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BIRTHDAYS – ANNIVERSARIES-SYMPATHY

March – none that I am aware of

April 8 Paulette Width
 10 Dave Engel
 14 Phil Woodward
 Bob Jones
 19 Sonee Lapadot
 21 Sharon Hoover
 24 Pat Macaluso

Condolences to Suzi Macaluso at the passing of her father, Jack Morris.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS –

Robert Dorn Jr.	Livonia
Mario and Marquel Robinson	Farmington Hills
Dennis Buchanan	Lapeer
Ron Loxton	Wyoming, Ontario, Canada
Welcome back –	
Clay and Barbara Cook	Sterling Hts.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE –

Wow, what an outstanding weekend we just had, especially for February. The wind was a bit strong and some may have lost power, but it seemed much more like a week in late March. I don't know about you, but I was itching to get an Oldsmobile out and cruise around. I did see a mid-70's 88 convertible (top up) travelling west bound on highway 115 out of Cadillac on Sunday. The thought of all the salt still on the streets kept me from getting mine out though.

Well we've got a pretty full schedule heading into the car show season. The March meeting on the 19th will be at the RE Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing. Details will be sent out via email, but the day will include touring the museum in the morning (get your first look at their new 1950 88 station wagon), having lunch at a nearby restaurant, and an option tour of the State Capitol Building after lunch. It should be a really fun day!

In April on the 16th, we will be touring the GM Heritage Center in Sterling Heights. This is a "can't miss" event as the general public is not allowed into the Heritage Center. They have a fabulous collection of cars, including a newly acquired 1962 Starfire. The tour will be in the morning, and as usual, we will find a great place for lunch.

On May 7th, we have been invited to join the RE Olds Chapter for lunch at Clara's Historic Train Station. We will be eating in one of the train cars. After lunch it is over to the Michigan Historical Museum to learn all we can about the Great Lakes State. If you haven't been to this museum before, it is outstanding. If the weather is good, we are being encouraged to drive an Oldsmobile to this event. If there is interest in caravanning up to Lansing for this, we will put one together.

Then on May 21st, our annual Spring Dust-off will take place at Pat and Suzi Macaluso's in Howell. Bring a dish to pass, the club will provide the main dish.

June 18th brings the Oldsmobile Homecoming in Lansing. If you've attended in the past you should have already received your registration form. If you haven't attended yet, it is the largest one day show of Oldsmobiles in the world (and some years there are more cars at Homecoming than there are at the Nationals) and the largest Oldsmobile swap meet (you could spend all day just in the swap meet area, but don't, the cars are well worth viewing). You can get a registration form by going to: <http://www.reolds.org/images/2016RegHotelinfo.pdf> . If that link doesn't work for you, let me know and I can send you a pdf version of the form via email or snail mail.

In addition, it looks like the Bearing Burners Auto Club swap meet is back for 2016. This is the one that used to be held at Freedom Hill, then moved to the GM Tech center, then for reasons that are not clear, was cancelled for last year. There does not seem to be a car show this year, just a swap meet and car for sale corral. It will be at the Knights of Columbus Picnic Grounds 11541 21 Mile Road Shelby Township. <http://www.mhraonline.org/bbac.html>

Let's get ready to Light Those Rockets!

Alan



BOARD MEETING MINUTES –



MOTOR CITY ROCKETS

MEMBERS MEETING Jan. 16, 2016

PRIVATE COLLECTION AND LUNCH AT EASTSIDE MARIO'S

The meeting was called to order by Alan Wilcox @ 12:03 there were 39 members and guests present. Cindy Klemm passed out the minutes. Everyone read them and a motion was made by Dave Engel and seconded by Steve Apking to approve them.

Alan thanked Ed & Sue Pashukewich for setting up the tour of the private car collection.

Sympathy was extended to Suzi Macaluso and family at the passing of her father.

Dave Tucker had nothing to report at this time.

Dave Engel reported that we still have money in the bank.

Bruce Powelson, president of the REO Chapter donated 2 tickets to the Owls Head Museum in Maine, the only members going that way are Phil and Jill Woodward.

Steve Apking, Membership Chairman, reported that we have 115 members and associates including 2 new members; Robert Dorn, Jr. and Mario and Marquel Robinson. There is also a new roster out.

Pat Macaluso gave a rundown of the February 14, 2016 Bowling Event. We start later this year. Starting time is 3:30 PM with bowling and the meeting and dinner will follow. The security deposit has been paid.

We will be making a change to the by-laws to fall in line with the OCA's change to not requiring chapter members to be OCA members. The voting will take place via email.

We will try to set up a tour of the GM Heritage Center in either March or April. There is an event planned by the REO chapter that MCR has been invited to please check the website for details on future shows and postings. Future Events include: Dust-off, May 21, at Pat and Suzi's, June 18, Homecoming, Nationals in July and the Woodward Dream Cruise in August. For September there is interest in a cruise and we are looking of a chairperson(s). The Great Pumpkin Charity Car Show is scheduled for October.

Our zone director, Ken Nicholas reported that the OCA is running smoothly and that there is a new merchandise site; GMPHOTOGIFTS.COM.

A motion was made by Dave Tucker and seconded by Pat Macaluso to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:38.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Klemm
Secretary

JANUARY EVENT PHOTOS –

Many thanks to Steve Apking and Phil Woodward for taking photos when the club visited the private collection of a friend of Rockets' – Ed and Sue Pash. The guy is a BIG movie and TV fan and his car and memorabilia collections showed it. I was unable to attend and no one wrote up an article for me so the best I can do is share what everyone told me:

IT WAS GREAT! I MISSED A TERRIFIC COLLECTION!

That being said here are some photos. You will notice the guy is a big Monkees fan which only makes me regret not going all the more as I, too, was and still am a big Monkees fan.



(Our host – upper left; Monkeemobile – upper right; Munsters car – lower left; Batmobile – lower right)



'Knight Rider'



'Dumb and Dumber'



'Lost in Space'



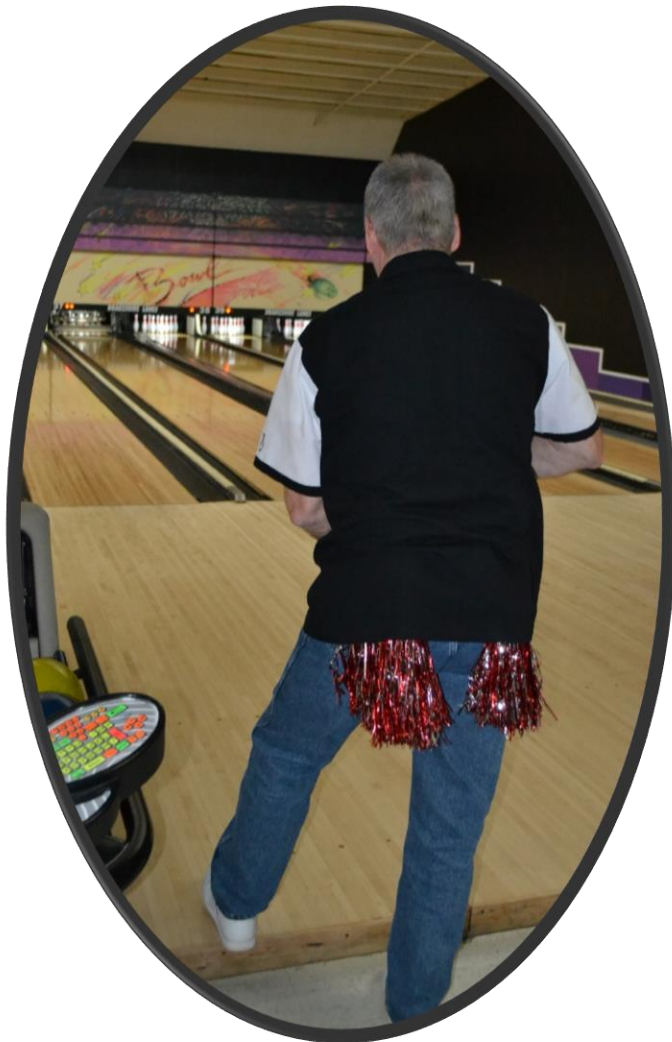
Erick and Anne Drake in front of 'Herbie the Love Bug' – I understand a trip to the movie was their first date.



FEBRUARY BOWLING EVENT –

36 Brave Motor City Rockets, donned their cold weather gear and ventured out in record LOW temperatures on Valentine's Day for our annual bowling party. 24 members bowled; 3 were cheerleaders; 1 took pictures (me); and everyone cheered, encouraged and enjoyed the afternoon. After 3 games we moved to a private party room where Drakeshire Lanes had put out a beautiful pizza and salad spread for the hungry crowd. President, Alan Wilcox, held a short membership meeting and then Suzi Macaluso handed out awards to some lucky bowlers. It was a great way to spend Valentine's Day – friends, food and fellowship. Here are some of my highlights with photos to back them up. 😊 The innuendo's come from the peanut gallery.

Steve Apking took 2 pom-poms and stuck them in his back pocket while he bowled. The phrase "Shake Your Tail Feathers" soon stuck which didn't faze Steve as he just "shook" his "tail" at the crowd all the more creating much laughter.



Martha Pregler got a 6-7 split so Phil Woodward bet her \$20 if she could make it. He thought his money was safe in his wallet and so did she. Well.....Martha made it!!! Much to everyone's surprise and delight as Phil handed over the \$20. Martha didn't want to take it but Phil assured he was serious when he made the bet so she kept the money. I understand she is going to donate it to a charity of her choice. Well done Martha!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.
STEVE	9	9	9	15	2	8	-	X			106
JEFF	5	8	19	4	1	1	-	3	7	-	71
SUZI	4	-	X	2	-	8	-	1	7	X	63
MART	3	8	-	6	7	7	-	6	-	7	61

Team 32
Player KARA
mph. 11.45

Next highlight came when Steve Apking and Alan Wilcox kept having trouble with their bowling balls returning. We could see the balls at the end but they were just turning and turning and never returning. This resulted in management having to manually come down and retrieve the slippery sphere and then take a rag and dry off the offending ball. The guys just couldn't figure out what was going on with their balls when none of

the bowling alley's balls seem to be doing that. So they asked the guy. Here is the answer Steve and Alan got:

"You have old, oily balls!" We left that line alone after much giggling, again!



Here is Steve calling for help and here is Alan getting the bad news about his ball.

Here are our cheerleaders, Ken and Pat Kress –



There was a wonderful array of bowling shirts, some homemade, some with an Oldsmobile theme and one had a bowling squirrel (Anne Drake's) on the back. I am told that squirrel was the only thing that kept Alan Wilcox in the 3rd game, he was SO tired.



There were several bowlers who got two strikes in a row and I would eagerly await in the hopes of capturing their third for a 'Turkey.' Well, I guess I am a jinx of some sort or it just wasn't in the cards because 6 people tried and failed before Karl Kimball recorded the first Turkey of the day! Way to go Karl and thanks for taking the 'jinx' off of me. Two more failed and then Don recorded a Turkey.

I was told that Pat Macaluso had premature..... well, we couldn't really find a clean word to stick in there, but needless to say, Pat kept stepping up to bowl BEFORE the scheduled bowler in front of him. Ed Pash came up and said "I've lost my balls! Next year I am bringing a sharpie to mark my balls!" Apparently he had gone through 5 different bowling balls as someone kept walking away with the one he was using. Ed said Phil was having the same problem but he "had bigger balls." (I am so glad that we are such a close 'family' that we can tease each other without hurt feelings. You guys are the best!)

When it was all done, the bowling that is, Suzi gave out fun awards for: high score; low score; closest to 50 (because the Toronado is 50 this year) went to Martha and Ed; the closest to 119 (because Oldsmobile is 119 this year) went to Anne and Jeff; who 'shook' it up the most (Steve and his tail feathers took that one); the '455' (engine) went to Don; who 'bobbled' their game the most went to Jeff Briggs; and last but not least the 'pump it up award' went to cheerleaders Pat Kress and Sonee.



Hope to see everyone back out here next year!





This gem came to me from Joe Sroka.

On another note. I'm not sure if attached picture qualifies for "Down Memory Lane" but while waiting for the 100th Oldsmobile Birthday Celebration Parade to start. I decided to look at some of the other cars lined up for parade, while my dad stayed with his 1977 Black 98. When I returned, who was in the driver seat but - Linda Vaughn "Miss Hurst Shifter". Linda & Dad had a heck of a conversation going, but she then politely said she had to go. Dad had no idea who she was. He said "She just got in and they started talking". Dad then began to tell how nice she was and what they talked about. When I tried to explain who she was he just didn't get it or didn't really care. That's OK dad - I got my picture with Linda and my OCA Judges cap signed by her.

Thanks Joe – this photo definitely qualifies for Down Memory Lane





EAGLE EYE –

Well, I have a BIG confession to make on this one..... I FORGOT to put in the Oldsmobile logo for everyone to hunt up!!!!!! So sorry, but a BIG congratulations go out to Cindy Klemm as she was the ONLY one who called me out on this. I promise the 'Rocket' emblem IS in this newsletter so let me know when and where you find it.

SOME DASHBOARD HUMOR –

Our son sent us this little gem and since it is 'car related' I thought I would stick it in for all to laugh about. Enjoy!

KNOW YOUR CAR WARNING LIGHTS:



OLDSMOBILE TRIVIA –

I thought I would put in a little Oldsmobile trivia – or – history. I love to take photos of the emblems on Oldsmobiles when we are at meets. I will admit I never knew the meaning behind some of the emblems that have graced our beautiful Oldsmobiles. Perhaps you are like me, perhaps not. Either way, here is your history lesson.



The Oldsmobile Crest was designed according to the basic law of Heraldry and is symbolic of Oldsmobile and the important place it has occupied in the automotive industry since August, 1897. Each of the elements in the crest depicts in the language of

heraldry some characteristics of the company.

The Oldsmobile Crest has a field of red and gold with the various elements making up the design finished in oxidized silver. Centered in the shield is a winged spur. This symbol of fleetness represents the harnessing of horsepower and the development of transportation to its present efficiency. The role of the Oldsmobile in this development has been so outstanding that the prominence of the winged spur is well deserved.

Under the spur and superimposed on the gold field are three acorns. These represent the historical position of Oldsmobile, the first company to introduce quantity production methods and from which the automotive industry branched out and grew to its present

foremost position. Oak leaves form a decorative background around the top of the shield. These symbols of strength and sturdiness are symbolic of the industry as well as of the strength of Oldsmobile and its parent Corporation, General Motors.

Centered above all is the lamp of knowledge, depicting the brain and research power at the command of this veteran company. The flame of this lamp represents the continuous research work being conducted by Oldsmobile engineers and the additional facilities afforded them by the General Motors Proving Ground, General Motors Research Laboratories and their staffs of experts.

At each side of the lamp of knowledge are a micrometer and a triangle. This modern touch tells the story of exactness and precision methods. They also represent the spirit of craftsmanship which impelled the Oldsmobile workmen to originate and take as their creed, the motto: "Anything short of my best is not acceptable."

By: Oldsmobile Division Public Relations Department, Lansing, Michigan

DO YOU KNOW –



From Joe Sroka:

Can somebody tell me what kind of Oldsmobile this tail light belongs too? My Dad found it many years ago at a swap meet and he just had to have it.

If anyone knows – let us know. Thanks.





2016 NATIONALS

Hope everyone has had a time to look over the registration form for this summer's National Meet in Tennessee. It looks to be an exciting week.

Phil and I happen to be a part of the planning committee – Phil will be the A/V tech for Saturday's banquet and I will be running

around taking photos to highlight the week, also, for the banquet. Sadly, that means will may not be able to share much "MCR" time but I hope to see everyone out having fun at the events.

The city of Kingsport is so excited to have us. They will be hosting their annual Fun Fest at that time and everyone is encouraged to visit their event. There will be concerts; balloon lifts; craftsmen and various other events. This, also, means they will be able to come out and see out beautiful Oldsmobiles. I am looking forward to Bristol Motor Speedway. I hope some of you will be brave enough to take your vehicle out for a few laps.

Now for a few facts you won't find in the registration form. The parking lots are lit; the overflow hotels are very close to the host hotel, which is beautiful. The hotel is connected to a convention center which CAN be easy to get lost in. There are many cozy break out rooms to visit in. The trailer parking lot is gravel but there is a paved area in which to unload your car on. A wonderful golf course surrounds the hotel. As for getting there... Phil and I drove US 23 down to the hotel this past weekend. Although very scenic and pastoral, there are many places where it is not a highway and you have to slow down to get through towns and cities, put up with stop lights and get frustrated when there is NO shoulder and you are driving up and down thru the mountains on a curving road with mailboxes on one side and grass or rock on the other side. It took us 10 hours from Howell.

On the way home we took a little road through Virginia over to Corbin, KY and then north on I-75. For roughly the first 20-30 miles, once you turned off US23, the road was two-lane, weaving curves through the hills with hardly a soul on the road. We eventually got an extra better route for those traveling with trailers. It took us just under 10 hours to get home. Hope this helps.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

March 19 – MCR event to RE Olds Museum

April 16 – MCR event to GM Heritage Center

May 7 – MCR event with RE Olds Club to Clara's for lunch and Michigan Historical Museum

21 – MCR event Dust Off at home of Pat and Suzi Macaluso

June 18 – Homecoming hosted by RE Olds Club

22-25 - NAOC

25 – Bay City River Roar Car Show

July 8-9 - Bay City Cool Car Cruise and Show downtown Bay City riverfront

9-10 – Tawas Gay Summeriest Car/Cruise Show

19-24 – OCA Nationals in Kingsport, TN

31 – Au Gres, MI Car Show, City Park

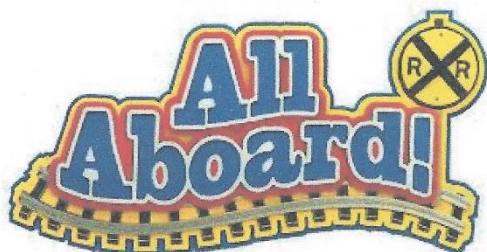
Aug. 20 – Woodward Dream Cruise

Sept. – date not yet set MCR Road trip

17 – Downtown Midland Cruise 'N Car Show

If anyone knows of a show or cruise you would like to share with the club let me know and I will put it in the next newsletter.





SATURDAY MAY 7, 2016 – 11 AM

Calling all members of the
R. E. Olds Chapter and
Motor City Rockets

It's time to get those Oldsmobiles out of hibernation and drive them to
Clara's Lansing Station Restaurant, 637 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI

Clara's was built in 1903 as a Union Station Depot and is on the National Historic Registry.



From its beginning in 1903, the "Union Depot" on Michigan Avenue was a haven of hospitality for train passengers and Lansing locals whose entertainment was watching the iron horse pull in each day. It's rumored this station was also used as a backdrop in the production and shooting of the famous novel turned movie "Anatomy of a Murder".

The elaborate combination of cut stone arches and towers was designed by Detroit architects Spiers and Rohns who gave several Michigan railroad stations a similar Romanesque design.

Visible signs of wealth appeared throughout Lansing in the early days of the new century, thanks to an industrial pioneer named Ransom E. Olds. His genius in motor car design brought a revolution in travel that quickly labeled Lansing "Olds Town" and insured Michigan's future as the Automotive State.

The staff will be expecting us & will direct us to the restored train car for our gathering. At **11:30** they will take our lunch order. They have a wide variety of menu choices like soups, sandwiches, wraps, salads, pizza and burgers and everything in between. For an advance "peek" at their menu go to www.claras.com and click on "menu".

Following our delicious lunch we will take a short drive to the
**Michigan Historical Museum,
702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI**

The museum has five levels of permanent and changing exhibits that tell the story of Michigan's past from precontact through the late 20th century. Exhibits include interactive computers, audio-visual presentations and hands-on elements. Plan to allow at least 90 minutes for our tour. This is "PURE MICHIGAN" at its finest. We will have a guided tour provided by museum personnel for a fee of \$6.00.



We do need to provide an attendance count to both the restaurant and the museum. Please let Judy Badgley know if you will be attending.

djbadgley@gmail.com or 517-645-7438.

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