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## PRESIDENT NOTE

Rockets,

Well, August is coming to a close. Only 2 more months of cruisin' weather left (unless we get a nice start to November). The Woodward Dream Cruise was great a usual. I would like to thank our MCR Events Coordinator Jeff Pregler for the work that he did in setting up the event for us, and everyone who filled a work shift for us. I was not able to get to the North Gratiot Cruise, but I've heard that Cliff Carson did another great job of hosting the MCR at Baker College.

Keep those Rockets lit!

Alan

Alan Wilcox

Next Newsletter will go out Nov. 1, 2015. If you have something you want to go in the next newsletter please have it to me by October 24.



## EDITOR'S NOTE

I have included a few articles that should probably have been in last month's newsletter but I didn't get them in, sorry for the delay if you were looking for them last month. I have received a couple of ads (YEAH!) please keep them coming; and I have a "parts for sale" section. I would love to keep these areas going so if you have something to sell please send your info my way. I continue to look for pictures of Oldsmobiles to put in the Down Memory Lane section so if you have a great photo you are willing to share please send it my way.

I have discovered that many of our members name their Oldsmobiles. That being said, here is a question for all of you. Who named their car "The Pinch"? More importantly, to me at least, is WHY? I feel a story is needed for this one so own up to your car's name and let us all know why you called it "the Pinch"! PLEASE! If your car has a name, let me know.

Sit back, get comfy before you read the rest of the newsletter. This is another issue packed with fun things our members have been doing over the summer.

Enjoy. Jill Woodward

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September

NO MCR event scheduled ☹

4-6 Frankenmuth AutoFest

### October

10 Great Pumpkin Car Show in Howell (MCR event)

31 Halloween

### September



3 Sharon

Tumidanski

6 Karl Kimball

15 Diana Kimball

24 Ed Pash

30 Jeff Pregler

### October

16 Kelly Ferry

MCR said farewell to

'98' Tucker. She was more than a dog,

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*



she was a beloved friend at many car events. She will be missed.  
(In front)

## NEW MEMBERS-WELCOME

We welcome our newest members:

Brian and Tina Marzolf (1972 Cutlass Supreme)

David and Dawn Peskey (1970 Cutlass Supreme & 1956 Super 88)

Jim and Marcia Smithbauer (1975 Delta 88 Royal Convertible)



### **EAGLE EYE**

The Rocket was on page 12 of the August Newsletter. It

was on the ferry. Our Eagled Eyed Rockets were:

Cindy Klemm

Pat Kress

Happy hunting in this issue ☺

## ONE MAN'S JUNK IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE...



Believe it or not I actually ASKED Phil to take me to our local junkyard in order to “pick” Oldsmobile parts for some fun jewelry making. What a great time we had. Phil thought we would only see 2 or 3 Oldsmobiles but there were dozens. Carefully walking the aisles, stepping over broken glass, assorted car parts, trash that had fallen out of vehicles we found what I called “The Aurora Graveyard!” We did see a couple of Cutlasses, an Intrigue, some Delta 88s and about a dozen Silhouettes.

I found about 33 pieces to play with and as we were walking out Phil teased me “are you just going to walk past an Oldsmobile?” I looked up and said “Where?” You see, I was watching my footing so as not to trip and fall, as those who saw me take a face plant at Woodward when I didn’t see a curb can attest to. (Yes, I am a klutz!) I looked up to see a beautiful ‘50’s Olds. Unfortunately it had a ‘Sold’ sign up so I could not ‘pick’ it. It was such a fun time I can’t wait to plan my next junkyard treasure hunt. Know of any good places for me to hit? (See their ad at the end of newsletter)

# JOHN WILCOX – AND ARTY!

## Car Capital Celebration

On Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> the Car Capital Celebration car show took place in downtown Lansing. This show helps support the RE Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing. My sister Karen, father John, and brother Steve attended the show, and we took with us my dad's 1949 98 Deluxe. The only other MCR members I saw there were Bob and Lori Kanas with their 1967 442. There may have been others, but our paths did not cross. The weather was predicted to be rainy in the afternoon, but the whole day was rain-free with lots of sun. Some heavy cloud cover came in at times which made the picture taking better and kept the sun off of us. There were a lot of nice Oldsmobiles (and other brands too!) there, but apparently none as nice as Bob and Lori's as they were one of five cars chosen to compete as a "Concours Finalist". I was not able to stick around and see how they fared, but just being asked to be a "Concours Finalist" there is a big deal as there are a lot of great cars at this show. My dad's '49 got a "Best of Class" trophy and overall we had a great time checking out the cars and talking with people. (BY Alan Wilcox)



When I talked to John about the Car Capital he told me he won 'Best of Class' but he never bothered to ask "What Class?" I think that is the best line I have ever heard!

"Arty" was in attendance at the Eaton County Senior Residence Car Show just one week before the Woodward Dream Cruise. "Arty" was the only Oldsmobile at the show that had 20-25 cars. People got to vote for the "Best" in many different categories. As the show started giving out awards, "Arty" (and John) walked away with: Best Antique in Show; People's Choice Award; and Best of Show. John took home 2 ribbons; a trophy and \$75 in gift cards. John says he has had so much fun in "Arty" but may need a bigger display case!

I learned that John ALWAYS names his cars. "Arty" was named after a fish in a children's book, whose name was Arty. John said it was because "Arty" looked like the bubbles fish Arty made.



"Arty" at Woodward Dream Cruise



## GRATIOT CRUISE

I asked several people what they thought about the Gratiot Cruise. I got the same line from everyone – “It was good! Cliff Carson did a great job putting it all together.” (That’s it! That’s the write up! So I will just show the photos taken....)



Photo: Jill Woodward



Photos: Steve Apking

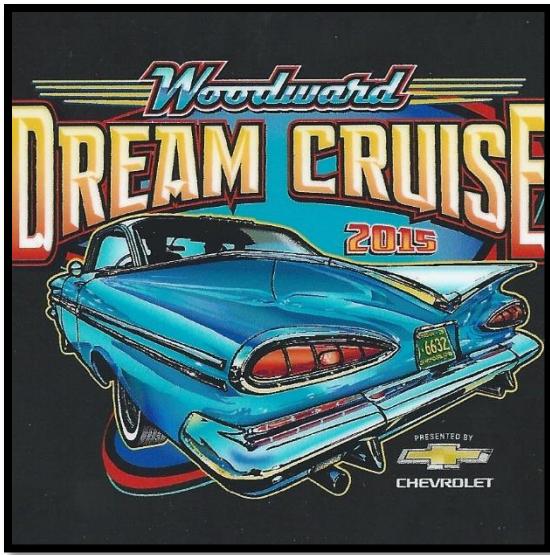


Photo: Steve Apking



**Autumn is Here!**





What a Great Day to show off your car! A BIG Thanks to those members who showed up very early to set things up for everyone. You guys ROCK!!! We had a great turnout of members; welcomed in some new folks; visited; ate; watched a LOT of cars go by; and had some fun along the way. We had Oldsmobiles, a few non-Oldsmobiles and even one firetruck on display at some point during the day. The Chevy emergency crew guys came to visit a time or two; Jeff Pregler FINALLY brought out his 442 – it is no longer a figment of his imagination! There was a “wedding reception;” door prizes and a 50/50 raffle! If you weren’t there, you missed the fun.

As much as I love the Woodward Dream Cruise, I will admit I do get bored sitting there ALL day! So, I did

something about it... I put together 4 baskets of goodies and gave everyone who showed up a ticket and gave out 1 basket every couple of hours. The baskets had a Car/Oldsmobile theme of some sort to each of them. There were 2 baskets that I thought would be good for guys and 2 I thought would be good for gals and as luck would have it that is exactly how they were won! “I love it when a plan comes together!”

#### Basket 1 Getting Ready for Woodward

Basket full of items to wash/polish your car and some other misc. items. The winner of this basket was: Lanny Yankee (basket is at his feet)





### Basket 2 Made in Michigan Like Olds!

Basket full of snacks, and items made in Michigan. The winner was:

Judy Burger

They have been snacking ever since.

### Basket 3 Cruzin in My Olds

This basket had a couple of Matchbox cars; an Olds Service patches and other fun Stuff. The winner was:

Jack Tokie.

When I told Jack he had won, he asked "Did I win an Oldsmobile?" And I said, "Technically, Yes you did!" as one of the Matchbox cars was an Oldsmobile!



### Basket 4 'Real Women Drive Oldsmobiles

Basket had a bottle of wine, wine glasses, a bracelet and some travel size goodies. Winner was:

Sonee Lapadot



She was already to put some of the items in her car.

The 50/50 raffle brought in \$90 and the winner was: Dave Engel. Dave had spent \$20 on tickets and won \$45! The other \$45 went into the MCR funds. Thank you to everyone who won; participated; helped out (Cindy Klemm and Suzi Macaluso). I think it added to the enjoyment of the day – it certainly added to mine 😊





The firetruck



What a bunch of beauties



Jeff's 442



Rockets



Love those Oldsmobiles!



Haggerty Insurance was offering a 'Drive-Thru' Chapel for people to 'renew' their vows during the Woodward Dream Cruise, and with a last name of 'Woodward' Phil and I just had to check it out.

We cruised down Woodward and into the lot where the 'chapel' was. They took our names, gave me a veil and Phil a bowtie on elastic to put around his neck. We drove over to a backdrop where a gentleman with an old Polaroid took our photo then a sweet lady performed the 'ceremony.' She asked us if we promised to stay "together over pot holes and smooth roads; through boring and scenic drives, whenever the cruise may lead us?" We said "Yes" and drove over to the 'drive-thru' reception where we were given two cupcakes: 1 white (Phil's favorite) and 1 chocolate (my favorite) and a chilled bottle of sparkling cider, then we drove passed the D.J. on our way out. It was SUCH a FUN time I didn't take my veil off the rest of the day! As we cruised back to where the MCR gang was, people saw my veil and congratulated us while cruising! So, to all of our MCR family, thanks for coming to our "reception!" And, thanks to Steve Apking for taking

a better photo of Phil and I than the guy with the Polaroid did.



The Woodward's Renew Vows at Woodward Dream Cruise 2015 – 35 years and still cruisin'



TRAFFIC!



Hidden treasures –



I'm not sure I am the best person to write on this article but I will try, as I REALLY wanted to turn around and go home before we ever reached Hines Dr.! I did learn that if you plan on going go EARLY!!! REALLY EARLY!!! We tried going at 11:30 and what should have taken us maybe 45 minutes to get there took us nearly 3 hours! Traffic was at a standstill getting into the park and what should have been a show for ONLY classic cars (those 25 years or older) was a show much like Woodward, but much slower and only one lane in each direction.

Once we finally reached our parking spot we did get to see some beautiful classic cars and many Oldsmobiles. The cruise itself was wonderful. We headed home early as the threat of rain was in the air, in fact, we got a good "rain water rinse" on the way home.

Next year, we go early; take a portable grill and enjoy the day.





Elzie Wylie “Buddy” Baker – 6’6” son of a NASCAR Hall of Famer and is ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in NASCAR history with 38 poles in his 700 career starts. In 1998, the “Gentle Giant” was named one of NASCAR’s 50 greatest drivers. Buddy raced an Olds #27 in 1978, and #28 in 1979. He drove the Olds #88 (car pictured here) from 1985-1988. He left Oldsmobile in 1990 but returned in 1991 to driving an Oldsmobile which continued in 1992. Oldsmobile, through my father’s office at Olds, was proud to sponsor Buddy and the #88.



This is a photo of my father, Bob Jarboe, standing in front of Buddy Baker’s Delta 88 race car. It is circa 1985-87. I chose this photo for Down Memory Lane because, although the Motor City Rockets did not lose a member in August, Oldsmobile did. In fact, two men with a special history with Oldsmobile passed away in August – Buddy Baker, Aug. 10 and Jack “Doc” Watson, Aug. 2. I wanted to showcase their history with Olds in this section. I found the following information on the two men on the internet, it is not personal memories.

Jack “Doc” Watson – (by Scott Atkinson) “There was a time, before, Flint’s annual car show Back to the Bricks was drawing people by the hundreds of thousands... that the organization was just an idea without a penny to its name. ...Watson ended up donating \$2,500 for that first show. He became the first sponsor. Watson was well-known in the automotive community and had helped get other events started as well, such as Detroit’s Woodward Dream Cruise. Working alongside George Hurst, who had founded Hurst Performance, a company that made auto parts often

used in drag racing cars, Watson later became the president of Hurst Performance research. The company created the Hurst shifter and the Jaws of Life, among other innovations. Watson is credited with creating the first Hurst/Olds, among the most prized muscle cars, in 1968.

Gentlemen, thank you for all you did for Oldsmobile. May you rest in peace.

## FOR SALE!

455 Engine - pulled from 71 cutlass runs, needs some work	500.00
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Holly and Edelbrock Carburetor	???
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Turbo 400 Transmission BOP Bolt Patters (Buick, Olds, Pontiac)	400.00
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Chevy Truck Frame C-10, 1968-72 2 Wheel Drive Front Disc Brakes Factory Helper Springs Semi Elliptical 10 Bolt Pattern Non Power Steering	500.00
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GM 12 Bolt Rearend Mounted on 2 wheel axel Stainles Brakes Cutlass, GTO, Chevelle Coil Spring Rear end Heavy Duty GM 10 Bolt Rearend	500.00     250.00
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Cutlass, GTO,  
Chevelle

Bolt in Axels

Onan Engine	???
John Deere Tractor Engine	???
Briggs and Stratton	

1965 Toronado 455 Engine	500.00
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Olds Intake Manifold - Brand New Edelbrock #2711 Small Block Olds Performer Intake Manifold Designed for 307-330-350-403 Olds V8's (non EGR)	200.00
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Sunbrella Car cover by covercraft Chevy Mailbu, Colbalt SS, Camaro Chrysler Sebring, PT cruiser Ford Mustang, older Taurus, Fusion Dodge Charger, Challenger	60.00
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Aeromotive Phantom #18689 - Brand New Electric in tank fuel pump 90 psi 6"-11" Depth, 200	350.00
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02-09 Trailblazer Headlight assembly	40.00
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4 Cutlass Rally Wheels - 15"	???
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4 spoke wheel Olds Wheel Covers

Many other Olds Wheels, 14" and 15"

Set of 4 17" Pontiac Wheels

Set of 4 17" Bonneville Wheels - 150.00

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I met Dave at Nationals. He will be working with Cindy and the OCA. We bought a couple of T-shirts and a tote bag from him. I hear he will take your photo and put it on almost anything. Give him a call and check him out.



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