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UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

Regular Monthly Meeting – 1/11/23, at VFW on Bryan Stock Trail, at 7:00 p.m. (Subject to change) (No meeting in December.)

Sunday Morning Breakfast -- The Sunday breakfast will be at Denny's for the month of November, at Peaches in Dec., and The Hangar in Jan. 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 Bush at 262-8989 or 265-2468 to confirm attendance.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JIM ALTEBAUMER, JACOB BAKER, PAM DOWNES, HARRELL HIATT, LYNNE HOWE, TY KUEHNEL, JOHN MIDKIFF, DAVID REDMAN, JOLENE SMITH, STEPHANIE STANFIELD, KEITH THOMSON, JIM TRANTHAM, ELAINE WALTERS, GARY WAXLER

OIL CAPITOL AUTO CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Board of Directors:

<u>President:</u>	Mark Pitts
<u>Vice President:</u>	Dennis Day
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Ken Lantta
<u>Secretary:</u>	Jeanine Clark
<u>Car Show Committee Chairman:</u>	TBD
<u>Newsletter Editor:</u>	Jerry Russell
<u>Webmaster and Social Media:</u>	Mike Kennedy

All Board Members were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mark Pitts 7:06 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Lantta gave a report regarding the General Club Account and Car Show Account.

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted as published on the OCAC web site.

BENEVOLENCE: None

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

OLD BUSINESS/Unfinished Business:

- The Cruizin' with the Oldies car show was discussed.
 - A Chairman is needed. Please let us know if you want to organize the show.
 - There will be a meeting Tuesday, November 15th, 7:00 at The Hanger. Please attend if you want the car show to proceed.
 - Mark Milliken will be the Captain for the Christmas Parade. It will be November 26, 2022, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. The theme this year is Past, Present and Future. Please contact Mark if you are planning on being in the parade.
- The Christmas party will be December 16, 2022, at the VFW. It will be a potluck and start at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dishes. A list was sent around to sign up. Arvilla Bush, Julie Judd, Dianne Butler, and Jeanine Clark will be calling the members in December to add to the list.
- New Year's Brunch will be 10:00 a.m., January 7, 2023, at the Ramkota. Cost will be \$15 per person. Please pay Ken Lantta prior to the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chuck Howe was voted in as the new Vice President.
- Toys for Tots was discussed. OCAC will combine with VFW to gather toys. Jerry Russell will get the boxes needed for the collections.
- Julie Judd discussed the Christmas party. Bring a gift for the exchange with the value of \$20.
- Mark Milliken discussed the Fire Truck. He is looking for a car or truck to carry the banners from the Museum for the parade.
- Stan Goodwin discussed the county planning and zoning laws that are being looked at. He encouraged everyone to look at what is being purposed including the changes to unregistered cars on private property. He discussed SEMA. On the website there is a Political Action Group. He asked everyone to look at the laws and to participate. Laws are being created to eliminate race cars.
- Dennis Day read the club members' birthdays for November and December.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- ➔ **Cars & Coffee:** Ended 09/24/22. The 2023 schedule is to be determined.
- ➔ **Sunday Breakfast:** November is at Denny's; December is to be determined.
- ➔ **Friday Night Dinner:** Please confirm with Arvilla Bush no later than Thursday, 3:00 p.m.
- ➔ **OCAC Board Meeting:** TBD, 6:00 p.m. at Perkins.
- ➔ Upcoming get togethers:
 - December 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Christmas party will be potluck at the VFW.
 - January 7, 2023, New Year's Brunch at Ramkota 10:00 a.m.

50/50 winner: Ken Lantta won \$14.

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned: 7:38 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jeanine Clark – OCAC Secretary

Date: November 12, 2022

TRUNK OR TREAT WITH THE SCIENCE ZONE

The club received an inquiry from The Science Zone wondering if we were interested in putting on a Trunk or Treat with them on the day of their Trick or Treat Trail, an annual event they put on. We informed them, if we could get a few cars out, we would be more than happy to sponsor the Trunk or Treat. One question that came up was who was furnishing the treats and approximately how many littles they were expecting. Imagine my surprise when they said between 2 and 3 thousand kiddos were the numbers they had from previous years! After I picked myself up off the floor, choking and having a seizure or two, the response was that they would furnish or give away treats. Whew, another lucky break and an escape from certain cardiac problems!

A call was put out via email to see if anyone was interested. Low and behold, we were able to round up seven OCAC participants and one participant from the Casper Mustang group. Not a bad number, really, since most of us had probably put our cars to bed for the winter season. The date was set for October 30 and time was from 2:00 to 7:00 for the tricksters. A visit to the Ford Wyoming Center (the big Pizza Hut on the Hill, aka the Event Center) revealed a way to get the cars positioned without having to jump any curbs. The weather forecast wasn't great, but we kept going on with the planning.

The day of the Trunk or Treat came and the weather could not have been nicer. A nice, sunny day with temps in the high 50's and winds around 10 mph. Each car was furnished with about 8 bags of candy (150 pieces per bag), cars were decorated, drivers and passenger were in costume (some were, others went as crabby old men) and the special needs kiddos started through at 2:00 pm. The main event for the rest of the ghouls and goblins started at 3:00 pm. By 4:00, a distress call was sent to the Science Zone coordinator for us that we were running dangerously low on goodies. The response was that they were running low inside on the Trick or Treat Trail as well. They had people out attempting to buy more goodies from the stores in town. We told them to keep what they had, when we ran out we would just close the trunks and get out of the way. At 4:45, the first cars started departing from a job well done!

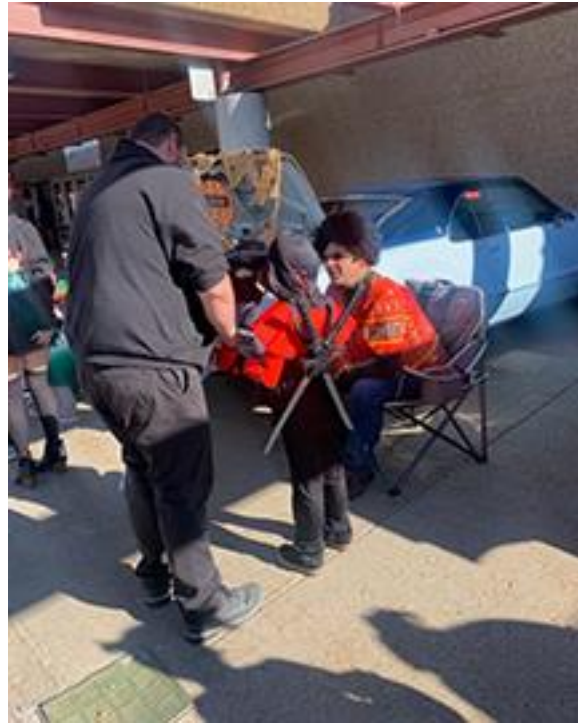
Thank you to the following for helping us get this done on short notice:

Jim and Marilyn Altebaumer, Jeff Goetz and his wife, Jacob, Jason and Nina Matthews, Phil Nissen, Mike Johnson, Bruce Berst, and Rhonda Pitts. Also a Thank You to the Mustang representatives Ryan and Matasha Hock!

I'm looking forward to next year!

Mark Pitts





Reminder

Don't forget to send in your New Year Brunch reservation. The form is on the following page.



OCAC

2023

NEW YEAR BRUNCH

Ramkota Hotel

10:00 a.m.

Saturday 01/07/23

Installation of Vice President for 2023 - 2024

Cost: \$15 per person

**** Prepaid only (no 'walk-ins') ****

Deadline for payment receipt: Friday 12/30/22

(detach and return)

RSVP

Yes, I (we) will attend the New Year Brunch at 10:00 a.m., 01/07/23; Ramkota:

\$15.00 per person

Member's name

Guest/family name(s)

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Mail to: OCAC
PO Box 1861
Mills, WY 82644-1861

DEADLINE for payment receipt: Friday, 12/30/22

ODDS AND ENDS

First: Once again a great interest has been shown by the membership in a number of topics. I will try to communicate them here for the benefit of all.

Second: The Christmas Party and the Christmas Parade are fast approaching. It is time for volunteers to come forward and help get things organized and moving forward. The Party will be a pot luck and Arvilla, Diane, Julie, & Jeanine will need some assistance pulling things together. So, give any one of them a call and let's get crack'in. Also, please let one of the ladies know what you are preparing so that we do not have all salads.

Third: One organizational type is needed to be the point person for the Christmas Parade, and Mark Milliken has stepped up! The entry fee for 10 cars has been paid by the Club, and more space can be had if necessary. Please contact Mark with any questions. Dates and times will be forthcoming as soon as they are received from the Chamber of Commerce. Let's get in the spirit!

Fourth: Congratulations to Mr. Howe on his upcoming tenure as the new Vice-President. Not to worry, sir, we are all with you, right behind you.

Fifth: Toys for Tots will be coming up, so keep the kids in mind this Holiday Season. As soon as boxes can be secured, they will be in place at the VFW on Bryan Stock Trail. The OCAC has joined forces with the good folks at the VFW to bring a little joy to those who deserve it most this time of year. So, bring your unwrapped gifts to the VFW, and they and I will see that they get where they are needed.

Sixth: Simply an observation for informational purposes. There were 21 members present for the November meeting...and it was a pot luck meeting.

J. R. Russell, Editor

The Truck is Happy!

As you all can see the OCAC/Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum fire truck has found a new home, at least for the winter. Our project on the Army Base fire truck came to a successful conclusion and the old girl has made numerous public appearances this past year. Now it is time for her to rest and be admired by all of the travelers who pass through the Natrona County airport. In the Spring she will awaken and with the restoration teams help roll back out for another season representing both the OCAC and those who served while passing through Casper. If any members have a chance, stop by and say hello, quite a nice display.

J. R. Russell, Editor

