

ROCKET FUEL.....



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KEEP
THOSE
ROCKETS
LIT!



EDITOR'S NOTES.....

I have a correction to make from last month's newsletter. I had mistakenly said that the "Flintstone's" car the Lady Rockets were sitting in was a reproduction from the movie. Brock very kindly corrected me. It was THE ACTUAL CAR used in the movie that John Goodman was in. Rob Myers bought the car off of the movie set. That makes it SO much cooler than I had originally thought! (And probably just showed my age and embarrassed my children by saying 'cooler'!)

Just a reminder that this newsletter is for the months of June and July, so do not look for a newsletter next month. I really hope I include everything you will need to know for the next 2 months so you won't miss out on all of the exciting things to do this summer in your Oldsmobiles.

I am still looking for someone to write an article about Homecoming to go in the August/Sept. newsletter. I am unable to attend Homecoming and it is ALWAYS a wonderful event that the highlights should be in the newsletter. Let me know if you will do this.

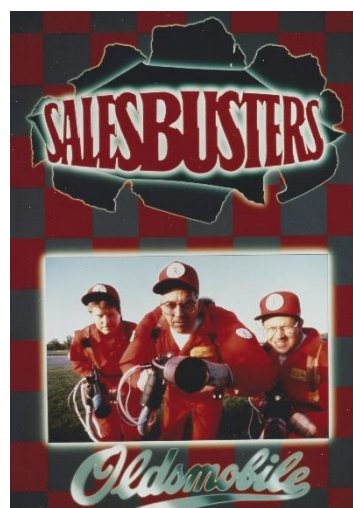
Last month we celebrated Mother's Day. In June we celebrate Father's Day. Since my father is no longer with us, I would like to take moment here to celebrate the man who gave me my love of Oldsmobiles and Tiger baseball – Bob Jarboe. He worked for Oldsmobile for nearly 40 years and then was brought out of retirement to plan, organize and implement Olds 100th celebration. Happy Father's Day dad – I love you. (And yes, when your father does weird things like this for work it is VERY hard to tell people what your dad does for a living ☺)



He got PAID to do this!

Happy Oldsmobiling!

Dad has the
Mohawk!





BIRTHDAYS

JUNE – 25 Ann Whittenbach

JULY – 6 Eric Drake

11 Dave Tucker

27 Bob Wheeler

31 Pat Hibbeln

Our Deepest Sympathies to the Carson family
at the passing of Linda, wife of Cliff and aunt to
Chris.

JUNE 21 -



**JULY 4 –
Independence Day**





UPCOMING EVENTS —

June 19 – Small Town, Big Engines: put on by RE Olds Chapter, Olds Club of America and Dimondale Business Assoc. Friday, from 6-8 pm. Downtown Dimondale, 136 N. Bridge St. between Quincy and Washington.

June 20 – Oldsmobile Homecoming: put on by RE Olds Chapter. Sat. 9-3 pm at the OPS Center parking lot, 7285 Parsons Dr. in Dimondale. This is a new location from past years. There will be: swap meet; prizes and great cars. Look for the MCR canopy and bring food to share; lawn chair; and your love for Oldsmobiles. **RE Olds would REALLY love any help in working this event. If you can lend some time during the day, CONTACT JUDY at djbadgley@gmail.com, or let them know as you check in. And, if you can help out next year contact Judy. Later that night (20th) enjoy Night at the Museum at the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum for ice cream and Oldsmobile history, from 4-7 pm. Located at: 240 Museum Dr., Lansing 48933**

June 21 – Eyes on Design at the Ford Estate. Great cars of ALL kinds and come support MCR member, Karl Kimball.

June 30-July 3 – ROA Nationals (Toronado Owners) in St. Charles, IL

July 22-26 – OCA Nationals in Brookfield, WI

June 25 – RE Olds Car Capital Celebration in Lansing



Submitted by:
Karl Kimball
Olds at East
Kentwood High
School, Kentwood, MI
in 1975. The officer
standing is making
sure there is no “drag
racing” on the way
out of school ☺
Thanks Karl.



EAGLE EYE!

There was only 1 Eagle eyed Rocket last month and that was: Steve Apking.

Congratulations! I was a little tricky in that I placed the rocket emblem on an Oldsmobile in a photo found on page 7. Let's see who is "Eagle Eyed" this time.

Thanks for playing, everyone.

MAY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS –

The first 'Cars out of Storage' event (commonly known as "Dust Off") under the RAIN, (or is that Reign? ...No, I'm sticking with RAIN!!!!!!) of our new President, Alan Wilcox, while, technically NOT a WASH OUT was definitely NOT a DUST OFF! ☺ (I will put pictures in at the end.) Yes, the 30 Rockets who braved the day, DID probably dust off the vehicles before they hit the road for Cindy Klemm's house, soon found their cars on receiving a rain water rinse that at times was quite the monsoon. Thank you Cindy, by the way, for volunteering to host Dust Off in place of the healing Pat and Suzi Macaluso.



Some of the 'West Siders' arrived in a 6 car convoy complete with the top down on Donna Franks' convertible. It was sunny as the group gathered and Cindy had arranged for her Priest to come and bless the cars. He was quick to point out that his blessing would only cover safe travel NOT the avoidance of speeding tickets! He then blesses each individual car. What a nice touch to the start of Oldsmobile Season.

Alan started the business portion of the day and part was thru the winds picked up; we got bombarded with the seed pods from the surrounding trees (I was grateful they weren't walnuts); while members rushed to their cars to put up convertible tops and shut windows. We ran for cover under the tent with several Rockets doing their best to hold the tent in place. Pat Macaluso presented Donna Franks with a special plaque in memory of Mike and passed out the dash plaques with Mike and his car on them. We did what we Rockets do best then.... we ate! Doug Width had been 'volunteered' to be the "grill master" and under the watchful eyes of Al Ferry and Phil Woodward (holding umbrellas over the grill and Doug) and did a great job. As always, the food everyone brought was GREAT; I still would LOVE to collect recipes of all the good food, but that's for another day; and I know I am not the only one who ate WAY too much. The sun came back out after we ate so many of us righted our lawn chairs to dry them out, while Cindy invited the group to look through Dave's garage.



Those who did not leave early (and by the way, you early birds were the smart ones to leave ahead of the weather), I think there were 10 vehicles left, convoyed over to Cindy's new house and the location of this year's Christmas Party to see how the new construction was coming along. Looking forward to celebrating with everyone there in December. Then came the LONG, WET drive home!

All in all, it was good friends, good food and some beautiful, if not wet, cars. Good day in my book. (Editor's note here, I do have to laugh a bit when I think of these driver's and their cars. I have literally seen them drive into oncoming traffic just to avoid a little water in the road and yet not one complained that their cars were drenched by the end of the day. You were ALL troopers!)



The cruise to Dust Off



The cruise home



The blessing of the cars



Sitting in the sun at the start of the meeting



Holding down the tent and tablecloths



Donna and the plaque



The rain! The 2 spots of red in upper left corner our grillers...



Grill Master Doug and his support team



A VERY wet car



Fun in the garage.



MOTOR CITY ROCKETS

MEMBERSHIP MEETING, APRIL 25, 2015

R & M AUCTION MUSEUM & RESTORATION

The meeting was called to order by Alan Wilcox at 11:10 am there were 27 members present as well as several guests.

Alan thanked Brock and Suzanne for organizing the tour and lunch at the Museum and Restoration Shop. What an amazing organization we were privileged to tour.

Dust-off is May 30 at Pat & Suzi Macaluso's. Jeff will be sending out an email with the details on times and pot luck options.

Dave Tucker was not present to give the Vice President's report.

Dave Engle reported that we are solvent and in good financial health.

Cindy Klemm reported that window clings will be available at dust-off and the MCR spiritwear will also be at dust-off.

Steve Apking has designed a new membership card. We currently have 131 members including associate members.

New Business:

Nationals-Pat Macaluso has been in discussions with the company that runs the car ferry from Muskegon to Milwaukee. He has been able to negotiate a discounted price if we can come up with 15 cars. He will be send details out soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 and our tour began.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Klemm

Secretary



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