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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

(On Vacation ☺)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

OCA Nationals! July 18-23 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hope to see many of you there. MCR caravan leaves on the 15th. We'll be taking The Mother Road!

Woodward Dream Cruise, August 19. New location this year.

September 15-18 MCR Touring Activity, Southwest Michigan.

October 14 Great Pumpkin Charity Car Show in Howell.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

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. If you have anything you want to get out please send it my way.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS – JULY –

3 Erick Drake
11 Dave Tucker
27 Bob Wheeler
31 Pat Hibbeln

AUGUST –

6 Suzi Macaluso
8 Doug Width
18 Denise Tucker
19 Jim Dyar



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

JULY –

- 1 Steve and Sue Apking**
- 11 Bob and Diane Shalla**
- 20 Pat and Suzi Macaluso**

AUGUST –

- 4 Jeff and Martha Pregler**
- 12 Brock and Suzanne Loewen**
- 21 Ed and Sue Pashukewich**



Congratulations to Tim and Sarah Holliday, and big brother Garrett who welcomed little brother, Clayton on April 29, 2017.



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!

I want to put this next bit of news under the celebrations section because I feel it is truly cause for celebration. A couple of weeks ago I received this wonderful little email from Cheri Sroka letting me know that her husband, Joe, and his 1969 Hurst Olds, had just won a prestigious award. I felt it needed to be shared with the

entire club, as that is what we are here for, right?! To support each other and celebrate each other's victories. So, I will share, both, Cheri's and Joe's emails. Congratulations, Joe. A well-deserved victory.

I just wanted to drop the club a line and let our fellow Rockets know that my husband's 69 Hurst Olds took Best of Class at the Cincinnati Ault Park Concours d'Elegance, on Sunday June 11. God bless him he loaded our car in the trailer we have only had two year's (we drive our cars everywhere, so it went kicking and screaming into the trailer.) Then he loaded my 80 year old parents (lovingly called our pit crew since the OCA nationals in Cinn.) and last but not least, me into the Expedition and away we went. We heard a lot of I'm not going to win anything all day Sunday and when the judges walked by and did not say a word with a handful of ribbons, I thought maybe he was right. But all of the ribbons were passed out but one, the one they came back and handed to him. Congratulations, Joe Sroka, Best of Class.

Regards,
Cheri Sroka
MCR member #172

Hi Jill,
Thank you for accepting this for the next MCR newsletter. It was a sure surprise that my wife sent this email to you.

The idea to enter the 2017 Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance all started last year when Cheri and I were invited to the 2016 Lake Bluff Concours d'Elegance in St. Joseph, Michigan. The 69 H/O surprisingly did well there and we were presented with the Engineering Excellence Award. With this years, 2017, OCA Nationals being in New Mexico and with limited vacation time, we decided to look for something closer. So why not another Concours event? We figured - What do we have to lose? When I read about this event in Cincinnati and found out that the proceeds were going to KIDS Arthritis Foundation this was right up my alley. You see my mom had struggled with bad arthritis all her life and never let it get her down. Mom was also was the person who got me into Oldsmobiles. So with this combination it just made sense to register and see if we got invited. Shortly after registering we got an email that said we were IN!

On Saturday June 10th we loaded the car and the family and were off to Cincinnati. Not a bad drive and the Cincinnati team was well organized getting our trailer parked quickly. Come early Sunday morning (5:30AM) we were on the way from the Hotel back to Ault Park. What a site! Cars, Trucks, Semi truck trailers everywhere. Just looking at some of vehicles there I knew I brought a knife to gun fight! All the vehicles were fabulous! And the "American Performance 1961-1971" class I was put into had super show cars. I figured I was a winner just being among them. The entire Cincinnati event staff and judges were first class and anyone could tell this wasn't their first rodeo. Later in morning the judges came to my car and introduced themselves. At this event I quickly learned that they want all the cars closed up. Meaning – Hood, Trunk, Doors closed and windows up. No signage or extra display anywhere around the car. The judges first wanted me to tell them about the car and any of its history or special information. They then began checking the car for fit and finish. Once that was completed the one judge said "Let's now check operation". I was actually pleasantly surprised at this request since OCA does not do this. Open the doors, power the windows down, beep the horn, check the radio and clock, check the interior and exterior lights, start the engine, open the hood and trunk. They again went around the car and asked a few more questions and then thanked us for bringing our vehicle.

Fast forward to afternoon. I was busy enjoying all the special vehicles there and all the extras the event had to offer. When we were again approached by the 2 judges that looked at the car and then handed me a Blue ribbon and said "Congratulations" you won Best of Class. I was shocked and speechless! This was not expected. Not here. Then they told us the next order of business was that at 1:00 we were to get in line for the awards ceremony. The rest of the day I was on cloud 9. And before I knew it we were loading up the car and family and headed back home. What a GREAT Adventure.

Joseph Sroka



American Performance, 1961-1971
Sponsored by Edgewater Motorsports Park

1969 Oldsmobile Hurst/Olds Hardtop
Owner - Joe Sroka
Dearborn Heights, MI

Best Of Class



Again, Congratulations
Joe!



EAGLE EYE

Congratulations go out to:

Doug and Judy Badgley

Dave Engel

Erick Drake

Doroty Maseles

Pat Macaluso

Phil Woodward

Dave Tucker

Jerry Garfield

Jake Hoover

Thanks for playing and keep your Eagle Eyes open for the hidden rocket in this edition of the newsletter.



DOWN MEMORY LANE – Sadly, I was not given anything to put in this edition of the newsletter. Maybe next time. (Hint! Hint!)

Our May and June events had several things in common but the one I remember most is the RAIN!!!! Oh yeah, there were great cars, friends and food!

MAY EVENT –

DUST OFF! We had a great day for our annual Dust Off, it just ended in a heavy downpour! That sent several folks to their cars in hopes of getting them home but many of us waited the rain out and just figured we were getting a rain water rinse!

My count differed a little from Pat Macaluso's but I counted 29 Oldsmobile's, 3 GMC SUV's, 1 Ford Truck and 1 Cadillac. The Caddy was a military vehicle that Ed and Sue Pash brought out to honor Armed Forces Day. Oh yeah, at least 70 folks enjoyed the day and brought some great dishes that the crowd feasted on. Jake Hoover and Don Boudry manned the grills.

The tent fell down and it took several Rockets to get it back up. Pat and Suzi's granddaughters, Emily and Gretchen, sold raffle tickets and did a GREAT job! I personally tried to fill the box for the "Tool Man," literally! I bought \$30 worth of tickets and put most of them in that one box! As luck would have it, Josh Fear put 1 ticket in and WON!!!! Oh well, better luck next time, for me, I hope!

I caught a few Rockets under the hood of John Wilcox's beauty and this year's dash plaque honored the late Ken Kress's car. It was a celebration of being back on the road with our favorite Oldsmobiles. Many thanks to Pat and Suzi for once again hosting the event. Now to the pictures☺





JUNE EVENT –

Homecoming started with RAIN!!!!!! Luckily for several of us we brought our umbrella's as several of us had volunteered to work a few hours either directing traffic; checking people in or working at the T-shirt table. Rockets had a great turn out of folks and due to a limited number of parking spaces some of the group parked across the drive from the rest. But that didn't stop the tent from going up and the great food coming out. Lots and Lots of beautiful Oldsmobiles to view; over 100 vendors to shop from; rides in a Curved Dash Olds; live band; and the R.E. Olds Club did a great job of hosting the event. But then, they always do.

Awards went out with the car that traveled the farthest coming from Luxembourg!!!! The gentleman had it shipped to Chicago and then he transported it here. A first time award was given out at the end, or so I am told. It went to our own Brock Loewen and was called the 'Hard Luck' Award. Brock called it the Dumb A** Award. You see, Brock and Suzanne trailered their beautiful car all the way from Canada only to get here and realize the car keys were still at home! The car NEVER made it off the trailer! (I really love it when you guys make writing these stories easy!) Also in the running as far as I am concerned for the Hard Luck Award was Sonee Lapadot whose car started acting up in Okemos (so close). Sonee came the rest of the way to the show with Sue Apking while Steve stayed with the car and talked it (the car) in to completing the trip. Steve then got under the hood at the show to ensure Sonee would make it home. Thanks Steve!

Once again, we had a wonderful gathering of friends, food and fantastic Oldsmobiles. Here are a few pictures of the day.





MCR Activities & Meetings 2017

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 – 14 – Great Pumpkin Charity Car Show – Grand River Ave., Howell (Livingston County Airport)

MCR – November – Nothing Planned

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

Public CAR SHOWS/Activities & Swap Meets in Michigan

July:

Lale Orion – Car Show & Swap Meet – Canterbury Village – Sunday the 9th – www.detroitperformancecenter.com

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

Westland - **All American Wayne Rd Cruise** - 15th donnicholson.net for info.

Albuquerque NM - **OCA Nationals** – 19th – 23rd

Lansing – **Car Capital Auto Show** – 29 – Downtown Lansing – 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM - No Charge to spectators – Great Trophies

Milan – **Milan Dragway Kickin' It Old School** – 29th Huge Car Show & Swap Meet – www.milandragway.com

Chelsea –**Sound & Sights Festival & Car Show** - Chelsea Cruisers – www.chelseafestivals.com

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

August:

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

Utica – **Utica's Gasoline Alley** – 12th – Car Show, Swap Meet, Gas Show – uticagas@yahoo.com

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

Pontiac – Pontiac City Square – 18th – 20th – info@pontiacsquare.com – (car show & vendors)

Woodward Ave – **Woodward Dream Cruise** – 19 – Time 8:00 – 11:00

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

Westland – **Cruisin' Hines Dr.** – 27 – Westland – donnicholson.net for info - No charge to cruise

September:

Frankenmuth Auto Fest – Heritage Park – Frankenmuth – 8th – 10th – www.frankenmuthautofest.net

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

Livonia – **All T-Bird Day** – 17th – Historic Wilson Barn Middlebelt & West Chicago – www.michiganbirds.org

Farmington Hills – **Sellers Buick & GMC Indian Summer Car Show** – 24th – 3800 Grand River – 800-766-8422

October:

Howell - Saturday October 14th – **Great Pumpkin Charity Car Show** – Howell (Livingston County Airport, same location) – 3480 Grand River – Raffle, Door Prizes, DJ, Food – 517-545-8651

DON'T FORGET –

Independence Day July 4

Happy 40th Birthday Motor City Rockets (August)

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