



Blown Gasket

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UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

OCAC Board Meeting—5/12/26, 6:00 p.m., at Perkins.

Regular Monthly Meeting – 5/13/26, at VFW on Bryan Stock Trail, at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Breakfast -- The Sunday breakfast is at the Elks for the month of April. In May the breakfast will be at Dennys. 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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

JOHN CHANEY, LIDDY CHANEY, JEANINE CLARK, LYN CLARK, DONNA CULBERTSON, ED DOWNES, CHET HEIL, JESSE HENDERSON, CHUCK HOWE, JASON MATTHEWS, RHONDA PITTS, JOHN SIMMONS

Oil Capitol Auto Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Date: April 8, 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

Board member not present: Ken Lantta.

Guests: Jim and Darla Waldron, Brett Hobza

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no treasurer's report as Ken Lantta is on vacation. The club is solvent.

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted as correct as published.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Phil Nissen read the club members' birthday list for this month.

BENEVOLENCE: Skip Hoffman is in the rehab center in Casper. Brion Peterson's brother passed away. Mark Milliken, who had been in ICU with blood sugar issues, thanked the club for the card sent to him.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:

- Bruce Berst gave an update on the Science Zone car show. He has a parking committee and a vendor committee and things are going well.
- Carl Baker reported the Meals on Wheels car show will be on June 13th, \$20 pre-registration.
- Kevin McBride said that Cars & Coffee at Perkins on Sundays during the months of June, July, and August is still scheduled to take place. Perkins is planning on donating a \$25 gift card that we can raffle off and they will also put the event on their marquee. John Lanum said that during the summer the Sunday breakfasts will be combined with Cars & Coffee.
- Bruce Berst wanted to remind everyone of the garage sale at his property at 45 Texas in Evansville on May 30th at 8:00 a.m. This is the same day as Evansville's city-wide garage sale. So clean out your garage and closets and bring your items to Bruce's and raise a little cash for the OCAC.
- Kevin McBride gave out flyers for the Wheatland car show on June 27th. There will be a community event on Friday night, June 26th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. with food and live music. He also said they had a special rate with the Best Western for \$89 Friday night.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Brett Hobza informed the club of the 1st Annual Crazy Days car show to be held on July 18th to be held in downtown Casper on 2nd Street. Parking starts at 8:00 a.m., show to be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a non-profit event with registration fees to be donated to Jason's Friends Foundation and Make-A-Wish Foundation Wyoming. You can contact Shannon Ketterling for more information.
- Fred Rawling handed out flyers for the First Annual Casino Night to benefit Scouting America, Adventure West Council. The event will happen on Friday, April 24th, with dinner to begin at 6:00 p.m. and casino night to begin at 7:30 p.m.
- Phil Nissen, Stan Goodwin, and Bruce Berst shared their experiences with scammers pertaining to auto sales. They emphasized to really do your homework and due diligence when contemplating an online auto sale.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- ➔ **Sunday Breakfast:** April is the Elks.
- ➔ **Friday Night Dinner:** Please confirm with Arvilla Bush no later than Thursday, 3:00 p.m.
- ➔ **OCAC Board Meeting:** May 12, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at Perkins.
- ➔ **Upcoming Get-Togethers:** Kite flying and picnic at Paradise Valley Park, Shelter 3, on Sunday, May 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This picnic will be a potluck. Please bring a tasty treat to share.

50/50 winner: Ralph Butler won \$18 and gave the club back \$13.

Next meeting: May 13, 2026, at the VFW, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lynne Howe

Date: 4-8-26

ODDS & ENDS

1. Well, since the last newsletter it seems that a number of members have had a little adversity befall them. Mark Milliken is now on the med after a brief stay in the hospital. Also, Brion Peterson and Skip Hoffman suffered the loss of a family member. Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers.
2. The car show season is upon us and a number of proposals were put before the members at the last meeting. Crazy Days, Scouting America, Science Zone, Perkins Cars and Coffee, Wheatland, Meals on Wheels, and many more. So, it is time to get those car covers off and get out the soap and water and get ready to show off. Let's get cracking folks.
3. The club Garage Sale is on at the shop of Bruce Berst at 45 Texas in Evansville. That sale is scheduled for May 30th so clean out those garages for some good stuff that we all can donate to the club for sale. I know that I have any number of things that can go. Get hold of Bruce and get those treasures over to him as soon as possible.
4. Another item of note, that I am sure not many of us have given any thought, is that of being SCAMMED. Apparently some of the members have had some recent experiences with internet sales and the misrepresentation of vehicles and the people involved with them. Personally, buying and selling on line is a risky business. I learned that lesson first hand but managed to swim out of it. In my book don't buy it if you can't put your hand on it first. Be cautious out there folks.
5. Keep in mind that the Spring Picnic is coming up on May 17th at the Paradise Valley Park. This event will be a Potluck affair so pack things up and bring along your favorite Pot to share. Hope to see you all there.
6. The club website is in continual revision so keep checking it for upcoming events and club news. Mike Kennedy and Mark Pitts do a great job keeping the site current so don't forget to give them a shout out for all of their hard work.

J. R. Russell, Editor



