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UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

OCAC Board Meeting—11/10/26, 6:00 p.m., at Perkins.

Regular Monthly Meeting – 11/11/26, at VFW on Bryan Stock Trail, at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Breakfast -- The Sunday breakfast is at Hayden's Place the rest of October and at G-Ma's for November. 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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

MARILYN ALTEBAUMER, JERRY BARTON, GLORIA BITZAN, PETER BUELL, DIANNE BUTLER, DENNIS DAY, MIKE KENNEDY, CYNTHIS NORRIS, LUCINDA SIMMONS, SANDRA TRANHAM

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 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

Board members not present: Chuck Howe, Lynne Howe

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

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted 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:

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:

- Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 12th. Ken Lantta compared prices and availability with Best Western Hotel. The members voted to stay at the Western Heritage (Ramkota). Each member will pay \$35 and OCAC will pick any extra costs. Dianna and Dennis will organize the white elephant gift exchange. John Lanum will organize the die-cast car show. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m.
- Christmas parade is December 5th. Parade will run from 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. Ken Lantta has paid the registration for 5. He will distribute the information when it becomes available. The theme is Neon Glow up.
- Trunk & Treats will be October 31st. Meals on Wheels is 1:00 until 3:00. The VFW is from 3:00 until 5:00. Some candy will be available but bringing your candy would also help.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election for Vice president will be at the November meeting. It will be a potluck dinner with Harvest as the theme. Note earlier time – 6:30
- Bruce Berst talked about a gun raffle to support the Veterans Museum.
- Jerry and Arlene Russell are retiring from doing the newsletter. Phil Nissen volunteered to do it until the end of this year. Volunteers are needed.
- The T-shirts were available after the meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- ➔ **Sunday Breakfast:** October Hayden's and November Gma's.
- ➔ **Friday Night Dinner:** Please confirm with Arvilla Bush no later than Thursday, 3:00 p.m.
- ➔ **OCAC Board Meeting:** November 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at Perkins.
- ➔ **Upcoming Get-Togethers:** None.

50/50 winner: Jerry Russell won \$23 which he donated back to the club.

Next meeting: November 11, 2026, at the VFW, 6:30 p.m., **Pot Luck dinner**, Election of VP

Meeting adjourned: 7:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jeanine Clark

Date:



Sat Sept 26 was a gorgeous day for the 1st Casper Youth Hub Car Show and Food Drive at Ridley's Supermarket. Organized by Julie and Ken Judd with help from several OCAC members a dozen trophies were awarded to participants, and several items of food donated. CYH is a safe space at 201 E. 2nd offering a food pantry and programs and mentorship. Built by youth for youth it's a place where teens can earn, create and lead.

STURGIS MUSTANG RALLY AND FUEL PUMP REBELLION

The start of Labor Day weekend saw 10 OCAC pony car enthusiasts head for Mustang Mecca in Sturgis So, Dakota. Some stayed for a short time and others spent the weekend showing their cars, enjoying scenic cruises and each other's camaraderie. Two members' Mustangs didn't make it there without first needing a new fuel pump. Such is the way with old cars. Awards were won by most!



Another late summer car show drew several members' rides to El Marko Lanes for the Food-a-Palooza. Some interesting rides turned out for the event that filled the parking lot.



On one of the club cruises this summer Arvilla's '68 Mustang equipped with a 3 speed standard tranny got stuck in 3rd gear. Thus began a weeks long project involving Mike Johnson, Mike Kennedy, and Phil Nissen. Before it was over Lyn Kaper and Jay Wentz also got involved. Arvilla's usual mechanic John Lanum consulted from his hospital bed! The shifter was disassembled, cleaned and lubed and parts from Lyn's donated spare shifter were substituted. It still wanted to stick in gear. Jay Wentz finally figured out that a loose shift lever bolt on the transmission was the culprit and the faithful mustang and its happy owner were back on the road – just in time for the annual run to Sturgis! None of us wanted to see Arvilla grounded.



TRUNK OR TREAT FUN - Bring your ride to Meals on Wheels on Halloween afternoon from 1-3 and treat the kiddos. Some candy is being donated to us by generous sponsors but plan to bring some additional treats too. This Trunk or Treat is sure to bring out a bunch of young goblins again this year! Still have candy left? Head on over to the VFW on Bryan Stock trail from 3-5 for another round and treat another group of witches and goblins!

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October 31 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Trunk or Treat