



# The *ROCKET FUEL* Newsletter



## MEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT



### Dave & Cindy Klemm's 1970 98 Olds Convertible

Once you get one, you just can't stop. This seems to be the story of Dave & Cindy Klemm's history with their Oldsmobiles. Dave & Cindy are two of our newest members who joined the OCA in June of 2006 and then became members of our club when they met us during last fall's Frankenmuth AutoFest.

Their history with Olds started when Dave was 14. He bought a 1952 green 2 Dr. Eighty- Eight for \$1500. He taught himself to drive in this car in the field behind his house.

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**Greetings from the President**

As my wife is now one of the co-editors of the newsletter, she has forced, I mean strongly encouraged me to write a few words to you each month. It is something I should have been doing all along. I'd like to start by letting each and everyone of you know that I am really proud of this club and all that we accomplished the past year. It's really gratifying to work with members that are talented, hard working and like to have fun. All those traits are coming into play with the work of the 2008 Nationals. We're off to an awesome start on that endeavor. Our co-chairs, Bill Szelag and Alan Wilcox and the rest of the executive committee have been meeting behind the scenes for two years now to get everything in place. Their work goes on. We have also had an excellent response in getting our various committees headed up. There is still much work to be done and I'm confident that more members will volunteer as time goes on. Please don't think our regular club activities will suffer. I assure you that plans are being made for our annual Dust-off, the Lansing Homecoming, Woodward (if we can find a parking area) and our fall events (Frankenmuth and Traverse City). As always, if anyone has ideas for any new adventures, then let me know. Well, it's been nice talking to you and I'll see you at the next meeting.

**Steve Apking**

*Welcome to Sue and Kelly's excellent adventure! This is our way of letting you know that we are the new co-editors of the MCR newsletter. We have both been a part of the club for several years and now look forward to our new job of keeping you informed of our club's activities. You can see that the newsletter has a new look. Let us know what you think. Please submit an article of yourself and your car or any piece of information relevant to our club. We will appreciate any and all support. We also want to thank Denise Tucker for the excellent job that she did as our former editor.*

*Enjoy,*

*Sue Apking &*

*Kelly Ferry*



			FEBRUARY 2007			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 MCR Dinner Cruise
4	5 Sharon Hutchinson	6	7	8	9	10
11 Bill Szelag Dave Klemm	12 Al Ferry	13	14 Valentine's Day Dorothy Maseles	15	16	17 MCR AND NATIONALS MEETING
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UPCOMING EVENTS: MARCH 3 MCR DINNER CRUISE

MARCH 17 MCR AND NATIONALS MEETING

APRIL 21 MCR AND NATIONALS MEETING

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Bad valves unfortunately caused the motor to get hot and when that happened, the car wouldn't run. It also had lots of "fringe"(rust). Two years passed and when Dave turned 16, he got his license and was able to drive it for about 6 months before the car ended up at Ernie's Junk Yard.

The next Olds was a 1977 Cutlass Supreme Brougham, the first car bought together after they got married in 1974. It was white with a white landau top, light blue interior and had a 403 automatic. They still wish they had this one. Now, ladies, you'll appreciate this next part. Cindy wanted a dining room set but Dave wanted a boat. They bought the boat. However, they needed something to tow the boat. So Cindy picked the car. Good eye, Cindy! It was specially ordered with the heavy duty towing package and the load leveling system. They owned this car till 1985 when rust again became the culprit. After an Earl Schieb paint job, they drove it for one more year and sold it.

The third car is the one we all know. This is their 1970 98 Convertible, the one they brought to Frankenmuth. It is light blue with a white top and light blue interior. It is an automatic and has a 455, 365 hp 4 barrel Rocket with 40,000 original miles. It also has A/C (now being repaired) and Am/Fm Stereo with a working 8- track tape player.

It seems Dave & Cindy don't like back seat driving and that's what brought them to this car. During all of 2005, they ended up riding in the back seat of their friends' 68 Buick Wildcat and 68 Cadillac convertible. Deciding they didn't want that any longer, the search was on for their own convertible. Their criteria: GM, pre 76(emissions) BIG car, convertible and a quiet exhaust (Cindy's rule, not Dave's). After looking at Pontiac, Chevy, and Buick, Dave thought of their history with Olds and to E-bay they went. This one popped up with a week to go, a low reserve but no "Buy It Now" price. They contacted the seller, asked him the bottom line, offered him a little more to pull it out of auction and drove it home from Canada. The trip home put more miles on it than the previous owner had put on it in the 4 years he owned it. This 1970 is one of 4 of these cars ever sold in Canada. Two have been crushed and the 4<sup>th</sup> is believed to be in Alberta. They are the sixth owners. Somewhere in its past, before the previous owner, the car was repainted and had some minor bodywork done. This past year they cruised over 2,000 miles in

their 1970 and chauffeured around a bridal couple for their wedding. Currently the car is having an underbody experience, to clean up some surface rust on the undercarriage as well as cleaning up the engine compartment and repairing the A/C. And the next Olds, well it seems they're in the market now for a 442 convertible. Anybody know where they can get one?

Article by Sue Apking with info supplied by Dave & Cindy Klemm







## MCR Jan 20th Meeting Minutes

President Steve Apking called the January meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Dearborn Hyatt. There were 31 present including spouses. Steve welcomed several new members: Jim O'Connell, Dave & Cindy Klemm, Dennis & Karon Piskorowski.

Steve gave a brief explanation to the new members of how our meetings are set up as combined meetings for MCR business as well as 2008 Nationals business.

Alan Wilcox provided membership and treasury updates. The Club currently has 99 members and our club is financially sound. The MCR is a LLC and should not need a new LLC for the Nationals activity. Alan also has MCR name tags for \$9.00.

**Club Events:** Dan Evans brought up the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Hot Rod Power Tour starting in Cleveland, OH. The tour will take back roads to Kalamazoo and then continue to Racine, WI. It ends in Little Rock, AR. Cost is \$65.00 to register. Information is on the Hot Rod website. Dan will also post details on the MCR website.

Before going further, Steve Apking thanked Dorothy Maseles for hosting the MCR Christmas party and all agreed it was a great time. Steve then gave a rundown of future meetings and activities. The meeting dates are on the MCR calendar on-line.

- \* Sunday May 20, 2007 Dust-Off will be at the Livonia park where it has been the past few years. The lottery for reserving the park takes place the first week in February. A vote was taken and the membership voted approval to stay in Livonia for the Dust-Off. Tom Walker will go to the lottery to reserve our spot.
- \* Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> is the Homecoming in Lansing. This year will not be judged. The RE Olds Chapter needs volunteers to help. Contact Judy Badgely [dbggarage@netzero.net](mailto:dbggarage@netzero.net)
- \* Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> is the 2007 Olds Nationals in Bowling Green, KY. Many MCR members have signed up to go. The host hotel is sold out; however, you may see Alan Wilcox for rooms. He reserved extra rooms at the host hotel.
- \* Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> is the Woodward Dream Cruise. The MCR location is still TBD. Our site in years past at Wendy's has been sold.

Dennis Piskorowski said he would look into an alternative for the club. Joe Hildebrant with the Oakland Press has information about parking at the Dream Cruise in Pontiac. This location is at the corner of Huron (M-59) and Widetrack (Woodward) about 3 blocks from the Phoenix Center. Dennis will look into this. There is room for about 40 cars, well organized, color-coded, parking on the lawn, directly facing Widetrack. Spaces are \$30.00 – that includes Friday and Saturday. Jeff Pregler is looking into having a Charter One Bank sponsor us for the Dream Cruise.

- \* September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> – Frankenmuth, MI. Bill Szelag has 20 hotel rooms in Frankenmuth held until we decide what the club is going to do. Traverse City is usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September. September has 5 weekends this year, so the club could do the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend which would be the 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Steve gave the group a description of the Traverse City event.
- \* Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Shelby Lions Show. Szelags will be out of town; we'll need a new coordinator for this event if we attend.
- \* Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – OCC in Ann Arbor, possible activity
- \* Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Club meeting at the Hyatt
- \* Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – Club meeting at the Hyatt
- \* December, Christmas Party- place to be determined.

**Other Business:** The Performance Buick club is going to the GM Heritage Center on March 17<sup>th</sup>, same day as our meeting. They have a few openings so some members could go if interested. Please see Bill Szelag if interested.

Dave Tucker heard that someone in Hollywood is filming a movie this summer in Michigan and they are looking for cars from the 1970's. They are also looking for moving vans or delivery trucks from that era. Members can e-mail to [semiprocars@yahoo.com](mailto:semiprocars@yahoo.com) if interested. Include the year and make of your vehicle, a photo if possible and contact information..

Dorothy Maseles said that the Mackinac Bridge is celebrating 50 years. The city of St. Ignace is looking for white 1958 convertibles to re-create the opening ceremony of the bridge.

Steve Apking – the club still needs a newsletter editor. Sue Apking volunteered to write it. Kelly Ferry volunteered to put it into the computer. So, Sue Apking and Kelly Ferry are the new co-editors for the newsletter. Thank you to Sue and Kelly!

The Motor City Rockets had a nice article in the January Journey With Olds for the Frankenmuth Autofest.

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Greg Carriere has set up the first MCR dinner party. This is a non-car event. It will be at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Greg so that he can give an accurate count. For more information, please see the posting on the MCR website in the calendar.

Bill and Mary Szelag gave a merchandise update. There are new pictures on the website. Samples are available. Please contact Mary or Bill for more information on purchase. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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### OCA 2008 NATIONALS Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Bill Szlag. In reviewing the agenda, Bill stated our goal is to have most of the information in place by the Bowling Green Nationals. With club input, most decisions will be made by the executive committee. It was also noted that no committee chairperson can make a monetary commitment without approval of the executive committee.

Bill reviewed all committees, chairpersons and assignments and showed a draft of our schedule. All job descriptions are available from Bill or are on our website and will be updated periodically. Dave Tucker reviewed the project plan and timeline. Contact Dave with any updates or any questions. This information is also on the website.

### Committee Updates

- \* Logo: Brad Bishop- working on logo and all graphics. Should have draft for available by late Jan.
- \* Hotel: Pat Macaluso- his committee met Jan. 13, stated that hotel is very open to our proposals for food, banquet, a welcome reception, food carts. He also discovered that Dearborn has some restrictions for outdoor activities. We could conceivably have as many as 1200 people at the hotel for the length of our meet.
- \* Treasury: Alan Wilcox- needs information regarding all committees' potential budgets; this will then go the executive committee.
- \* Show Field: Doug Width has researched car registrations for the last 10 years of Nationals. Bowling Green is limiting theirs to 400 cars. With 1 1/3 allocation, total capacity for us is 600 cars, lots 2, 5, 10 & 11 available for us. Swap meet will use lot 9. If we fill hotel, more lots may be at our disposal.
- \* Registration: Sue Pashukewich- setting up future meeting with the Cadillac club for pointers. Dave Tucker showed draft of registration form.
- \* Judging: Jerry Garfield- looking at scan technology for tabulating. Feedback is it's not that easy to use. Combining classes is not allowed. Will try to subdivide certain categories. Race class beginning in 2007.
- \* Merchandise: Mary Szlag- no update as final logo has not yet been determined.
- \* Sponsor/Advertising: Steve/Sue Apking-have draft for sponsor letter, discussed having a company sponsor a special award or class of awards, tie in local media for publicity, Dream Cruise could be a potential sponsor
- \* Meet Magazine: Dave/Denise Tucker-got quotes for magazine, printer suggested a change of layout to cut costs, may do layout themselves.
- \* Info/Issue Assistance: Suzi Macaluso- discussed having color coordinated shirts for various help, would need inside & outside kiosk, Hyatt said their concierge would be at our disposal.
- \* OEM Supplier Display: Al Ferry- work will start later in the year on this activity.
- \* Banquet: Paulette Width- will be casual dress, Hyatt is being flexible about food and drinks to keep people at hotel, likely to have 2-3 times as many banquet attendees as show cars, Great Lakes Ballroom holds 1200.
- \* Off Site Activities: Bill Tumidanski- possible GM Heritage Center tour on Thursday morning, Gm Proving Grounds tour also a possibility, other potential activities discussed, "A Taste of Detroit" meal from groups around Detroit is also a possibility.
- \* Trailer parking; Bill Szlag- trying to work the Fairlane Mall for access for trailer parking.
- \* Golf carts: Lanny/Pat Yankee- issues of trash removal, first aid and availability of golf carts were discussed, would need 4 carts ,may need shuttle, Jack Tokie could supply a van, need security for off-site parking.
- \* Ladies Luncheon: Laurie Hill-theme was proposed and reviewed, there will be morning and afternoon activities as well as a speaker, activities will have separate registration and payment with one invitation to be included with the registration form.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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## MCR WEB SITE

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The MCR web site includes:

- \* **An Event Calendar** – Where all MCR members can schedule or post club events
- \* **Chat Application** – Rocket Chat – Where MCR members can host chat rooms
- \* **An Archive Area** – Where all prior years event photos and documents are stored
- \* **An Event Photo Gallery** – A display of current year event photos
- \* **The Bulletin Board** - Please look here for club member details and National updates - you will need to register to gain access.

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