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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 Johnny J's for the month of August. The September breakfasts TBA. 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.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

KENNETH BRITAIN, ARVILLA BUSH, MARVIN CLARK, PATTY GARGIULO, KENNETH JUDD, CAROL KENNEDY, JERRY KNIGHT, DARCE LAWS, BILL SHUGHART, JOHN STOLTE, JULIE THIEL, FRANK WADDELL, DOUG WALTERS

## BENEVOLENCE

MARY RUSSELL, WIFE OF GEORGE RUSSELL, PASSED AWAY ON JULY 22, FOLLOWING A 3-YEAR BATTLE WITH CANCER.

## 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.

## Thank You Notes

A Thank You letter was received from Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions for the donation sent to them in memory of Mary Margaret King. A Thank You note was received from Wendell King thanking the Club for the donation to Hospice in Mary's name.

# Oil Capitol Auto Club General Membership Meeting Minutes August 11th, 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>	TBD	
<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.

***Membership:*** Active – 88, family – 58, Total – 146.

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

***BENEVOLENCE:*** Mary Russell – wife of George Russell, passed away on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021, following a 3 year battle with cancer.

## ***GUEST SPEAKER:***

Greg Haun, director for the Rock of Ages Church in Casper, announced a car show/fundraiser for the Church on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Funds will go to support the various programs the church administers. The Corvette club is providing trophies.

## ***COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

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

The Fire Truck is now completed and has been moved into a new permanent storage building/garage for display, across from the Veteran's Museum at the airport.

***Car Show*** - Mark Pitts

Mark stated that the club needs to appoint a Chairman for the 2022 Memorial Weekend car show. Ken Lantta passed around a volunteer list for committee members/volunteers to sign up. He will circulate the list at all upcoming meetings. The club needs to decide if the show will go on in 2022 – based on whether enough volunteers have signed up for the many tasks required to run the show. If you are interested in volunteering for a position – please attend the upcoming monthly meetings to sign up or contact any of the current board members. The club will need to commit by the end of the year so planning & announcements can go out.

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

There were again several regional car shows attended by members. The Bar Nunn VFD had their show on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> & was well attended by OCAC members. Several members won trophies: Bruce Berst for the Studebaker P/U & the Gremlin, Barry Ketterling for his T-bucket, and Dennis Day for his Ranchero. In addition, the VFD presented the OCAC a thank you plaque for the club's help putting on the show. The plaque will be on display in the OCAC trophy cabinet located in the Z's Classics showroom.

The Hideaway Bar in Mills sponsored their Hot Rods & Harleys car & bike show fundraiser on July 31<sup>st</sup> for the Hunting with Heroes veterans' program. This was their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event. This was also well attended by OCAC members.

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

The OCAC excursion to the Military Vehicles Museum in Dubois is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact John Lanum to RSVP.

Ken Lantta placed the order for the OCAC club plaques; these are the cast aluminum ones that can be color match painted for your car.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Mark Pitts suggested updating the benevolence policies regarding OCAC life members. We had been sending a condolence card and donating to Wyoming Hospice (The donation has been \$100), in the event of the death of a club member or spouse. There is a list of OCAC life members that although are still listed, are no longer active in club functions. Life members being permanent members due to past length of membership or were active at the early stages of the club. The updated by laws have eliminated future "life members", so the current list of life members will be finite; no new life members will be added. Mark suggested we review the policy for benevolence. The options were discussed by members present. Jerry Russell made a motion that the club would send a condolence card but no donation for any remaining life members who are no longer active or have contact with the club. Further, we would continue the card & donation for any active life members; members who participate in club functions and respond to annual contact info updates. The motion was seconded by Stan Goodwin and Ken Lantta. The motion passed by majority vote of members present.

President Mark Pitts mentioned that election of OCAC board members will be coming up soon; nominations will need to be in by the November general club meeting. Current positions open will be President, Treasurer and Secretary. All members are encouraged to consider running for these positions. Ken Lantta volunteered to continue as Treasurer.

There was discussion of taking some OCAC sanctioned road trips to regional car shows in 2022 – when we would caravan to the shows and participate as a club. Many car shows give awards for club participation.

Jerry Barton announced the OCAC mirror hangers are in Free to new members, \$5 for regular members to replace or add a new vehicle. Also, he has ordered more club window stickers as well.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

- ➔ **Cars & Coffee** - continues at the east side City Brew – Saturday mornings.
- ➔ **Sunday Breakfast:** Johnny J's for August.
- ➔ OCAC board meeting. 6:00 P.M. @ Perkins restaurant. All members welcome & encouraged to attend.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:54 P.M.**

Minutes prepared by OCAC Secretary John Gudgeon

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Well, the summer is drawing to a close and soon all of those great rides will be snuggling in their cozy garages under those expensive car covers. Or not. But, the summer is not over yet and there are lots of things to do. For example, the Club Picnic will be held on August 22 at the Wells Park Shelter #1 in North Casper. Bring a covered dish and utensils. Games and activities are also welcome. The fun will start at 11:00 AM. So come on down.

Also, the club photo shoot will take place on August 25 at the turnout on Casper Mountain Road. This is a Wednesday cruise night so just wander on up there so that Mark can take pictures. I would think that an early start would be wise so that we get the best light. Come early.

Another important upcoming event will take place in November. That's right, it is election time. It is the time for all car nuts to come to the aid of their club. It is important to remember that the club will only function as well as the men & women sitting up there at the head table. I would urge all club members to keep the elections in mind and to consider any and all possible nominees. Stand up and be counted. You are part of a great organization that is full of good people who are willing and able to help. The OCAC Want's You!

Another position that needs to be filled is a Car Show Chairman for the Memorial Day Car Show of 2022. Once again, there are lots of members who will help and the sign up list has already started to go around. I know that it is a little ways off but a good show needs an early start. So, get on the list to help and all of you great leaders out there come up and coordinate the effort so that the tradition continues on Memorial Day. It's not hard and very, very rewarding. Sign Up Now!

Jerry Russell, Editor

## OCAC members take their roadshow to California and beyond

Every year since 1976, the Shelby American Automobile Club has had a national convention. They traditionally seem to switch between left and right coasts. This year, the 2021 event would be held July 28-August 1 at San Rafael, California, near the famous Sears Point Raceway.

Shelby owner John Lanum and Mark Milliken though the two-day drive would be worth the time and expense. Who knows where the next convention will be, or even if it will be held

They loaded their cars into trailers and headed west on July 26 with the idea of taking three days in transit. Turns out they needed almost every minute of that. Tremendous truck and vacation traffic led to irritating lines at gas pumps, restrooms, and cashiers.

John's trailer has hook-up facilities, so he planned to stay in KOS campgrounds. The first night was Salt Lake City, with no major issues. On the next day, the fun began.

About ten miles east of Winnemucca, Nevada, Mark received an urgent call from John requesting help with a blown trailer tire. John had descended a long hill at 80 mph, resulting in a right side trailer tire explosion that took out the fender and brake wiring harness. Mark circled back and was fortunate to find an offramp near the disaster scene.

Being on the right side, John could stretch his legs on the ground and not worry about being run over by an 80 mph semi. Fortunately the spare had air, and a new tire was found in Winnemucca.



They arrived in Reno just 15 minutes before the KOA check-in closed. It was here that John discovered his fresh water system had froze and broke apart last winter. John also discovered that his friend Terry Taylor, whom John was to pick up at the Sacramento airport the next day, wouldn't be there until Thursday. John convinced Terry to get a rental car.

They arrived at San Rafael on Wednesday afternoon, July 28. On Thursday, they took the trailers to Sears point Raceway and met Terry Taylor there. He was a Godsend because his

rental car came in handy in the very heavy bay area traffic. A visit to a Cobra Museum near Vallejo tested their ability to navigate through heavy traffic and unfamiliar roads.

On Saturday, Mark exercised his car on the Sears Point Raceway road course by fending off mostly late model Mustangs. In the hairpin, a late model tried to take the turn on the inside, but overcooked the corner and went wide. Mark clipped the apex and pulled him out of the turn. It was and incredible amount of fun.



On Sunday, John took first place in the 1968 Shelby GT 500 class in the Show and Shine event. Mark headed home.

On Tuesday, John headed northwest to visit family and friends in Oregon and Washington. On the way back, John got impatient with a long line at the sole pump in Shoshone. With half a tank he headed out to Casper, only to run dry about 28 miles short. With a friend's help, he soon made it home. The two cars met again at the Gruner show on 8/17.



## FORD History and BBQ

On June 16, 1903, the Ford Motor Company was established. Henry Ford was the founder. This was not his first venture, as he had previously operated the Henry Ford Company. He left that company and took his name with him. What became of the Henry Ford Company? They became known as the Cadillac Motor Company.

What does any of this have to do with a BBQ grill? Hang on.

Ford's Model T, which would number in the millions sold, required 100 board feet of wood to build. Ford despised waste. His motto was, "Reduce, reuse, and recycle." He was also a nature-lover, an environmentalist of his time. His escape from the stress of life was camping in the great outdoors.

Frustrated by the mountains of sawdust his lumber mills created, he and his partners sought a way to utilize the scrap wood and sawdust into a useful (and profitable) product.

An idea came to him one day as he was camped with some friends in the wilds of Michigan. After his party spent a long time collecting sufficient wood for a campfire, an idea sprung in Ford's mind. Upon returning back to the lumber mill, he shared the idea with some of his partners and set to work on it.

The idea? Lumping a fistful of sawdust and cornstarch with a bit of tar to form a briquette. After charring it, it performed exactly what Ford imagined it would. He then built a charcoal briquette factory adjacent to his lumber mill where the waste from one became the fuel for the other.

A new Model T was now frequently sold with a bonus bag of Ford Charcoal Briquettes, so you could drive into the woods to camp and not worry about finding campfire wood.

So now you know. Ford not only created the modern automobile industry which takes millions to work and back each workday, but he also created the weekend grilling and camping industries.

In 1951, the Ford Charcoal Briquette Company was sold. The new company was named after Ford's real estate partner who helped him find the land to supply wood for building the early Ford automobiles - E.J. Kingsford.

Kingsford Charcoal is the largest producer of charcoal briquettes in the world.

Submitted by Ken Lantta

## Names of Car Models

In 1929 the "Society of Automobiles and the AAA" got together and set out names of car models. ie:

A Convertible with 4-doors with side curtains and No Windows is a **TOURING**

A Convertible with 4-doors with roll-up windows is a **PHAETON OR CONVERTIBLE SEDAN**

A Convertible with 2-doors with side curtains and No Windows is a **ROADSTER**

A Convertible with 2-doors and roll-up windows is a **CABRIOLET**

A **COUPE** is a Closed 2-passenger car, with or without a rumble seat

A **VICTORIA** is a Closed 4-passenger SEDAN

## Bar Nunn Fire Dept. Car Show, August 7, 2021



## WY Hot Dog Eating Championship & Car Show, 8/14/21



## Classic Clues

Q. What is the first law of vintage car ownership?

A. There is always something to fix, but not right now.

## Wednesday Night Cruise to Life Care Center, 7/22/21



## Hot Rods and Harleys Car Show, 7/31/21



## UPCOMING EVENTS

OCAC Executive Board meeting, Perkins Restaurant, 9/2/21 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular OCAC monthly meeting, 9/8/21, 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 thru Sept.

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

Tri-State Hot Rod Revival, Julesburg, CO, 8/19-21/21.

Palisade Peach Festival, Palisade, CO, 8/19-22/21.

Fast Cars & Foster Kids Autocross, Rock Springs, WY, 8/20-21/21.

Elks Car Show, Casper, WY, 8/21/21.

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oftedal Construction "All Wheels Invitational", Casper, WY, 8/21/21.

Wyoming State BBQ Championship and Bluegrass Festival, Worland, WY, 8/21/21.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Rollers Charity Car Show, Broomfield, CO, 8/21/21.

Monument Muscle Car Expo, Scottsbluff, NE, 8/21/21.

Devils Tower Car (KOA) Show, Devils Tower, WY, 8/21/21.

Kool Deadwood Nites, Deadwood, SD, 8/25-29/21.

Cody Country Car Show and Poker Run, Cody, WY, 8/27-28/21.

Ratchet's Chop Shop Grand Opening Car Show, Laramie, WY, 8/28/21.

Don Sands Memorial Hot Rod Reunion, Cheyenne, WY, 8/28/21.

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Oldies Car Classic, Northglen, CO, 8/28/21.

Sturgis Mustang Rally, Sturgis, SD, 8/31-9/5/21.

International Mustang Meet, Boise, ID, 9/3-6/21.

Moparama All Mopar Car Show, Sioux Falls, SD, 9/5/21.

Goodguys Colorado Nationals, Loveland, CO, 9/10-12/21.

Library Ride & Read Car Show & Shine, Gillette, WY, 9/11/21.

Rush No More RV Resort and Dakota Rods and Classics End of Summer Cruise, Sturgis, SD, 9/11/21.

Autocross, Casper, WY, 9/12/21.

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Festival Show & Shine, Cheyenne, WY, 9/11/21.

Rockabilly Retro Fest Car Show, Torrington, WY, 9/11/21.

Cars, Cigars, Guitars, Under the Stars Charity Car Show, Cheyenne, WY, 9/11/21.

High Plains Classics Show & Shine, Miles City, MT, 9/11/21.

Toys for Kids Car Show, Hot Springs, SD, 9/18/21.

Scott Siedschlag Memorial Car Show, Casper, WY, 9/18/21.