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President's Message –

Rockets,

May has finally arrived (but apparently not Spring). Hopefully the weather will start warming up so that we can feel good about taking our cars out. We've had my Dad's '49 out a couple of times and it has been nice in the car, but still quite chilly out of it. I haven't had my T-tops out or my convertible top down yet, although I have seen some crazy people on the highway with convertible tops down (@ 50 degrees...yikes!). I want to thank Brock Loewen for the super job he did on setting up our April tour of the RM Auction and Restoration Company. It was an amazing tour (and pointed out to all of us that 1. Some people have too much money, and 2. None of those people are us). The cars that were undergoing restoration were all very rare and beautiful and the cars in their collection (including a 1911 Oldsmobile Limited and a 1971 Cutlass convertible) were varied and nice. Those of us who drove our Oldsmobiles there had a really fun drive. I noticed that gas in Canada was \$.99 a liter (almost \$4/gallon). Well, hopefully the weather will get into the 70's this month and we can all start enjoying our cars fully.

Keep those Rockets lit,

Alan

Editor's Notes –

Keep the old pictures of cars coming for the “Down Memory Lane” section. I am loving the photos and stories attached to them. I think all who read are enjoying them as well. I will, also, take any and all stories; ads; items for sale or purchase that you would like to get out to the club.

Starting June 1, I will be returning to the every other month newsletter. So do not expect to receive a newsletter in July. Hopefully this will make for more information in the newsletters.

I would still love for someone to step up and offer to write up a story, with pics, for the “Homecoming” event in June. I am unable to attend. Please let me know if you are willing to do this.

Jill

Birthdays –

May 5 Cindy Klemm

May 6 Sue Apking



May Event –

The MCR May Event is our annual Dust Off. In years past, it has been held at the home of Pat and Suzi Macaluso.

BUT.....due to an unexpected trip to the ER last Sunday, because Pat took on a tree branch while standing upon a ladder, (by the way, the branch won) Pat underwent a 3+ hour surgery Thursday to secure a broken arm and will be out of commission for a few weeks. (No driving for 2 weeks) Therefore, Dust Off **WILL NOT** be at the Macaluso's home. The MCR Board is currently working on a new place to hold Dust Off and I am sure you will be receiving an email in the very near future with the details of the event.



EAGLE EYE –

April's Eagle Eyed Rockets were:

Dave Engel

Cindy Klemm

Karl Kimball

Pat Macaluso

Congrats to all who hunted.

CARS AND CAFFEINE –

Motor City Rocket, Greg Carrierre, has started up a comfortable spot where car enthusiasts can swap stories, enjoy beautiful cars, sip coffee and just enjoy a morning out. Starting May 3 and running through September, running every Sunday from 10-11 a.m. come out to Biggby's at Sheldon and Five Mile (44601 Five Mile) in Plymouth. This sounds like a wonderful opportunity to share the love of cars, so join Greg and bring your cars!

CONGRATULATIONS –

Congratulations go out to Motor City Rocket, Karl Kimball. His beautiful 1961 Supper 88 has been invited to participate in the 2015 Eyes On Design at the Ford Estate on June 21.





From left to right: Steve (holding cat), Alan and Karen Wilcox in their grandfather's 1963 Super 88. Great pic Alan!

APRIL EVENT –



14 vehicles caravanned to RM Auction House and Restoration Shop in Blenheim, Ontario, Canada on April 25. It was cold and dreary as we headed out but that didn't dampen our excitement for what was to come. The event was set up by Brock Loewen and I wish to thank him for the wonderful day.

On the drive there, we passed a Tom turkey displaying his plumage for the two females nearby – smart ladies that they were, they were ignoring him and enjoying the meal they had found. The customs guy, as we entered Canada, asked us what we were doing and when we told him we were an Oldsmobile Car club he wouldn't let us thru until we told him what kind of Oldsmobiles we had had and then told us that his first car and best car memory were of his 1961 Cutlass. Small world!

There was one 'scary' moment along the drive and that was when this 'strange person' drove past us -



Did anyone else come across this 'strange guy'? 😊

Thanks Steve, we enjoyed the laugh you gave us.

We were treated to a wonderful lunch at the shop, the chef having come in early that morning to fix a wonderful array of wraps and sandwiches. After a short meeting and tummies filled we were allowed into the restoration part of the shop (no photos were allowed in the restoration section).

Over the last 14 years, RM as restored 5 vehicles that have won Best of Show at the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. The photos of the vehicles they had were fantastic. Currently being restored were: Brock's truck; a leather Stutz and a 1938 Figoni and Falaschi (yeah, I had never heard of this one either.) While the ladies enjoyed viewing the cars as a whole, it was a greater treat to see the men 'swarm' to an engine or axle or whatever part our guide was showing us. We could hear a "Whoa" quickly followed by the men running for a look. Bob Shalla told me "I've died and gone to heaven!" I think that about said what all of the guys felt.



After the restoration part of the tour we got to go in to the museum part of RM. Some of the cars inside would be going to auction and some would be going to restoration. The display inside the museum is constantly changing. As we walked in the first car we saw was a reproduction of Fred Flintstone's car from the movie "The Flintstone's." All of the ladies climbed inside for a photo op –

The museum was full of motorcycles, cars and 1 fire truck (which I loved). There was only 1 Oldsmobile that I saw and that was an Oldsmobile Autocrat. We, also, saw 2 'Dukes of Hazard- General Lee' vehicles; a 'Batmobile' and a 'Batcycle,' as well as a car that had once belonged to Hank Williams, Jr and now belongs to Kid Rock.

All in all it was a fantastic day! Great cars, great friends and an Oldsmobile 😊 Thanks Brock and Suzanne!





Don' forget your mom on May 10 – your



Stash of *Oldsmobile's* FOUND!

I was on a trip to the Atlanta Georgia area just before this past Christmas. My buddy and I were on our way to move his brother back to Michigan. We decided to make it worth our while and check out a few attractions along the way.

We thought the Floyd Garrett Muscle Car Museum would be a good sight to see, so we started there. Lots of old Muscle but Only 1 Olds Muscle, a 72 Cutlass Drag Car. The majority of the cars are On Loan and Change out, so you never know what you are going to see.

So after that we hit the "Back Roads" South. That's when it got interesting. We were driving through the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee when I Spotted something that I thought was my imagination running wild. Before I could say "Hey; There's a Whole Line of 58 Oldsmobile's", we were past the place. My buddy said "Where" I said "Back There, Right There!"

No sooner did I say that and we were looking for a place to turn the pick up around. We got the truck pointing in the direction we just went past and there it was, a HUGE Stash of 1957 and 1958 OLDSMOBILES! They were in all sorts of condition. Some were all together, and others were missing parts. Some were rusty, while others still had their Original Paint!

It was a Used Car Lot, so I knocked on the front door and met an older gentleman and his son. They had been collecting 57 and 58 Oldsmobile's for many years. They rebuild them, sell them as is, and even part them out. I asked if we could walk around and check them out. Not only did they say yes, they said there are more over to the side and out back. "There is also a nice 58 convertible covered up under a storage roof".

We immediately went out to see this incredible find! When we walked around the side of the building I spotted a 1957 Red and White 57 Olds 88! It was pretty much in tact! It was in a line of 57s and 58s. There was 1 Buick in the batch, but that's OK, it is a survivor as far as I am concerned. Along the other side of the path were 58s lined up nose to tail. Some were 4 door and others were 2 door models, both 98 and 88s.

In all; there were around 40 of these Oldsmobile's in various conditions sitting all over the property. The One Prize Possession that was covered up, was a 1958 Convertible 88. It was Green and looked original. When I pulled back the cover to see what shape it was in, all I could do was stare and wonder "Where did they find this and all of the others?" I know they are out there if you just look, but these were rebuild worthy cars.

I may go back and make a purchase! Dan Evans MCR



Thanks, Dan!

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