



The ROCKET FUEL Newsletter

Greetings from the President

Well folks, the big day is almost here. In less than 60 days we will be hosting the 2008 OCA Nationals. To date out of 115 members in our club, only 45 of you have registered to attend. I can't emphasize enough how much I'd like your support in this event.

You'll never be this close to a National meet again and with the cost of gas, we have a big advantage over those who will be traveling from other states. I heartily encourage you to come and be a part of this.

Some of you may think your car is not worthy enough to be judged. I disagree. I know the cars in this club and they are beautiful. But if you still don't want to bring your car, you can register anyway without your car for only \$30 and be part of the fun.

Since you're within driving distance, you do not have to stay at the Hyatt or Double Tree if that is what is holding you back. You can choose a day convenient for you to come. Remember though, if you want to participate in any of our planned events, you must be registered. (Registration form is on the back cover of your JWO.)

In my tenure as your president, I've come to know many of you and have seen this club grow and become very active. This is the biggest event we've ever been involved in and I really want to see you there. Please consider it. I'm counting on you.

Steve

Editor's Notes:

Any members who want or need additional MCR apparel, please contact Cindy Klemm at dakcak@wowway.com. All of our MCR items can be seen on our web site. Wearing the club logo is a great way to promote our chapter especially during the Nationals.

Note: there will be no meeting at the Hyatt in June. The June meeting of the club will take place at the picnic on June 28.

We still need volunteers (2hr shifts) for the Nationals. Think of it as good for your health. The benefits include the following: fun, fellowship, lots of laughs and a generally good feeling about yourself and the contribution you'll be making to the club.

MCR member recognized: A big congratulations goes to MCR member, Doug Width. He and his 1954 convertible have been invited to the Meadow Brook Concours d' elegance this August. An invitation to this event is such an honor. It's awesome that one of our members and Oldsmobile will be recognized in this way. Congratulations, Doug! You have made us proud.

Sue & Kelly



New Members:

Brian Drake & Jerry Klonowski Welcome aboard, we're glad you're part of the team!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUL 30 - AUG 3

OCA NATIONALS

AUG 3

GRATIOT CRUISE

AUG 3

MEADOW BROOK

AUG 16

WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

Spring Dust-Off ***A Big Success

Our May Dust-off was undoubtedly the best yet. We had 58 in attendance with some 25 cars. Pat & Suzi Macaluso, who hosted the event on their farm, worked for several days setting up a tent, tables and chairs and preparing the area with help from Al & Kelly Ferry. The windy weather played havoc with that tent the day before, uprooting it and sending it flying. Luckily, it was restored by game day.

The club supplied hamburgers, hotdogs and the "fixins" and we had an array of complimentary dishes brought by club members. After lunch, there was a short meeting to give updates about the Lansing Homecoming, the MCR picnic and the 2008 Nationals.

The remainder of the day was spent with what else? That's right. Swapping tales of cars, parts and repairs. We were honored to have Joe Pohl of the R.E. Olds chapter attend with his family. We even added some international flair to our day as we had an exchange student from Germany who attended. He was among a group of friends that Dan Evans brought. Dan also surprised everyone with a dash plaque to commemorate the day. Nice touch, Dan.

We believe we've started a new tradition with our Dust-Off. Thanks Pat and Suzi for providing your farm. It made a great backdrop for a fun day. Sue Apking



From the VP's Garage

Here is some bad news about changing a fuel line on an "A" body GM, and I hope you are sitting down! Ok, are you sitting now?

I purchased a set of Stainless Steel Fuel Lines from Inline Tube. They are real nice with all the proper bends and fittings. (If you are going to buy new lines for any part of your car, I would suggest using Stainless! They cost a bit more, but they always look New!) I was going to install them on my 68 Cutlass when I realized; you Can't get them on with the Body setting on the Frame!!!

So I have the lines and they are in my garage and waiting until I am ready to take my front end off, well at least the hood and fenders. Then lift the body about 6 inches to allow the new lines to slip in around the Coil Spring Pocket on the Right Hand Side near the Tank! This will happen when my 442 is finished; it will be a while!

My convertible is in excellent, original condition. It has now clicked a few more miles this year and is creeping up on 41,000 (yes original). My fuel line is actually like new as is my tank. I had a leak that was caused by a tight factory fit of the Fuel Line to the Trunk Floor Exterior. This seems to be a common problem since Alan Wilcox is possibly having the same fuel leak I had! The line rubbed the body from movement and vibration of normal driving, and actually rubbed a minute hole in the line. I kept smelling gas when I would walk near the rear of the car and thought it was the tank. Then I noticed the small puddle under the car; it was gas and when I rolled under to investigate I found a wet fuel line. It was then that I ordered the new fuel lines and drove up to Shelby Township to pick them up. Other people I know have had the lines shipped. (They will arrive in a "Loop" that is easy to straighten and will not damage the lines.) I was in a "Car Show in 2 Days Dilemma" so I made the trip.

After laying on my creeper for an hour or so trying to figure out how I was going to magically get around the Spring Pocket, I made a decision to repair the issue before it became serious. I was able to bend the line away from the car body to give it clearance. I then washed the original undercoating off the line with lacquer thinner. I was able to slide a piece of Goodyear Fuel hose over the bad area (about a 6 inch long piece) and hose clamp it. (I also had to use 3M General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner to lube the line and hose for sliding!) The repair is not noticeable and the line is fine now. I did this 3 years ago and it is still holding. One major problem the leak was causing was that the fuel system would lose its prime and even suck air as a result of the hole. This worked for me since the rest of my fuel line is still like new but if your line is rusted, you will have to refer to the first part of this letter. GOOD LUCK.

Dan Evans

Lansing Homecoming

The Lansing Homecoming is on Saturday, June 14. We have a good number of members attending. Many of you (17) have volunteered to help our fellow chapter, R.E.Olds and we thank you for that. There will be a caravan traveling along I-275 & then proceed to I-96. We will meet at the Meijers in Northville (I-275 & 8 Mile) then travel to the Tanger Outlet Mall, Exit # 133 off I-96 and continue to Lansing. Time of departure will be determined. A separate e-mail will be going out with further details. If you would like to be a part of that caravan, please inform Jeff Pregler or Steve Apking.

Annual MCR Picnic!!

Day, Date & Time: Saturday, June 28, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Place: Dennis & Karon Piskorowski's home

Address: 3720 Baldwin Rd. Metamora, MI

A meat dish will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass, your own drinks and chairs.

We will have a short meeting and a brief presentation on how to prepare your car to be judged at a National Olds meet.

Mark your calendar now and please try to attend. This is one of our best events and a great way to kick off the summer.



**Tech Tip: Fuel Economy****Some tips from Mr Goodwrench for saving gas:**

- Drive the speed limit. Use cruise control. You can get 20% more MPG traveling 55 versus 70.
- Drive evenly. Avoid hard stops. Coast a bit before stopping a light or stop sign.
- Avoid sitting idling and rush hour traffic if possible.
- Reserve A/C usage for highway travel.
- Remove junk from the trunk. Added weight reduces fuel economy.
- Fill up when it's cool. Cooler temperatures in the early morning or late evening create fewer vapors.
- Don't top off gas.
- When buying gas, stop when the pumps shuts off automatically.
- Remember, your tank needs both fuel and fumes, so tighten the gas cap after every fill-up. Several clicks of the cap on later models.
- Use correct grade of fuel recommended in your owner's manual.
- Don't accelerate up a hill. Build up speed before an incline, and then maintain it on the way up. Coast on the way down for additional savings.
- Avoid roof top carriers. These cause aerodynamic drag.

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