

# *Wheel Issues*

Newsletter of the **Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa Car Council**

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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 84<sup>th</sup> Street, south of Center Street. Lincoln meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 3940 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

**LINCOLN**: **January 21**, March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16, November 18

**OMAHA**: February 18, April 15, June 17, August 19, October 21, December 16

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

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## **Clubs in Attendance at the November Meeting**

Centennial Model "T" Club	Chevr. Classics Club Omaha & Council Bluffs
Classic T-Bird Club of Omaha	Classy Chassis Car Club – Red Oak
Cornhusker Early Ford V8 Club - Lincoln	Council Bluffs Model A Ford Club
Crossroads Chapter, Buick Club of America	Crossrods Car Club – Plattsmouth
Dave Volmer (Independent)	Heartland Chevelle Club
Husker Chapter Studebaker Drivers	Meadowlark Model "A" Club
Midwest Antique Auto Club	Midwest Early Corvette Club
Midwest Street Rod Ass'n	National Corvette Restorers Society
Nebraska Corvette Association	Nebraska Region – AACA
Nifty Fifties Ford Club	Omaha Early Ford V-8 Club
Rebels Auto Club – Lincoln	Slo Rollers Car Club
Street-tiques – Omaha	

GUESTS –

Nebraska Rod & Custom Assn.

Meeting started at 7:35 PM

President Tast called the meeting to order. He asked that everyone sign in on the sign-in sheet. He also asked that everyone also check the membership roster to verify their contact information. We also passed around the swap meet jobs list for verification of members and their clubs that will be working the swap meet. President Tast asked that everyone present introduce themselves to the group.

## **GUESTS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL**

Mr. Don Peers of Omaha's Peers Auto was our guest speaker this evening. He gave a report on the Soap Box Derby Track in Omaha. (One of the top 5 tracks in the country). He stated that they receive no money from the city of Omaha. The track is an asphalt track with guardrail. It is one of the original tracks from 1937. Both boys and girls race at this track. There are approximately 75 participants. They need to resurface the track and need funds donated to accomplish this job. Mr. Peers had flyers to hand out. They need approximately \$25,000.00 to resurface the entire track. They do some fund raising themselves. They are asking for contributions from some of the council's car clubs thru your car show and other fund raisers that your clubs host. They are also more than willing to take your old trophies, rebuilding them and giving them to the children. They can use the tops and/or the bases of the trophies. This track is right next to Ralston in the Seymour Smith Park. They are a 501C3 corporation and your donations are tax deductible. The races are two day events with rally races. Some of those children end up moving on to the Akron Ohio races. Make checks

payable to Omaha Area Soap Box Derby. Mail to 490 Coronado Circle, Carter Lake, Iowa 51510.

**Second Speaker :** Craig Niedbalski, President of the Omaha Transportation and Technical Museum. Mr. Niedbalski is in the process of starting a museum and is having fund raising events to purchase 20 acres of land for his interactive museum. He is looking for donations of money at this time. Would you be willing to sponsor a swap meet or car show at some point in time? You would be able to hold your event on their land. They would help out with those events. His living history museum will include the 1860's to the 1930's and early computers. For more information contact Craig Niedbalski, President, at 402-651-0119 or email him at thomas235cid@aol.com

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes as written by Kerry Fox and seconded by Gayle Hanshaw. Motion carried.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Boyd Ready gave the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Chuck Garber and seconded by Marvin Cooper. Motion carried.

There were two bills submitted. Cindy Wimmer presented a bill in the amount of \$146.99 for the November newsletter and related expenses. There was also a bill presented by Roy Murabito for Scholarship expenses for 2015 for \$86.80. Motion to pay the bills by Jim Snyder and seconded by Kerry Fox. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Dues for 2015**

If your club has not paid your dues, please get that done before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

### **Missing Floor Line Marking Machines**

Boyd Ready is still missing 2 floor line marking machines that he loaned to someone from the Council a while ago. Unfortunately, he did not write down the person's name. If you have these machines, please contact Boyd Ready to make arrangements to return them.

### **Swap Meet 2015**

Kerry Fox said that Amy (of the Lancaster Even Center) said that one of the buildings that we use is now carpeted. We want the carpet taken up so that we don't ruin it with our trucks and vendors. Amy told us that to pull up that carpet and put it back down for the next event would cost \$7,300.00 just to pull it up for our event. She said that she would wave that cost for us. She said that she would give us a 25% discount for being a nonprofit organization. Our reps had guessed our costs for the 2016 contract be approximately \$11,000.00 which would include a 25% to 30% increase. After the meeting, she realized that she didn't include the rental of the Lincoln room and now our costs would be closer to \$14,000.00, or a 45% increase. She said that she would only charge us for 1/2 of Pavilion #3.

This subject is a serious discussion we as a Council need to have. If we pay this new cost, our clubs would be working for very little in return. This is if we don't raise the vendor rates. Kerry feels that the Council needs to go back to Amy and tell her that we would need to renegotiate her costs or this might not be doable in the future. The only change at the Event Center has been the director and very little if no upgrades to the facility. The Council needs to make some decisions soon so that the Council can notify the public of the changes that need to be made in order to continue to have the swap meet. Amy's rate are not based on what we make, it is based on the fees the Event Center charges all other events held at their facility.

Boyd Ready, Treasurer, then went over some numbers and projected how much he feels we will make. At the worse scenario, and if we continue to charge the vendors the same rate, Boyd estimates that the council will be paying out \$100.00 per share. He then gave us a scenario of us raising rates on spaces, then we should be able to pay out at \$185.0 per share. He gave us a \$5.00 increase idea, a \$10.00 per increase idea and then some other scenerios, breaking down increases on specific rooms. That would give us approximately \$210.00 per share. But Jim Snyder states that we are about at the top of our rates right now. We then talked about charging for parking. But we would need quite a few more workers to park and collect the money for parking. If we charge for parking, can we also expect attendees to donate to the Food Bank? And no matter what we decide to do, we will need to advertise these changes well ahead of time. Jim Snyder said that we raised the price of booths last year already by \$5.00 and this year too. Jim then went thru other swap meets and what they charge. We are currently the highest one day swap meet in the Midwest. There was a lot of discussion from the people in attendance on how an increase could hurt the swap meet by decreasing the amount of vendors. We will have to have some serious discussions at our meetings in the months to come. One of the issues is how to pay our costs if the weather is as bad as it was in 2014. Another issue to consider.

Jim Snyder also said that 90% of the indoor spaces are already sold now. Jim Snyder talked about buying "bad weather insurance" like Red Oak, Iowa purchases for their car show. More serious discussions to come at the January 2015 meeting in Lincoln.

### **Charitable Donations for 2015**

Secretary Cindy Wimmer read a letter from the NW Missouri Children's Advocacy Center thanking us for the \$250.00 donation. Our support of their organization is very much appreciated.

Alan Tast said that the Shriners received a check for the one that didn't clear in 2012. (He also said that he has reserved the Shriners Club in Omaha and Lincoln's Golden Corral for the 2015 meetings.)

### **Legislative Report**

The January session starts for 90 days. If you see anything that needs the Council's attention, please contact Alan Tast so that he can address those issues.

## **Car Council Book for 2015**

Alan Tast will meet with Paul Swanson on January 14<sup>th</sup> in regard to the Car Council Book. If your club or other organizations have events that need to go into the book, please get your information to the Omaha World Herald. The address to contact is on our website.

### **Scholarship Information**

Roy Murabito said that the scholarship information is ready to go. He has changed the address and everything is ready for the Council book.

### **WEB SITE UPDATE**

No update this month

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was more discussion on the swap meet. Some things to think about before the January meeting:

Changing the date of the swap meet

Changing the season of the swap meet

Consider changing to another location (possibly in the summer or the fall)

The Norfolk Antique Car Tour and Hot Summer Days car clubs are supposedly disbanding.

There are supposedly 6 gentlemen that have purchased the rights to the Wichita Swap Meet and hope to take it over after it closes this year. This is not confirmed as of yet.

### **PAST EVENTS**

**(NO EVENTS REPORTED)**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Shows, Swap Meets and Auctions Promoted at the Meeting**

The Meadowlark Model A Show is changing their car show. No longer an "all Ford show". They are changing the show to an "all makes show" in June. Open to all cars and high school children and tractors also. This is held in Gretna, NE

O'Reilly's World of Wheels at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, February 27 thru March 1, 2015.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With a motion to adjourn by Kerry Fox and seconded by Boyd Ready, the meeting ended at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will held be in Lincoln on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 starting at 7:30 pm.

## **NOTE**

**OUR NEW ADDRESS IS: PO BOX 5838, LINCOLN, NE 68505**

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>!**

Dues are 25 cents per member per year for each club, with a minimum charge of \$10.00 for each club. **Dues were due October 1<sup>st</sup>** and are delinquent **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. If not yet made, bring payment to the next meeting, or mail dues to the Treasurer.

**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 mailing information. You can submit changes in writing by mailing them to:  
Secretary, ENWICC, PO Box 5838, Lincoln, NE 68505  
or at the next meeting of the Eastern Nebraska Western Iowa Car Council.**

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