

Wheel Issues

Newsletter of the Eastern Nebraska – Western Iowa Car Council

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Clubs in Attendance at the January Meeting

Nebraska Region AACA	Crossroads Chpt Buick Club-America
Chevrolet Classics Club Omaha/CoBluffs	Classic GM Truck Club
Classic T-bird Club of Omaha	Cornhusker Early Ford V8 Club-Lincoln
Crossroads Car Club-Plattsmouth	Cruis'n Classics – Lincoln
Midwest Early Corvette Club	Nebraska Corvette Association
Nebraskaland Model "T" Club	Nebraskaland Pontiac/Oakland Club
Nifty Fifties Ford Club	Omaha Region Early Ford V8 Club
Pontiac Owners Association	Rebels Auto Club-Lincoln
Street-Tiques – Omaha	The Slo Rollers of NW MO

MEETING MINUTES - January 16, 2013

INTRODUCTIONS

President Chuck Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in Lincoln, NE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given by Gerry Tice. A motion was made by DJ Hogan and seconded by Chuck Garber to accept the report. Motion passed. Bills were presented by Secretary Alan Tast for \$304.27 for printing and mailing of the January newsletter and 2013 Car Council Directory mailings; a motion by DJ Hogan and seconded for payment was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

SWAP MEET

Swap Meet chairman Boyd Ready gave an update on preparations for the Swap Meet on March 3rd. Several items were brought up for discussion:

Early Vendor Exit: Jim Snyder received a call from an anonymous person (assumed to be a vendor inside the Multi-Purpose Arena) requesting that the large vehicle door remain closed until after 3 pm. Boyd noted that this was an issue primarily in areas with reserved spaces, with the MPA being the focus of attention due to its large north-facing vehicle door. After discussion, it was decided that opening the buildings for vehicles and vendor move-out would not be allowed until 2 pm, while those wishing to move out earlier would be allowed to use walk-out doors; requests for early move-out would be handled on a building-by-building, case-by-case basis, with room managers responsible to contact Boyd and assistant chairman Tom Green for coordination. Preprinted announcements outlining early move-out policy can be prepared for distribution to indoor vendors at move-in time: Roger Neeman pointed out that wording needs to indicate that this did not mean all vendors had to move out at 2 pm.

2014 Stall/Table Rental Fees: Jim Snyder asked if any fees needed to be adjusted for the 2014 Swap Meet flyer. Boyd replied that table rental has been losing money the past 3-4 years due to automatic cost-of-living increases that are part of the contract with the Lancaster Event Center. While the Council has not increased fees since moving the Swap Meet to the Event Center in 2010, the current cost being charged by the Event Center is in excess of current table rates charged by the Council, and swap meet spaces would eventually be faced with the same situation. Boyd suggested that, for 2014, table rates be raised by \$10 and that swap meet stall rates be raised across-the-board by \$5. A motion was made by Kerry Fox and seconded by DJ Hogan to raise rates for 2014 and publish these in the new flyer: the motion was passed by majority vote.

Handicapped Parking/Deputy Sheriff: Tom James brought up the need for control of spots held for handicapped patrons, pointing out that workers for the Event Center were using spaces set aside for handicapped parking. Boyd responded that people designated for traffic control have not been able to enforce this due to lack of staffing, and that in order to do this sentries/workers would have to be posted for the lot north of the Lincoln Room/MPA. Kerry Fox suggested that traffic control could use a few more people to monitor traffic into this lot. Boyd added that the area could be roped off and signs placed designating it as a handicapped-only area. Kerry then asked if any additional handicapped parking was set aside on the grounds: Roger Neeman replied that some spaces are supposed to be reserved for handicapped parking outside of the Expo Hall/Pavilion III, but that spaces need to move and keep the lot east of Expo Hall clear for additional outdoor vendors: he also added that the general public jumping in and filling empty spaces has been a problem.

Secretary Tast asked if an off-duty sheriff's deputy could be hired to assist: Treasurer Tice replied that the deputy whom was previously used no longer was with the Sheriff's Department. A flyer will be posted at the Sheriff's Department to solicit interest for off-duty deputies for a 2 am-2 pm shift. Tom Green added that landscaping islands in this lot had been removed over the past year.

Early Entry Worker Passes & Walk-Through: Jim Snyder advised all that worker passes would be distributed at a pre-Swap Meet meeting/walk-through on Sunday February 24th at the Lancaster Event Center, at the northeast corner of Pavilion III, starting at 1:00 pm – those who could not attend are advised to see Boyd after the February meeting in Lincoln.

Cash/Bill Counter: Treasurer Tice asked if the Council could obtain a bill counter for counting cash collected during the Swap Meet. Kerry Fox replied that this was a good idea, noting that a used/reconditioned bill counter would cost approximately \$300 to purchase, and that investing money in a counter would probably pay for itself in a few years. Secretary Tast suggested that Gerry and Kerry gather information on pricing and present this at the February meeting in Omaha.

Hotel Accommodations: Kerry received a call from Emily Gifford of Staybridge Suites advising him that they will be offering discounted rates for their new facility near the Event Center. Flyers would be available at the February meeting in Omaha.

2013 COUNCIL DUES COLLECTION

2013 ENWICC dues collection was extended through the January meeting for those clubs which could not attend the December meeting. Those clubs which still owe for 2013 are urged to send their dues directly to the Treasurer via the Council's Post Office box.

CLUB/REPRESNTATIVE LIST UPDATES

Updates to the list of club representatives have been completed for the 2013 Car Council Directory. Secretary Tast thanked those clubs which provided updates. Clubs are reminded that they need to inform the Secretary as to changes in contact information in order to keep the mailing list current.

Club Representative E-Mail Addresses Needed: Secretary Tast is requesting that those who have e-mail provide their addresses last-minute information updates and for distribution of the Minutes in an effort to reduce postage costs. Those who wish to keep their e-mail addresses confidential should indicate this when providing them to the Secretary – mailings of the Minutes are sent in Portable Document Format (PDF's) as blind carbon copies (bcc) so as not to reveal addresses of recipients. At present, there are 112 representatives and friends of the Council that receive e-mails versus 72 via regular mail.

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS BOOK

Work on the Calendar of Events book for 2013 by Suburban Newspapers has progressed to the final editing and printing stages. Secretary Tast passed on a report from Tom Knox of the Omaha World-Herald that over 250 events were listed, and that display ad sales exceeded those from last year – in fact 8 additional pages of color ads were needed. Tast has been working with Knox to proofread and finalize both event listings and the Council's Club Directory. For 2013 the entire book will be placed online, including advertising: a link to the website that the book will be hosted on is to be provided to the Council's webmaster. Same as for 2012, a total press run of 9000 copies is planned on glossy paper, with 40 pages of color ads. Delivery of books prior to the Swap Meet is to be coordinated through Boyd Ready.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 NEBRASKA LEGISLATIVE BILLS SUBMITTED

David Vollmer presented a summary of bills placed into the first session of the 103rd Nebraska Legislature for 2013. He pointed out that State Senator Annette Dubas of Fullerton, District 34, has assumed the chairpersonship of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, due to the election in November of Senator Deb Fischer of Valentine to the United States Senate. Two bills that were forwarded to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee were identified as having a potential effect on hobbyists and motorists –

LB32 would exclude special-interest license plates from being Year-Of-Manufacture historical plates;

LB189 would change non-use of seat belts from a secondary to a primary offense, meaning that a person could be pulled over and cited specifically for not wearing a seat belt (at present in Nebraska you cannot be pulled over for failure to wear one, but can be fined if it is discovered during a traffic stop by an officer that a person was not wearing one).

(Note – a similar bill, **LB118**, is in committee related to text messaging while driving to become a primary offense)

A full list of bills submitted up to January 16th is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

2013-2014 INCORPORATION RENEWAL

Vice President Murabito presented a renewal form from the Nebraska Secretary of State for the Council's biannual non-profit incorporation renewal. A check for \$20 was authorized to be sent to the Secretary of State along with the form, which is to be completed with corrected addresses and mailed by the Secretary. (The form and fees were mailed in a few days after the meeting.)

NOMINATIONS FOR 2013-2014 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Vice President Murabito announced a preliminary slate of officers for the coming 2013-2014 term. With exception of Treasurer Gerry Tice, who has indicated that the time has come for him to step down as the Council's treasurer, the present group of officers has agreed to be retained. Jim Snyder nominated past Council president and current Swap Meet chairman Boyd Ready for the Treasurer position, which Boyd accepted. Nominations for all officers will continue to be taken for 2013-2014 at the February meeting. Nominations will close and a vote on the proposed slate of officers shall be taken at the March meeting for all executive positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer).

(Following is related to officers and elections, taken in part from the By-Laws for the ENWICC)

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS: The officers of the Council shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, selected from the membership of the member clubs of the Council. The officers will be selected on a calendar year basis at an election to be held during the March Council meeting. Officers will be installed and will assume their respective duties at the April meeting.

Past presidents and three members elected at the regular election meeting shall serve as an advisory board to aid present officers. The advisory board will serve as (but not limited to) a grievance committee, as an impeachment court, and as a nominating committee to facilitate elections.

1. **Duties of Officers:** The duties of Officers shall be those usually recognized and considered incident to the Office.
 - a. The President shall conduct each regular and special meeting of the Council, shall maintain order, and serve as public spokesman for the Council.
 - b. The Vice President shall serve in the absence of and in the place of the President and shall have responsibility for communicating with member club officials and for maintaining the Council calendar.
 - c. The Secretary shall record, maintain, and report the official minutes of meetings, reproduce and distribute these minutes to member clubs if deemed necessary, and shall handle all necessary correspondence with the public and the member clubs. The Secretary shall be the custodian of official club records.
 - d. The Treasurer shall collect dues and assessments and make disbursements for essential and approved Council needs. He or she will select a bank for the deposit of Council funds and will maintain books and records of account to reflect all monetary transactions. The accounts will be subject to a year-end audit by a competent disinterested member or audit committee appointed by the President.
2. **Term of Office:** The term of office for Officers shall be one calendar year. Officers may be re-elected. Each candidate for an office must express a willingness to serve before their name may be placed in nomination for an office. Nominations for office may be made by any representative of a member club in good standing at the February Council meeting either in writing or from the floor. Nominations for office will be seconded by another club representative. In the event no member chooses to run for an office, the Advisory Board will serve as a nominating committee to obtain candidates and will place said candidates in nomination at the March meeting. Before balloting at the March meeting, the floor will be opened for further nominations.

2013 COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Vice President Murabito provided an update on the annual Council Scholarship program. A total of 105 mailings were sent to area high schools (two required resending due to incorrect addresses). Ten additional applications are available for additional schools which have not yet received them – to obtain a copy, please contact Roy directly. The Council in the past has provided scholarships of up to \$500 for graduating high school seniors seeking to continue their education in automotive technology at trade schools, community colleges or universities.

2013 FALL FOLIAGE TOUR

Jim Snyder has prepared a flyer to send to Suburban Newspapers for the 2013 Car Council Directory. Secretary Tast noted that a color ad was being provided by the printer in the book. Boyd Ready asked if the Council would cover the rental fee for the park shelter at Waubonsie State Park for the Fall Foliage Tour luncheon: last year the fee for \$180 was covered by The Slo-Rollers. Jim Snyder motioned that the Council pay the rental – Boyd seconded the motion, which was then approved by those present.

COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP FOR FACILITY USE

Treasurer Tice proposed that dues for the Tangier Shrine's Vintage Iron and Corvette clubs be regarded as complimentary in exchange for use of the meeting room that Tangier Shrine allows us to use in Omaha. The matter was tabled for discussion at the February meeting in Omaha.

PAST EVENTS

(None to report)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shows, Swap Meets and Auctions Promoted at the Meeting

Please withhold discussion of your upcoming event until this comes up in the Agenda

For additional events, please consult your copy of the 2013 ENWICC Car Council Book or visit http://www.enwicc.com/2013/Events_2013.pdf after March 3rd.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

With no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made by Denny Eaton and seconded: the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be in Omaha on Wednesday, February 20, starting at 7:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in Omaha on Wednesday, February 21, starting at 7:30 pm.

SWAP MEET PASSES DISTRIBUTION & PRE-EVENT WALK-THROUGH/ORIENTATION – FEBRUARY 24

Those who are signed up for jobs at the Swap Meet are requested to attend a pre-event orientation meeting and walk-through on Sunday February 24, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm at the Lancaster Event Center – gather at 1:00 pm at the north-east corner of Pavilion III. Gate passes will be distributed at that that time. For info call Boyd Ready at 308-390-8883.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are 25 cents per member per year for each club, with a minimum charge of \$10.00 for each club. Dues are due October 1st and are delinquent December 31st. If not yet made, bring payment to the February meeting in Lincoln, or mail dues to:

ENWICC Dues, P.O. Box 772, Bellevue, NE 68005-0772.

Each club is entitled to receive two copies of the Wheel Issues newsletter. It is the responsibility of each club to inform us of any changes in the mailing information. You can submit changes in writing to Alan H. Tast, 14704 South 227th Street, Gretna, NE 68028 or at any meeting of the Eastern Nebraska Western Iowa Car Council.

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At present, there are 112 representatives and friends of the Council that receive e-mails versus 72 via regular mail. Of those who are Club representatives, we have 47 that have not provided e-mail addresses out of 141 in our current database. Please send your e-mail address to tast@earthlink.net if you have not provided it already.

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

COUNCIL BY-LAWS – CURRENT EDITION AVAILABILITY

The Council's Advisory Committee, which is comprised in part by past presidents, has been tasked to review the current By-Laws prior to the April meeting and provide their recommendation for potential revisions if needed.

A copy of the most-current revision of the By-Laws, which was made in 2004 and does include the current dues policy, is available. Those wishing a copy of this are asked to contact the Secretary to obtain one.

PLEASE STAND AND SPEAK UP!!

Due to the open layout and large size of the meeting room in Omaha, as well as the configuration of the meeting room in Lincoln, it is difficult for many attendees to hear conversations and discussion during the meeting. PLEASE stand and speak up for the benefit of attendees and the Secretary so that accurate notes can be obtained. It would also be appreciated if non-related conversations be kept at a minimum during the business portion of the meeting as a courtesy to attendees.

GOLDEN CORRAL MEETING POLICY FOR USE OF ROOM REMINDER

Prior to the November meeting, the manager of the Golden Corral brought to the attention of Vice President Roy Murabito that his staff have reported instances of meeting attendees not paying for food taken from the buffet lines. We are allowed to use the meeting room for free provided that meeting attendees purchase meals. If there are future instances of people not paying for meals or other items consumed (coffee, pop, etc.), we run the risk of losing our present Lincoln meeting location. Please do not abuse or jeopardize our current arrangement with Golden Corral.

LINCOLN MEETING ROOM REMINDERS

The meeting room at the Golden Corral in Lincoln is to be configured to place the Council's officers against the north wall in an effort to improve communication during the meeting. **Please help us by holding tables on the north center side of the room open for officers.** Please also remember that the meeting room is provided gratis in exchange for purchasing meals prior to the meeting – those who choose not to buy dinner are reminded to refrain from 'sampling the goods.' Thank you for your cooperation.

ENWICC'S MISSION

To serve all member clubs and their individual members in a spirit of cooperation and fraternity.

To encourage the acquisition, restoration, preservation, and maintenance of collectible old and special interest automobiles.

To serve as a clearing house for historical and technical information beneficial to and required by member clubs.

To support sound and protective legislation and regulatory actions. To defend vigorously the rights and privileges of the old car and the special interest hobbies to use of the public highways, byways, and streets. To protect and assure sound licensing provisions in State Laws and local ordinances.

To publicize our hobby: to bring favorable public reaction to bear upon the hobby, and to make legislative authorities and the general public aware of the existence of the hobby and the intrinsic value of preserving a part of automotive history.

To negotiate needful reforms and consolidation of insurance protection at the lowest levels for all clubs and their affiliated members.

To perform such other promotional and community service programs as will reflect to the credit and success of the automotive hobby

AGENDA ORDER – NO EVENT DISCUSSION BEFORE IT'S TIME, PLEASE

Representatives are reminded that meetings of the Council follow an established agenda as follows

(* - When Required):

Opening/Introductions - President

Guests Addressing/Presenting to the Council

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer

Old Business (Items carried over from previous meetings)

New Business (Items new to the agenda not previously discussed, **excluding** events discussion/promotion)

Past Events (Discussion of recently-held events)

Upcoming Events (Promotion/Discussion of upcoming events)

***New Clubs** wishing to join the Council*

Adjournment - President

Discussion of past and upcoming events is to be held following close of Old Business as the last items before adjournment. Please help meetings proceed in a more-orderly fashion by withholding discussion of events until that portion of the agenda is opened by the President or presiding officer.

ENWICC Legislative Update

(David Vollmer, 1-16-13)

1. This year will be the First Session of the 103rd Nebraska Legislature (90 day long session). The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee will have a new chairman, Annette Dubas of Fullerton, District 34 to replace Deb Fischer of Valentine who has moved on to the US Senate.
2. The following are new bills introduced thus far (Day 5):
 - a. **LB30.** This bill was introduced by Senator Galen Hadley of Kearney. It would change fees for notation of liens and duplicate titles. The hearing is scheduled for January 22 before the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.
 - b. **LB32.** This bill was introduced by Senator Galen Hadley of Kearney. It would exclude the special interest license plates (LB216 passed last year) from being year of manufacture historical plates. It has been referred to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.
 - c. **LB35.** This bill was also introduced by Sen. Hadley. It updates references to various federal provisions related to motor vehicles. The hearing is scheduled for January 22 before the T & T Committee.
 - d. **LB80.** Introduced by Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus. It raises financial responsibility minimums related to uninsured motorists. It has been referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.
 - e. **LB84 & 85.** Also introduced by Sen. Schumacher. These bills would authorize small utility type vehicles (ATVs, etc) to enter intersections, cross highways, etc per local traffic regulations. It has been referred to the T & T Committee.
 - f. **LB93.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. It would identify veteran status on drivers' licenses and state ID cards. It has been referred to the T & T Comm.
 - g. **LB117.** Introduced by Sen. John Harms of Scottsbluff. Permits for overweight vehicles could be obtained for longer periods and more frequently. Referred to the T & T Comm.
 - h. **LB118.** Also by Sen. John Harms. Texting while driving would be a primary rather than secondary offense. Referred to the T & T Comm.
 - i. **LB133.** Introduced by Sen. Hadley. Individuals using loaner vehicles would be responsible for insurance rather than a dealer. Referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.
 - j. **LB154.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Utility's service vehicles would be added to the list requiring drivers to pull over. Referred to the T & T Comm.
 - k. **LB158.** Introduced by Sen. Les Seiler, District 33. Required use of ignition interlock devices when license is revoked would be changed to one year minimum. Referred to the T & T Comm.
 - l. **LB164.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Licensed motor vehicle dealers could auction excess inventory without an auction license. Referred to the T & T Comm.
 - m. **LB165.** Introduced by Sen. Dubas. Manufacturers' repair warranties to dealers would be extended to include tire repair and replacement. Referred to the T & T Comm.
 - n. **LB174.** Introduced by Sen. Heath Mello, Omaha. Trucks hauling livestock would be responsible for spillage of livestock waste. Referred to the T & T Comm.
 - o. **LB181.** Introduced by Sen. Bill Avery, Lincoln. Motorcycles could not carry passengers under eight years of age. Referred to the T & T Comm.
 - p. **LB189.** Introduced by Sen. Harms. Not using seat belts would be changed from a secondary offense to a primary. Referred to the T & T Comm.
 - q. **LB207.** Introduced by Sen. Beau McCoy, Omaha (Elkhorn). Shifts more registration power from county treasurers to the state Dept of Motor Vehicles, revises distribution of fees. Referred to the (?) Comm.
 - s. **LB223.** Introduced by Sen. Charlie Janssen of Fremont. Increases allowable dimensions to be classified as a "utility-type" vehicle. Referred to the T & T Comm.
3. At this point, committee hearings have not yet been scheduled for most bills.

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Regular meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month alternating between Omaha and Lincoln. Officers and representatives of member organizations are asked to sign in before the meeting, and guests are always welcome. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM - many arrive early for dinner.

Omaha meetings are held at the Tangier Shrine Temple, on the east side of 84th Street, south of Center Street. Lincoln meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 3940 North 27th Street.

MEETING DATES FOR 2013

OMAHA: **February 20th**, April 17th, June 19th, August 21st, October 16th,
December 18th

LINCOLN: March 20th, May 15th, July 17th, September 18th, November 20th

If a weather advisory exists for a meeting, it will be canceled and business is carried over to the next month.