

Wheel Issues

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

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

MEETING DATES FOR 2019

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

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

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 March 20, 2019 Meeting

Capitol City Ford & Mustang Club	Cornhusker Corvette Club
Cornhusker Early Ford V-8 Club–Lincoln	Cornhusker Model “A” Club – Lincoln
Crossroads Chpt Buick Club – America	Dave Volmer (Independent)
Fremont Antique Car Club, Inc.	Heartland Chevelle Club
Kingsmen of Lincoln	Mead Star Dusters
Meadowlark Model “A” Club	Midwest Antique Auto Club
Midwest Camaro Club	Midwest Early Corvette Club
Mustang Car Club of Omaha	National Corvette Restorers Society
Nebraska Corvette Assn.	Nebraska Region AACA
Nebraska Rod & Custom Assoc.(NRCA)	Nemaha Valley Street Rods
Nifty Fifties Ford Club	Omaha Early Ford V-8 Club
Rebels Auto Club – Lincoln	River City Classics
WPC Club – Greater Omaha Region	

GUESTS

NONE THIS EVENING

MEETING MINUTES - March 20, 2019

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Was Presented

INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS

No guests this evening

INTRODUCTIONS OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

President Ron Gillis asked that everyone sign in on the sheet going around and to check your information on the membership roster to make sure that it is correct.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Flood victims. We all have a number of friends and family affected by this historically significant event. In fact, the members of the Slo Rollers Car Club of NW Missouri were absent this evening. Because of flooded roads between Lincoln and Missouri, they would have needed to drive 150 -170 miles to get here tonight. Our thoughts and prayers go out to every affected by this natural disaster.

PRESENTATIONS OF OUR GUESTS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

No Guests this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was presented by Larry Robb. Motion seconded by Curt Wagner. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SWAP MEET

Kerry Fox asked Jim Snyder if they had ever cancelled a swap meet. Jim said that once it was delayed by a week, but not because of weather. And we continued to have the swap meet this year in spite of the below zero temperatures, ice and snow.

Kerry wanted to make sure that you have all thanked your clubs for braving the weather to be working outside (and inside working). Some drove over an hour to even get there to work. There were 130 workers this year. Some of the indoor reserved spaces canceled because of the weather. But we still filled all of the spaces with stragglers. We had 170 unreserved spaces sold. Normal y we have 580 unreserved spaces. We had 1600 cars parked. It was about a 4th or a 3rd of what we had attend last year. The kettle corn vendor came and sold outside in the cold and we think he still did good business. A lot of vendors sold out of their merchandise and some of that merchandise was very high priced. The vendors gave us rave reviews. They compared us to Iola and Hershey by a gentleman that has been attending for 33 years. There was a lot of Craig's list ads and free advertising from vendors that entered our event on line that they were going to be at our swap meet. Kerry said that some funny things happened like Frank Wimmer being on a golf cart at 3:00 am in zero degree weather and other people talking badly about him in jest. The event center staff was great. Our bill was reduced from \$18,000.00 down to about \$15,000.00. We didn't use as many barricades, we didn't use a lot of the parking lots and other things we were anticipating using. We got an approximate \$3,000 break from the Event Center. Ron Gillis commended Kerry and Frank for all of the work they did and continue to do thru out the year.

Ron stated that the funds that come in at the swap meet are distributed among the clubs that work the swap meet. We had reserve money in our bank accounts. If we didn't use those reserves we would get \$95.00 per share. If we take some of the money from the reserve we will pay out \$120.00 per share. Kerry Fox made a motion to add \$25.00 to each share to pay out \$120.00 per share to the clubs that worked the swap meet this year. The extra \$25.00 to come out of the reserve funds and still leave in enough for another disaster and to operate. Motion seconded by Frank Wimmer. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Connie Johnson read the Treasurer's report for February.

Motion to approve by Boyd Ready. Motion seconded by Chuck Garber.

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the March Treasurer's report.

Motion to approve by Curt Wagner Motion seconded by Gene Gau. Motion carried.

There was one bill from the last meeting from Secretary Cindy Wimmer in the amount of \$50.40 for the February newsletter. Jim Snyder presented a bill in the amount of \$107.00 for 2 plaques for "Hobbist Of The Year Award".

Motion to approve payment of the bills by Kerry Fox. Motion seconded by Gayle Hanshaw. Motion carried.

Connie Johnson gave a brief explanation on the reserve fund and the other funds to come up with extra money to be added to the proceeds from this year's swap meet in order to pay out \$120.00 per share to the clubs that worked.

PAUL HIGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2019

We are holding off giving out scholarships until we see the final expenses for the swap meet. Once we see where we sit financially, we will possibly give scholarships. We are looking at presenting funds to McPherson College, SE Community College at Milford, SW Community College and Western Iowa College.

THIS YEAR'S (2019) CAR COUNCIL BOOKS

Ron Gillis said that the more correct information you put into the book, the less complaints we get. So far no complaints at all! Take the books with you tonight for your car clubs. Distribution for the Omaha area clubs be made again in Omaha at the April meeting. The book is now on our website if you wish to look at it there. Ron talked about the distribution of the books. Kerry talked about the book distribution also. The Car Council has been distributing them for years. Our Car Council needs to be aware that the Friday night before the swap meet, there was a blog that was talking about our swap meet. Their answers weren't always right. SO Kerry's wife got with the owner of the swap blog to answer the questions correctly. There were some people that thought they could get them at the upcoming Wahoo Swap Meet. We do not distribute them at the Wahoo Swap Meet!! And we DO NOT provide the managers of that swap meet with any of our books. They should not be in possession of our books! The guy running this web page was a member of the 7 Miles Ride Car Club who are now running the Wahoo swap meet. Kerry told them there would not be books at Wahoo. This guy then asked for our extra books, and would be happy to hand out our books at their swap meet. Frank and Kerry were truly offended by this. They stated that these guys are our competition. We have spent years being a great swap meet and we hate to have these people benefit from our hard work. The 7 Miles Ride Car Club and the Saunders County Auto Association are not members of the Car Council. We are not going to give our books to the competition. Frank said we need to look at those books as every 2 books are equal to \$5.00 that we could have gotten in parking fees. By people not getting them at our swap meet....we lose that money. And we need that money to pay our \$18,000.00 bill to the Lancaster Event Center. 80 books in each case 0 books is equal to \$400.00 for our Car Council.

Connie Johnson said she has talked to a car club that might get books next year, not this year. There was some discussion on the subject of the value of our books. Everyone agreed that we need to be better stewards of our books in the future.

Gayle Hanshaw stores our swap meet materials, signs, etc. for us all year long. Thank you Gayle for helping everyone out with your generosity.

2019 ENWICC MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your clubs dues are due October 1, 2019. Please pay at that time. Our Treasurer doesn't want to have to call you every year. This year we had two members drop off of our membership roster. The Ford Merc and the Saunders Auto Association. But we also gained a new member of the Wolf Pack. And the Horseless Carriage Club might be renewing.

BANK SIGNER UPDATE DONE.

Kerry Fox has been added as a signer. Connie Johnson and Kerry Fox are now our signers.

2019-2020 ELECTIONS

PRESIDENT: RON GILLIS

VICE PRESIDENT: MICHAEL DIXON

TREASURER: CONNIE JOHNSON

SECRETARY: CINDY WIMMER

All of the current listed officers on page 10 of the Car Council book have agreed to run again. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MAIL BAG:

Connie Johnson received 3 thank-you's from 3 of the 5 donations that we gave last year.

Car Show flyers are at the front table for members to take home tonight.

HOBBYIST OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED

On Sunday, March 3rd, Boyd Ready and Jim Snyder awarded two 2019 Hobbyist of the Year Awards to Tom and Marge Green and Virgil Meints for being the Multi-Purpose Arena Managers of the Lincoln Swap Meet and Car Council supporters for many years. Tom and Virgil take care of the vendors and Marge takes care of the finances. Great team!



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN'S SQUARE IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

Children's Square representative attended our January 2019 meeting. She explained about their children with special needs. She would like to have some of our cars at their establishment on Sunday, May 5th, 2019. Families visiting that day could also see our great cars. 15-20 cars are needed. The event will be held from 1:00 – 3:00. Ron Gillis asked for volunteers to coordinate this event and Treasurer Connie Johnson and Russ Detjens will hand this. It would be great if we could get some cars out there for these kids and their families to see. The children are from ages 8 – 17. Contact Russ Detjens at 402-690-2609 if you are interested in participating.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dave Volmer gave a report on the progress of the Legislature. See the list of bills at the end of this newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See the list of events in the 2019 Car Council Book

PAST EVENTS

World of Wheels in Omaha. Everyone received a trophy. 35 cars didn't show up because of the bad weather. But it was still well attended.

HANDOUTS – CAR SHOW FLYERS

At the front door

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Rod Phelps. Motion seconded by Connie Johnson. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

April 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Omaha.

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.**

GET "WHEEL ISSUES" BY E-MAIL AND HELP US SAVE \$\$\$

It costs the Car Council to print and mail on average \$3.50/newsletter for each one sent. Help us lower our expenses and get your copy of "Wheel Issues" by e-mail. Please provide your e-mail address to the Secretary at the next Council meeting to receive it directly.



HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

COUNCIL BY-LAWS – CURRENT EDITION AVAILABILITY

A copy of the most-current revision of the By-Laws, which was revised in 2016 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



DNR WICC Legislative Update
(David Vollmer, 3-20-19, 45th legislative day)

1. This year will be the First Session of the 106th Nebraska Legislature (Long Session - 90 legislative days, scheduled adjournment June 6th). January 9th was opening day, bills may be introduced through January 23rd. Committee hearings start January 16th. full-day floor debate February 28th, (**Bold face text** flags changes since a previous report.) The asterisks at the margin flag bills considered to have most Council interest. . ("G. F." = General File, the first stage after majority committee vote moves a bill to the floor, "S. F." = Select File, the last opportunity for floor debate and amendments. "F. R. = Final Reading, the bill is in final form, with amendments incorporated, to be presented to the governor for signature. Bills with an emergency clause (suffix "e") take effect immediately if a date isn't specifically stated; otherwise non-emergency bills take effect 90 days after the Unicameral adjourns.)

2. The following are vehicle related bills that have had hearings and have moved out of committee for action by the full legislature.

a. **LB142.** Introduced by Sen. Suzanne Geist of Lincoln. Manufacturers of automated driving systems would be required to show financial responsibility. DMV to provide regulations for operators and manufacturers. T&T Comm, Jan 29th. Moved out of committee to General File Feb 22nd.

* b. **LB156.** Introduced by Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon. Authorizes the titling and restricted operation of former military vehicles. T & T Comm., hearing Jan 29th. To General File Feb 11th.

* c. **LB192.** Introduced by Sen. McCollister of Omaha. Revises provisions for veteran designations on operators licenses and ID cards. T & T Comm., hearing Jan 29th. To Select File Feb 13th.

* d. **LB270.** Introduced by Sen. Curt Friesen of Henderson. Changes licensing, registration, and titling provisions for vehicles, motorboats, and trailers. (Counties or DMV to issue temporary stickers for various specialty plates, sellers could request electronic record of title be updated if buyer doesn't apply for new title in 30 days, vehicle types designated that are allowed to tow historical registered trailers, the name on registration applications must be the owner's full legal name -or alternately, the name as it appears on the operator's license or state identification card, rebuilt vehicles can be issued a "previously salvaged" branded title, T & T Comm., hearing Feb 4th, to Select File Mar 19th.

e. **LB698.** Introduced by Sen. Bostelman. Increases requirements for securing loads for commercial vehicles and trailers. T&T Comm, hearing Feb 26th, to GF Mar 14th. Senator's Priority Bill.

3. The following are vehicle related bills that have been assigned to a committee, have had public hearings, but remain in committee.

a. **LB10.** Introduced by Sen. Carol Blood of Bellevue. Authorizes "lighted-billboard" motor vehicles. Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, Hearing Jan 28th.

* b. **LB38.** Introduced by Sen. Robert Hilkemamn of Omaha. Provides for a single license plate - generally on the rear of a vehicle. T&T Comm, hearing Feb 5th. (LB216 of the 2912 session authorized special interest license plates - a single plate to be mounted on the rear of a vehicle, \$50 fee in addition to regular plate fees.)

* c. **LB39.** Introduced by Sen. Hilkemamn. Restraint systems required for all passengers. Violation changes from a secondary offense to a primary. T & T Comm, hearing Mar 4th

d. **LB40.** Introduced by Sen. Hilkemamn. Use of cell phones, etc by drivers would be changed from a secondary offense to a primary. T & T Comm., hearing Mar 4th

* e. **LB128.** Introduced by Sen. Hughes of Venango. Provides for 3 Wildlife Conservation Plates (sandhill cranes, bighorn sheep, cutthroat trout). Assigned to T & T Comm, hearing Feb 5th.

* f. **LB138.** Introduced by Sen. Blood. Provides for Support our troops plates and additional Military Honor Plates for specific combat areas. Assigned to T & T Comm, hearing Feb 5th.

g. **LB143.** Introduced by Sen. Dan Hughes of Venango. Prohibits throwing, or dropping, "dangerous instruments" at or onto moving vehicles. Judiciary Comm, hearing Jan 29th.

h. **LB274.** Introduced by Sen. Matt Hansen of Lincoln. Restrictions on stacking of insurance. Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Comm, hearing Feb 19th.

i. **LB325.** Introduced by Sen. Bruce Bostelman of Brainard. Motor vehicle tax exemptions for disabled veterans. T & T Comm., hearing Feb 26th.

j. **LB335.** Introduced by Sen. Matt Hansen. Would establish a 24/7 sobriety program with permit and conditions for operating a vehicle. Judiciary Comm, hearing Feb 13th.

k. **LB349.** Introduced by Sen. Friesen. Individuals renting their vehicles to others must collect sales tax. Revenue Comm,

l. **LB366.** Introduced by Sen. Bostelman. An additional, escalating registration fee would be applied to alternative fuel powered vehicles (\$125 in 2024 and after). T & T Comm., hearing Feb 26th

m. **LB370.** Introduced by Sen. John McCollister of Omaha. Liability insurance requirements would increase from \$25000 to 50000 if a single victim was involved, \$50000 to 100000 if two or more. Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Comm, hearing Feb 19th.

* n. **LB378.** Introduced by Sen. Ben Hansen of Blair. Operators of motorcycles, mopeds, and autocycles would be required to wear eye protection and if under 21, also a helmet. T & T Comm, hearing Feb 12th.

* o. **LB546.** Introduced by Sen. Anna Wishart of Lincoln. Pet Spay and Neuter Awareness plates would be created with a portion of funds to go to awareness programs. T & T Comm, hearing Feb 5th.

p. **LB612.** Introduced by Sen. Steve Erdman of Bayard. Authorizes display of roadside memorial signs for fatalities other than alcohol related per regulations by the Dept of Transportation. T& T Comm., hearing Feb 12th.

q. **LB634.** Introduced by Sen. Hilkemann. Three-point safety belts required on school vehicles. T& T Comm, hearing Mar 4th.

r. **LB665.** Introduced by Sen. Friesen. Use of electric foot scooters authorized. T& T Comm, hearing Feb 12th.

* s. **LB691.** Introduced by Sen. Michaela Cavanaugh of Omaha. Ornate Box Turtle Conservation license plates authorized. T& T Comm, hearing Feb 5th.

t. **LB696.** Introduced by Sen. Bruce Bostelman of Brainard. Expands provisions for military Honor plates to include designs for the Army and Air National Guard. T& T Comm, hearing Feb 5th.

* u. **LB697.** Introduced by Sen. Bostelman. Eliminates a fee for military related license plates. T& T Comm, hearing Feb 5th.

4. For status and copies of specific bills, call (800)-742-7456 or (402)-471-2709. A subscription to "Unicameral Update" is available by mail, with a time lag of a week plus. Alternately, for essentially current status, the web address is www.nebraskalegislature.gov.

5. Notes on the legislative process and citizen input.

a. The first 10 legislative days are designated for bill introduction by individual senators. Each senator is allowed up to 10 introductions, one of which can be designated a priority bill. Committees can select two, the speaker can select 25.

b. Committees can hold, indefinitely postpone, or advance bills. The chairman manages the process within committees, the speaker when or if a bill reaches the floor.

c. In person testimony at the public hearings has a great impact on the fate of a given bill. Letters, emails, and even phone calls to the committee can be effective if submitted in advance to be part of the hearing record. Communications received before the committee acts on the bill will generally still be considered in committee deliberations. When, or if, a bill reaches the floor, communication should be with individual senators.