



# Blown Gasket

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## UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

**OCAC Board Meeting—4/7/26, 6:00 p.m., at Perkins.**

**Regular Monthly Meeting – 4/8/26, at VFW on Bryan Stock Trail, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Morning Breakfast -- The Sunday breakfast is at G-Ma's for the month of March. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. and order by 9:00. 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.**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

JOHN GUDGEON, JULIE JUDD, SHANNON KETTERLING, PAULA TRAVERS

**Oil Capitol Auto Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Date: March 11, 2026**

### **Board of Directors:**

<u>President:</u>	Chuck Howe
<u>Vice President:</u>	Phil Nissen
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Ken Lantta
<u>Secretary:</u>	Lynne Howe
<u>Newsletter Editor:</u>	Jerry Russell
<u>Webmaster and Social Media:</u>	Mike Kennedy

All Board Members were present.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:04 p.m.

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

**MINUTES:** Minutes were accepted as correct as published.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Chuck Howe read the club members' birthday list for this month.

**BENEVOLENCE:** Mike Johnson's sister passed away. Skip Hoffman had a stroke.

**OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:**

- As per club bylaws, since the elected president resigned, the vice president will assume the office. Chuck Howe will be club president and Phil Nissen volunteered to take over vice president duties.
- Anyone wanting to volunteer for the Science Zone car show needs to contact Bruce Berst.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> has been set for a garage sale fundraiser for the club. Bruce Berst has volunteered use of his property located at 45 Texas Street in Evansville. Time to clean out your garages and closets and raise a little money for the OCAC.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Anyone interested in attending the Mustangers' banquet on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ramkota should contact Jeanine Clark.
- Jennifer Baker encouraged club members to check out her store, Baker's Market, at 1831 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Casper for eggs, baked goods, and lots of products from all over Wyoming.
- Julie Judd suggested the OCAC should do a cruise-in on a Saturday similar to the Mustangers to attract more car enthusiasts.
- Kevin McBride talked to Perkins restaurant about having cars and coffee events there at the restaurant on Sundays during July and August. They would advertise it on their marquee. We could raffle off gift cards. More information to follow.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

- ➔ **Sunday Breakfast:** March is at G-Ma's. Meet at 8:00 a.m.
- ➔ **Friday Night Dinner:** Please confirm with Arvilla Bush no later than Thursday, 3:00 p.m.
- ➔ **OCAC Board Meeting:** April 7, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at Perkins.
- ➔ **Upcoming Get-Togethers:** None.

**50/50 winner:** John Simmons won \$26.

**Next meeting:** April 8, 2026, at the VFW, 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lynne Howe, Date: March 14, 2026

## **BENEVOLENCE**

Skip Hoffman had a stroke and is recovering. Mike Johnson's sister passed away.

## **ODDS & ENDS**

**OFFICERS:** As you all know, the President of the club, John Lanum, has resigned his office. In his stead Chuck Howe will step into the position of President and Phil Nissen will act as Vice-President. Lynn Howe and Ken Lanta will remain in their respective positions. GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL.

**GARAGE SALE:** Plans are progressing for the OCAC Fund Raising Garage Sale. The sale will be held on 5/30/26, a Saturday, at 45 Texas in Evansville, the garage of Bruce Berst. This date is in conjunction with the Evansville Garage Sale which will help spread the word. ALL members are urged to clean out their garages, and houses, for items to donate to the sale. All proceeds will go to the club and residual debris will be donated to Rescued Treasures. Volunteers will also be needed and perhaps a few tables and chairs. Come on folks, let's get cleaning.

**CARS & COFFEE:** Also, plans are in the mill for a Cars and Coffee gathering at Perkins for the months of June, July, and August. There is also talk of a Gift Card Raffle at each gathering to make things interesting. There may even be some club advertising on Perkins' sign. Contact any of the officers for further details.

**AUCTIONS:** There is an upcoming Van Der Brink Auction that may be of some interest. This auction is of the Knigge Estate and will take place on 7/18/26 at the family homestead at 8637 Sandpiper St., north of Brookhurst.

There is also an auction on 7/25/26 of the Dehn Collection at the Central States Fairgrounds in Rapid City, SD. This is also a Van Der Brink Auction event.

**BAKER'S MARKET:** Baker's Market is open for business at 1831 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Wednesday thru Sunday for great homemade goodies, fresh eggs, and maybe the chicken. Contact Jennifer Baker for more details and just stop by. Right next store to Wings & Things.

**MUSTANGS:** A meeting of the Casper Mustang Club will take place on 4/17/26 at the Ramkota here in Casper. Contact Julie Judd for more information.

J.R.Russell, Editor

### OCAC POTLUCK 3/11/26



