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# Motor City Rockets

*The Rocket Fuel Newsletter*

## Greetings from the President:

### Been a Long Cold Winter

I am sure everyone is thrilled winter is over. In South Eastern Michigan we set a new record that had stood since 1880, so unless you are 130, you have never seen this much snow in one season in S.E. Michigan. Add to that the bitter cold and it surely made you appreciate the arrival of Spring. Like me, I am sure all of you are ready to get the Oldsmobiles out and just drive with the windows down. This season is sure to be packed with fun filled events, shows, cruises and gatherings of friends who share a passion for not only Oldsmobiles, but cars of all types and I am so ready to jump in and get started. Welcome to Spring and I hope you all make the best of it.

### MCR is on Facebook

We recently created a Facebook site. This is another way for MCR members to communicate, share and discuss Oldsmobiles or simply socialize on-line. So if you have a Facebook account, go to the site (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MotorCityRockets/>) and request access. Send us some feedback and let us know what you think. We hope you enjoy it.

### Spring Dust Off

On May 17<sup>th</sup> the Rockets will again be celebrating spring and bring our Oldsmobiles out of a very long winter hibernation. All MCR and REO members are welcome and admission is free. Lunch will be provided but please bring a dish to pass. Watch your email for a communication from our Event Director, Jeff Pregler. The club meeting will follow lunch. Don't forget to RSVP to Jeff Pregler ([events@motorcityrockets.com](mailto:events@motorcityrockets.com)). I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

**Happy Oldsmobiling!**

***Dave Tucker***  
**MCR President**

## *Editor's Notes*

**Dare I say it? Dare I shout it? CAR SEASON IS FINALLY HERE!!**

Now we can officially get it off and running here in southeastern Michigan. Hope to see everyone and their cars at some of these upcoming events. Please note the following spring and summer dates:

- **MCR DUST-OFF May 17 #**
- **LANSING HOMECOMING June 14 #**
- **EYES ON DESIGN JUNE 15**
- **CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE JULY 27**
- **OCA NATIONALS JULY 28-AUGUST 3**
- **GRATIOT CRUISE AUGUST 3**
- **WOODWARD AUG 16 #**

**# = MCR club activity**

Why not consider going through your wardrobe and check to see if any new MCR merchandise may be in your future. Shirts, hats and name tags are all available. It's always nice to show club spirit at car events by sporting our club apparel. Contact Cindy Klemm, our merchandise manager. ([dakcak@wowway.com](mailto:dakcak@wowway.com))

Please consider volunteering at the Lansing Homecoming. Many opportunities exist where your talent and time can be put to good use. Contact Judy Badgley if you're interested. [djbadgley@gmail.com](mailto:djbadgley@gmail.com)

I'd like to especially thank Jill Woodward for her contributions to this issue.

***Sue Apking, Editor***

**\*\*\*MOST IMPORTANT\*\*\***

**Vote your choices for the OCA board and Eastern Great Lakes Zone reps.**

## *Birthday Greetings*

**May 5 -Cindy Klemm**

**May 6 -Sue Apking**

**June 25 -Ann Wittenbach**



*Hope you all enjoy your special day.*

## ***SPRING DUST-OFF***

Our Annual Spring Dust-Off will be held on **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Pull those beautiful Oldsmobiles out of their warm winter's resting place.

"Dust" them off, cruise on over and let's show the world how those ROCKETS shine.

**When:** Saturday, May 17, 2014

**Where:** Pat & Suzi Macaluso's, 4875 Pinckney Road Howell, Michigan 48843

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

**Directions:** Take Exit #137 off I-96. Go South 4 miles on Pinckney Road.

Look for the *Oldsmobile Flag* and our *Club signs*.

### **Activities:**

**11:00 AM - 7:00 PM** MCR Annual Spring Dust Off / Cruise-in & Car Show

- 50/50 Raffle – *Runs throughout the day.*
  - *Drawing @ 5:00 PM (must be present to win)*
- *Proceeds will assist in paying the cost for the event.*

**1:00 ish** BBQ's Fire Up for Lunch

### **Lunch Information:**

The club will be providing the main course: burgers; dogs; buns; ice tea; lemonade; coffee; paper products; condiments. Please bring a non-alcoholic beverage if you would like something other than what is noted above. **We ask that you bring a side-dish to pass.** Below are recommended side-dish categories by last name:

**Last Names A<>H: Desserts**

**Last Names I<>Q: Salads & Vegetable Dishes**

**Last Names R<>Z: Family Favorite - Chef's Choice**

### **RSVP Information:**

Please RSVP to ([motorcityrocketsevents@gmail.com](mailto:motorcityrocketsevents@gmail.com)) by **Saturday, May 10, 2014**. Also, please indicate what kind of dish you are planning to bring to the event and the number of people attending so that we have an accurate headcount for planning purposes. **Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs.**

If you have any questions please feel free to call Jeff Pregler @ 248-740-9898, or Pat & Suzi @ 517-545-7301

## *A Hidden Gem*

### *Sue Apking*

Our March meeting was held at the **Sloan Museum** in Flint which is part of the Flint Cultural Center.

Following our club meeting and lunch, we toured the museum. Along on the tour were our guests, members of the R.E.Olds chapter. This museum is filled with exhibits and hands-on activities or sit-on activities as



demonstrated by Pat Kress. There are three permanent exhibits: “20<sup>th</sup> Century Flint & the

American Dream;” “ Hallway Café”; “ Wisner’s



Whizbang Emporium”. They also house temporary exhibits and the ones we got to view on our visit included “Michigan in the Civil War” and “Space: Journey to our Future”. Other features include artifacts, photographs and displays chronicling Flint’s history.

Our tour also included a visit to the **Buick Automotive Gallery** where we got to see a special exhibit titled Truck & Bus. This exhibit featured the workhorses of the auto world—pick-up trucks. In the words of the pamphlet I picked up, “today’s pick up is far more than a simple automobile with a cab and a storage bed. It is a sophisticated and well-designed vehicle that gets things done and enables an increasing number of people to pursue active modern lifestyles”. Many of us didn’t realize what a wealth of interesting information is housed in this museum. Thanks to our president, Dave Tucker for arranging the day.



# *March Meeting Minutes*

## **MCR Membership Minutes**

**March 22, 2014**

**Called to order 12:10 PM**

**Sloan Museum, Flint Michigan**

The President, Dave Tucker, welcomed everyone to the Sloan Museum including our guests, R E Olds Chapter members and had everyone introduce themselves. With our members, REO Chapter members and guests we had 46 attendees. Dave then introduced our hostess, Shannon, the museum representative.

Vice President, Phil Woodward thanked Steve and Sue Apking for the phenomenal job they are doing with the newsletter. He acknowledged the April birthdays, then gave a brief history of Alfred P Sloan whose foundation started the museum and for whom the museum was named after.

The treasurer, Alan Wilcox, reported that there had been no expenses or additions for the preceding month. We lost 6 members bringing the total of 96 members and 17 associate members to 113.

Secretary Barbara Cook had no report. Minutes of the previous meeting were in the newsletter.

Jeff Pregler, Activities Director, needs to know who is attending Nationals so they can coordinate this activity. He asked for a volunteer to do the ad for the Nationals Magazine. This is still pending but due May 1. April is still open for an event, and he asked the membership to please submit ideas.

Dave Tucker discussed the Past President Position now that Dan Evans has officially tendered his resignation. The BOD will need to discuss this further as to how to proceed.

The updated website was discussed. Eventually they would like to set it up where members can upload pictures to the website themselves. This is being looked into and more will come later on this issue.

Dave introduced Ken Nicholas, our Zone Representative. Ken spoke about where he envisioned the Olds Club going in the future and what steps might be taken now to insure that future vision.

The RE Olds Chapter is hosting the Homecoming Car Show and Swap Meet in June and could use any volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned so that members could enjoy the museum displays.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Cook



# Does anyone know what this is?

For those who could not make it out to the March activity here is the answer to the mystery photo. It was a photo of a **gas station in Liberia, West Africa!** I was there in January and saw several of these and asked what they were. (I, too, thought they might be moonshine! - what some people guessed.) When they told me they were gas stations I asked if I could get a photo of one and my driver was happy to oblige. I just knew I had to share it with my MCR friends. Thanks to all who guessed. Sue Apking was the first to guess correctly.

Jill



## A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND – R.E. OLDS MUSEUM

By Jill Woodward



Our April event found many of us dining at the Nutthouse, (a fitting name for us ☺) before we wandered the R.E. Olds Museum in Lansing. It was a great afternoon with some fabulous cars. A few of the men were able to check under the hood of a Toronado and sit in a Ninety Eight. Both vehicles will be for sale and our guys got to check them first. I'm sure they don't allow EVERY visitor to get so "up close and personal" with the cars on display.

We were treated to a very special viewing of never before seen pictures of the Olds' family and their homes, cars, and family. My favorite photo was of several groups of people on a beach – there was a bicycle, a horse drawn wagon, a sailboat on wheels, a few cars and what we dubbed the "first SUV" – it was an Olds (REO) pulling another section that sat about 6 more people!



What a great afternoon with great people and great cars. Thanks SO much to the members of the RE Olds Chapter that showed us around and provided answers to all of our questions.

**Editor's note: No meeting minutes as there was no scheduled meeting.**

## *Eyes on Design*

EyesOn Design is the annual car show and fundraiser for the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology held at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford house. This year's theme is Automotive Design's Influence on Popular Culture. More than 250 vehicles will be invited to display, having been chosen based on the year's theme. There are 18 categories.

Three club members will be represented.

Dave and Denise Tucker with their 1976 Cutlass  
and

Cindy Klemm with her 1970 442 Pace Car.

Information follows below for those who may be interested in attending.

- Sunday, June 15
- Time: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Edsel and Eleanor Ford House
- 1100 Lake Shore Rd.
- Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236
- General Admission \$20
- <http://www.eyesondesign.org/carshow>

This will be an excellent opportunity to support fellow members, view the beautiful surroundings and see some amazing vehicles.



## THE END OF AN ERA

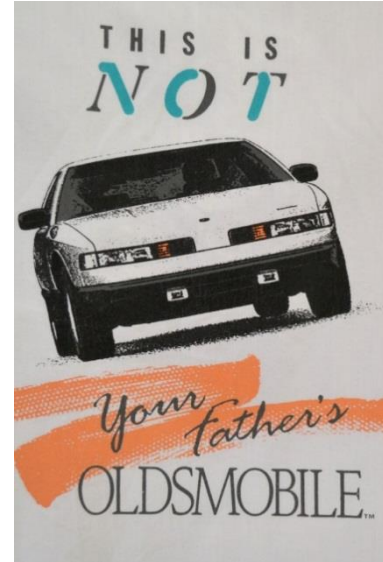


In an earlier article I said I would drive my Silhouette until it fell apart. I am an Oldsmobile girl since birth! Sadly, I now drive a.....(sigh) Buick! WAIT!!!!!! My baby (the van) didn't die, it just moved to another state.

With our son's family getting bigger, they needed a vehicle that would comfortably hold three car seats – they have a 4 year old, a 2 year old and a 4 month old – where the kids weren't so

close they could kick each other! I think I can relate! Thus began an extensive Fall-Winter project to get the Silhouette back in top shape. On Valentine's Day, Phil and I left for Maine on our last trip with the van.

I don't think of this as losing my favorite Oldsmobile. It is more like passing on a wonderful history, a genealogy of sorts, of my family -.Contrary to this 'famous' ad, this van WAS my father's Oldsmobile! It is now my son's and if taken care of it could, in 12 years, be my grandson's! I did not want my grandchildren asking what an "Oldsmobile" was! In this way we are ensuring the next and future generations drive and love Oldsmobiles as much as we do. So, for now, I will be found cruising the highways in my Terraza, until summer when I will be found in my Cutlass convertible!



Happy Motoring – Jill Woodward

# Have fun with these interesting logos!!!

**Just think...companies get paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to dream up this stuff!**

**YOU WILL NEVER LOOK AT THESE LOGOS THE SAME WAY EVER AGAIN.**



Do you see the arrow between the "E" and "x" (in white)? Ever notice it before?



The 2nd and 3rd "T's" are two people sharing (or fighting over) a tortilla and a bowl of salsa.



The world's most famous bike race. The "R" in "Tour" is a cyclist.  
The yellow circle is the front wheel of a bicycle, the "O" is the back wheel.



The arrow means Amazon has everything from A to Z



The gap between the "K" and the "I" is a sideways chocolate kiss.



There is a dancing bear above the "ble".  
Toblerone chocolate bars originated in Berne, Switzerland, whose symbol is the bear.



See the "31" embedded in the "BR"?     Thirty one-derful flavors!



Northwest Airlines. The circle is a compass. The arrow in the upper left corner is pointing..?



See the gorilla and lioness (in white) facing each other? *AWESOME ~ LOVED this one !*





The smiley half face is also a 'g'.



The emblem for the Milwaukee Brewers. Baseball glove forms an "M" and a "B".  
This Logo was designed by a college student.



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