

Wheel Issues

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

Ron Gillis (President) and Connie Johnson (Treasurer) Contact information listed above.

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 Center, 2823 South 84th Street.
Lincoln meetings are held at the Pizza Ranch, 8420 Lexington Avenue.

MEETING DATES FOR 2020

LINCOLN: November 18

OMAHA: December 17

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 October 21, 2020 Meeting

Crossroads Chapter Buick Club
Centennial Model T Club
Midwest Antique Car Club
Classy Chassis Car Club
NRCA
Meadowlark Model A Club
Misfits
Wolf Pack
Vintage Iron
Omaha Rebels
Mustang Car Club of Omaha
WPC
Nebraska Corvette
NCRS
Nifty Fifty Ford Club
Midwest Street Rod Assoc.
Midwest Early Corvette Club Omaha

GUESTS

Kelsey Bugjo, Independent Application for Membership

INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS

Kelsey Bugjo from Omaha Ne. She works at Speedway Motors from home. She is the public relations representative for Speedway Motors. She is applying for membership with ENWICC.

INTRODUCTIONS OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

President Ron Gillis asked that everyone report to the secretary what club they are from. We then gave our names and club names and did not sign in as a precaution against the Covid19 Virus.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone suffering from the Corona Virus and their families and friends.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September meeting have not been published yet. The Secretary said that she will be sending them out in a separate email at the same time that the October minutes are sent out.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Connie Johnson read the Treasurer's report from October 2020. Motion to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented by Kerry Fox. Motion seconded by Curt Wagner. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SWAP MEET

Kerry Fox said that they talked to the Event Center about the Corona Virus. The Event Center said that they have been very fortunate with the Lancaster County Health Department because they have very high ceilings and a lot of square feet in their buildings. They are adding a \$2,200.00 expense to our bill for cleaning restrooms, handrails, etc. by their employees to hopefully reduce the virus from spreading. There is also a mask mandate

We were also told that if we decided to cancel the swap meet due to the virus, there will be a cost of \$13,800.00 that we are still liable for. If the Lancaster County Health Department shuts us down, the Event Center will split the costs with us. Frank and Kerry need 179 workers to work the event. The car clubs around Lincoln haven't had meetings since March 2020. They have talked to the many car clubs and most of their volunteers are elderly and won't work the swap meet due to the risk of disease. Kerry then made a phone call to the Event Center and asked what would happen if the mayor or the governor shuts us down. Their response was that it was their opinion to split that fee with us and charge us \$7,000.00. It is neither their or our fault, but they will charge us this amount.

The ENWICC Board of Directors met before the meeting this evening. Our biggest concern is that we can't get workers. We have already had 2 building managers who say they will not work because of the virus. We have clubs that have had several members die this year. If we don't have the swap meet, we don't do the book. There is no way to hand them out. If we have the swap meet we are risking 179 workers lives. The virus has not gotten any better and the scientists are saying that it is not getting any better. If you still want to have this event, you need to find workers. Your brother, sister, your mother, etc. Frank Wimmer said that any event that he has attended during the virus are bigger than ever before because people want things to do.

We can't handle that amount of people safely with the virus. Ron Gillis said that he is in charge of the finances and if the Lancaster Event Center won't budge on their charging us if we don't have the swap meet... we won't have the money to do another swap meet in 2022. That would be the end of the books and the swap meets for quite a while. And if we don't have the money and can't have the 2022 swap meet... we lose our date with the Lancaster Event Center. Ron asked for the group to give him some feedback on what they think their volunteers are willing to do. What are their thoughts on this? The virus isn't going anywhere soon, so it seems. He asked for a show of hands of who thinks we should go

forward and who thinks we should cancel it. There was a question about why we are having to pay if we cancel it. There was a lot of discussion on this payment.

THE RECORD SHALL SHOW THAT THERE WAS A MAJORITY THAT WANTED TO CONTINUE WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE MARCH 2021 SWAP MEET. THAT WAS A TOTAL OF 6 REPRESENTATIVES. THOSE IN FAVOR OF CANCELLING THE SWAP MEET WAS A TOTAL OF 2 REPRESENTATIVES

SCHOLARSHIPS

We are not doing anything on this yet. With the schools being closed, they are all in an uproar, so we are going to wait to see what happens with the virus

2021 CAR COUNCIL BOOKS

We are still asking your clubs to turn in your advertising for ads in case we do have a swap meet and a car council book. Further information to come in the weeks ahead. There was a question about whether the car council members will have to pay for their books if the swap meet does not happen in 2021. The answer is we don't know at this point.

2020 FALL FOLIAGE TOUR HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR

The Fall Foliage Tour will not occur this year due to the Corona19 virus.

NEW BUSINESS

THE CAR COUNCIL DUES ARE NOW DUE.

LEGISLATURE REPRESENTATIVE

Member Application

Kelsey Bugjo.

She has an alternative motive for wanting to be a part of this organization. She has a few classic cars. She is an avid car collector. She is interested in becoming a member of the club. She heard that there is an open Legislative position and would like to take that position. She is also a member of SEMA and takes interest in the Legislative bills that are on the table at this time.

There was a vote to enter her into the Car Council and she was voted in unanimously.

There was a vote for her to be the new Legislative Liason and she was voted in unanimously.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS, KELSEY!

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

The Kingsman and the Midwest Rollers have both been doing Corona19 Virus cruises to keep the car community together. The Mustang Car Club out of Omaha has been doing the same. Washington County has been doing a traveling show and shine to keep the hobby fresh.

Promoted at the Meeting

Please withhold discussion of your upcoming event until this comes up in the Agenda
None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ron Gillis. Motion seconded by Mark Dail. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:30pm

NEXT MEETING

November 18, 2020 at **6:30pm** in Lincoln at the Pizza Ranch.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Dues are 25 cents per member per year for each club, with a minimum charge of \$10.00 for each club or a maximum cost of \$150.00 per club. **Dues are due October 1st and are delinquent December 31st.** 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 106, Blair, NE 68008, or at the next meeting of the Eastern Nebraska Western Iowa Car Council.
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HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

COUNCIL BY-LAWS – CURRENT EDITION AVAILABILITY

A copy of the most-current revision of the By-Laws, which was revised in May of 2018 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 Crescent 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.

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):

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Opening/Introductions** - President
- 4.* **Guests Addressing/Presenting to the Council***
5. **Approval of Minutes** of Last Meeting
6. **Treasurer’s Report** - Treasurer
7. **Old Business** (Items carried over from previous meetings)
8. **New Business** (Items new to the agenda not previously discussed, **excluding** events discussion/promotion)
9. **Past Events** (Discussion of recently-held events)
10. **Upcoming Events** (Promotion/Discussion of upcoming events)
- 11.* **New Clubs** wishing to join the Council*
12. **Adjournment** - President

NEW AGENDA ITEMS: If you have an item that should be included in the Agenda for the next meeting, please notify the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting by calling the President or emailing president@enwicc.com to arrange for its addition.

EVENTS DISCUSSION: Discussion of past and upcoming events is to be held following close of New 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’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 perform such other promotional and community service programs as will reflect to the credit and success of the automotive hobby