



The ROCKET FUEL Newsletter

Greetings from the President:

Happy New Year everyone! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday and took the time to reflect on what is truly important to you. With the state of the economy, the fate of the Big 3 and the overall condition of the country being so unstable, it's easy to forget the good that is still around us. But I hope that when you do remember the good things in your life, you include our club as one of them. We are more than just club members; we are friends. See you at the next meeting.

Steve Apking



Editor's Notes:

Please note the dates for our 2009 events. These include regular meetings and our special events through August. When specific dates for the fall activities are completed, they will be reported to you. Remember if you have an idea for an event, simply contact our activity coordinator, Jeff Pregler. He will review it and run it by the officers.

As you may or may not know, this is the last newsletter that Kelly and I will be publishing. It's been a privilege to serve the club in this capacity. It was fun and interesting to report the events of the past two years and there were many, most notably: the "Motor City Rocket Reunion". We'll still be around to help in any way and to occasionally write an article or two. If you are interested in this position, please contact Steve to get more information.

Sue Apking & Kelly Ferry

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January Birthdays

Katy Bejma Jan. 10

Ken Kress Jan 14

Deb Wheeler Jan 19

Steve Apking Jan 22

Gina Carriere Jan 24

Jerry Garfield Jan 28

Alan Wilcox Jan 30

Happy Birthday to All!!



2009 Happenings

Jan 18 Club Meeting

Feb 15 Club Meeting

Mar 15 Club Meeting

Apr 19 Club Meeting

May 17 Dust-Off

June 20 Homecoming

July 15-19 OCA Nationals

Aug 15 Woodward Dream Cruise

JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

The first meeting of the Motor City Rockets is scheduled for Sunday, January 18 at the home of Jeff & Martha Pregler.

LOCATION: 4922 SOMERTON DR. TROY, MI 48085

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RSVP: Please respond to Jeff at mcr_events@yahoo.com



2008 Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 13, the Motor City Rockets celebrated the holiday season in a grand way. Through the efforts of Cindy Klemm, we were able to have our annual party in a different location this year. Cindy asked her sister and brother-in-law if we could use their place for the party and they graciously said yes. Our setting was their beautiful home on Lake St. Clair. Stylishly decorated for the holidays, it was a lovely venue for our bash and large enough to hold the thirty some members that attended.

Our party was also different this year as we had it catered by Vince & Joe's Gourmet Market & Catering. We were treated to mostacciola, chicken marsala and roasted ham with Michigan cherry sauce and apple glaze. We also had salad, green beans almonidine, cheesy potatoes and fruit and cheese trays. Desserts were provided by Cindy and her sister, Redina Simon. They were scrumptious and included key lime cheesecake, fresh apple cake, peanut butter cheese cake, brownie bites, pumpkin gingerbread trifle, strawberry pretzel salad and Christmas cookies.

After dinner, came the ever- popular gift exchange. Suzi Macaluso started things off by choosing first and she got a coveted gift. It was a lighted glass block with Oldsmobile scripted on it, wrapped in a bright red bow. It got a lot of "oohs" and "aahs". We all thought it was sure to get stolen right away but surprisingly she held on to it, at least for awhile. The next person went on to choose and others followed. It was still early in the game and there was not a lot of stealing as everyone seemed to be satisfied with what they had received. However, there was a huge bottle of wine that Dave Tucker opened and that got a lot of attention. It was stolen several times. Then the lighted glass block that Suzi thought was safe suddenly was not so secure. It was finally stolen and ended up with Sue Pashukewich. It was a fun time and by the way, those famous oil filters reared their ugly heads and somehow found their way back into the exchange. There happened to be two gifts left over so we gave them to Cindy's niece and nephew. They had been helping all night long, taking coats, serving and cleaning up. Cindy's nephew got a set of note cards made by Jill Woodward. Jill had taken shots of Oldsmobiles and made them into beautiful note cards. Well, he couldn't appreciate them the way we all did and decided he didn't really want them so a bidding war ensued. I believe the final bid was \$27.50, sold to Suzi .

A short meeting was held before the gift exchange where Steve acknowledged everyone who attended and gave special kudos to Cindy & Dave Klemm for all their efforts. Alan reported on the treasury and showed everyone the ad that we will place for the 2009 Nationals. New officers were announced and the "Spirit Award" was given. The 2009 roster has Steve and Alan returning as president and treasurer respectively. Coming on board is Pat Macaluso as vice-president and Sue Pashukewich as secretary. Congratulations to all. A huge thanks also needs to go out to Dan Evans and Tom Bejma for the past four years of service as vice-president and secretary for our club. All their efforts are very much appreciated.

The spirit award was given this year to Jack Tokie and it was well deserved. Jack represents our club and Oldsmobile well. He's always there to lend a hand if anyone needs help and he knows more about cars than anyone we know. He's a generous and fun-loving guy and we're proud to call him one of our own.

The evening was winding down and most everyone got ready to leave. Alan collected the toys that some members brought for our annual donation to "Toys for Tots" and more farewells were said. A few members stayed overnight as they had an extra long ride home and we heard more celebrating took place later into the night.

Thanks to all who attended for a great night.



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