



# Blown Gasket

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## UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

**OCAC Board Meeting**—3/2/23, 6:00 p.m., at Perkins.

**Regular Monthly Meeting** – 3/9/23, at VFW on Bryan Stock Trail. Pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday Morning Breakfast** -- The Sunday breakfast will be at The Hangar for the month of February. March will be at Village Inn and April will be at Perkins. 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.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

BRUCE BERST, RICH BLOWER, RICHARD CULBERTSON, JUDY GARDNER, JOHN LANUM,  
MELISSA STONEKING, CINDY WALTERS, LAURA WAXLER, NEWT WEBER



**OIL CAPITOL AUTO CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

**Board of Directors:**

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| <u>President:</u>                   | Mark Pitts    |
| <u>Vice President:</u>              | Chuck Howe    |
| <u>Treasurer:</u>                   | Ken Lantta    |
| <u>Secretary:</u>                   | Jeanine Clark |
| <u>Car Show Committee Chairman:</u> | None          |
| <u>Newsletter Editor:</u>           | Jerry Russell |
| <u>Webmaster and Social Media:</u>  | Mike Kennedy  |

All Board Members were present, except Mike Kennedy.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mark Pitts 7:12 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, but concern for John Chaney and Millie Nissen were discussed.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS/Unfinished Business:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bruce Berst will be putting together a car show at the Science Zone on the Sunday of the Memorial weekend. Contact Bruce if you would like to help.
- Arvilla talked about the Yellowstone Mustang Rally in Cody. Numerous members will be attending.
- Stan Goodwin gave appreciation to OCAC for the 23 years of putting on the Cruzin' with the Oldies.
- Mark Milliken said John Huff will be doing a Show and Shine on the Saturday of the Memorial weekend. A burn out contest will be organized.
- Mark Milliken showed and discussed t-shirts available with the logo B24's of WW2, created by the servicemen, for \$20. They come in Gray or Dark Blue. See Mark to purchase one.
- A caravan to Torrington on September 16, 2023, for the "50<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Cars on Main" organized by the Scottsbluff Valley Street Rods.
- The Wednesday night cruise was cancelled the last years because of the club meeting. The decision was made to add a cruise on that Wednesday night each month.
- Chuck Howe read the club members' birthdays for February.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

- ➔ **Cars & Coffee:** Ended 09/24/22. This will not be continued.
- ➔ **Sunday Breakfast:** February at The Hanger, March at the Village Inn, and April at Perkins.
- ➔ **Friday Night Dinner:** Please confirm with Arvilla Bush no later than Thursday, 3:00 p.m.
- ➔ **OCAC Board Meeting:** March 2, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at Perkins.
- ➔ Upcoming get togethers: None.

**50/50 winner:** Deanna Day won.

**Next meeting:** March 9, 2023, at the VFW. Potluck at 6:30 and Meeting at 7:00.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:48 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jeanine Clark – OCAC Secretary

Date: February 16, 2023

## **CLICK AND CLACK TALK CARS**

**8/7/22**

### **Buying a classic car can be more than you bargained for**

Dear Car Talk:

I am not a car nut; hence, I don't know much about the innards of a car. However, I would love to own a classic 1960-ish muscle car, like a Mustang Fastback. Is there anything I should be aware of before I get myself into it? What would you warn me of before I get into buying myself a classic car? – Kunal

I would warn you that you're not buying a car, Kunal, you're buying a hobby. Maybe a career. And possibly, a divorce.

From a mechanic's point of view, 50 to 60 years ago, cars were pretty lousy, compared to cars today. They were less reliable, less durable, they handled poorly, stopped poorly, and crashed less safely. But they looked great, right?

So, you're going to need several things before you embark on this bank-account-and-free-time depleting project, Kunal.

First, you'll need a modern car so you can make the classic your second car. You don't want to count on a 60-year-old car as your daily driver. So, don't sell your Corolla.

Next, you'll need some savings. Old cars are always reaching into your pocket, so just accept that. It's not just the purchase price, it's the ongoing care and feeding.

After that, you'll need a subscription to Hemming Motors News ("the bible of the old car hobby"). That'll be your bathroom reading for the next 20 to 30 years.

Finally, you'll need a support group. Fortunately, most areas have old car clubs, where nuts and aspiring nuts like you get together and enjoy themselves.

These will be your new people, Kunal. They'll recommend mechanics to you, give you tips on where to get parts that are no longer made, and share their knowledge. They'll also provide emotional support, giving you a shoulder to cry on when you spend two months of weekends replacing the transmission in your '66 Mustang, and on the first test drive, it won't shift out of second gear.

In fact, joining a club like that in advance will help you get advice on what year, make and model to seek out, and, even more importantly, what cars to avoid.

And if all that doesn't dissuade you, Kunal, you'll have a wonderful time with your classic car, and you'll make lots of new friends. Especially tow truck drivers and mechanics. Enjoy!

## ODDS AND ENDS

FIRST: As we all know, the annual Memorial Day Car Show drew a great number of cars and spectators to the event. However, that kind of success comes at a price. A number of members put a great deal of effort into staging the show, and time has taken its toll. Therefore, the 2023 Car Show has been tabled, for now, and will be considered again in November of 2023.

SECOND: There was, however, some discussion of a Show & Shine on Memorial Day (Sunday) at the Science Zone. There would not be any trophies or anything and only a nominal entry fee to cover a few expenses. Check with Bruce Berst for details as the day approaches.

THIRD: On a lighter note, I thought that some of the following auction results might be interesting. American cars sold at auction in 2022:

1966 Shelby Cobra 427 Super Snake \$5,500,000.00  
1965 Shelby 427 Cobra Roadster \$5,940,000.00  
1964 Ford GT40 Proto Type \$7,000,000.00  
1964 Shelby Daytona Cobra Coupe \$7,500,000.00  
1965 Ford GT40 Roadster Proto Type \$7,650,000.00  
1966 GT40 MK11 \$9,795,000.00  
1931 Duesenberg Model J Coupe Long Wheelbase \$10,340,000.00  
1968 Ford GT Gulf Mirage \$11,000,000.00  
1962 Shelby 260 Cobra Roadster \$13,750,000.00  
1935 Duesenberg SSJ \$22,000,000.00

Kind of humbling isn't it?

FOURTH: The March meeting will be a Pot Luck and a celebration of St. Patrick's Day, so bring your sweetie and something to eat and we will all have a great time.

FIFTH: Fire truck T-Shirts emblazoned with B-24 Art are available for purchase from Mark Milliken for \$20 each. Sales will benefit the Wyoming Veterans Museum.

SIXTH: The Cruise Schedule will be from 5/3/23 to 9/27/23. Sign up early to lead a cruise and get a good spot.

SEVENTH: Picnics: Sprink in PV 6/4/23 & Club Picnic, Ball Fields 8/13/23.

EIGHTH: Ideas for upcoming weekend excursions are being entertained. Please contact Mark Milliken with any suggestions so there will be plenty of time to get the word out. The trip to Dubois last year was a great success.

J. R. Russell, Editor

## UPCOMING EVENTS

48th Annual O'Reilly Auto Parts Autorama, Salt Lake City, UT, 3/3-5/23.

The Enthusiast Tour, Auburn, IN, -April 25-28.

Wyoming NSRA Appreciation & Safety Day & Spring Meeting, Casper, WY, 4/22/23.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Horseshoe Bar and Grill Car and Bike Show, Casper, WY, 5/13/23.

Yellowstone Mustang Rally, Cody, WY, 5/25-28/23.

Energy Capital Car Show, Gillette, WY, 6/2-4/23.

Blue Federal Credit Union Car Show, Cheyenne, WY, 6/4/23.

Knight Cruisers Scholarship Car Show, Douglas, WY, 6/10/23.

5<sup>th</sup> W.T. & J.E. Oftedal Scholarship Car & Bike Show, Casper, WY, 6/17/23.

Cheyenne Rods & Customs 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Car Show, Cheyenne, WY, 6/17/23.

Deer Creek Days, Glenrock, WY, 6/23-25/23.

Iola Car Show, Iola WI, 7/6-8/23.