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Motor City Rockets

The Rocket Fuel Newsletter

Greetings from the President:

Happy New Year Motor City Rockets!

I hope the New Year finds you and yours happy, healthy, and ready for some crusin'!

I would like to start by thanking our outgoing officers:

President Dave Tucker, Vice-President Phil Woodward, and Secretary Barbara Cook. The three of them did a very fine job in continuing to make our chapter of the OCA the best of the bunch. I would also like to thank the membership for allowing me to be the club Treasurer for the past ten years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the club in that capacity.

As most of you know, we have a new board this year (although some of the faces are very familiar). I have been voted in as President, Dave Tucker is our new Vice-President, Cindy Klemm our new Secretary, and Dave Engel is our new Treasurer. We have also (thanks to Dave Tucker's tireless work) created a new position: Membership Chair. The membership recording work used to be the domain of the Treasurer, but with the membership consistently over 100 for the past few years it was getting to be a lot of work, so the

Membership Chair position will take over that work. Steve Apking will be our new Membership Chair, welcome Steve! We also have a new Newsletter Editor, Jill Woodward, who takes over from Sue Apking (thanks again Sue for your years of service as Newsletter Editor). Jeff Pregler remains as our Activities Director; Cindy Klemm is continuing on as Merchandise Chair; Brian Lorway continues to master our web site; and Dorothy Maseles is our club Historian. Please make sure you thank each of these people for their service to the club when you see them at events.

Speaking of events, in January our meeting will be held at the Arsenal of Democracy Museum in St. Clair Shores. I hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend. It looks to be a very interesting tour and it's a great chance to put some faces with some names, especially if you are a fairly new Rocket.

If you have any ideas on places we can visit or things you think would improve our club, make sure you send them to me. We have received some ideas of places to go in the past year that we haven't been able to do anything with yet, but they are still in the "idea hopper".

Well Rockets, keep warm, keep working on your cars when you can, and most importantly, let's keep lighting those rockets!

Sincerely,

Alan

Editor's Notes

Welcome to the first issue of the 2015 *Rocketfuel*. Trust you all had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to a year of fun-filled car activities.

This is my first time EVER doing a newsletter so I hope you will be patient with me as I test things out, try a few new things, and simply work to try and fill Sue Apking's shoes.

I want to experiment with a few new ideas for the newsletter. If they work out I will keep them in, if not,....well you won't see them again. One of the new ideas I want to test I call: **Eagle Eye!** Somewhere in this newsletter is an Oldsmobile Rocket symbol. It is clip art so don't go looking for an authentic symbol on a shirt or automobile. Be the first one to email me with its location and I will highlight your EAGLE EYE in the next Rocketful! (Sorry, no prize, just 'glory'.)

A second item I want to try I am calling: **Tag You're It!** Since I have pictures of the cars of many of our members I would like to know something interesting or fun about your car. I will simply put a photo of someone's car in the newsletter under the **Tag You're It** heading and it will be your responsibility to get me an article about your car to be put in the next newsletter. If I don't hear from you, it will simply be a photo of your car! The stories could be something funny that happened to it; happened in it; how you got it; why you got it; what you did to it; or just why you like it. It does NOT need to be a long article but I thought it would be a fun way to get all of you involved in writing this newsletter.

Since I love to take photos of our beautiful cars, I thought it might be fun to have a section called: **Down Memory Lane** where we can share photos of cars from the past, if you have any. They could have been yours or a member of your family's. NO ARTICLE is necessary, just the year and make, if you know it, and who it belonged to.

I will do my best to keep you posted on car related events going on as well as our own MCR events. If you know of something coming up in the coming months let me know so I can get them in the newsletter BEFORE they happen.

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter I would LOVE, LOVE, LOVE to hear from you. Send them to my email address.

The 2015 MCR Calendar was passed out at the Christmas Party. If you were not in attendance at the party but will be at the January event make sure you find me to pick up your copy. Also, if you would like a second copy they will sell for \$5.00 and copies of the calendar are available only while supplies last.

Jill Woodward



Birthdays:

January

14 Ken Kress
18 Glenn Reiss
19 Deb Wheeler
22 Steve Apking
28 Jerry Garfield
30 Alan Wilcox

CONGRATULATIONS:

To: Jeff and Martha
Pregler on the birth of
their first grandchild -
Lucia Pregler born Dec. 13.



Get Well Wishes:

Bill Adcock – R.E. Olds Museum Director

Our Deepest Sympathies go out to:

Jay Chance family at his passing

Send Eagle Eye guesses to: mar22pjrc@aol.com

Memo: Eagle Eye

EVENTS:



**The
January
MCR
event will
be at the
Detroit
Arsenal of**

Democracy Museum. Look for an email from Jeff Pregler for more details.

The 2015 North American International Auto Show

Cobo Center

January 17-25 (public show)

Don't forget about our **February** Valentine bowling event.

Details forthcoming.

2014 AutoRama coming March 6-8

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY – OR - WHEN PEACE ON EARTH GOODWILL TO MEN FLIES OUT THE WINDOW!

The annual MCR Christmas Party took place on Dec. 6. First of all I would like to thank Cindy Klemm for putting together, another wonderful evening. The food was exceptional and there was plenty! I would, also, like to thank Dave Carriere for, once again, being the OFFICIAL STEAL counter – he kept track of how many times a gift was ‘stolen’ and let us know when you could no longer ‘steal’ it!

If you have never attended the Christmas party, this is what you have missed: Everyone brings a gift but no names are put on it. Then we start, one at a time, picking and opening a gift. Many times the gift gives credence to the old saying “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure,” as we saw this year when Doug Width opened his gift. It was truly “trash” left over from a previous owner of a home that a MCR member just bought. To Doug it was ‘pure gold.’ And, no, I am not going to say what it was who know who might Anyway, if the next person in line to pick a gift likes what you picked they your gift forcing you to pick a new gift. They do have the option of picking gift if they don’t want what you have. As more gifts are opened the more occurs, which is why I said ‘goodwill flies out the window!’ The stealing is much laughter and some good natured pouting.

There were 3 – and they Cindy then Nationals in went home Sue P, then powder was play getting what you originally picked!) A fire extinguisher with a custom made stand was picked by Jill, stolen by Dave then Al and went home with Sue.



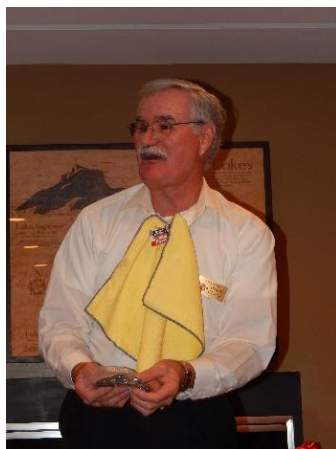
several gifts that went the maximum number of “steals” allowed – that is were: A Rocket wax burner from Scentsy was picked by: Kelly, stolen by Suzi and ultimately went home with Martha. A framed poster of the OCA Cincy many years ago was picked by: Mike, stolen by Jeff then Sue and with Greg. A fleece blanket with cars on it was picked by: Pat, stolen by Jill and went home with Steve. A GM sign with a bottle of Monkey Butt picked by Dave, stolen by Ed then Sue and went home with Dave (nice picked by Dave, stolen by Ed then Sue and went home with Dave (nice play getting what you originally picked!) A fire extinguisher with a custom made stand was picked by Jill, stolen by Dave then Al and went home with Sue.

The first gift to hit the max number of ‘steals’ was a hand-made tree skirt with Oldsmobile embroidered designs on it. It was picked by Kelly, stolen by Donna then Dorothy and went home with Sharon.



My favorite highlight of the evening was when I overheard this phrase: “Toys and vodka beats a dead squirrel!” I think I will leave it at that.

Here are a few more pics of the evening:

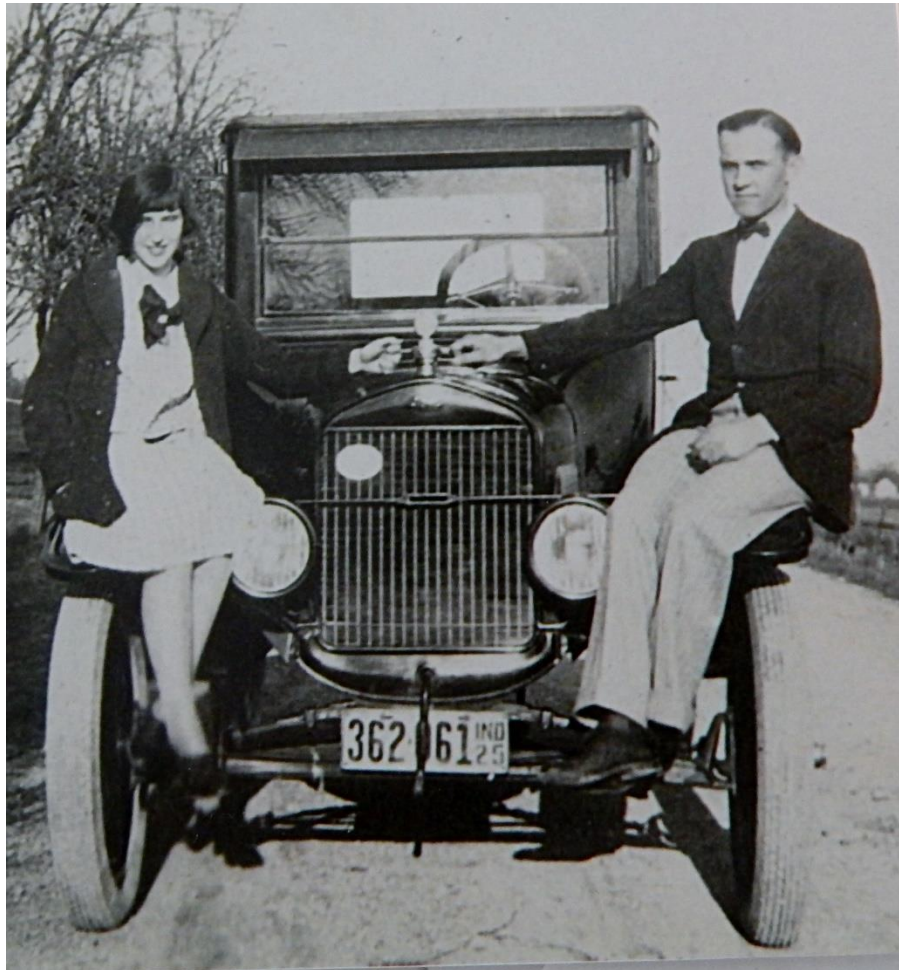




AND then, Steve Apking took the group photo.....have you ever tried to get 39 people together for a photo?..... Merry Christmas 2014 from the Motor City Rockets!

Speaking of Christmas 2014 – the Motor City Rockets received this Christmas card from Jerry Wilson, the President of the Oldsmobile Club of America, and his wife –





Phil Woodward's grandparents on an early 1920's Ford -

Meeting Minutes

MCR Membership Minutes

December 6, 2014

Called to order 5:44 PM

MCR Christmas Party

The President, Dave Tucker, welcomed everyone to our annual Christmas Party. He thanked Cindy Klemm for hosting the group. There were approximately 39 members and guests attending.

Dave Tucker recognized the following as new or returning chair people:

Steve Apking, Membership Chair

Jeff Pregler, Activities Chair

Jill Woodward, Newsletter Editor and Photographer

Cindy Klemm, Merchandise Chair

Brian Lorway, Web Master

Dorothy Maseles, Historian

He thanked the current officers for their two years of service and introduced the newly elected officers:

President: Alan Wilcox

Vice President: Dave Tucker

Treasurer: Dave Engel

Secretary: Cindy Klemm

He then presented the Spirit Award to this year's recipient, Sue Apking. He talked about all she had done for the club as newspaper editor and thanked her for her service.



Alan Wilcox presented the winners of the REO Poster Drawing. All thirteen submitted pictures will be in either this year's or next year's poster.

Phil Woodward passed out the MCR Calendars with one going to each family represented at the party. Phil also acknowledged those who had birthdays in December and January.

Alan Wilcox gave the treasurers report. We have 109 members and 19 associate members for a total count of 128. He acknowledged we need to address associate membership dues since belonging to national is no longer required.

Jeff Pregler reported on the activities that were proposed for 2015:

January Arsenal of Democracy Tour

February Bowling

March Martha Pregler & Ken Kress are working on an activity

April	Road Event
May	Dust Off
June	Homecoming
July	OCA Nationals
August	Woodward Dream Cruise
September	Traverse City Trip
October	The Great Pumpkin Car Show
November	Open
December	Christmas Party

Cindy asked if anyone needs merchandise before Christmas, she needs to know as soon as possible.

Alan gave a brief talk on what he hoped to accomplish this coming year, with support from the members.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully

Submitted,

Barbara Cook



PLAYING TAG!

This is the story of our Toronado. In Sept. 2009, I get a call from Phil saying: "We just won an auction can you pay?" I replied: "What auction? What did we win? And how much am I supposed to pay?" You see, I had NO idea Phil had gone into my Ebay account and made a bid on this car! When Phil told me the cost I said: "Do you realize I only have \$24.00 in my account?!" Car was paid for and trailered up here from South Carolina just in time for the MCR Traverse City Cruise of 2009.

-Phil and Jill Woodward



Next month's **TAG YOU'RE IT!** Is this your car? Then you owe me you owe me a story by January 28!





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