

**ROCKET**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE –**

Rockets,

2015 is drawing to a close. It's been a wonderful year of Oldsmobiling. I want to thank all of the Motor City Rockets for making this club so good. I especially want to take a moment and thank the MCR Board of Directors, Vice-President Dave Tucker, Secretary Cindy Klemm, Treasurer Dave Engel, Activities Coordinator Jeff Pregler, and Membership Coordinator Steve Apking. These 5 people have been an incredible help to me all year and they are all exceptional examples of what the Motor City Rockets are all about.

I expect 2016 to be even a better year. We currently have events planned for January (visiting a small collection of cars), February (bowling), May (Dust-off), and June (Homecoming) for the first half of the year. We still need to come up with events for March and April. Maybe it is time to visit the GM Heritage Center again. Maybe you have other ideas. If so, please let one of our MCR Board members know.

Keep those Rockets lit!

Alan

## **LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Whew! I made it through my first year as editor. Thanks to everyone who helped by taking photos; writing articles; playing Eagle Eye; submitting photos for Down Memory Lane; and attending MCR events so I would have something to write about. I hope you will continue to help me out this year as well.

I am now receiving newsletters from Oldsmobile Clubs across the country and in Canada and will occasionally share some of their events so we can support them if we (that means any one of you) are in their neighborhood. We ARE one BIG happy Oldsmobile family after all ☺! I have loved reading all the newsletters and seeing what other clubs are doing and if you would like to see what others are doing just let me know as I have kept every copy.

If anyone is showing; attending; driving their Oldsmobile in an event other than an MCR event I hope you will let me know: 1. Ahead of time so I can let the club know in case someone else wants to attend; and 2. Take photos and let me know in a short article so I can showcase Oldsmobiles About Town. It is exciting to see all the different venues we have to show off our Oldsmobiles so let's spread the word! Let me know and I will get the word out. Send information to: [mar22pjrc@aol.com](mailto:mar22pjrc@aol.com). Thank you, Jill.

## 2016 CALENDAR OF AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS (MCR EVENTS WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED)

### January –

- 16 Private Collection Tour and Lunch

### February –

- 14 Bowling and Dinner (later start this year)
- 21 Buick/Olds/Pontiac/Cadillac 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet and Car Corral In St. Charles, Illinois

### March –

- 12 Arizona 29<sup>th</sup> Annual All Olds Car Show, Scottsdale Pavilion, Indian Bend Dr, AZ (for any snow birds out there)
- 28 Oldsmar, Florida Celebrates Centennial (Mar. 28 – Apr. 3). Town Created by R.E. Olds. ([www.oldsmar100.com](http://www.oldsmar100.com))

### April –

- 1-3 Oldsmar Celebration continues. 1<sup>st</sup> – Antique Auto Show; 3<sup>rd</sup> – parade with dignitaries. Hosted by the Florida Oldsmobile Club.

### May –

- 5 EVERY Thursday-starting the first Thursday of May through to the last Thursday of September at St. Agnes Catholic Church of Fowlerville, MI – American Car Heritage show. Located at 855 E. Grand River, Fowlerville. They meet every Thursday unless it is raining. On the last Thurs. of Sept. they have trophies for certain categories. 5-8 pm.
- 7 Lunch at Clara's in Lansing, MI followed by a tour of Michigan Historical Museum. Hosted by: R.E. Olds Club. (We are invited to Join the RE Olds Club for this.)
- 21 Dust Off at Bay Pine Farm (home of Pat and Suzi Macaluso)

### June –

- 11-17 Hot Rod Power Tour
- 18 Homecoming – OPS Center Parking Lot, 7285 Parsons Dr., Dimondale, MI. Hosted by: RE Olds Club. 50<sup>th</sup> Annv. Of the Toronado! Toronado Nationals (usually in June)

Eyes on Design (usually in June)

Discover Dimondale-Small Town, Big Cars (usually before Homecoming)

22-25 NAOC Nationals in Colorado Springs, CO

## **July –**

19-24 OCA Nationals in Tennessee

29-31 Concours d'Elegance at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI

30 Car Capital Celebration in Lansing, MI. Hosted by: RE Olds Museum

## **August –**

7 Clinton Twsp., Gratiot Cruise (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of August)

20 Woodward Dream Cruise

28 Hines Drive Cruise

Dog Days of Summer Car Show (usually in August before Woodward)  
Deer Acre Fun Park, Pinconning, MI

## **September –**

Fall Color Car Classic, Independence Oaks County Parks, Sponsored by:  
Alhambra Charities

29 Last night of American Car Heritage Show at St. Agnes Catholic Church  
Fowlerville, MI

## **October –**

1 The Gathering in Cartersville, GA. Awards for top 20 cars. Hosted  
By: Dixie Olds Club. (I have been to this show and it is wonderful!  
My Cutlass walked away with 1<sup>ST</sup> Place in the Non-Full Size Class! It is  
truly worth the trip.)

Great Pumpkin Car Show at the Howell Airport, Howell, MI (usually  
In early October)

## **November –**

## **December –**

MCR Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange.

*Won't you be my Valentine?* 

## MCR HOLIDAY PARTY —

The annual holiday party took place at Cindy Klemm's new residence. Thank you Cindy for hosting all of us. We had a great Rocket turn out with close to 40 people. The evening started with a meeting where the club summed up all the events in which members participated in 2015 and learned about upcoming events for 2016. After the meeting we moved on to the YUMMY part of the evening – the food!!! I couldn't stay away from the desserts! I hope no one was counting how many trips I actually took to the dessert table.

After stuffing ourselves we picked up chairs, coolers, foot stools, anything we could sit on and moved out to the garage, which was the only place that would hold ALL of us at one time and set up for the White Elephant Gift Exchange! For those who have never been to this event, the gift exchange is a great place to: regift something you may have gotten here in previous years you didn't really want; get rid of 'junk' laying around your house; get very creative making great 'works of art'; finding that 'perfect' Oldsmobile collectible; have fun and laugh a lot with friends. Just because you open a gift, don't plan on taking it home with you (unless it is a true 'white elephant') as an item can be stolen up to 3 times. Once it has been stolen for the third time it is the property of the lucky person who took it for the third time! If you play your cards right and work with a family member or good friend you could possibly have an item taken FROM you but end up stealing it back for the third time and thus take that item home – as we saw with Chris and Cliff Carson. Chris started the gift opening (never a good place to be, because if you get a great item you won't have it for long) and got a clever handmade framed MCR item – he didn't have it for long. But.... With the help of his dad, Cliff, Chris DID go home with the item.



Then, there are those gifts that as soon as the person opens it you can tell if they LOVE it or NOT! Case in point...Denise Tucker opened up the dancing gopher from the movie 'Caddyshack'! We all could tell that she loved the little guy as her face was one BIG smile.





Then there are those confused or not so pleased looks on some of the faces when they first see what is inside the box, bag or envelope. Like this face:

Sorry Jim Wogan!

Perhaps you need a closer look to see JUST what it IS inside your box... I think Sue Apking thought there was a bed pan in her box. It turned out to be an oddly shaped wash bucket, but never the less she needed a closer look inside...



There were 2 gifts that created quite an out pouring of comments, none of them allowed in print!!! Needless to say, they were identical and were dubbed Holy @\$%\$^&^\$# Number 1 and Number 2! In Number 2 there was a little sign that said "You Can't Fix Stupid"! Well, when you're right, you're right! You CAN'T fix stupid but

you can have a lot of laughs at 'stupid' gifts! (I can say that because I brought the gift ☺)

Then, there was my dear husband, Phil. I think he got the prize (not a real one) for opening/stealing the most gifts of the evening. I believe he stole one gift, had it stolen from him and then he preceded to open 4 more gifts (the first three were SO great he never left the opening table as they were quickly stolen by the next person) finally going home with a set of Bi-centennial Michigan license plates.



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We had a lot of fun laughing with Phil as he kept opening gifts. The best line of the night came when Ken Kress stole the model Woody from Phil – Ken said “I’ve never had a Woody before.” (Keep it clean folks, but don’t fall out of your chair as you read this 😊)

In the end, these were the most desired gifts, each stolen the maximum 3 X’s and who they went home with.

1. MCR framed ornament display – Chris Carson
2. Motor City Rockets sign – Jill Woodward
3. Bird Feeder and seed – Paulette Width
4. Pencil Drawing of 3 Oldsmobiles – Pat
5. Fleece Car blanket – Ed Pash
6. Set of glasses – Doug Width
7. Automobile coin – Marsha Nicholas
8. Oldsmobile Hot Wheels Wind Chime – Dave Engel

Rockets not only enjoyed receiving their gifts but many GAVE toys to be donated to the Toys for Tots campaign. It is a wonderful organization and one Rockets have been supporting for many years.





## HOW KEN KRESS'S '98 BECAME A MODEL — BY KEN KRESS

“It started with MCR member, Jerry Garfield. He received information from the R.E. Olds Club about Sun Star Diecast America wanting to make an exact scale model of the 1959 Oldsmobile '98. Jerry called and gave us the number of Mark Danese at Universal Exports Design in Delaware. After hearing details of our 1959 '98 convertible, he made arrangements to fly to Michigan and take dimensions and facts about the car.” (This is how it started according to Pat.)

They came out and it took 8 hours of video taping and measurement taking to get the dimensions and design down correctly. Funny thing is, I (Ken) had made some design changes to my car, such as: a double clamp on the right hand muffler side only; over tie rod; and under frame crossover. When the actual model came out, you could tell it was taken from my '98 as ALL of the changes I had made showed up in the model!

Now, my car is black on white but Sun Star made the model a red vehicle with a white convertible top as they said 'Red sells better than white'; Bronze convertible with top down; and a light blue Tudor hardtop — ALL had my changes when you looked at the bottom of the models. They were in the Platinum Collection Series. I received 6 of the Red car as payment. I kept one and gave each of my daughters one.





## **1959 OLDSMOBILE '98 CONVERTIBLE COUPE PROOF OF MODEL FROM KEN & PAT KRESS' CAR**

1959 Oldsmobile 98 Convertible Closed Top 1/18 Cardinal Red "Platinum Series"



### **Product Description**

Features Include- Opening front doors with fully detailed panels Opening boot complete with detailed spare wheel and patterned matting Opening hood with completely detailed engine Highly detailed and functional bonnet hinges Positional and individually sprung windscreen wipers Positional Sun Visors Fully detailed Cockpit and dashboard Folding forward individual front seats Operational steering Correct type tread pattern Fully detailed chassis Detailed independent front and rear spring suspension.

### **Vehicle Dimensioning**

Mark Danese, of Universal Exports Design in Wilmington, DE, took eight hours of still, video photography and laser dimensioning of our 1959 Oldsmobile 98 Convertible Coupe, VIN 559M10318. The proof is in the following pictures. The color change to red is by Sun Star for marketing purposes. Red models sell better than white. The final proof is in the exhausts system, I put two clamps on the right muffler only and removed the catalytic converters. The exhaust pipe on the left, for the duals, would not go thru the frame so we went under to clear the tie rod ends. They made the model exact with my errors.

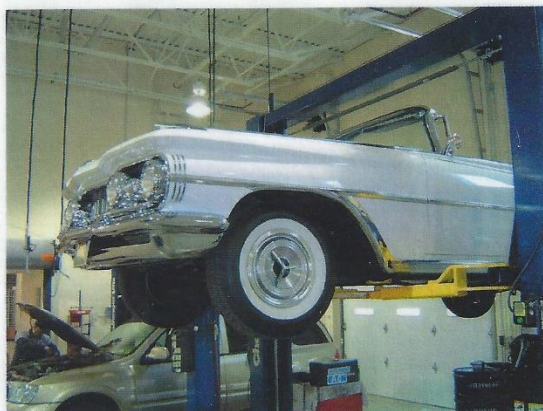




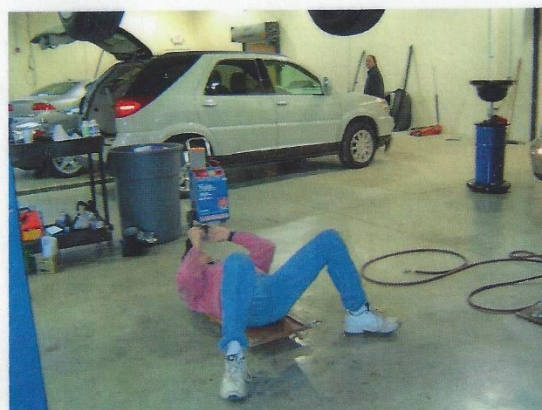
Car sits with proportional measuring scale



Mark video taping instrument panel



On hoist for underbody detail



Still pictures of underbody

### Without a Doubt Proof



Double clamp RH only



Over tie rod



Under frame crossover

You can see the twist under the frame and over the tie rod on the driver side (upper) exhaust. The double clamp rear of RH muffler



Underbody of Model

Tailpipes over rear axle without resonators, which I removed



## Mystery Car From the Last Newsletter



Did anyone figure out what kind of car this is? I had asked you to send me your guesses and I didn't hear from a single person!!!! So, let me introduce you to a Moon Car! When our daughter asked Phil and I if we wanted to see a "moon car" I will admit that my first thought was something that had been driven on the moon. As usual, I was wrong, but who can blame me as I had never heard of the Moon Automobile Company.

This is a 1922 6-40 Moon Touring Car

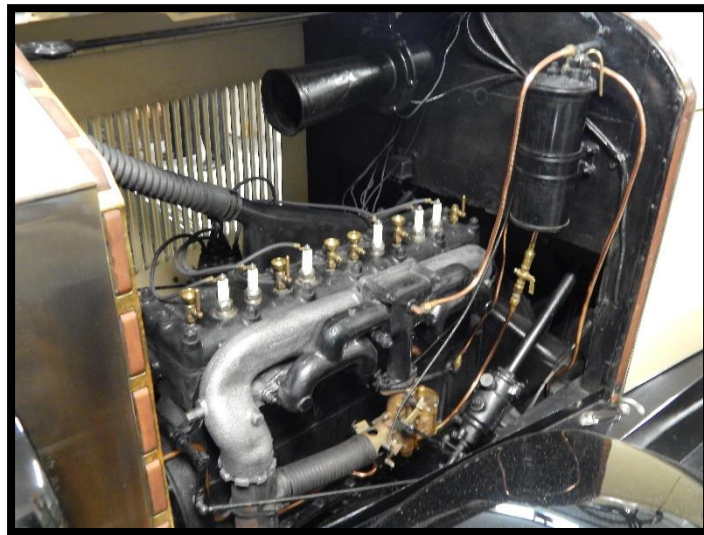
owned by friends of our daughter, Caitlin, Gary and Pat Moon. Yes, he is a distant cousin, 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin 3X's removed, of the original Joseph Moon who started the Moon Company. Gary bought the car in 2008, it had been sitting for the previous 12 years and he found the vehicle on eBay! Gary managed to get the car on the road the first year and then he concentrated on getting a new paint job, fixing the tires, cleaning out the carburetor, etc. By the way, this car has over 27 lubrication points!

Moon Motor Car was based in St. Louis, MO and was around from 1905-1930. The company produced both cars and trucks. From 1925-1928, a subsidiary of Moon, the Diana Motors Company, produced the *Diana* which was a vehicle for the ladies. From 1929-1930, another subsidiary produced the *Windsor*. It was taken over by Ruxton Motor Car Company in 1930. For about 6 months Moon had a MM emblem on the front of the vehicle. It had to be taken off and changed after Rolls Royce brought a law suit against Moon as they said the double 'M' resembled too closely the double 'R' symbol of their company. There were 16 Moon cars at the Pebble Beach Show in 2014.

Gary's 1922 Moon will be featured in the movie *Live By Night* scheduled to come out in 2016 or 2017 and was written and directed by Ben Affleck. Ben, also, stars in the movie along with Scott Eastwood and Zoe Saldana. It was great talking cars with a fellow car lover and I walked away having learning something as well.

(More photos on the next page.)





1922 6-40 Moon Touring Car



**Buick  
OLDS**

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual**

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Easy **INDOOR** Load/Unload  
Trailers allowed inside

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**Cadillac**

**SWAP MEET & CAR CORRAL**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

Large lobby and eating area

KANE County Fairgrounds,  
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St. Charles, Illinois  
Open to Public 8 AM to 2 PM

Paved Parking  
& Car Corral Area

Donation - \$5

Heated Indoor Spaces - Food - PAVED Outdoor Spots

Vendor fee : \$40 per indoor space (chairs, tables extra) - Jan 31st Deadline!

\$45 Fee STARTING FEBRUARY 1st - so reserve early !!

\$25 for LARGE Outdoor Spot

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**QUESTIONS: Tony at 847-521-3130**

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the Buick Club of America**, and the **Pontiac Oakland Club  
of Illinois**



**Eagle Eye -** Those who spotted the hidden rocket are: Dave Tucker, Sue Apking and Dorothy Maseles. Don't forget to let me know where you find it in this issue!



## **Down Memory Lane -**

I did not receive a photo to share this issue so I thought I would 'go down memory lane' to an old Dealer

Announcement Show where Oldsmobile was introducing the Quad-4 in the Cutlass Calais. Here are the words to a song that was sung at that show.

### Fugue For Quad-4

We've got an engine here I wanna make it clear  
It's the high performance engine of the coming year  
Quad-4, Quad-4, this engine's the new Quad-4.

A very special kind it's Oldsmobile designed  
With performance and economy that's hard to find  
Design, design, this engine is our design.

A super power source a hundred fifty horse  
A proven hot performer on the test drive course  
Perform, perform, this engine can sure perform.

A liter two point three this engine's sure to be  
A leading Oldsmobile example of technology  
It's two, point three, four cylinders and two point three

And I'll repeat once more it's the new Quad-4  
And with sixteen valves who could ask for more  
Sixteen, sixteen, valves in the new Quad-4.



And on announcement day you can be proud to say  
There's a Quad-4 engine in the Cutlass Calais  
Calais, Calais, Quad-4 in the Cutlass Calais.

The best of class – Quad 4 is the best of class  
Oldsmobile design! High performance! 150 horse!  
Easy on gas! Best of class! We've got the new Quad-4!  
(The End)

## MCR January Activity

### Event:

> Touring a private car collection in the Detroit metropolitan area. We are going to tour the collection of eclectic movie and TV cars and replicas owned by a friend of Ed and Sue Pashukewich. The owner's name is Mel and Sue & Ed have arranged for us to tour a collection not normally open to the public. Lunch will at East Side Mario's after the club tour.

### When & What:

> Saturday, January 16, 2016. We will meet at the Collection starting at 10:00 am on Saturday and stay until around 11:20 am. Then we will head over to East Side Mario's for lunch and meeting.

### Locations:

> The Collection is located behind 12150 Merriman Rd, Livonia, MI 48150.

> East Side Mario's is just around the corner from the collection. It is located at 31630 Plymouth Rd, Livonia, MI 48150. From the collection you would turn left onto Merriman Road and then a quick right onto Plymouth Road. East Side Mario's is a couple of blocks down Plymouth Road on the right hand side (in with the Town and Country Antiques Mall). Here's a link to their menu: <http://eastsidemariosusa.com/menus>

> On the east side of Merriman Road, north of Plymouth Road, 3/4 mile south of I-96/Jeffries Freeway.

## MCR February Activity

Event – Annual Bowling Party! Keep Sunday, February 14, 2016 open for our annual bowling party. Times will be different this year as there is a league playing when we are usually there. Start time will probably be 3:30 followed by dinner instead of the usual lunch followed by bowling. More information will be coming at a later time so keep your eyes open for an email.

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[www.reoldsmuseum.org](http://www.reoldsmuseum.org)

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