



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 Yellowstone Garage for the month of September, October will be Perkins and November will be Gma's. 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DEAN BLEVINS, LIZ BLEVINS, JUSTIN BROST, JIM BRUSAW, MARY HOFFMAN, BARRY KETTERLING,
CATHI KNIGHT, BETH KUEHNEL, KEN LANTTA, MARK MILLIKEN, ANITA NEUBAUER, JERRY RUSSELL,
DEB SHUGHART, BAMBI STOLTE, MICHAEL UTECH

Members,

Due to Covid 19 being in our membership (2 positive cases) and one other member quarantined, the Friday Night Dinner for this week and next are cancelled. Sunday Breakfast is also cancelled for the next two weeks as is the cruise for next week. The caravan to Glenrock is also cancelled. If we have no further cases of Covid over the next 14 days, we can cautiously go back to "Business as usual", cautiously.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Mark Pitts, President (dated September 9th)

**Oil Capitol Auto Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2021**

Board of Directors:

<u>President:</u>	Mark Pitts - Absent
<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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M. by Vice President Dennis Day

TREASURY REPORT: Ken Lantta - Treasurer

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

Membership: 89 Active members & 58 Family members

MINUTES: Accepted as published on the OCAC web site.

BENEVOLENCE: None reported.

GUEST SPEAKER: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

State Veteran's Museum Fire Truck Project - Mark Milliken

Mark reported that the fire truck will be officially transferred from the volunteer committee in early 2022 to coincide with the truck turning 70 - a "birthday" celebration will be held possibly at the 2022 OCAC Memorial Weekend car show. More info to follow.

Car Show – No News to report; volunteer list was circulated at the meeting. There are still many spots open, but we do have several volunteers now signed up to help with the show next year. A Chairman is still needed.

TRIP REPORTS/CAR SHOWS

Several club members attended the Sturgis Mustang Rally Aug 31st – Sept 5. 543 Mustangs participated in the events.

OLD BUSINESS

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

We have received the cast aluminum club plaques and the mirror hangers. Plaques are \$20 ea and the mirror hangers are \$5 ea. Contact Jerry Barton if you would like to purchase these. We also have OCAC window stickers in as well; they are no charge.

November will be election of new officers; open positions include Secretary, President & Treasurer. Nominations will be taken at the October meeting, or floor nominations at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Ken Lantta stated that the date was confirmed with the Ramkota for the 2021 OCAC Christmas party for Saturday, December 18th. Cost for the buffet style dinner would be \$32 per/person. If the OCAC sponsored a portion of the meal, it would reduce the fee to either \$25 ea. or \$20 ea. per member; depending on how much the members decided to have the club sponsor. The idea was discussed by members; followed by a motion to table the final decision till October by John Chaney. Another motion was proffered by Stan Goodwin to instead have a potluck style gathering at Z's classics with the OCAC to provide a main course, rather than a formal dinner at the Ramkota. Members present discussed ideas for decorating the Z's Classics showroom as well as having a gift exchange. Mr. Goodwin's motion was seconded by Rocky Smith and was approved by majority vote of members present. Doug Walters will contact Gail Zimmerman to confirm the date at the Z's Classics location, keeping it on December 18th if possible. Several members also volunteered to help facilitate the event, and Rocky Smith volunteered to run the gift exchange. Ken Lantta stated that the Ramkota will charge the OCAC a \$100 cancellation fee for the reserved date.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- ➔ **Cars & Coffee** - Final for season Sept. 25th
- ➔ **Sunday Breakfast:** Sept.-Yellowstone Garage; Oct.-Perkins; Nov.-Gma's
- ➔ **OCAC board meeting:** Oct 7th. 6:00 P.M. @ Perkins restaurant. All members welcome & encouraged to attend.

50/50 winner: Rocky Smith

Meeting adjourned: 7:36 P.M.

Minutes prepared by John Gudgeon – OCAC Secretary 09/10/21

New Members

Charles and Lynne Howe – 1951 Ford F-1 Pickup

Gruner Bros. Fund Raiser for Cancer, August 17, 2021



Mark Milliken's '67 GT350 and John Lanum's '68 GT500

OCAC Picnic, August 22, 2021



B-24 Bomber Memorial



About 18 months ago Mark Milliken started planning a memorial for the crew of a B-24 Bomber that crashed in the Shirley Basin area south of Casper.

Mark asked me if I could find as many living family members of the crew members killed in the crash as possible.

I used my genealogical skills to locate living family and was able to find family for all crew members; however, only a few responded to the invitation to attend. Of the invitations sent out, 17 family members attended the memorial. I think the response was super considering COVID and distance traveled. Family members came from as far as Georgia, Florida and California.

Mark was instrumental in all the planning for the memorial. He made arrangements for a memorial plaque, lodging, transportation, invitation to the Wyoming National Guard to provide memorial services, and so much more.

The memorial was extremely moving. The flag ceremony and presentation to family members. Taps performed over the Wyoming prairie is very moving and haunting.

A prairie rattle snake was present. One of the family members commented that their relative was a prankster and that he may have placed the snake on the memorial plaque as a reminder of who he was.

Thanks, Mark for a great job.

Mike Kennedy

Many Hands Make Light Work

Election of club officers 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 Wants 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCAC Executive Board meeting, Perkins Restaurant, 10/7/21, at 6:00 p.m.

Regular OCAC monthly meeting, 10/13/21, 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.

OCAC Christmas Party, 12/18/21, at Z's Classics.

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

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

Scott Kernick Memorial Car Show, Gordon, NE, 9/18/21.

Telluride Autumn Classic, Telluride, CO, 9/23-26/21.

Classic Cars on Main, Torrington, WY, 9/25/21.

The OutKasts-Cruise in Car Show, Mitchell, SD, 9/25/21.

9th Annual Black Hills Harley-Davidson all car and motorcycle cruise-in, Rapid City, SD, 10/2/21.

Main Street Square Cruiser Car Show & Street Fair, Rapid City, SD, 10/2/21.

Moose Lodge 3rd Annual Car Show, Grand Junction, CO, 10/2/21.

Food for Thought Oktoberfest Car Show, Casper, WY, 10/9/21.

Turkey Roost Car & Bike Show, Grand Junction, CO, 10/9/21.



Casper Mountain Cruise – August 25, 2021