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Club elections are coming up this fall. From what I hear, all board seats are up for nominations except Treas. – Dave Engel is willing to continue. As well, Jeff Pregler is stepping down as event coordinator and we are looking for someone to take his place. An email has gone out regarding where to send nominations.



NAOC NATIONALS – by: Paulette Width; photos by: Dorothy Maseles

MCR members Jack Tokie, Dorothy Maseles and Doug and Paulette Width recently attended the National Antique Oldsmobile Club National meet in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Jack trailered his '46 Woody for its debut at NAOC.

The NAOC meet is typically small but the attendees are die-hard Olds Oldies people. There were about 70 cars there; the oldest being a 1928 touring. Newer cars ranged up to '72 as well as several Auroras. There were many 50's and 70's cars. All of them were high quality. Interestingly, the largest class was the modified. Cars came from California, Nevada, Texas, Washington, Arizona, Utah, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Ohio, Louisiana, and others, but none from further east than Ohio. Of course, we represented Michigan.

As always NAOC members are enthusiastic and buzzed around Jack's Woody constantly admiring, asking questions and taking pictures. Other interesting cars included five 1952 modified sedans from California, two '53 Fiestas, and a '39 coupe that had just won the Del Mar Concours.

NAOC provided several interesting tours including a cog-rail train ride to Pikes Peak and a trip to a collection of hundreds of AMC Nash Ambassadors. Over 600 were inside a warehouse but several hundred were outside in the woods just scattered everywhere in the underbrush. Members said it was a surreal setting.

Friday night the four of us ate dinner at the Airplane restaurant. We ate in the fuselage of a WWII vintage C137 cargo plane! We also toured the cockpit and Jack, who is a licensed pilot, sat in the pilot's seat and educated us on all the dials and controls. The restaurant is also an air museum which we wandered through after dinner. Quite a fun place to recommend to you if you are in Colorado Springs. (Oh, and the food was good too.)

The weather was hot and Saturday we had a terrible wind event (a microburst they said) and large debris blew around the show field. Fortunately no cars were damaged, but MCR members Bill and Joann Ehrsam's trailer was damaged. Bill,

always prepared for any surprise, had the right tools and skills to repair it enough to get it back home to Ohio.

Saturday at the Awards banquet was a big win night for Jack's Woody. It won Best of Class Modified (against tough competition) AND the President's Award (in this club this is equivalent to Best Of Show). Jack gave a nice thank you to Doug for helping restore the Woody to its new glory. While, as said before, the competition was stiff, the Woody has that little special uniqueness to stand out from the crowd. Jack's awards were deservedly won.

On to the next show. Next year's NAOC will be in Reading, Pennsylvania.




Editor's Note: When Jack got his judges sheet he had scored a perfect 1000 points! Ever humble, Jack thought they overlooked some things and scored too high.



CHELSEA CAR CRUISE –

Held at the Wendy's parking lot in Chelsea on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, this little gathering on August 2 drew in 85 vehicles. It, also, brought out the "Twin Cutlass's" belonging to Suzi Macaluso and Jill Woodward (we bought Pat and Phil along, too). These little Oldsmobiles don't garner the same attention as the modifieds; hot rods; street rods; or vehicles 50 years old and older, but when the temperature is over 90 they are the perfect cars to cruise around in with the tops down. It was a fun, relaxing evening even if we didn't win one of the two trophies or the door prizes or the 50-50 or..... ☺ Next time, though, we will try NOT to park under the speaker!





If you have had YOUR Oldsmobile out and about, I would LOVE to hear about it and add it to our next newsletter. Hint! Hint!

AMERICAN CAR HERITAGE SHOW – OR – THE NIGHT I GOT PUNKED!!!

This fun, little show happens every Thursday evening from around 5-8 from May through the end of September in Fowlerville at St. Agnes church on Grand River. Cars of every make and age mix and mingle and enjoy the evening with friends and fellow car enthusiasts. There can be anywhere from 50 to 100 cars there on a Thursday. There is great music, a hot dog stand for hot dogs, burgers or brats and door prizes. As you drive in your car is given a number and over the 3 hours you are there they will draw numbers and you win a door prize. It really makes for an enjoyable and relaxing evening. When I went in June I was THE ONLY Oldsmobile there.

I went again, with a few friends, on August 4 and there were at least 4 Oldsmobiles and we saw fellow Rockets: Glenn and Marilyn Riess; Tim, Sarah and Garrett Holliday and we met up with Pat and Suzi Macaluso. So let me tell you how I got punked while there!

Phil had been looking for an Oldsmobile Silhouette or Bravada for me so I could cease driving a Buick. On July 31, Phil and Pat went to look at a Bravada and Phil bought it. I was very happy. We just couldn't bring it home as the guy wanted the check to clear first. Phil and Pat were going to pick it up on Wednesday but Phil had to go to the west side of the state for work. He got home REALLY late and when I called him to ask where he was, he told me he had stopped for dinner. The next day, Aug. 4 Phil, again, was going to get the car but he called me to say the owner had had a family emergency and had taken his mother in law to the hospital and we couldn't pick up the car until the weekend so why didn't I call the Macalusos and see if they wanted to meet us at the show in Fowlerville. I did and we planned to meet there at 5:30. We drove in, Pat had picked up my "door prize" number and stuck it on my dash. The boys went to eat and Suzi and I visited. They started giving out door prizes. I had NO SOONER told Suzi that they NEVER call my number when they called my number!!!! I jumped up so fast, my chair tipped over. I ran to the tent to get my prize. I told the guy "I have been coming here for 3 years and you have NEVER called my number!" He said, "Well, here is a prize handpicked just for you then." I said "Thanks" and

turned to go. The D.J. and the folks with him said they wanted to see what it was. So I opened my bag to reveal a 'Final 500 pin'. I said "This is perfect!" When asked why I told him that we had just bought a final 500 Bravada. The D.J. asked "Where is it?" I told him we couldn't pick it up until Saturday. That's when he says: "Then, what's that behind you?!" I turned around and saw that Phil and Suzi had their cell phone cameras at the ready and Pat had pulled up in the Bravada for all to see. I HAD BEEN PUNKED BIG TIME AND GOT THE BEST DOOR PRIZE EVER! My daily driver is once again an Oldsmobile. Thanks to everyone who helped pull this off.



What I drove
in with on the
left - Garrett
with the
losing tickets





EAGLE EYE

Our Eagle Eyed Rockets this time were:

Dave Engel

Ken Kress

Pat Macaluso

Erick Drake

Steve Apking

Dorothy Maseles

Great hunting folks. Let's see who finds it in this issue!



BIRTHDAYS (THAT I AM AWARE OF!)

SEPTEMBER

3 Sharon Tumidanski

6 Karl Kimball

15 Diana Kimball

24 Ed Pash

30 Jeff Pregler

OCTOBER

16 Kelly Ferry

ANNIVERSARIES (I AM AWARE OF)

I put in Pat and Suzi Macaluso's anniversary in the last issue, only because I was aware of it, BUT I failed to have the newsletter proof read and gave the wrong date. They celebrated on July 20 while at Nationals. Sorry guys 😊

But, putting that announcement in sparked two other guys letting me know they were celebrating anniversaries as well, which I thought was sweet. So, although it is belated, **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** Steve and Sue Apking, July 1 and Ken and Pat Kress, celebrated 59 years on August 24. Congrats folks.

Please welcome **The new members:**

Jerry & Genina Hagle Warren, MI 1961 Dynamic 88 4 door hardtop
1956 Super 88 4 door sedan

Don Harris Livonia, MI Currently no Oldsmobiles but looking for a 1949-51 Club Coupe

Arron Metheny China, MI Currently no Oldsmobiles

Bruce Powelson Howell, MI Not sure if owns any Oldsmobiles. Current R.E. Olds Club President

Returning members:

Steve Mancinelli Washington, MI Two 1967 442's. 1 of these use to belong to Alan Agauas

Richard & Nancy Peskey Metamora, MI 1955 98 hardtop
1955 Convert. Super 88 (Sand Dunes car)




This time we don't have a photo of AN Oldsmobile, but I still felt it belonged here. Thanks to Dave Engel for the submission.

R. E. Olds – the man, the myth, the bank president?

By: Dave Engel

Many of us have hobbies and interests besides our beloved Oldsmobiles, and in my case, that would be coins and currency. I started collecting the latter when I was eight years old as numismatics, the term 'coin collecting' is more formally



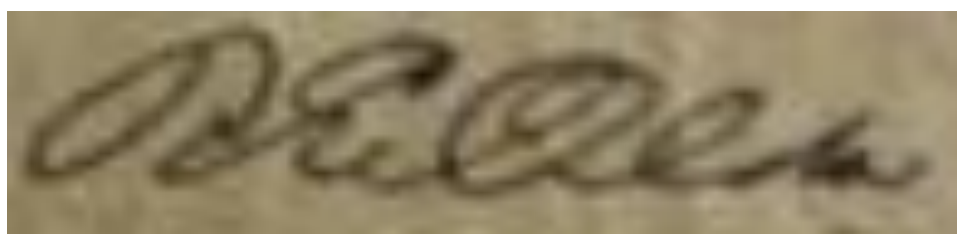
called, did not require a driver's license! Whether it is coins, books, gardening or any other avocation one can think of, there is a special joy derived when two or more of one's hobbies overlap.

Recently at a local coin club meeting for a group I am a member of, a gentleman gave a presentation on numismatics related to the Lansing area. He brought some samples to pass around and show, and one of these was a National Bank Note from Lansing. Today we only have Federal Reserve Notes in our pockets, but National Bank notes were one of the many types of currency previously in circulation. Wikipedia defines a National Bank note as follows:

National Bank Notes were United States currency banknotes issued by National banks chartered by the United States Government. The notes were usually backed by United States bonds the bank deposited with the United States Treasury. In addition, banks were required to maintain a redemption fund amounting to five percent of any outstanding note balance, in gold or "lawful money."¹

Now for the Oldsmobile connection. R.E. Olds was the President of the Capital National Bank of Lansing for many years, during the REO Motor Car company years. It can be surmised that REO the company had easy access to capital due to REO the man being the President of the local bank. National Bank notes were hand signed by the issuing bank's Cashier and President in addition to having the statutory federal official signatures engraved on the plate, same as on today's Federal Reserve Notes in our wallets and purses. The note pictured below is a Series 1929 \$20 National Bank Note from the Capital National Bank of Lansing, federal charter number 8148, signed by R.E. Olds as president. A close up of the autograph is shown as well.

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Bank_Note



When I saw this note as an example of Lansing numismatics and learned who signed it, I instantly made an offer to purchase it and it went home with me that evening. So now I have a nice example of Lansing currency with an actual R.E. Olds autograph. It is great when two passions come together in one place!

It is worth noting that the Capital National Bank of Lansing continues in business to this day. More remarkable is that it remains a small, local bank when the majority of its peers have been absorbed by the regional or national conglomerates. Their website is: <http://www.capitolnational.com/>

CAR CAPITOL CELEBRATION

On a cool, VERY wet July 30th several Motor City Rockets made their way to Lansing for the Car Capitol Show parking around the State Capitol. There were many different categories for judging and the top 2 in each category won an award as well as there were 4 Best Of Class awards and several Premium Awards. There was, also, 5 or 6 large tool boxes given out as door prizes. I was really hoping my little Cutlass would come out in the top two of my category, but sadly I

just went home WET! Literally as the top over my chair collected water and then leaked it ALL down my back and then I got in my Cutlass convertible and IT was SO sad, it “cried”! Yeah!!! Leaks coming in from both windows. BUT..... these Rockets did do well.

Alan Wilcox won a door prize of a cap and T-shirt; Don and Eva Cooper won a tool box; John Wilcox and Phil Woodward each won a clock for being one of the top two in their category. Bob and Lori Kanas won Premium Muscle and Tim Holliday won Best Of Class for the Oldsmobile Class. Also present were: Jerry Garfield, Doug and Judy Badgley; and Karen Wilcox. Congratulations to everyone.



Tim
Holliday

Congratulations go out to Tim Holliday, again, as he took his beautiful Hurst to the Gilmore Museum Red Barns Spectacular. Tim thinks there were around 700 cars there and his car took Best Of Show!





WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE –

What can you say about the Dream Cruise that hasn't already been said over the last 22 years that it has been 'Official'?! From what I heard, there were 1.5 million people; over 30,000 vehicles; 16 miles of road; and everything you can think of on wheels and even some you never would have thought of in your wildest dreams but they were there!

MCR parked in the bank parking lot once again away from the central hub of action but we were still able to see all of the cars and have a great time visiting with each other. From the looks of the posts on Facebook, many of us were out and on the streets cruisin' early in the week. This is an event that is just plain hard to accurately put into words. You really have to experience it to understand it and we had some 'newbies' there this year.

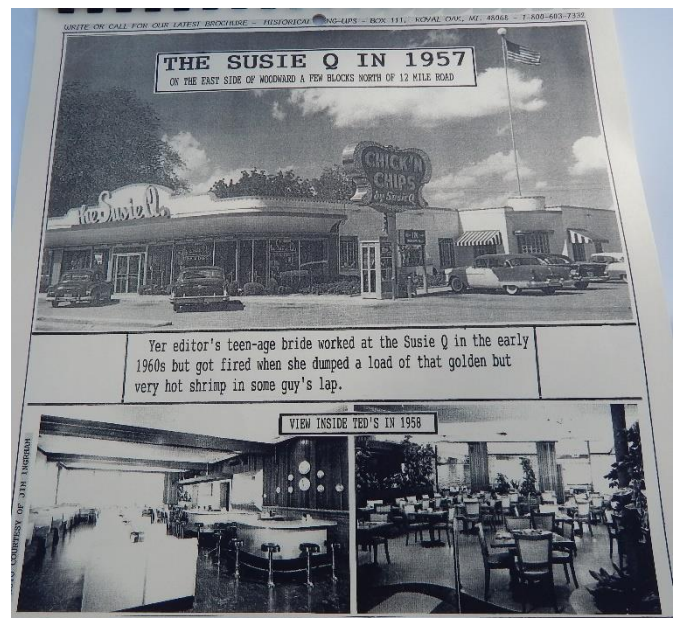
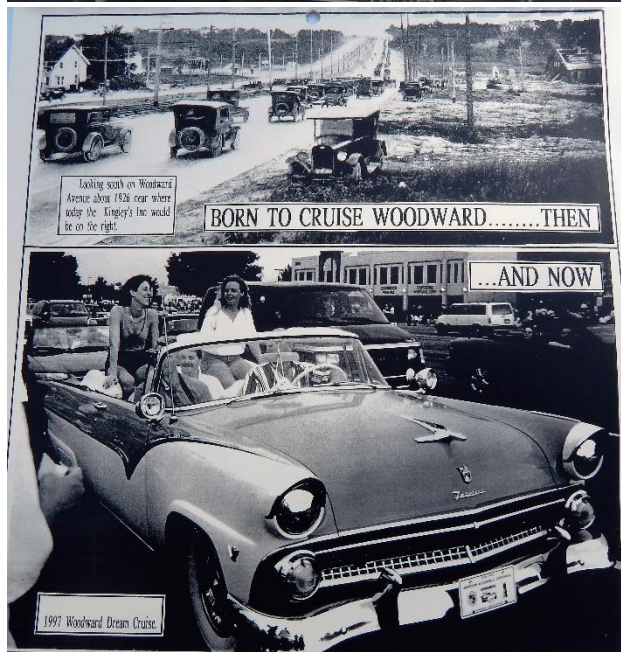
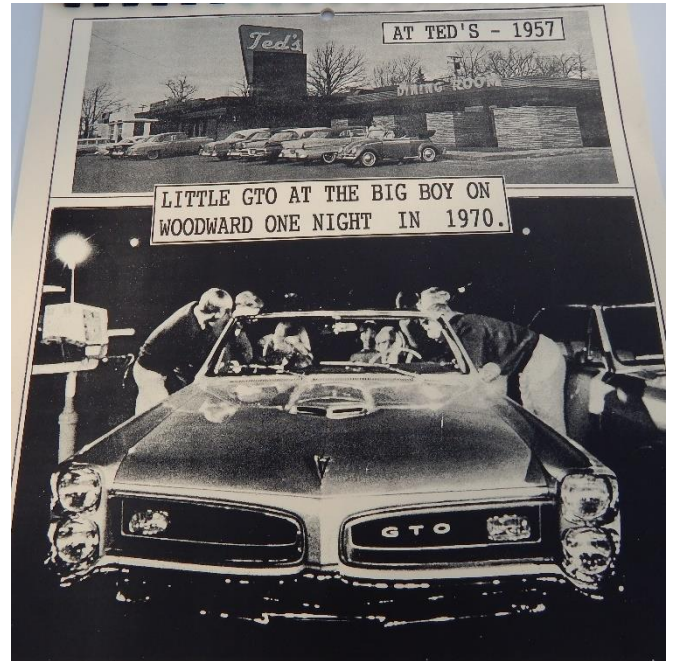
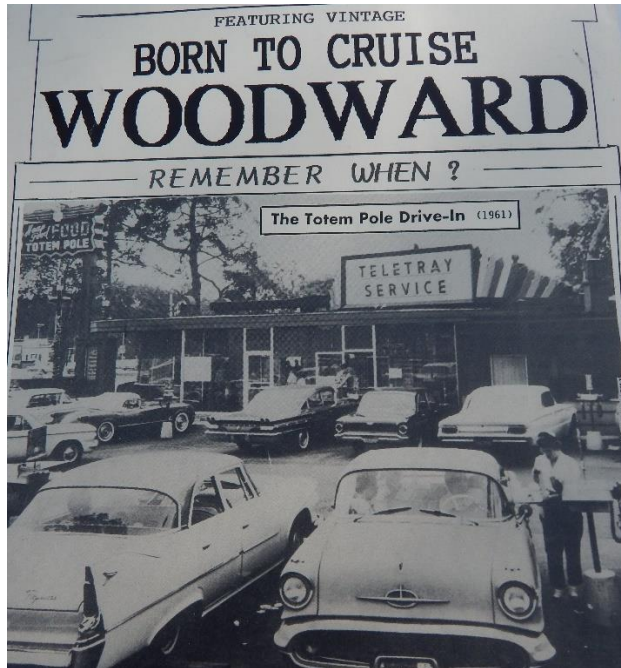
The morning drive, for us, was through thick fog opening up to a beautiful, sunny day on Woodward Ave. Storms did come in later in the day but it didn't ruin any of our fun. At one point, several of our Rockets pushed a little foreign job, from across the BIG pond, which kind of died in front of us. The Chevy Rescue Squad came in about that time, as they know and work with some of our Rockets, and they took a look under the 'bonnet' (that's a hood to us Americans☺). The starter was in trouble. A second rescue truck pulled in and 4 more guys hopped out. There were now 6 service guys to one little car. I told the guys they could probably just pick the thing up and move it out of the way! Eventually, they gave the little car a push start and the couple were able to get back onto Woodward. (That was the excitement for the day!)

I left around noon and somewhere around dinner time several Rockets cruised over to Doug and Paulette's house to watch and interview of them and their 1932 Olds that channel 7 was airing. In the middle of the broadcast, as the newscasters were talking about 'Funny Cars', there was Doug and Paulette in the Woody that took top honors at NAOC! We got a two-for-one with the Width's and I can now say I know some 'T.V. stars.'

Photos on next page -



Then, there were these gems of Woodward Ave in days gone by that Jack Tokie found on a 2005 calendar and showed me.



Thanks, Jack. I just loved these photos.

I received this link from Eva Cooper after Homecoming. What is great about it is, as you are looking at the vehicles they reference, you will notice the beautiful car of our very own Rocket Ron Whittenbach.

“Here is an article in the Hot Rod Network Beta about our Olds Homecoming show. Just click on the blue link in the next line to read it and see the beautiful pictures including several of our member's Oldsmobiles.

[Largest Annual Gathering of Oldsmobiles Anywhere!](#) “

UPCOMING EVENTS –

SEPTEMBER –

5 LABOR DAY

16-18 Rockets,

Your Executive Board is in the middle of planning a September East to West Michigan Cruise. It is scheduled with us leaving Howell, Michigan on September 16th, and returning on Sunday, September 18th. The tours will include Doug and Judy Badgley's Oldsmobile Museum of Wonders and the Gilmore Museum (additional stops are in planning stages). In between there will be plenty of cruising, eating, and general Motor City Rockets camaraderie and shenanigans (probably mostly shenanigans). We hope to have hotel blocks nailed down by Woodward (the Dream Cruise, not Phil and Jill), and at that time also have more detailed information.

Sincerely,
Alan

OCTOBER –

8 GREAT PUMPKIN CAR SHOW

31 HALLOWEEN






OCA NATIONALS –

I just got home last night but if I don't write this now chances are I won't remember what happened come the end of August when I put the newsletter together. Mind you, my viewpoint was VERY different from everyone else as I was "Official Photographer" and my perspective was through my viewfinder, and sometimes even that was "out of focus!" ☺ Let me give you a short narrative of what I went through: I misplaced my wallet; ring; flash drive and mind! The first three I eventually found, the jury is still out on the last! My body ached in more places than I could count; I cracked my head on the golf cart and my feet swelled so much on the drive home I couldn't wear shoes. I ran out on Saturday to get last minute pictures only to get outside and find out that I had forgotten to put a memory card in my camera. Once I put in a memory card there were 2 cars I couldn't find as they were NOT in their assigned spots; I totally forgot about the Ladies Luncheon and only when Steve Apking mentioned where the ladies were did I jump up, run out (Phil finished eating my lunch) and I got to the luncheon just as the ladies were doing last minute questions with the chef and leaving their tables. The worst one was I accidentally switched my camera from auto focus to manual focus during the last group to go around the track – didn't realize it – and took 200+ photos of the show cars on Friday morning THEN realized they were ALL out of focus! I fixed the problem, and had to retake those 200+ photos and still had to get a photo of any car I had not already taken. ☹ I must have looked like a chicken with her head cut off running around going nuts and stressing out. Thank heavens that is when Don Boudry stepped in and got a golf cart and drove me around to help me out. You are a life saver Don! I couldn't have done it without you. Well, enough about me... Hey! If you wanted a different perspective on Nationals you could have written one yourself! ☺

On to the Nationals. In one word **HOT!!!!** The Oldsmobiles were HOT! Driving on the track at Bristol was HOT! The temperature was HOT!!!! The people, because of the temps were HOT! Kingsport, TN was a beautiful place to host the Nationals and the people at the Marriott bent over backwards to accommodate us. I loved all the cozy nooks groups could congregate in and visit and Starbucks helped more than one of us start our day. AND, luckily for all of us the air conditioning was working so going inside the convention center was a welcome respite from the sunshine and high heat index outside. Local artisans even came in on Thursday and Friday to sell their wares to our crowd.

Where to start on the rest of Nationals. Rockets were over 40 people strong this year. We even got a shout out during the banquet by OCA President, Jerry Wilson, commenting on the number of people we had present and that the combined number of people from just 3 clubs (ours being the largest) constituted just over 1/3 of the total people present! Way to go Rockets! Not all of us brought our Oldsmobiles. Dave Tucker came, I think, just to be a judge on Friday (Thank you for that); Cindy Klemm came to deliver the 30 year jackets she had embroidered and have some fun (the jackets were




beautiful); Marsha Nicholas came to help out at the JWO table (glad you were there); some came and had their car in the “Show Only” category – (this according to the list I was given by OCA) Tim Holliday showed his 1969 Hurst Olds Convertible; Marilyn Riess showed her 1972 442; and Erick Drake showed his 2001 Aurora. In the Junior category there was: Joe Sroka and his 1969 Hurst Olds; Doug Badgley and his 1972 Hurst Olds; Ed Pash and his 1979 Hurst Olds; James Kryta and his 1970 442 Convertible; Sonee Lapadot and her 1971 Cutlass 442 Convertible; Jake Hoover and his 1970 442; and Jack Tokie with his 1969 Tornado. In the Senior division we had: Pat Macaluso and his 1988 Cutlass Supreme Classic; Steve Apking and his 1985 442; and John Muchmore and his 1972 442. In the Senior Preservation category we had: Doug Width and his 1932 F-32 Convertible; Tina Zaenger and her 1969 442; Phil Woodward and his 1985 Toronado; and Brock Loewen with his 1969 442. Bringing home Best Of Class for the beautiful cars were:

James Kryta; Pat Macaluso; Steve Apking and John Muchmore.

WAY TO GO GUYS!!!


I would be remiss if I didn't add this little tidbit on John Muchmore (sorry John but I had to☺). As Phil and I were putting together the slide show of the Best Of Class winners we came across John's name but I did not have a photo of his car. I knew John was wanting to leave early but I ran downstairs of the hotel asking if anyone had seen John. They had – he was in the general membership meeting. I went there, had John pulled from the meeting while Jerry Wilson was talking, and wouldn't you know it, John was in the very FIRST ROW! When he came out, I fabricated that I needed a photo of EVERY car at the show and didn't have his and asked where the car was. He graciously took me to his car as it was not parked with the others in his assigned area. While we were walking there he tells me “it's NOT like my car is going to win or anything!!! And I will probably leave soon anyway!” I was NOT allowed to tell him he had won, so I told him I would at least have a photo for the MCR newsletter. Fast forward to the banquet that evening and in walks John! I still couldn't tell him he won but we found him a seat up front. Then came all the ‘confusion’ with the possible thunder storms with hail and people were running out to cover and/or move their cars and John took it upon himself to act as ‘director’ to all the chaos going on outside. The banquet resumed and John kept poking his head in and out of the room and I just wanted to tie him to his chair! He eventually settled in and the awards in the Senior division started. John sat back, relaxed, still convinced his car would NOT win! So certain he wouldn't win that when they called his name he tried to wave off the award! It was too funny, to me at least. **JOHN, YOU REALLY DID WIN!!! IT WASN'T A DREAM!** That's it for awards. There will be LOTS of photos at the end so never fear.

The Ladies Luncheon, you already know I didn't make it to that but the ladies that went said the salmon was delicious. Then there was the trip to the Birthplace of Country



Music Museum in Bristol, Virginia! There were supposed to be 3 buses to take people there and only 2 showed up. The third I am told was late because he was waiting to put in the “fake pee” that buses need! Anyhow, Ed and Sue Pash, Sonee Lapadot and myself didn’t make it on to one of the first buses and were told the third would be there very shortly. 30 minutes later we were still waiting so Ed pulled up his truck and the four of us drove in A/C comfort (I say that because the bus the other Rockets were on – the A/C wasn’t working) to the museum and met up with the rest of the group. It was a wonderful little museum and the folks working were extremely knowledgeable and helpful. So many fascinating things to see and read about there. There was an actual radio DJ broadcasting live from the museum and a sing-a-long booth for the brave or crazy depending on how you look at it. We decided to have a Rockets sing-a-long so we crammed 8 of us into the booth. We didn’t know any of the possible songs to pick from and finally choose one that had sections for both female and male singers. All I can say is “Don’t quit your day jobs guys!” It was quite funny to hear us trying to follow along, some adding their own words. Funnier still, how we all got REAL quiet when it came to recording the song. There was lots of laughter and I think we discovered a new way to ‘bond’ with each other.....put 8 Rockets into a very small room with no way to turn around, move, or breathe! You get close REAL quick. It was a great time and you will have to talk to Sue Pash as she recorded us. By the way, thank you Ed for being my ‘bus driver’ to the museum. After the museum we walked thru town and even played a little ‘Frogger’ with us being the ‘frog’ as we dodged traffic to straddle the center line of the street so we would have one foot in Virginia and one foot in Tennessee. We ate lunch at a car themed diner and perused the antique shops. Best line I heard was from Ed- “I found my marbles!” He was looking through a box of marbles at the time. Sue Pash dropped a marble and said “I just lost my marble!” Then Suzi Macaluso came running out to me and said “I found you a toilet!” I went in and bought it – a doll house size toilet I had been looking for to decorate my guest bathroom. Guess it doesn’t take much to entertain us and it is great to know we have a fun time whenever we get together.

MOONSHINE – I can’t forget the moonshine talk and taste testing. Several Rockets came; they saw; they drank; they drank; they I think you get the picture. A gentleman by the name of ‘Tiny’ (he wasn’t) makes legal moonshine for a living and came and shared the history of moonshine and how he got into the business. He was funny and very interesting. While he was talking, guests could come up and take a sample of any or all of the 12 different flavors Tiny makes. While most people waited patiently in line in order to get their sample, there were two people who didn’t bother with the line. Any time they wanted a sample (they said it was for other people☺) they just got up and grabbed one, or two, or three and totally disregarded the line. I won’t name names here (Pat and Suzanne) but it got to be quite funny the number of times they got up. I was up and shooting photos through the hour event and it is amazing how many times those two



Rockets show up in my photos. Nearing the end, Pat came up with a sample of each of the 12. When I asked what they were for, he told me they were for MY daughter who we were waiting for. When she arrived, I had to leave to take photos of the welcome dinner and I left her in the loving hands of my fellow Rockets with 12 little moonshine samples sitting in front of her. Do I lose my 'Mother of the Year' award for that? Probably not as she IS over 30! Thanks guys for taking care of our daughter, Caitlin. She had a blast. If that wasn't enough, our group built an amazing tower out of their empty moonshine cups. It was a fabulous time for all who attended.

Lastly, there was Bristol Motor Speedway! What a thrill. Everyone who came loaded onto these crazy old buses and we got to drive around the track on the buses! That was exciting and a bit funny. Jack and Dorothy somehow managed to get off their bus and get a photo of them at the start/finish line. When the folks on our bus tried to do the same we were quickly sent back on to our bus☺! We had a bird's eye view of the track over the start/finish line while sitting in the Food City suite listening to the two tour guides talk about the track and its history. Two things fascinated me. One: that there was going to be 2 college football games there come this fall and you could see the field marked out where the NASCAR semis park. The field will eventually be raised 5 feet with dirt and AstroTurf and all I could think of was "I hope no one falls off that 5 foot hill!" And Two: once they had dirt bikes in to race and they had to truck in hundreds of truckloads of dirt and then cart it out again when it was over! That must have been something to witness. Then, 'Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines!' We got to go on the track to race. Those driving hopped into their vehicles while I hopped into the Pace Car to head out onto the track. Now I am a camera nut and to me this was THE ultimate high getting to stand behind the pit wall and photograph EVERY car going around the track! It was better than Christmas for me. To witness the smiling faces of those driving or riding along, you could see the pure joy on each of them, was such a high for me and probably equaled the high of those going around the track. Capturing those moments, well it is something I will remember for a long time to come. For those getting the thrill of going around the track, well I think Brock Loewen best summed it up as he yelled out the window while driving past me "IT'S BRISTOL BABY!" You got that right Brock. Thanks to Ed for taking my video camera and shooting video while riding with Steve. Of course I expected to see the Hurst's and 442's running around the track but it was equally exciting to see the van, the station wagon and the 1947 78 Club Sedan. I saw a woman holding her pet Chihuahua; I saw kids buckled in car seats; but the best for me was talking to a young 16 year old girl behind the wheel of her grandfather's Hurst. He was in the back seat. She had just gotten her driver's permit and her grandfather told her it would be the chance of a lifetime. I think she had to agree. She did great on the track and boy will she have stories to share with her friends.

All in all, I think it was a great Nationals. Great location; great cars; great time and great friends. See all of you in Albuquerque next year. Just follow historic Route 66 and we'll have another great time.

Best Of Class Photos



Pat Macaluso



James Kyrta



Steve Apking



John Muchmore

Misc. Photos –

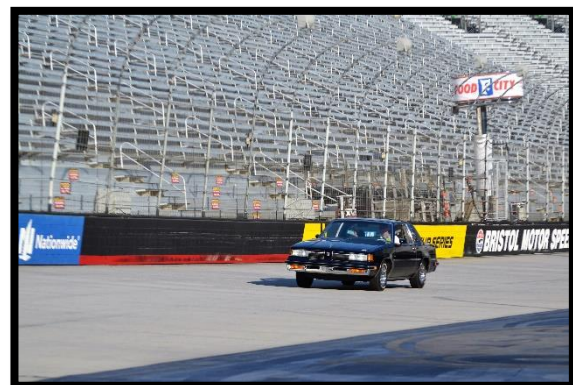


Don Boudry & Ed Pash



Sarah & Garrett Holliday

BRISTOL –



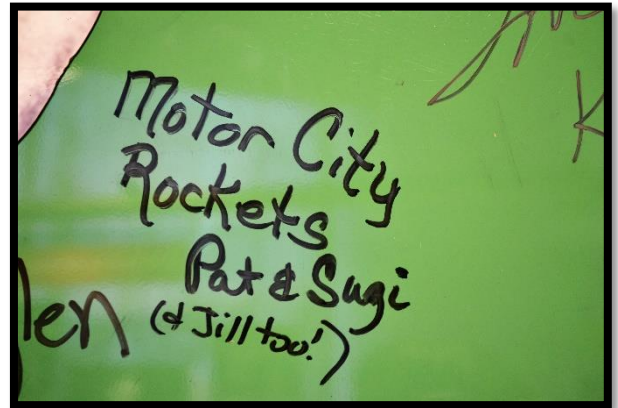
MOONSHINE –



Looks like


they had fun!

BRISTOL, VA –



One foot in VA and
one foot in TN





At the end of every banquet at Nationals they give out a “Hard Luck Award” to the driver whose car had problems on the way to or during the meet. Last year I decided to have the MCR Hard Luck Award and gave it to Jack Tokie as his car has a lot of problems on the way to the meet. This year there is a tie – John Muchmore and Tim Holliday. Briefly here is why.

(From Pat Macaluso) It's late the morning Sunday after a wonderful OCA Nationals event and time to get home. Brock & Suzanne, Suzi and I are loading our luggage in our tow vehicles when we notice our member from Cincinnati OH, John Muchmore laying upside down under his dash working on his award winning cutlass (?? -- hmmm ☺)

Brock and I start helping John find the direct short he had in his electrical system causing turn signals, power windows and who knows what else not to work. After we spent a couple of hours trying to find the cause of many blown fuses in the ungodly heat we decided to say the (H) with it. We put John in the rocking chair between our two rigs to keep him safe following our every move to his home in Cincinnati.

It is 1:00 PM now and Y'all know what the drive time was. We enlisted OCA Chief Judge Mike Pruitt to lead us out on his travel route to I-75 North bound which was a great way to go and not out of our way at all. Before saying our goodbyes to the Pruitt's we had a great lunch. Mike made the choice to go to Cracker Barrel and the women thanked him for his choice because of course the shopping can never be overlooked when at a Cracker Barrel! The drive was without incident except for the timing. Because of it being so late in the day (now evening!) John called the 2014 Nationals host hotel in Cincinnati to see if they had room for some weary travelers. The hotel had room and put Brock, Suzanne, Pat & Suzi up for the night at a very reasonable rate.

We got John home safe and sound but he was VERY bored looking at the back of the Macaluso's big red trailer and in his rearview mirror a black Yukon Denali for 7 hours. John now knows red trailer's license number and just how many cross bars are in the Denali's grill.

John's wife Tracy was very appreciative of us getting John home safe. The three couples ended the evening having a great dinner with many laughs.



(And from Tim Holliday) Finally made it home from the Nationals after a 15 hour drive. Blew a trailer tire in the foot hills of Kentucky. Changed the tire along I-75 and hoped the rest of the drive would be smooth. Not so much. The other tire on the same side delaminated the entire tread 60 miles from home. Still held air but we nursed it home on back roads doing 25-30. The trailer is a 2010 and I cover the tires when not in use. Thankfully we got home in one piece.

Glad both of you made it home alright.

Last, but not least is this wonderful little article that I received from Joe Sroka –

And the winner of

And the winner of the Engineering Excellence Award is Car #92 a 1969 Hurst Olds own by Joe & Cheri Sroka. This is what we heard when we were told to drive across the Red Carpet for a second time after Pass in Review. The event was the 12th Annual Lake Bluff Concours d 'Elegance of Southwest Michigan. This beautiful event is held near shores of Lake Michigan in town of St. Joseph, Michigan. Our Hurst, along with 110 other vehicles, was invited to share the day with proceeds going to Benefit Hospice at Home. This year's show featured the Nash marquee along with many vehicles from Nash and the great –grandson of the founder of Nash James T.W. Wheary as key note speaker.



With so many beautiful cars and trucks at this great event, it was an honor to be presented with the 2016 Engineering Excellence Award sponsored by Joan and Bob Judd.





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