and discussed.

Active members: 75; Family members: 51 **total: 126**

New Members: Keith & Kitty Thomson - 1958 Chevrolet Impala

MINUTES: Accepted as published on the OCAC web site.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

State Veteran's Museum Fire Truck project - Mark Milliken

The truck box was prepped & sanded by the crew and has now been primed and painted by Doug Walters. It will be installed back on the truck within a week or so. The rear fenders & all running boards are also now ready for paint. The underside of the running boards and rear fenders have been treated with the POR-15 coating to prevent rust. Once completed, there will be final assembly on all remaining parts. Mark stated that the truck will hopefully be close to completion soon and will be on display at the Memorial Weekend Car Show.

Car Show - Phil Nissen

All is progressing smoothly for the Memorial Weekend show. Volunteers are needed for parking crew Sunday morning - contact Bruce Berst if you would like to volunteer. Mike Kennedy has his crew in place for vote counting but needs volunteers for the show registration on Friday & Saturday. Doug Walters announced he will be having all GM show at Z's Classics on Friday. **The next Car Show planning meeting will be on May 19th - 7:00 P.M. at Z's Classics.** All members are encouraged to attend, as we are getting close to the show.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Central Wyoming Fair & Rodeo parade is scheduled for July 13th; they will need some club volunteers with convertibles to carry dignitaries in the parade. The Fair board will comp the OCAC a free entry for any other members who would like to enter in the parade. Contact Ken Lantta or President Mark Pitts if you interested in entering or volunteering a convertible.

The disposition of the valve cover racing track was brought up and discussed. The option would be to have the OCAC purchase an enclosed trailer for transport and storage of the trailer; the club had budgeted an amount for the project from car show income. V.P. Dennis Day has been searching on the internet for a suitable used trailer but used trailers for all intents and purposes are unavailable. Dennis stated that a new trailer of suitable size would be approximately \$3000. Member Phil Nissen suggested that though the trailer has been a draw for youth events and car shows, we may be better off saving the club funds and possibly donating the track to the Boys & Girls club or other youth group. Ken Lantta voiced similar sentiment and added that the key issue is having a dedicated volunteer staff to run events with the track is crucial to making it be a viable club function. There are some club members who have run the track and are still interested in running races at Car Shows and other events, but numbers may not be sufficient to continue for the future. Member Stan Goodwin made a motion that the OCAC forgo the expense of a trailer and seek an alternative group or individual to donate the track to. It was seconded by Mike Kennedy and approved by a majority vote of members present. The ultimate disposition of the track will be decided later.

John Lanum stated that due to lack of interest, he is tabling the excursion to the Shelby Mustang Museum in Boulder, CO. The original plan was to rent a bus and take a day trip, but not enough people had expressed a commitment to attend. In addition, the trip to the National Museum of Military Vehicles in Dubois, WY, has been tabled as well. Mr. Lanum suggested the possibility of a less formal caravan trip of club members as an alternative to making a bus trip.

The Wednesday night cruises are in full swing, but volunteers are needed to be cruise masters; many dates are still open. The current schedule is on the OCAC web site, or volunteer at general meetings – the sign-up sheet will be passed around till all slots are filled. In addition, Cars & Coffee is going on Saturday morning at the east side City Brew 8:00 to 10:00 AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

The town of Mills is celebrating their Centennial this summer and will be sponsoring a parade & car show. The date will be Saturday, June 12th. Club members may participate in both the parade & car show free of charge. If you do not wish to enter in the parade, you can just enter the car show. The car show will be on Wyoming Blvd in Mills; they will be blocking off the section of the road that runs past the Mills town hall for the show. The parade line up will begin at 9:30 AM & will start at 10:00 AM. The car show will begin at 11:00. If you only plan to attend the car show, enter from the south on Wyoming Blvd - just across the bridge entering Mills. There will be officials there to let you in. More details, the full schedule of events and registration forms are available on the Town's website - www.millswy.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Pathways Innovation Center will be having a car show Friday, May 21st 2:00 to 6:00 PM. Contact Bruce Berst for more info.
- Casper Experimental Aircraft Association will be having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 19th at the Goode Warbird Museum. They would like to invite people to bring out their classic automobiles for the day – the parking will be on the tarmac in front of the hangar. Contact Mark Milliken for details.
- A full schedule of regional car shows is on the OCAC.cc web site; it is frequently & meticulously updated by Mark Pitts.
- **Car Show Planning meeting** - Wednesday, May 19th - 7:00 PM @ Z's Classics
- **Board meeting:** Thursday, June 3rd 6:00 PM at Perkins Restaurant. *All Club Members are welcome!*

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54 PM

John Gudgeon
OCAC Secretary

Bar Nunn Car Show



TechPoint LLC Auto Show, Evansville, WY, May 8th

Bruce had two entries in today's TechPointLLC Auto Show in Evansville. He enthralled the crowd with his '54 Studebaker Conestoga 2 dr wagon and his '78 AMC Gremlin.

As noted in the photo, Bruce walked away with considerable 'hardware'. The awards were for Participants Choice and Peoples Choice. It looks that he wowed both his competitors and the spectators. This is a very notable achievement by an OCAC member to kick off the 2021 show season. Congratulations Bruce!



Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Museum 1942 Chevrolet Fire Truck Project



The restoration team. L-R: Doug Walters (body and paint), John Gudgeon (mechanical), Jerry Russell (paint), Mike Kennedy and Mike Johnson (mechanical), and Mark Milliken (go-fer).



The freshly painted box is loaded onto Mike Johnson's trailer for the trip back to the airport.



Back at the airport shop.



The side panels were positioned on the chassis prior to installing the box.

MEMORIAL DAY 2021 CAR SHOW

To all members and gear heads everywhere. The 2021 Memorial Day Car Show is on and will be held in Bar Nunn on May 30, 2021. As you all probably know, you can register for the car show by going to the OCAC website for registration forms and a program of events for the entire weekend. Be sure to sign up and show up for the first big show after the breakout. Also, you can register on Saturday before the show at the Skelly Station across from the Yellowstone garage. There is no registration the day of the show.

Also, the Car Show Committee needs volunteers to help make this show a reality. All **volunteers** are asked to attend the next Car Show Meeting which will be held at Z's Classics at 7:00 PM on May 19, 2021. Of course, if there are a lot of **volunteers** then the work is short and sweet for everyone, So, now is the time for all good and loyal club members to come to the aid of the Car Show and have some fun at the same time. See you there!!

Jerry Russell, Editor

OCAC SPRING PICNIC

Circle June 6th on your calendar! The club Spring Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 6th, at the Paradise Valley Park – Shelter #3, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The address is 31 Begonia. This will be a potluck picnic and kite fly.

The 1963 Ford Mustang II Prototype



Note: This article is reprinted from the April 2015 issue of [Collectible Automobile](#)

By Jack Stewart

The Ford Mustang I concept car was too successful. The midengined two-seat sports car was the subject of gushing magazine reviews, and Ford Motor Company received letters begging for its production. Yet, even as the Mustang I made its debut at the Watkins Glen Grand Prix in October 1962, Ford had already decided that Mustang would be a Falcon-based four-seater. In the interim, it needed a link between the Mustang I and the upcoming production car.

Ford Design Vice President Gene Bordinat asked stylist John Najjar to design such a car. The Mustang II show car (not to be confused with the 1974-78 production "Pinto" Mustang) was built using a preproduction Mustang body with a customized nose and tail. Front fenders came to a point, an echo of the Mustang I's beveled nose, but a rectangular grille hinted at the cars to come in showrooms. A white paint job with blue stripes down the center also mimicked the original. The preproduction Mustang was a coupe, but again to evoke the open Mustang I, the roof was cut off and replaced by a removable hardtop. Other Mustang I elements, such as bullet-shaped mirrors and prominent exhaust tips, were also incorporated into the Mustang II.

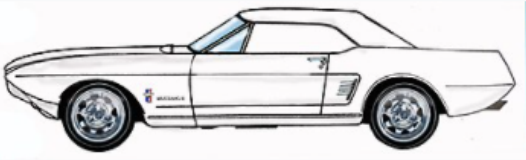
The interior teased the production-Mustang look with a twin-bulge dash top but otherwise was much more stylized. A row of round gauges harked back to the Mustang I and predicted a later five-dial GT instrument cluster.

The Mustang II was introduced the day before the 1963 Watkins Glen Grand Prix. At the press conference, Ford Division General Manager Lee Iacocca said, "The Mustang II is one in a series of recent idea or show cars Ford Division and Ford Motor Company have built to test public reaction to styling and functional innovations." Iacocca wasn't completely truthful—the production Mustang, due to launch in spring 1964, was already pretty much buttoned down. There wasn't much that public reaction could change. What the Mustang II did do was prepare the public for a Mustang that wasn't a two-seat sports car, and build interest leading up to its launch. Ford was gambling a huge amount of money on Mustang, so building a show car that would soon be displaced by the real thing wasn't that extravagant.

Sometime after performing show duties, the Mustang II was loaded on a truck to be destroyed. Fortunately, some Ford engineers spotted it and rescued it from the crusher to be used as a test “mule.”

Ford donated the car to the Detroit Historical Society in 1975. Along the way it had acquired a dent and a woodgrain steering wheel. The original V-8 engine was either replaced or gained Cobra valve covers and dual Holley carburetors. According to Tracy Irwin, director of exhibitions and collections at the historical society’s museum, the Mustang II will remain as original as possible, with the modifications and patina kept intact as part of the car’s history.

Ford Mustang II (concept car)



1963 Ford Mustang II sketch

Overview

Manufacturer

Ford

Production

1963

Assembly

Dearborn, Michigan

Designer

Eugene Bordinat
John Najjar
James Sherbourne

Body and chassis

Class

Concept car

Body style

2-door roadster/convertible

Layout

front-engine layout

Platform

Experimental

Powertrain

Engine

289 cu in (4.7 L) Windsor HiPo V8

Dimensions

Wheelbase

108 in (2,743 mm)

Length

186.6 in (4,740 mm)

Width

62 in (1,575 mm)

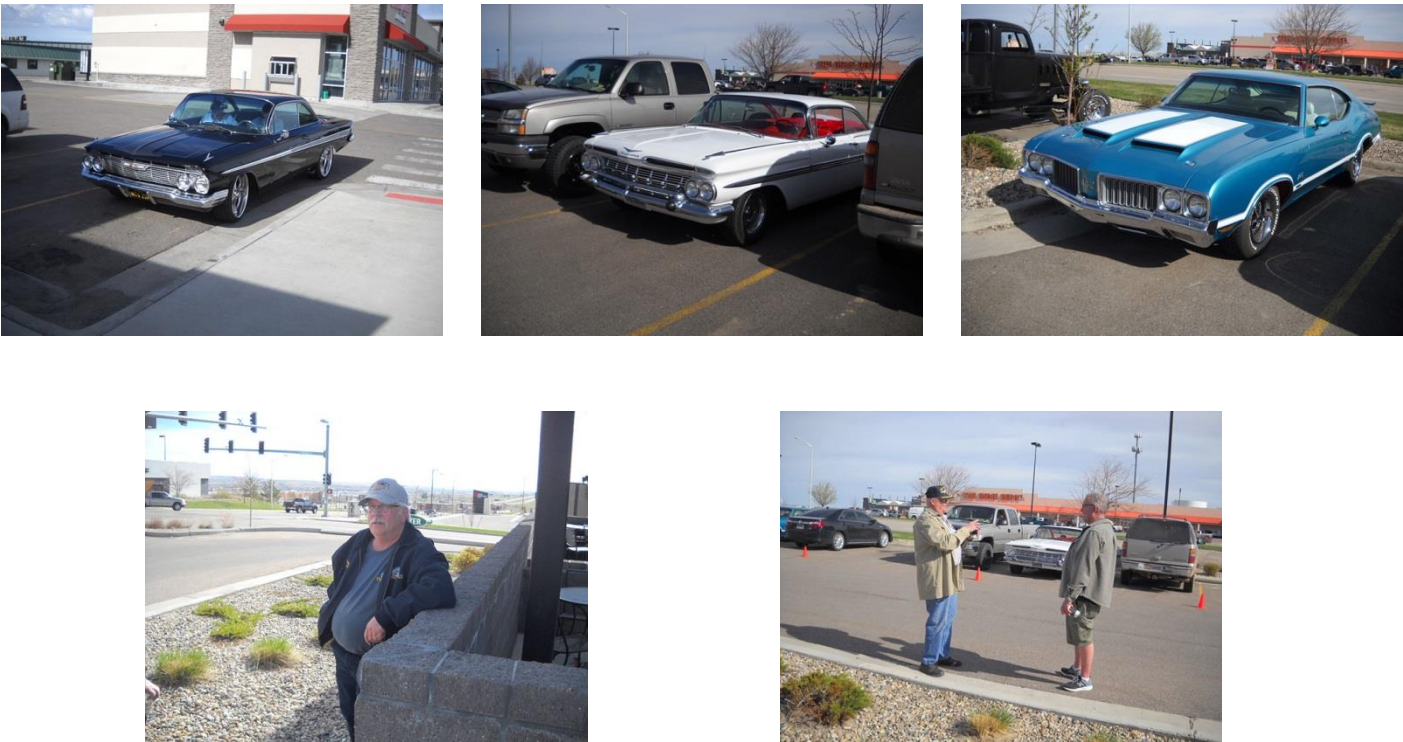
Height

48.4 in (1,229 mm)

Curb weight

2,445 lb (1,109 kg) (approximate)^[1]

A Few Photos From OCAC Cars and Coffee



UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Weekend Car Show meeting, Z's Classics, 5/19/21 at 7:00 p.m.

OCAC Executive Board meeting, Perkins Restaurant, 6/3/21 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular OCAC monthly meeting, 6/9/21, 7:00 p.m., at Z's Classics.

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

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

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.

All GM Show, Z's Classics, 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

Rat Fink Car Reunion, Manti, UT, 6/3-5/21.

Pointe Frontier Retirement Car Show, Cheyenne, WY, 6/5/21.

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

WFCC Oil City Gumbo Cookoff, Casper, WY, 6/5/21.

Saving Sammy Benefit, Casper, 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.

Mills Summer Fest Parade, Mills, WY, 6/12/21.

Jackalope Days Knight Cruisers 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.