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Happy
St.
Patrick’s
Day



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROCKETS,

I hope everyone is doing well.

If you missed our February Bowling party you missed a lot. But first I need to thank Pat and Suzi Macaluso for once again making this a great event. If you have never attended this activity plan on next year, it's usually the Sunday after Valentines.

Now on to the business of the Rockets, we have a new Secretary, Suzi Macaluso has agreed to fill the position. I'm sure she will do a

tremendous job for us.

Pat Macaluso, our events chairman is hard at work coordinating many activities for the coming year. Keep an eye on your email for upcoming events.

Having just returned from sunny warm Florida I can safely say spring is coming! I tried to tie it to the plane and drag it back but obviously someone wasn't paying attention and let the tow strap snap. What amazed me is how few classic cars were on the roads, I saw one '72 Cutlass, an MGD and a mid '40's Street rod. If I lived in "paradise" in the winter I'm not sure I'd need a daily driver, 80's and sunshine every day is top down weather to me.

Also please remember to send either myself or Karl Kimball your birthday and anniversary dates, we don't need the year just the date so we can recognize everyone.

That's all for now.....

Happy Oldsmobiling,

Cindy

FROM THE V.P.

I have confirmed the reservation of the Sequoia Room at the Redwood Steak House on April 22, 2017 for a meeting/lunch/ team trivia activity per the original email below. I know Cindy may not be able to attend, but I suppose we can have a short meeting even in her absence. Lunch checks can be individual or as couples or larger. There will not be a room charge unless we don't have 25, in which case invite your neighbors till we have 25. I plan to make the team trivia a fun event! Diana and I have attended such activities at several different venues, and think we know some of the better ways to do it. Trivia (and likely lunch) will be at tables of about 6, and we can force some balance of teams if we think we need to on the day of the event. If anyone has items or ideas for prizes for the top 3 teams of up to 6, let me know. Otherwise, Diana and I will handle all details.

Karl



MINUTES FROM DECEMBER



MOTOR CITY ROCKETS

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING December 3, 2016

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY

The meeting was called to order by Alan Wilcox @ 4:15 there were 38 members present.

Alan thanked Cindy Klemm and Don Boudry for hosting our annual party.

Dave Tucker was not present therefore the VP had nothing to report at this time

Dave Engel reported that we are in good standing financially. MCR now has a post office box. The new address is: **MOTOR CITY ROCKETS, P.O. BOX 43, MILFORD, MI 48381-0043**

Steve Apking, Membership Chairman, reported that we have 107 members and associates.

Alan Wilcox recapped the activities that many "Rockets" participated in this past year. As a club we supported the economy well with fuel, food and travel expenses.

MCR has new membership fliers, they will be available at the February Bowling event scheduled for February 19, 2017. Details to follow, watch your email.

Also Autorama is scheduled for February 24-28.

The annual "Spirit Award" was presented to Ken & Pat Kress, with condolences to Pat on the loss of Ken in October.

The results of the elections of officers for the 2017/2018 term are as follows:

Cindy Klemm, President; Karl Kimball, Vice President; Dave Engel, Treasurer. Currently the position of Secretary is vacant.

Also Jeff Pregler has retired as Events Coordinator and we are looking to fill that position.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Klemm
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A BIG WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Mary Redilla Warren, MI 68 Cutlass S Convertible

Glen Woodby - although I have him on our Roster dates 12-11-16. So maybe not that new. Gaines, MI 83 & 84 Hurst Olds

Ron Zalewski Taylor, MI 73 Delta 88 Convertible

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

MARCH

- 12 Daylight Saving Time begins – move clock ahead 1 hour and
 Lose 1 hour of sleep
- 17 St. Patrick's Day – wear your green
- 20 Spring Begins
- 25 MCR EVENT

Motor City Rockets March Activity March 25, 2017

This is a new and exciting endeavor for the Rockets. When it was discussed as a possible activity idea during our February club meeting none of the 30 plus members attending had experienced this venue and agreed to take a test drive at it this year.

What: Motor City Hot Rod & Racing Expo experience and lunch

When: March 25, 2017

Where: Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI 48374

Motor City Hot Rod & Racing Expo Presented by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort will mark the 3rd MCHRRE at the Suburban Collection Showplace. The Expo is a regional show dedicated to motorsports and hot rod enthusiasts in Detroit, the Motor City of the USA, and the surrounding Midwest area. The Motor City Hot Rod & Racing Expo is open to the public,

and features new equipment manufacturers and retailers exclusively from all forms of the motorsports and hot rodding industry: restoration, road race, drag race, circle track, engine builders, truck and trailer manufacturers, race tracks and sanctioning bodies, and more.

From I-96 in Novi area get off @ exit 160 (Beck Rd) go South to Grand River Ave turn Left or East go about 1 mile it will be on your Left or North side

11:00 AM - We will meet inside the main entrance tour the Expo for two and a half hours meet back at the main entrance at **1:30 PM** and caravan to a local eatery for a late lunch & maybe some words from our MCR Service Team.

The costs will be on your own, \$5 per car parking and \$10 per person entrance, and Lunch.

Date: Please respond to me by **March 12th** so all final commitments can be made.

Info: Attending Expo _____ Yes/No
Attending Lunch _____ Yes/No
Names of attendee (s) _____

to: Pat Macaluso, olds442guy@aol.com – PH#517-545-7301

This something new for the Rockets so we hope to see you there and enjoy part of this Saturday with your fellow members at the show and then break some bread afterwards.

APRIL

1	April Fool's Day
9	Palm Sunday
14	Good Friday
15	Taxes Due
16	Easter
22	MCR Event – look for an email about the event our VP mentioned

EDITOR'S MOMENT

Thank you to all who have been giving me ideas; articles; links, etc. to put into the newsletter. It really helps. What I could use right now is more photos/notes to fill up Down Memory Lane. I have not received anything lately and I can only bore you folks with my memories for so long. Did you get my play on words with "From the Running Boards"? It's scary inside my head at times but I was referring to the section of the newsletter

that is from OUR BOARD ☺ And yes, that running board is from a 1929 Oldsmobile. If you have anything you want to get out please send it my way.



CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS –

Birthdays –

March – None that I know

April 6- John Wilcox

8 – Paulette Width

10 – Dave Engle

14 – Phil Woodward

19 – Sonee Lapadot

21 – Sharon Hoover

24 – Pat Macaluso

Anniversaries –

March 22 – Phil and Jill Woodward

April – None that I am aware of

IF YOU HAVE A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY AND
WOULD LIKE US TO HELP CELEBRATE THE OCCASION
LET US KNOW SO WE CAN GET IT IN THE NEWSLETTER!



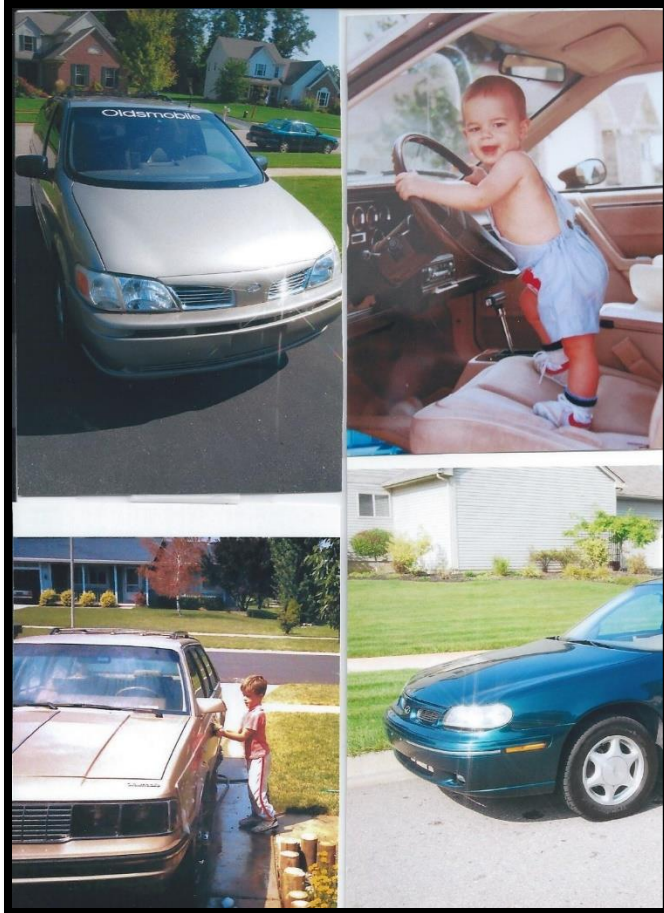
Congratulation on the birth of Beckham, in February. Proud grandparents are: Dave and Denise Tucker



Congratulation to Brock Loewen on a WONDERFUL article on the Midnight Rocket in the latest issue of Journey With Olds!



Get Well, or I hope you are already doing better, to Barbara Cook, who was in the hospital in February and to Suzi Macaluso, winning the fight with pneumonia. Ladies, I hope you are feeling much better and we'll see you soon.



Just some of the cars I have owned over the years, although I think our son is standing in the Jimmy and not an Oldsmobile. The top left IS My Father's Oldsmobile!!! He sold it to us in 2002. The 1997 in the bottom right was in the Centennial Parade in Lansing in 1997. Phil and our daughter drove in it and then we gave it to our daughter when she went off to college. The wagon, died in the middle of a busy road in Pittsburgh, PA. I had it towed to a dealer and I told them, I thought, it was just out of gas and that the gauge was broken. They treated me like a woman who had rocks in her head. I WAS RIGHT!!! They were wrong! It pays to be married to a guy who makes you know what is going on in your car. Well, that's my trip down memory lane.

Jill Woodward

EAGLE EYE



In one sense I apologize to everyone who looked for the Olds emblem and didn't find it last month. YES I DID put it in. It was in the window behind the photo of guys in Down Memory Lane on page 5. It was small. Hence my apology. But in another sense, I feel like I won as no one caught it! I'm doing a little happy dance to celebrate. It won't be that small in this newsletter, I promise so HAPPY HUNTING!

FEBRUARY'S BOWLING PARTY –

You will be happy to know we had NO Turkeys in the group! No, wait a minute, that's wrong!!! No one BOWLED a Turkey (3 strikes in a row) this year! That sounds better. But, on the first ball in the first game Sonee Lapadot threw a strike! Way to go Sonee! And then, on her first ball in the first frame, Suzi Macaluso threw a strike! Way to go ladies.

I had to bowl this year. I say "HAD" as Suzi called me up and said they needed one more person to fill out the teams and she sort of twisted my arm to play. That meant fewer photos I could take but oh well. I kept getting 9 pins!!! Just couldn't get that 10th pin and my favorite line came from Suzi when she said to me, "Yeah, but that was a lot of pins!" I did finally get a strike in the 2nd game – sort of..... My first ball knocked down 9 pins (AGAIN!) but the automatic score card gave me a strike! I took it of course ☺. In the third game, it did the same thing for Anne Drake. I don't know about you but I will take a strike any way I can get it!

My favorite score came in game 2 when teammates, Pat Macaluso and Dan Evans ended up with a tribute to Oldsmobile, without really trying! Pat got an 88 and Dan got a 98! Happy Oldsmobiling guys.

Now to the awards.

High Score – 'worked up a sweat' (received sweatbands)

Karl Kimball and Anne Drake

Low Score – (received bubbles_

Ed Pash and Sonee Lapadot

Most Strikes – 'lit up the lanes' (rec'd flashlights)

Dan Evans and Susie O'Connell

Closest to 100 – 'jump for joy' (jump ropes)

Don Boudry and Diana Kimball

Most Expressive – 'hope you had a ball' (ball)

Dan Evans and Terry Mozurkewich

Most Improved Over the Years – (hand made trophies)

Karl Kimball and Anne Drake

Most Persistent

Ed Pash

Now for the photos –



The gang

The yummy
Cake –



The “Kiddie
Table”



The Bowling
Fun
Now you can
See why Ed won
Most
Persistent!

The Awards –



OTHER EVENTS IN 2017

Public CAR SHOWS/Activities & Swap Meets in Michigan

March:

Novi – Motor City Hot Rod & Racing Expo – 25-26 – Suburban Collection Showplace – Grand River, East of Beck Rd – Time unknown – Cost \$10

Lansing – Michigan Buggy Builders Annual Event – 26th – Lansing Center, 333 E Michigan Ave

April:

Clio – 58th Spring Swap Meet – 8th – Auto City Speedway – Clio – 810-348-0684

Warren – Blessing of the Rides – 23rd – Holy Cross Lutheran Church – 3003 Ryan Rd @ 12 ½ mile -1:30-5:00 – 248-548-0507

Monroe – Monroe Auto Swap Meet – 23rd – Monroe County Fairgrounds – 7:00-3:00 – 419-579-4845 / 6815

Mt Clemens – USMA VVA Chapter 154 indoor classic car show – 28-30 – Gibraltar Trade Center, unitedstreetmachines.com – 248-435-3091

Flint - Proof of Concept Buick Gallery – April 30 – May 2nd – 303 Walnut ST, www.sloanlongway.org

May:

Fowlerville – American Car Heritage Show – Thursday's – May – September – 5:00-8:00PM – St Agnes Church, Grand River Fowlerville - Free, DJ, 50/50, Door Prizes, Food Available to purchase, End of season Trophies,

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

Cadillac – Back to the Bricks – 10-11 – backtothebricks.org – 231-775-0657

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

Reading PA – National Antique Oldsmobile Club – 21-24 – 2017 National Meet - www.antiqueolds.org

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

July:

Norwalk OH – Ron Hackenberger Collection Auction – 14-16 – rare, unique, orphan & amazing - www.vanderbrinkauctions.com

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

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

Albuquerque NM - OCA Nationals – 19th – 23rd

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

Sterling Hgts – Michigan Veterans Car Show – 26th – 12:00-5:00 – 586-615-3976

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:

Great Pumpkin Charity car show 2nd weekend

November:

December:

MCR Activities & Meetings 2017

- March:** Motor City Hot Rod & Racing Expo @ Suburban Show Case Collection Novi & Lunch – March 25th – Meet at inside entrance 11:00 AM – See Notice
- April:** Meeting /Lunch/Activity – 22nd – 12:30 – 4:00 – Grand Blanc/Flint, watch for notice
- May** Dust Off, May – 20th – Howell MI – Pat & Suzi Macaluso's home
- June:** Olds Homecoming – June 17, NEW Location Auto Owners Insurance Complex, 6101 Anacapi Blvd, Lansing, 48917 – Located .5 mile from I-496 Cryts Rd, North exit (MCR Caravan will leave from McDonalds, Exit 133 off Interstate 96, Howell to the event, details later)
- July:** OCA Nationals – July – 19 – 23 - Albuquerque NM – (MCR caravan will be put together in conjunction with OCA caravan)
- August:** Woodward Dream Cruise - August – 19 – (information to follow later)
- Sept:** Tentative 3-day Weekend event Sept, 15 – 17th (more to come)

Oct: Tentative 2nd Saturday October 14th – Great Pumpkin Charity Car Show – Howell (Livingston County Airport)

Nov: Nothing Planned

Dec: Bus Meeting, Dinner, Christmas Party & White Elephant exchange, Dec 2nd @ Cindy's



The R.E. Olds Chapter presents the **25th**
Oldsmobile HOMECOMING
CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET
Saturday, June 17, 2017 • 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

NEW LOCATION

Auto Owners • 6101 Anacapi Blvd. Lansing, MI
1/4 mile north of I-496 • Creyts Rd. North

Largest All-Oldsmobile Show in the World

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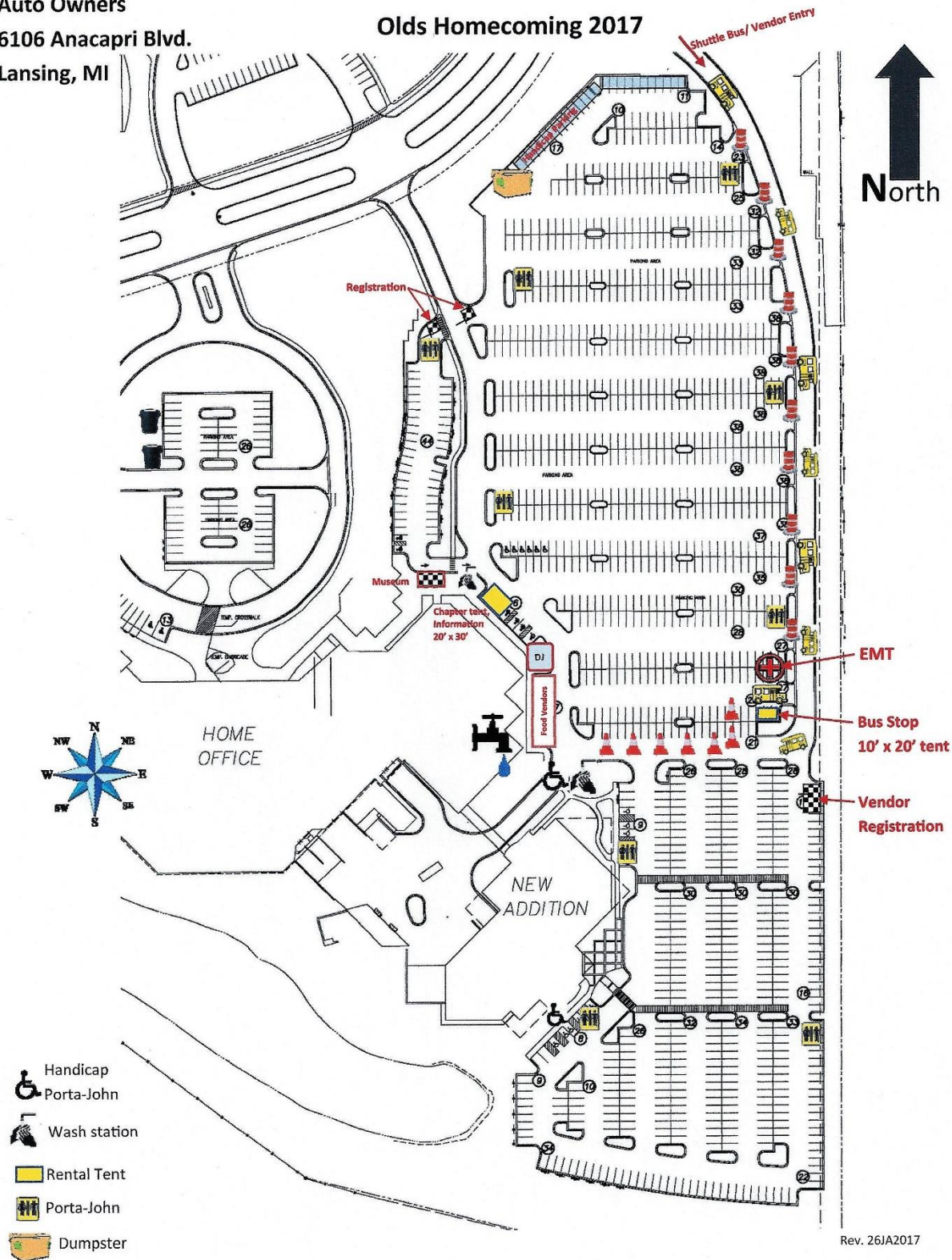
www.reolds.org

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Auto Owners
6106 Anacapri Blvd.
Lansing, MI

Olds Homecoming 2017



This
is a
map
of

Homecoming. I think the Rockets will be with the RE Olds Club in the yellow area around the chapter tent.



Please join us in exploring the only
Museum dedicated to Oldsmobile's history!

Admission is \$5.00 per person
includes ice cream!

**The R.E. Olds Transportation Museum
invites you to join us following**

Homecoming for a

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM



**June 17, 2017
4:00— 7:00pm**



**Stop by the Museum tent during
Homecoming for a map to the Museum**



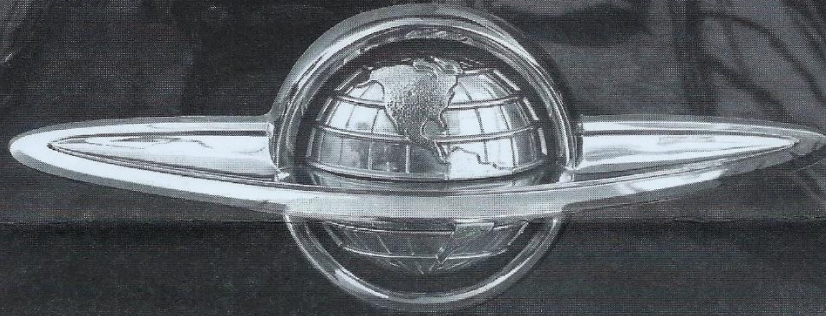
*The R.E. Olds Transportation Museum
is located in downtown Lansing at
240 Museum Drive
Lansing, MI 48933
517-372-0529
autos@reoldsmuseum.org*



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and lots of small
town charm!*

GPS locations:

Caravan (Police Escort)
1403 S. Creyts Road
Lansing 48917
Downtown Dimondale
136 N. Bridge St. 48821

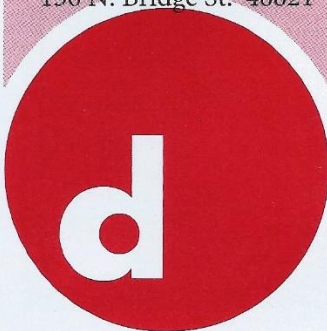
We hope you'll join us for an evening of eating, toe-tapping and car-gazing. Come enjoy dinner specials, music in the street and classic cars as Dimondale puts on the ritz!

Friday, June 16, 2017

Downtown Dimondale: Bridge Street
(between Washington & Quincy)

The fun runs from 6-8 PM

Welcome R.E. Olds Chapter,
Olds Club of America!



DISCOVER DIMONDALE

After the car show, join us for
the outdoor movie at dusk!

www.dimondale.org

And to get you in the mood for Nationals in Albuquerque in July, this came from Bill and Terry Mozurkewich –

▶SEE THE USA

Albuquerque's Singing Highway

"America the Beautiful" plays for those who drive the speed limit



BY TERRY SHEA
PHOTOGRAPHY COURTESY OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

Does the highway beckon you? Does it call out to you? Does it sing to you?

If you answered yes to the last question, perhaps you live in New Mexico. This past fall, on a short section of Route 66, east of Albuquerque and just west of Tijeras, the New Mexico Department of Transportation installed a series of rumble strips that play the first stanza from "America the Beautiful."

New Mexico DOT contracted with a frequent partner, Albuquerque-based San Bar Construction Company, to build the musical road, financed by the National Geographic Channel. San Bar fabricated a series of templates that would act as molds for putting the impressions in hot pavement, using steel plate with angle iron sections welded at very specific intervals.

The space between the inset grooves in the road determines the pitch of each note as a car's tires drive over the grooves and vibrate. San Bar's fabricators in the shop had to precisely lay down the angle iron sections as just 0.2 inches of difference in spacing separated some notes from the others. Over the grooved section's 430 yards, that's a relatively high degree of accuracy. After all, no one really wants to hear "America the Beautiful" off key.

At the road site, the templates were pressed into hot pavement on the right side of the eastbound lane to create the rumble strip impressions in the correct order to play the required notes. Unlike typical rumble strips set in the breakdown lanes or on the double yellow to keep drivers from

straying, the musical divots are in the travel lane to be heard.

But there is a catch—you must drive the posted speed limit in order to hear the song. That's where NatGeo TV's *Crowd Control* comes in. The series attempts to modify people's behavior by changing their environment or exposing them to different experiences in a fun way. Want a sugary, high-calorie snack from the vending machine? Then you will have to do squats right in front of the machine to "earn" it. In lieu of squats to earn the treasured song, drivers must consistently motor at 45 MPH over the rumble strips roughly 1,300 feet to hear the music.

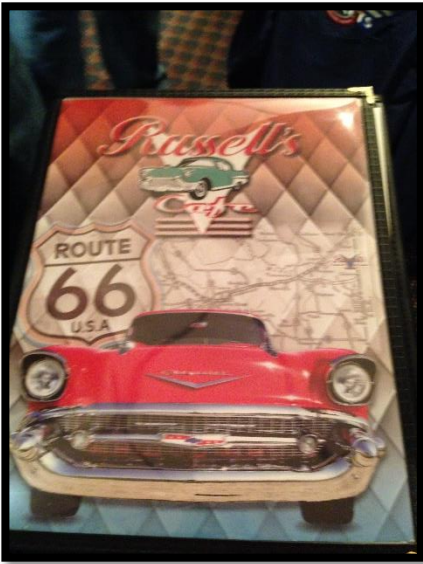
While the stretch of Route 66 plays the notes, don't expect a full symphonic rendition. Under your tires, "America the Beauti-



ful" sounds a bit muted, sort of like a whale humming the tune just outside your car. But drive too slow or too fast and you'll break the rhythm in no time.

Although the NatGeo segment aired in December—complete with a small armada of classic Fifties and Sixties cars in true Route 66 style testing the road, the New Mexico DOT has no intention of paving over the experiment any time soon. In addition to encouraging drivers to hold the line on speed, they also hope that it will keep any sleepy drivers who catch the tune from nodding off completely.

One of six musical roads in the world—there is another in California that was created for a Honda commercial in 2008 and plays the "William Tell Overture," the patriotic New Mexico version is just a few miles east of Albuquerque. Look for the signs with the musical notes on them, and—the state of New Mexico will thank you for this—just be sure to drive 45 MPH. 🎵



They, also, gave a recommendation on a place to eat on Route 66 on your way to New Mexico- Russell's Café – I think they said it was located just as you entered Oklahoma.

So, start thinking Route 66 and we'll see you in Albuquerque! If you get to this marker you have gone T O O O O O O O far 😊



OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST GIVEN TO ME –

Bruce Powelson gave me a couple of links to YouTube but I can't get them to work here but he said there is a good video of a 1968 Hurst Olds road test to look up if interested and a good video about Linda Vaughan. Go to YouTube if interested.

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