



ROCKET FUEL

Jan-Feb 2017

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Rockets!

It is my wish for all of us to have a happy, healthy, prosperous and safe 2017.

As my first order of business I would like to thank Alan Wilcox and Dave Tucker for serving as officers on the MCR board and Jeff Pregler for being our events chairman for many years. Gentlemen you did a terrific job, THANK YOU!

I am pleased to announce that Pat Macaluso has volunteered to be the new Events Chairman!!! Be sure to watch your email for all the MCR events and activities. That being said if anyone has new ideas for places to visit or dine (eating is one of MCR's favorite things to do) please let Pat or myself know and will add it into the mix. Another event I hope we can re-activate is the September Cruise. Again any and all ideas will be considered so don't hesitate to communicate with us.

As of now we still have an opening for the Secretary position. It's not a difficult job, so if you are interested please contact me. If we don't get any volunteers the board will be recruiting one so be prepared.....

Now on to the fun stuff. It is my hope that we will have a fun filled year cruising in our Oldsmobiles! The first event of the year is the Valentines Bowling Tournament and I use that word loosely, but it is definitely a fun time for all. So save the date February 19, 2017, 11:00 am. More details to follow.

That's all for now, have fun and smile always!

See you on the road.....!!

Cindy



EDITOR'S NOTE

I want to thank everyone for their patience in getting this newsletter out. I broke my wrist on Dec. 17 slipping on the wonderful Michigan ice on my driveway. That was one week after I had returned home from the glorious heat of Liberia! It made me want to go back! I am now free of the brace on my wrist and can type once again on my computer.

Because of my trip, I was unable to attend the annual Christmas party but I wish to thank Steve Apking for taking photos for me which I will use in this newsletter. The story comes from my husband and friends, short as it may be ☺ Luckily for me, and all of you, MCR does not have anything planned for the month of January so I didn't miss out on getting you any information.

As always, if you have a photo for Down Memory Lane, please send it to me; if you have a great story for the newsletter please pass it along; if you want your birthday or anniversary to be put in the newsletter please send it to me; if you have something car related you would like to find/sell send me the info. This newsletter is for all of you. Otherwise, we have a GREAT email communication with the club that gets information out quite regularly so look for information there as well.

I am looking forward to a great year for MCR and will do my best to capture it on my camera as well as in this newsletter. I better get started.

Jill –

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS –

January –

Glenn Reiss	18
Deb Wheeler	19
Steve Apking	22
Jerry Garfield	28
Alan Wilcox	30

February –

Al Ferry	12
Dorothy Maseles	14
Eva Cooper	22
Cliff Carson	22

NEW MEMBERS-

- Phil Bernstein Rochester, MI 70
442 Conv.
- Ken Corrigan Fraser, MI 93
Supreme Conv
- Tim Drake Sr. Traverse City, MI 71
442 Conv
- Joshua Fear Howell, MI 53
Super 88
- Glen Woodby Gaines, MI 83 &
84 Hurst Olds

Welcome folks. So glad to have you with us. The gang from Howell welcomed our youngest member, Joshua, with a sweatshirt.



CHRISTMAS PARTY



The club honored Pat and Ken Kress with the 'Spirit Award' for 2016. This is an award where nominations from the club choose the recipient. Well deserved to my two favorite 'cheerleaders'!

As always, the food was great and a BIG thanks to Cindy for hosting the gang. It was a very good turnout, I am told.

Several items were 'stolen' the maximum 3X's and when Bob Shalla opened up a box with 4 lighted letters, Phil Woodward had fun in their placement – you see Bruce Powelson sells real estate so to have fun with him.....



When the right order should have been...



I don't think Bob went home with the items.

Since I wasn't there, I will just let these photos tell the story –





The gang took a group photo –



And since no one would believe they are such a serious group they let their true personalities out –



They, also, took a collection for Toys for Tots –



And finally, they welcomed in the newly elected officers –





DOWN MEMORY LANE -

The photo for this edition of Down Memory Lane does not include a car but rather a group of men, several of whom are Rockets and at one time worked together for Oldsmobile Technical Assistance so I figured since it was Olds related I would put it in.



Those you might recognize are (l-r): **Steve Apking**, (Paul Meade), Ed Shand, **Al Ferry**, **Phil Woodward**, (Dan Miller, Calvin Williams and Jim Jeffreys) In **RED** are Rockets, Ed is from the RE Olds Club.

Welcome to:

President - Cindy Klemm

Vice Pres. - Karl Kimball

Secretary -

Treasurer - Dave Engel

Non-Elected Offices:

Membership – Steve Apking

Historian - Dorothy Maseles

Event Coordinator – Pat Macaluso

Newsleter/Photograper – Jill Woodward

The NEW CLUB ADDRESS IS:


The Motor City Rockets Chapter

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Meet Our New People



Paul Meade was District Manager — Service in the Washington zone before joining our staff of service engineers. He brings five years experience as a Technician and a past of both student, University of Maryland, and instructor, General Motors Training Center, Washington, D.C. Paul's areas of expertise are engines, fuel controls and electronics.













Jim Exarchos has been in the Los Angeles zone since 1980, first as District Manager — Service, then as Zone Warranty Administrator and Customer Service Coordinator. Prior to 1980, he was District Manager — Service in both Chicago and Minneapolis. Jim is ASE certified in all categories and is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at Vermont College — University of Norwich in Montpelier, Vermont.



Steve Apking was District Manager — Service in the San Francisco zone before joining our staff. In addition to being a DM-S in Oklahoma City, Steve's past includes seven years as a technician and specialized training in auto mechanics as both student and instructor. Steve's area of expertise is diesel fuel systems.

Technical Service Communications System Staff

 Fred Goodman	 Clive Cassidy	 Al Ferry	 Jim Jeffreys	 Paul Mailhot
 Dan Miller	 Walt Smith	 Ray Souza	 Phil Woodward	 Don Yeager

Circa 1984-85



EAGLE EYE

Those sharp eyed
Rockets from the last
newsletter were:

Erick Drake

Jack Tokie

Dorothy Maseles

Jerry Garfield

Dave Engel

The little Olds Rocket emblem was hidden
in the article on Ken Kress.

Happy hunting for this edition's hidden
emblem and let me know when you find it.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

(from: Pat Macaluso)

MCR Activities 2017

MCR – January – Nothing planned

MCR Valentine Event – February 19th - 11:00 AM
Business Meeting, 12:30 PM Lunch, After lunch
Bowling & Prizes

MCR - March - TBD

MCR – April - TBD

MCR – May – 20th - Dust off – Howell MI – Pat & Suzi
Macaluso's home

MCR – June – 17th - Olds Homecoming – NEW Location
Auto Owners Insurance Complex, 6101 Anacapri Blvd,
Lansing, 48917 – Located .5 mile from I-496 Creyts Rd,
North exit (MCR Caravan will leave from McDonalds,
Exit 133 off Interstate 96, Howell to the event, details
later)

MCR – July – 19 – 23 - OCA Nationals - Albuquerque
NM – (MCR caravan will be put together in conjunction
with OCA caravan)

MCR – August – 19 – Woodward Dream Cruise –
(information to follow later)

MCR – September – Tentative Weekend event 15 –
17th (more to come)

MCR – October – Tentative 2nd weekend – Great
Pumpkin Charity Car Show – Howell (Livingston County
Airport)

MCR – November – Generally no activities

MCR – December - 2nd – Business meeting, Dinner,
Christmas Party with White Elephant exchange

CAR SHOWS/ACTIVITIES AND SWAP MEETS –

(from Pat Macaluso)

Suggestion: We are going to have a new
ongoing article “Car Shows/Activities &
Swap Meets” and we need your input. I will
post these as I become aware from various
sources. I will need membership
assistance as well. I need to know the ones
you are aware of in your area, I especially
would like the ones you attend and know
the quality and details. When sending me
information on these I will need the below
information.

- Show Dates
- Show Name
- Location
- Information (time, cost, contact info, open or specialty...)

Example: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month
(weather permitting) starting June 7th –
September, Chelsea Classic Cruisers cruise
nights, Wendy's Restaurant Chelsea MI -
M53 at I94, 5:00 – 8:00, Free, DJ, 50/50
raffle, Wendy's discount ticket, Trophies,
casual, 50 to 100 vehicles average.

Public CAR SHOWS/Activities & Swap Meets in Michigan

January:

North American International Auto Show January 14th – 22nd - Detroit Cobo Hall

February:

AutoRama February 24th – 26th – Detroit - Cobo Hall –
(Generally there is a MCR group there on opening day at about noon)

March:

April:

May: Fowlerville – EVERY Thursday starting the first Thursday of May through the last Thursday of September at St. Agnes Catholic Church of Fowlerville. It is the American Car Heritage show located at 855 E. Grand River Ave from 5-8 pm. They are there every Thursday unless it is raining. Free and trophies on the last show in September.

June:

Detroit - Bell Isle Grand Prix – 2–4 – Detroit

Chelsea – Chelsea Cruisers Cruise In – June-September, First & Third Tuesday – Wendy's M53 & I-94 – 5:00-8:00 - FREE

Lansing – Oldsmobile Homecoming – 17 – Auto Owners Insurance Complex- 9:00 – 4:30 – No Charge for Spectators **(Generally there is a MCR group in attendance)**

Eastpointe Gratiot Cruise – 17 – Macomb County Eastpointe

Dearborn – Motor Muster – 17 – 18 – Greenfield Village – Opens 9:00 AM – Cost Yes

Gross Pointe Shores – Eyes on Design – 18 – Edsel & Eleanor Ford House – 1100 Lake Shore Rd. – 10:00 – 4:30 PM - \$25

Flint – Sloan Museum Auto Fair – 24–25 – 1221 East Kearsley S Street, Flint 48503 – Opens 9:00 AM - \$7

July:

Lansing – Car Capital Auto Show – 29 – Downtown Lansing – Time Unknown - No Charge to spectators

Plymouth- Concours dElegance of America – 28-30 – The Inn at St Johns, 44045 Five Mile Rd, 48170 – Time & Cost Unknown

August:

Clinton Township – Gratiot Cruise – 6 – Clinton Twp – Time unknown - \$ Free

Flint – Back to the Bricks – 15-19 – Flint - Time unknown - \$ Free

Woodward Ave – Woodward Dream Cruise – 19 – Time 8:00 – 11:00 - \$ Free

Westland – Cruisin' Hines Dr. – 27 – Westland – Time unknown - No charge to cruise

September:

Dearborn – Greenfield Village – 9-10 – Dearborn - Time Open until 9:00 PM – Cost varies based on age \$27 down

Ypsilanti – Orphan Car Show – 17 – 100 East Cross Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 – 10:00 Am – Spectator \$6

October:

November:

December:

Won't you be my Valentine? 

ROAD TRIP –

As I said earlier, I was in Liberia, Africa while the rest of the club was having fun at the Christmas party. I was in the same place in 2014 and had to CLIMB 3 miles UP the mountain to get to where we were to stay. Since then a 'CAR ROAD' has been put in and let me tell you I thought about many of my fellow Rockets as I was traveling for 2 and a half miles on this 'CAR ROAD'!!! You guys know which ones I was thinking of – you who swerve into oncoming traffic to avoid a sprinkler or puddle; you who would rather drive 20 miles out of your way to avoid a dirt road; you who only drive on smooth, flat pavement!!!!

Well, let me tell you, LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO STAY ON THE PAVED HIGHWAY! Here is what they lovingly refer to as a 'car road' –



IT WAS THE GREATEST RIDE OF MY LIFE!
But I am positive our Oldsmobiles would
NEVER have made it out of there alive.
Happy Travels Everyone.



I wanted to share this with all of you as it may be a place we would want to check out once it opens this spring. It is Ford's Garage and Phil and I went to one in Fort Myers, FL over the holidays. The food was fabulous! The atmosphere purely made for car lovers. The noise level was a bit high for carrying on a decent conversation but the food made up for it. I hope the food will be as great when they come to Dearborn. Here is just a sample of the fun –



Napkins were shop rags held together with a hose clamp –



Burgers are branded –

Hope you're hungry! It was worth every calorie!

MCR Sunshine Recognition

We are not sure all MCR membership is fully aware of the MCR Sunshine Recognition. The Sunshine Recognition is celebrating Birthdays, Anniversary's, and acknowledging illness and death.

As most of you know the Motor City Rockets is more than a just car club, we are a family oriented organization. In order for us to recognize these celebrations we very much need to have your birth and anniversary dates (for birthdays you do not have to give the year unless you want to). Please send this information to Steve Apking our person in charge of membership. Steve will keep this information as part of our roster information. Recognition of these joyous days will be noted in our Rocket Newsletter.

More and Most important we would like to know when you or your spouse or other immediate family members (Child, Mother, Father) have serious illness/surgeries, hospital stays, and God help us, death. Recognizing the families wishes we would like to acknowledge these family situations. Please share this information with our Vice President Karl Kimball when these things come up.

A NOTE FROM JWO EDITOR

I wanted to take a moment not only to wish you all the very best this holiday season, but to also go over a few items with you.

Before you know it, the deadlines for the two Chapter involved JWOs will be here. The first will be the May issue, and the "Salute to Heroes: First Responders & Their Oldsmobiles" issue. Just as with the Veteran's issue, I am in need of lists of First Responders from each of your Chapters. Also, if you have First Responders in your Chapter that would like their stories to be featured in this special issue, please do send them my way.

Attached you will find a simple sign up sheet that your Chapters are welcome to use. Also, I have had a few calls from Chapters about what First Responders that they should list. Any Chapter member (regardless of their OCA membership) that have been/are Police Officers, Firefighters, EMTs, dispatchers etc. are wanted on your lists. They are also welcome to submit their stories to me. If your Chapter does not have any members who are/have been First Responders please let me know (I have already heard from two such Chapters). The deadline to get your Chapter lists to me is March 27, 2017.

The second issue is one that I really hope all Chapters take advantage of. The August JWO will be themed "Meet the Chapters." This issue will give each Chapter their own page to highlight the history of their club, photos of fun events and shows, publications, their membership etc. I am hoping that this will help those OCA members join a Chapter if they have not already done so and also really highlight the benefits of joining one (or more!) of our great Chapters. I will need your article and photos for "Meet the Chapters" no later than June 27, 2017.

Finally, as with the deadlines above, the 2017 OCA National Meet will be here before you know it! I am planning on hosting another Chapter Editor's Meeting in Albuquerque. However, I would like **your** ideas on topics that **you** all would like covered at the meeting. Also, please let me know if you are planning on attending the National Meet. I have heard from a few that they will not be making it this year, and I want to make sure we have enough editors to actually hold a meeting. I do have to say though... if we have just three editors that will be attending, that want a meeting, I will absolutely have one. These meetings really are to help each of you (I also truly enjoy seeing everyone each year too!). I am willing to do whatever you all would like.

If I can be of any assistance to anyone, please know that my door is always open.

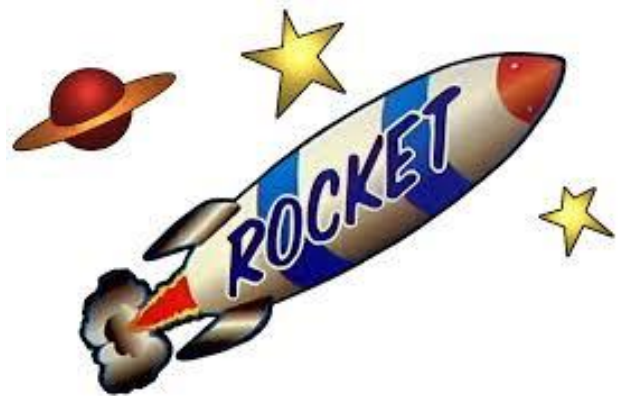
I wish your families a peaceful holiday season, and a happy and healthy 2017!

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Rockets – I have the form so send me the information if you are a “Hero” and I will get it to Shannon. Please send it ASAP. As far as the club info goes – if anyone has something they think would work let me know. Perhaps we can all work with our Historian, Dorothy, on this. Let’s show the rest of the country how great the Motor City Rockets are!

Jill



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