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UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

OCAC Board Meeting—8/11/26, 6:00 p.m., at Perkins.

Regular Monthly Meeting – 8/12/26, at VFW on Bryan Stock Trail, at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Breakfast -- The Sunday breakfast is at Perkins for the months of June, July, and August. 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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

CARL BAKER, PAM BURROUS, RALPH BUTLER, ULA DICKERMAN, BEVERLY ENGLISH, DON HEIL, MIKE JOHNSON, WENDELL KING, BRENDA MIDKIFF, RAY PARNELL, FRED RAWLING, NANCY STEWART, DEBBIE STRONG, GARY THOMPSON

Oil Capitol Auto Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Date: July 8, 2026

Board of Directors:

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

All Board Members were present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted as correct as published.

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

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

BENEVOLENCE: Arlene Russell had a fall but is feeling better. John Lanum is still dealing with the aftereffects of pneumonia.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:

- Club members discussed attending recent car shows and trophy winners. The out-of-state car shows were located in Pueblo, Colorado, and Spearfish, South Dakota. The Wyoming car shows were located in Douglas, Wheatland, Sheridan, Glenrock, and here in Casper. Shows reported on had great attendance and club members took home several trophies.
- The History tour led by Mark Milliken is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th. Let Mark know ASAP so he can have an idea how many people would like to go (millikenmark99@gmail.com).
- Phil Nissen will lead the club tour and poker run to the Frontier Auto Museum in Gillette on Saturday, July 25th. Departs from the Port of Entry at 7:30 a.m. Tour the museum and have lunch in Gillette and depart for Casper around 2:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chuck Howe asked members if they would be interested in a cruise night to the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum. He will contact John Woodward at the museum to set up a date.
- Bruce Berst mentioned that several new members had asked him if there were any club items, such as t-shirts and hats, that could be purchased. Club inventory is currently low. John Gudgeon suggested getting orders from members and pre-payment before ordering new items. We will look into this further.
- Kevin McBride suggested the club schedule an overnight trip to Dubois to see the Military Vehicle Museum, perhaps sometime in September. More discussion to follow on this.
- John Gudgeon reported that the Elks car show will be on Saturday, August 15th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. and is free; donations are appreciated. The Elks will barbeque and everyone can bring side dishes to share. This event will honor veterans.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

➔ **Sunday Breakfast**: Cars & Coffee at Perkins, 8:00 a.m.
➔ **Friday Night Dinner:** Please confirm with Arvilla Bush no later than Thursday, 3:00 p.m.
➔ **OCAC Board Meeting:** August 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at Perkins.
➔ **Upcoming Get-Togethers:** Next club picnic: Sunday, August 16, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Wells Park. This is a potluck, so bring something good to share with everyone.

50/50 winner: Ken Lantta won $20 and gave it back to the club. Thank you, Ken.

Next meeting: August 12, 2026, at the VFW, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:37 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lynne Howe

Date: July 10, 2026

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CASPER PARADE – PICTURES FROM MILLIE NISSEN

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WHEATLAND – PICTURES FROM LYNNE HOWE AND ARVILLA BUSH

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BAR NUNN

OCAC Winners: Ralph Butler, Stan Goodwin, Ken Lantta, Kevin McBride, Lynn McBride, Chuck Howe, Lynne Howe

ODDS AND ENDS

Well, it has been some summer so far. Wheatland, Deer Creek, Bar Nunn, Crazy Days. What next, a car show. As you can see from the Blown Gasket there has been exceptional participation by the membership. Keep up the good work. Also, a number of members have won awards, as you can see. Please let me know what takes place at the out of town shows so that I can get them into the newsletter. That will be a great help.

Remember, there is a caravan leaving for Gillette at 7:30 AM from the Port of Entry on Saturday the 25th. Check with Phil Nissen for more details.

On another note the Elks Car Show is coming up as well as the club picnic. Mark your calendars, and check the events schedule to keep up with all the fun.

Let's remember to keep up with the members who are not feeling too well. Stop by, send an e-mail, or just a quick call. That always lifts their spirits

J.R.Russell, Editor

ICE CREAM MEETING 7/8/26