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**BUICK-PONTIAC-OLDSMOBILE-CADILLAC CAR SHOW  
SATURDAY MAY 30 10 AM—2 PM**

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**SHEPLER'S WESTERN WEAR STORE  
I-25 and Orchard Road  
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**\$20 registration fee**

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015**

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**Minutes of Meeting, 4 March 2015**

The meeting was held at the Forney Transportation Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Denver.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Dick Thompson. Officers in attendance were Dick Thompson, president; Dick Fritz, secretary; and Tom Kay, treasurer. 33 member clubs were represented.

The Council has lost one of its strongest supporters with the death on February 26 of **Shirley Zaner**. Dick Thompson recalled the many roles she played in the CCCC and the Old Car Council which preceded it. Her guidance was invaluable. It was moved and seconded that the CCCC contribute \$50 to the Studebaker National Museum, 201 Chapin Street, South Bend, Indiana 46601, in Shirley's memory. The motion passed unanimously. Several clubs indicated that they will match the CCCC contribution.

**Legislative matters:** Leo Boyle recalled how Shirley Zaner had a very close working relationship with Ann Ragsdale who was her legislator in the House of Representatives at the time. Ann carried many pieces of legislation for the Car Council.

Leo noted that House Bills 15-1077 (late registration fee removal) and 15-1068 (impeding traffic) have both died in committee. Senate Bill 15-018 (also late registration fee removal) is still alive but probably will be killed for fiscal reasons.

Despite rumors, there has been no new bill bringing a challenge to the exemption of collector status vehicles for salvage title designation.

Several other states, including Wyoming, are debating doing away with the Front License Plate requirement. It is suggested that CCCC form a committee to study this possibility since numerous cars today are built with no provision for a front plate.

**Guest speaker: Gayle Jetchick.** Gayle noted that the Havana Business Improvement District in Aurora is hosting several events that CCCC has supported in the past. One is the **Grocery Cart Races** on Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> in support of the Comitis Crisis Center. The late Dick Adams first organized a CCCC entry (Team Silly) to participate in this event and we intend to continue the fun tradition.

The other Havana BID event is **Earth Day Recycling** from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday, April 18.

Dick Thompson reported that Gayle has been nominated to the Aurora Women's Hall of Fame.

**Guest Speaker: Hap Schadler, SCCA.** The SCCA is establishing autocross classes for vintage American Muscle cars. Events are held at Pikes Peak International Raceway and at Front Range Airport. For details, contact Hap at 303-898-7065 (cell phone).

Minutes of the February 4th meeting were approved as published.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tom Kay reported balances as of February 28<sup>st</sup>:

Operating Account:	\$ 939.43
Govt.Relations Account:	\$ 5981.40
Cruise Account:	\$ -107.84
Total, 2015 Accounts:	<u>\$ 6812.99</u>
Reserve:	<u>\$24796.03</u>
Total:	\$31609.02

An additional 13 clubs and one individual have renewed since the last meeting bringing the total to 34 clubs.

**Havana Cruise:** The June 13<sup>th</sup> CCCC & Havana BID cruise and poker run will again have festival sites at the Concorde, Mike Naughton Ford, Havana Machine Shop, Gibby's restaurant, and the Stampede. We need volunteers (clubs and individuals) to manage sites. The VIP dinner for volunteer workers will be at the Radison Hotel this year. The first prize in the poker rallye will be an ocean cruise, second prize will be a tool chest.

**Forney Museum:** Christof Kheim reminded everyone that the museum will host a fund raising event "Swing Among The Cars" at the Forney on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 10 pm. This will feature the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. Individual tickets are \$110, with the option of sponsoring a table for 10 at \$1000 or 4 at \$400. Christof was hoping to see more support from CCCC clubs.

**Speed Gone Wild Weekend:** Rob Endter explained that this event, to be held June 5-7, is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Car Club, not by CCCC as implied in the 2015 Rod Run calendar. The basic venue is Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont. There will be 7 events spread over the three days. For more details, check out [www.SpeedGoneWild.com](http://www.SpeedGoneWild.com).

**First Responders Tribute, incl. Colfax Cruise:** Plans are shaping up for this event scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>, but we still need to get sponsors on board to meet costs. We will need to rent Mile High Stadium's parking lot as a site for the Colfax Cruise but a complication has arisen because another event in 2013 rented it claiming to be the CCCC (without our knowledge) and the rent has not been paid. We expect to have this resolved and the Denver Police Dept. is assisting us.

**Lincoln Tech and Buckley AFB events:** CCCC intends to support the Lincoln Tech Car Show on March 28<sup>th</sup> (11194 E. 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. Denver) and the Buckley Airmen Picnic on July 18<sup>th</sup> to meet with younger car enthusiasts.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 1, 2015 (no fooling), 7:30 pm at the **Falcon Police Station in Colorado Springs** 7850 Goddard St., which is just off I-25 exit 150. Guests are always welcome to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dick Fritz, secretary

## *The Strongest Union and Bob Dylan*

*By Alan Jarman*

Odd to me how animated cars can be or maybe just that is how my mind casts them. The Silver 97 Firehawk that has been in the family since Jeanette and I bought it on eBay (friends don't let friend drink and surf eBay) and it was later purchased by my dad when he was bitten with the Pontiac bug. It has returned home to roost. With a loud bang the throwout bearing in the Hawk pulled into three pieces leaving Dad stranded. He decided he was done with the car and a short tow truck ride later it ends up in my garage.



It didn't take a genius to know the issue was in the clutch area which meant I was qualified to diagnose the bug. I'd never been happy with the expensive 'upgraded' Spec Stage 2 clutch I installed 5 years and 12K short miles ago. It was meticulously installed, pilot bearing, faced and balanced the flywheel, ARP bolts on the flywheel installed exactly the way it was radially on the crankshaft, new clutch, pressure plate, throwout bearing and so on. It chattered every day of it's life, never broke in or smoothed out until ultimately the throwout bearing gave up. So landscaping and all other projects go on hold while I work to get it running. Until...

My 02 Trans Am gets bounced out of it's garage bay and moved over to bay number 3. It sees that the older brother has returned, taken it's spot and immediately throws a hissy fit. Somewhere in the Car Union if one vehicle is getting too much attention or effectively goes on strike, it's brethren must do the same. After starting first time every time every day of it's life, the Trans Am starts to cough and sputter on startup, plus the tach went dead. Suspecting that wasn't a coincidence, I went to the web, browsed some of my favorite forum, low and behold the cam position sensor tells the ECM the tach speed and the car doesn't know if it is on an intake event or an exhaust event on startup. If you crank long enough and it doesn't light up, it guesses that it is 180 degrees out and eventually fires up, just without the benefit of a tachometer. So I grabbed EFI Live scan/programming tool. Big as life P138 codes point directly to a cam sensor. Where is the cam sensor. Naturally it is on the back of the engine block under the intake manifold. So I call Autozone, they have three in stock and I feel like there is a message there if multiples are kept handy. \$44 isn't too punishing, a single bolt and two pin connector underneath the cowl, all the fuel and air injection plumbing as well as the intake. Let's call it go

Now to tackle the intake. The bolts are long but my web searching yields a tip, the back four bolts are too long to remove with the composite LS6 intake is installed, but all four must be lifted prior to slipping it out the front. Large thick rubber bands stretch from bolt to bolt across the top of the intake hold them in place perfectly. All this is happening underneath and behind the front edge of the windshield. Essentially under the dash of the car but from the engine bay side with the drop light never shining exactly where I want it to. I'm stretched across the top of my navy blue T/A, reaching all the way back, laying across the top of the engine as Dylan breaks into "Tangled Up In Blue". Funny Bob, very funny. I'm bleeding from all the sharp push pins, brackets, clips, I'm scrapping with the bolts and the air injection hoses flopping back over the bolts I'm trying to capture



in my rubber band trap. Got them, I scuttle back off the engine like Spiderman, back hurts, curls of skin on my forearms and Dylan moves to "Maggies Farm" and I swear he is singing "I ain't gonna work on Alan's T/A no mo". Success, the intake comes out without much drama once the rear bolts are captured. I clean everything within an inch of it's life, valley pan, intake surfaces, everything I can't normally reach. I shine a light into the intake port and I'm very pleased to see a perfectly clean intake valve. Bare shiny metal intake runner and valve are staring back at me which makes me think of Bill Arnold's comments about how clean engines remain with current fuel and oil additives. I do toss in fuel injector cleaner about ever 1500 miles or so. I buy two for ones when they go on sale at the parts stores and drop them in on occasion. Something is paying off. More than 6 hours in, I put my grubby paws on the cam sensor, remove the single bolt and connector, drop in the new one and reconnect in about 3 minutes. Now we go back together and as usual, I know

where I'm going now, the mysteries are gone and it goes back together in about 3 and a half hours. My back is screaming, my hands ache, the backs of my legs feel like over tightened banjo strings, I've donated enough blood to satisfy Bonfils and I feel like....Dylan answers for me with "Knockin' on Heaven's Door". Thanks Bob, always there for me. I clean up enough that I can get into the car and bingo, lights up first time. The Union dues have been paid, the garage *Carma* has been restored and Dylan confirms the victory with "I Shall Be Released" which I take as confirmation of the fix.

There is a lot of satisfaction that comes from fixing it yourself, knowing it was done right and all the bolts and pieces parts went back into place, even if it wasn't convenient. I'm thinking it would have cost more than a little bit more than the \$44 for the sensor, and the \$3 in Neosporin and Band-Aids I paid. For those of you that toil in the garage, take pride and do it for as long as you can. Just take an extra moment to pick out the music.



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**Wanted: Ash Tray** for 1979 Catalina Wagon. Brian Davis at [b.e.davis@comcast.net](mailto:b.e.davis@comcast.net).

**Wanted: 1959 Pontiac Gas Cap. Francis, 970 871-0319**

**For Sale: 1977 Gran Prix - 48,000 Original Miles**, One Owner, purchased in California right off the show floor. Runs GREAT, no leaks. Body straight, upholstery in good shape. Contact Lark 303-521-1019 Aurora, CO. \$6,000 negotiable

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**For Sale: 1985 Pontiac Trans Am.** Car has a rebuilt 305 engine with 3000 miles and has been well maintained, automatic transmission, spoke wheels. A good project car or driver. Kay (303) 202-0243.



**For Sale. 1988 Chevy Suburban** 350 ci engine, automatic, 4 wheel drive. 80 m miles, runs good and doesn't burn oil. Lousy GM paint. \$ 2500. Gary Canady (303) 632-8727.

The Colorado Chapters of the Oldsmobile Club of America and The Pontiac-Oakland Club Intl presents:

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Buick - Pontiac - Oldsmobile – Cadillac – GMC  
Show and Shine 2015**

Sat May 30th - 10:00 to 2:00

**Location – Shepler’s Western Wear Store  
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**Parking begins at 8:30 – Rain or Shine!**

Bring your antique or classic model Pontiac, Oakland, Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile or GMC for a day of fun and cool cars

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