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# Blown Gasket

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## Upcoming Club Activities

### Sunday Morning Breakfast

Sunday morning club breakfast is back! The Sunday breakfast will be at Perkins for the month of July and at Johnny J's in August. 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.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

CARL BAKER, DIXIE BLOWER, PAM BURROUS, RALPH BUTLER, RON CLARK, BRUCE EDDY, BEVERLY ENGLISH, DON HEIL, MARGARET HIATT, MIKE JOHNSON, WENDELL KING, BRENDA MIDKIFF, RAY PARNELL, NANCY STEWART

## NEW MEMBERS

JASON, NINA AND JACOB MATTHEWS – 1948 CHEVY PICKUP AND 1965 PLYMOUTH SATELLITE

LIZ BLEVINS – 1957 CHEVY BEL AIR

## BENEVOLENCE

MARY MARGARET KING, WIFE OF WENDELL KING, PASSED AWAY JULY 16, 2021.

## ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

Sunday, August 22, 2021, at Wells Park Shelter #1  
610 East K Street  
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

# Oil Capitol Auto Club

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

### July 14th, 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	(All officers present)

**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.

**Current members:** Regular 86, Family 58

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

**GUESTS:** Jason & Nina Matthews – joined the OCAC at the meeting.

**BENEVOLENCE:** None reported.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

Dave Wilson spoke representing the Hunting With Heroes program. He is planning a fund-raising car show for the program on July 31<sup>st</sup> - sponsored by the Hideaway Bar in Mills, WY. The show will be in the park area across from the Mills City Hall. Mr. Wilson stated that there will be in addition to the car & bike show - all manner of entertainment including a band, raffles, games & a dunking booth. He invited all members of the OCAC to attend the car show. Registration will start at 9:00 A.M. The previous year's show raised over \$10K for the Hunting With Heroes Program; he hopes to exceed that this year.

The Hunting with Heroes program – a non-profit organization founded by Colton Sasser and Dan Currah, takes disabled veterans from around the country on hunting & fishing trips – free of charge other than transportation to Wyoming. They provide customized programs to assist the veterans with special needs – including a recent hunt for a blind veteran, who using a spotter and an electronic sighting system was able to take a nice buck Antelope.

Individuals can donate their hunting license to the program; if you draw a license, the Wyoming Game & Fish Dept. will transfer it to one of the veterans in the program. OCAC member Ken Lantta – a Navy Veteran, stated that he has donated licenses several times. He said that he would be glad to help anyone interested in the license donation program and could contact him as he is well versed in the procedure. For full info. see <https://huntingwithheroes.org/> web site, or look up on Facebook.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

The Fire Truck is now completed and was on full display in the Central Wyoming Fair Parade on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. See pictures of the parade debut on the OCAC.cc web site.

##### **Car Show** - Mark Pitts

Mark stated that he attended the July 6<sup>th</sup> Town of Bar Nunn council meeting and presented them with a check from the Car Show proceeds. He will attend the Bar Nunn Volunteer Fire Dept. meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> to present them with a donation check as well. There was no other news regarding the car show at present. Club members will need to consider what we would like to do for the 2022 Memorial Weekend show.

### **TRIP REPORTS/CAR SHOWS:**

There were numerous regional car shows attended by OCAC members recently. Shows were in Sheridan, Casper, Douglas, Wheatland, Wright, and Glenrock. Several club members were winners of trophies at these multiple events. A lot of hardware was procured by the members.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update:** the excursion planned to the Shelby Mustang Museum by John Lanum has been scratched due to insufficient interest at present. The trip to The National Museum of Military Vehicles in Dubois, WY, has been tentatively scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> as a day trip. Please contact a board member if interested in this excursion.

The OCAC participated in the 2021 Central Wyoming Fair Parade on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Members provided convertibles for dignitaries & several others entered in the parade as a club. Unfortunately, there was some confusion as to procedures for entry. Some club members were turned away that had shown up for the parade. Several members stated that they were not able to participate the day of the parade. OCAC member Ken Lantta - who had volunteered to coordinate with the Central WY fair board (CWFB) on the entries – stated that if club members provided some convertibles to carry dignitaries the club could enter at no charge. There was no limit on the number of entries, but the CWFB needed a finite head count of entries by the deadline of July 2<sup>nd</sup> - for planning the route and staging areas. Several members did not realize there had been a deadline and were turned away the morning of the parade. These members complained that it was apparently not stated clearly enough in the email messages and mailings sent to members that there was a deadline to enter. Ken said that in future – he will try to be more explicit if there is a deadline for entry in the parade. OCAC member Stan Goodwin commented that better communication may avoid these types of difficulties. Further discussion was tabled for the future.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Mark Pitts presented a company that makes the cast aluminum car club plaques & suggested purchasing some for the club. It is the same company the club had ordered from in the past; the last order was back in 2005. The company still has the OCAC artwork. Current members have expressed interest in ordering them in again; Phil Nissen suggested possibly ordering some for club stock. These are the ones approximately the size of a standard license plate and can be painted to match your car. Mark stated that they would be \$18.00 each plus shipping in sufficient quantities. Discussion amongst members present revealed interest in more than 20 of the plaques to start. John Chaney made a motion to have the club purchase a quantity of 40 units for members and club stock for future sales. The motion was seconded by Mike Kennedy. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present. Ken Lantta will get them ordered.

Club member Pat Potter mentioned that in recent months, motel & campground fees have risen significantly. This was confirmed by several other members present – so be aware of those changes.

Stan Goodwin invited all members to attend the Caper Elks Lodge picnic & car show on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. The lodge will provide the main dish & will be a potluck for side dishes. Registration is at 8:00 A.M. Show & shine will be 10:00 to 2:00. Awards will be provided.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

- ➔ **Cars & Coffee** - continues at the east side City Brew – Saturday mornings.
- ➔ **Sunday Breakfast:** Perkins for July & Johnny J's for August.
- ➔ **Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup>:** OCAC board meeting. 6:00 P.M. @ Perkins restaurant. All members welcome & encouraged to attend.
- ➔ **Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup>:** Memorial Weekend Car Show wrap up meeting. 6:30P.M. @ Z's Classics. We will discuss issues & improvements for future shows. All members are encouraged to attend to put in your suggestions/ideas to make the show better.

**50/50 RAFFLE WINNER:** Newt Weber

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 7:48 P.M.

MINUTES Provided by: John Gudgeon – OCAC Secretary

# Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Museum

## 1942 Chevrolet Fire Truck Project Update

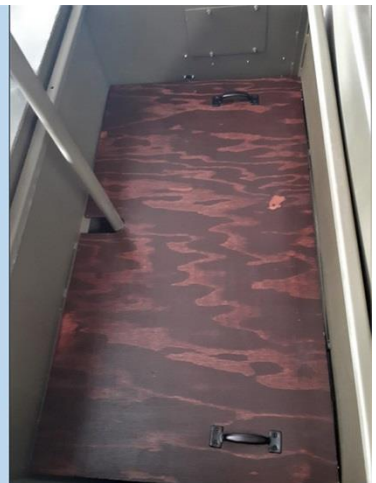
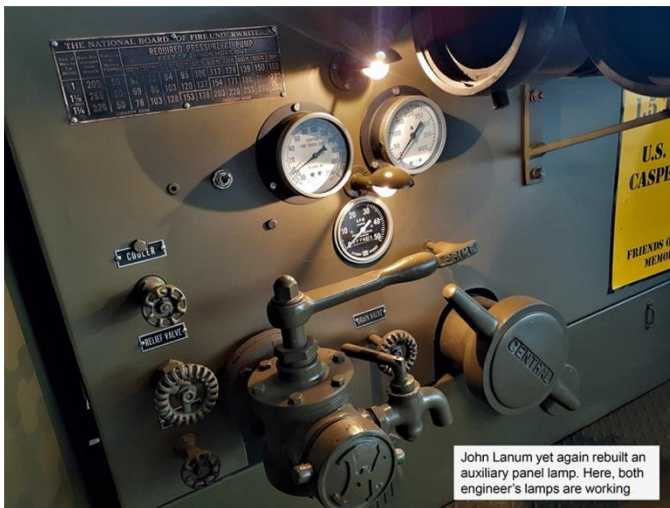
### Reporting Period Ending 7/17/2021

Mark Milliken

**Volunteer Hours: 39**

#### Progress highlights:

- The plywood well cover was stained, varnished, and installed.
- The truck was moved to Z's Classics to prepare for the Natrona Co. Fair and Rodeo Parade.
- Before the parade started, the new NAPA ignition switch failed. Riding mechanic Mike Johnson made a temporary fix and got it through the parade without further issues.
- The truck won huge accolades from the very large number of parade spectators in attendance.
- NAPA provided a new ignition switch on warranty. It was installed and tested.
- John Lanum repaired yet again one of the engineer panel lamps. It was installed and tested,
- On July 15, the truck and related items were moved to Building 109.



## OCAC Members Were Impressive at Regional Car Shows!!!

Ken Lantta reported that OCAC was well represented at the **KNIGHT KRUISERS CAR CLUB CAR SHOW** in Douglas on Saturday, 06/12/21. A total of seven cars drove to Douglas for entry into the show. Even more impressive, five of the cars were recipients of trophies:

Dean & Liz Blevins – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Street Rod Class, 1932 Ford Roadster

Ron & Pat Potter – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Classic Car Class, 1953 Ford Victoria

Ray Parnell – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 2006 to Present Class, 2007 Chevy Corvette C6

Elaine Parnell – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 1970-89 Class, 1984 Chevy Camaro Z28

Ken Lantta – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Modified Truck Class, 1992 Jeep Wrangler

John Lanum reported that some of our OCAC members did well at the **DEER CREEK DAYS CAR SHOW** in Glenrock, WY:

John Lanum - 1st place 1960 Original Class with my 1968 Shelby GT 500

Bruce Burst placed with his Nash

John Gudgeon placed with his 73 Ranger

Dennis Day placed with his Ranchero

Ed Downs 1st place 1950's modified with his 1957 Handyman.

A great time was had by all in Sheridan at the **30TH KARZ KLUB OF SHERIDAN ROD RUN & CAR SHOW**. Here are the OCAC people that took home some new decorations:

Stan and Judy Goodwin

Dean and Liz Blevins

Newt Weber

At the **BLUE MOUNTAIN CAR SHOW** in Wheatland, Phil Nissen was the only one who wrangled some new hardware home. He did so with his 1955 Nomad.

At the **CENTRAL WYOMING CORVETTE CLUB HOSPICE CAR SHOW**, Paula Travers took home some new hardware!

Also RC Quiett in 1940's class.

## Classic Clues

**Q. What was the first official White House Car?**

**A. A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.**



## CENTRAL WYOMING FAIR PARADE





## Photos from the Gumbo Cookoff



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

OCAC Executive Board meeting, Perkins Restaurant, 8/5/21 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular OCAC monthly meeting ,8/11/21, 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.

Annual Club Picnic, Wells Park Shelter #1, 8/22/21, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Cruisen Red Lodge, Red Lodge, MT, 7/23-25/21.

CMN Car Show, Gillette, WY, 7/24/21.

Mexican Fiesta & Car Show, Billings, MT, 7/24/21.

Delta Street Rodders Car Show/Swap Meet, Delta, CO, 7/24-25/21.

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show Junkie, Kamas, UT, 7/24/21.

Chevrolet Nomad Association 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, Reno, NV, 7/26-29/21.

Hot Rods and Harleys Car Show, Mills, WY, 7/31/21.

Burnouts & Brews, Laramie, WY, 7/31/21.

Rumble in the Hills, Mullen, NE, 7/31/21.

50<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorodans Rod Festival, Longmont, CO, 7/31/21.

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Rods & Hawgs, Loveland, CO, 7/31/21.

Rushmore Mall – Cruzers Car Show, Rapid City, SD, 7/31/21.

Firefighters Car Fest, Arvada, CO, 8/1/21.

Bromley Car Show, Brighton, CO, 8/1/21.

50<sup>th</sup> West Yellowstone Rod Run, West Yellowstone, MT, 8/6-7/21.

Studebaker Driver's Club North Central Zone Meet, Gehring, NE, 8/6-8/21.

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bar Nunn Fire Dept. Car Show, Bar Nunn, WY, 8/7/21.

Crazy Tony's Car Show, Guernsey, WY, 8/7/21.

26<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show and Charity Cruise, Evanston, WY, 8/7/21.

Kicken Klassiks Car Show, Afton, WY, 8/7/21.

Rocky Mountain Car Show & Swap Meet, Broomfield, CO, 8/7/21.

Moffat County Balloon Fest/Colorado Cruisers Car Show, Craig, CO, 8/7/21.

Olathe Sweet Corn Festival, Olathe, CO, 8/7/21.

Southern Hills Drag Racing Assoc. Car Show, Hot Springs, SD, 8/7/21.

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shriners Cruise In & Car Show, Rapid City, SD, 8/8/21.

Dolittle Car Show, LaBarge, WY, 8/14/21.

32<sup>nd</sup> Streetmasters Dam Run, Pierre, SD, 8/13-14/21.

Wyoming Hot Dog Eating Championship & Car Show, Casper, WY, 8/14/21.

Wyoming Street Rod Picnic and Meeting, Wheatland, WY, 8/14/21.