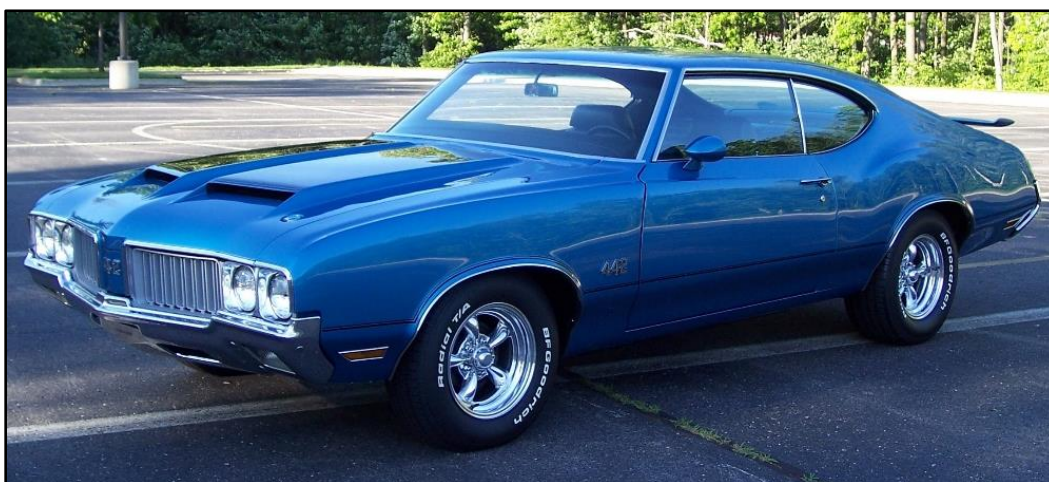


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(PHOTO: Courtesy of Jake Hoover)

MCR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – PAT MACALUSO

Rockets, welcome to another addition of our Rocket Fuel newsletter! Isn't Dale doing a great job for us?!

Well, June is upon us and the car show season is here; that is, if it would ever stop raining! By the way, while you are at car shows, don't forget to talk up MCR & the OCA, and hand out our flyers. The car hobby needs more members involved—especially younger members. Also, don't forget to let MCR members in your area know if you are attending a local show. They may be able to join you.

Regarding MCR activities, please make sure you review the "Save the Date" communication Suzi Macaluso sent out so you can have the MCR planned activities locked on your calendars. Also, PLEASE, when you receive an activity notice, get your reply in right away. If at all possible, don't wait until the final deadline. A lot happens during behind-the-scenes planning, so the earlier your information is in the better. Even if you won't be attending, a response is also appreciated.

The R.E. Olds club can use your help at "The Olds Homecoming" on June 15th so if you haven't already volunteered, please do so by getting in touch with Judy Badgley. Judy's contact information can be found on our roster.

In our last few meetings, I've mentioned the need for indoor meeting locations during the off-car show season. It would be great if we could find a no cost location with the capabilities to hold a business meeting with 30 to 40 people. Please let me know of any locations of which you may be aware.

Several of you have vehicle-related talents in specific areas. We would love for you to give an informative presentation at one of our monthly meetings. Please touch base, letting me know how you can contribute. Also, if you know of someone that would be a good candidate to give a presentation at a meeting, outside of our members, please also let me know.

In conclusion, I want to thank all of our Officers and Support Staff for everything they are doing to make our club great and to thank our membership for attending the MCR activities.



MCR MEETING MINUTES – ALAN WILCOX, SECRETARY

MCR members should watch their email inboxes for the minutes from each of our monthly meetings. Providing these minutes digitally allows corrections or revisions to be made in a timely manner prior to the next club meeting. Thanks for your participation in the meetings and for your attention to even the routine business of our club.

As always, if you have questions that you think I can help with as your MCR secretary, please email me at 78starfire@gmail.com!



MCR FINANCIAL REPORT – DAVE ENGEL, TREASURER

The club treasury remains in a strong position, but the pattern of spending more than we take in, (known as deficit spending), continues in 2019, as it has been in previous years. Since I became your treasurer, I have tracked such things.

The club does a lot of good with our expenditures, including the recent donation to the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum for their campaign to install more restroom facilities within the building. Previously, MCR contributed towards the purchase of the 1899 electric vehicle in 2018 for the museum as well.

Each dollar spent goes toward the education and fellowship related to the Oldsmobile brand, supporting our mission and helping meet our obligations as an IRS-recognized non-profit organization. Our club's primary source of revenue is the membership dues that we each pay, obviously. However, this revenue stream alone does not offset each year's expenditures.

Your MCR board would welcome suggestions from the membership on how to bolster our financial position without generating a lot of reporting and licensing requirements. For example, a 50-50 raffle has been suggested for our meetings or events, but this would require a license and a lot of paperwork with the State of Michigan. Let us hear your ideas, please!

See you all at a club event or car show soon!



MCR MEMBERSHIP – STEVE APKING, MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

(This article recaps the New MCR membership and renewal process.)

Certain information is necessary when you become a new member or renew an existing membership. This data provides us with accurate, up-to-date information, and helps verify your membership term, how long you've been an MCR member, OCA affiliation and/or Associate membership. From this information we create the MCR Roster. On a more celebratory note, we like to keep up on birthday and anniversary dates.

Therefore, we require:

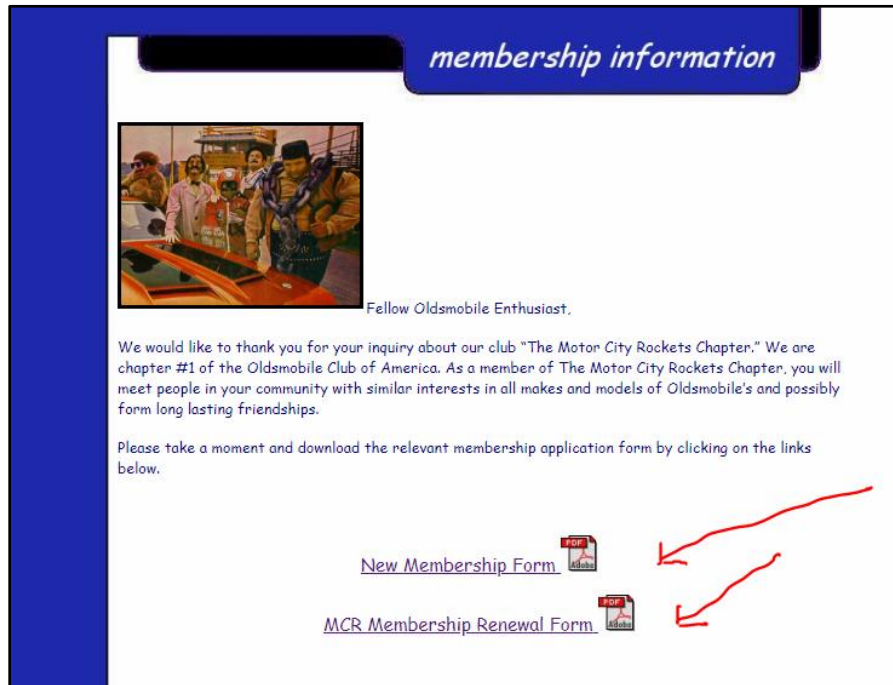
- One of two forms be filled out, either a **New** member or a **Renewal**.
- You then mail one of these forms along with payment to:

Motor City Rockets Chapter
P.O. Box 43
Milford, MI.

- From there our Treasurer, currently Dave Engle, who lives in Milford, regularly checks for any incoming mail.
- Dave deposits payments into our MCR bank account and then creates a .pdf of that form.
- He emails me the .pdfs.
- I save these .pdf forms for all the details mentioned above.

Hopefully, this explains why we ask you for all this information with your payment.

The MCR web site has been revised with these current forms, in .pdf format. (See screenshot below.)



PLEASE NOTE: When you arrive at our home page, the date reflects updates through 05/28/19 or later. Otherwise you may not see these changes. You'll need to clear out your ISP browser cookies, footprints, browsing history, etc. Then come back to the web site. <http://motorcityrockets.com>.

Thank you in advance for following this process.



MCR ACTIVITIES – SUZI MACALUSO, ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

For the Motor City Rockets April activity, we headed to Commerce Township for our Coffee and Cars meeting! Since MCR memberships span the state, we try to plan many different locations. Thirty-two MCR members attended this meeting/activity. Some members pulled their Oldsmobiles out of hibernation and enjoyed a beautiful day on the road. For this adventure we gathered at the GR Auto Gallery who generously served as our hosts. The Club provided a light breakfast of orange juice, coffee, bagels and donuts to get our motors running!

Some motors may have run more than others since one of the “GR girls” helped with the breakfast 😊 For a more in-depth review of the March, April, and May activities, check out the **MCR MEMORIES** articles elsewhere in this issue of **ROCKET FUEL**.



MCR MEMBER FEATURE ARTICLE



1985 Olds Toronado (PHOTO: Courtesy of Karl Kimball)

What Possesses Us to Want to Buy Oldsmobiles? – Karl Kimball

On the last weekend of March, while looking through my Facebook news feed, I noticed an ad in the ‘Oldsmobile Toronado Fans’ group. The ad featured four pictures of a sleek, 1985 Toronado, looking *really* nice, and with only 61,000 miles on the odometer. The owner (in Le Grand, IA) was offering the car at a seemingly very reasonable price. I initiated phone discussions about the opportunity with fellow Toro owners Dave Engel, Bruce Powelson, and Phil Woodward. After several messages to the seller, I decided to go see it, with enough cash in my pocket to bring it home.

Now is when you say, “What? But you already have a beautiful 1984 Oldsmobile Toronado! And not only that, but you live in a Condominium Association with the limited space of a two-stall garage!” It does seem illogical to a rational adult, but by the end of the story I am thinking you will understand, and even be able to relate to my whim in your own mind.

Bruce Powelson graciously agreed to make the trip with me, so we planned it for Wednesday April 3, and Thursday April 4. I picked Bruce up at 7:30 am, and we started the long trip to Iowa. As we departed from his house, I was already thinking about a possible article describing our adventure, and the apparent lunacy of it! The only thought that kept going through my mind in the form of a question, “What possesses us to want to buy Oldsmobiles?”

We had great weather on the drive, and there were no traffic delays around Chicago or anywhere else. The time passed quickly, both because of our excitement to see the Toronado, and the constant chatter about Oldsmobiles and other cars. I don't usually get to enjoy talking about the cars I was exposed to throughout the years, but Bruce was a willing listener, and that made it great fun for me. Since he had as many stories as I did, I think he had a good time too.

When we got to Le Grand, we were about 30 minutes early for the 4:30 pm appointment. We found the house and waited for the owner to get home from work. He soon drove up with a friend and backed the Toronado out of the garage. Wow, it was beautiful to me! I was having a hard time containing my excitement. We approached them to introduce ourselves, and I could tell he had affection for the car. It had been his grandmother's since 1987. We were presented with lots of maintenance records that she had kept through the years.

Of course, no car is perfect, unless you pay top dollar for it at Barrett-Jackson. But we listened to it run, checked it all over, and took it for a short ride. The shifting and braking were smooth. It drove straight without vibration, as if riding on a cloud. Bruce agreed the car was a bargain. As for me; I was just anxious to drive it home. I extended my hand to the owner and told him I would take good care of it. Throughout our communications he had come to know I was an Oldsmobile lover, and he was happy it would be going to someone who would care about it as much as he and his grandmother did.

A short time later, with Title and Bill of Sale in hand, Bruce and I began the return trip to Michigan. He drove my van, and I drove my new Toronado. We drove about 72 miles and everything was going well, so we stopped at Palisades Café in Mt. Vernon, IA for dinner. It was a quaint local restaurant in an old building on 1st Street, and we had a very tasty meal. I was happy that Bruce said his hamburger was the best he'd had in a long time. We continued our drive in a heavy rain; then stopped near the point of exhaustion in Oglesby, IL for the night.



Dinner time for Karl Kimball & Bruce Powelson (PHOTO: Courtesy of Karl Kimball)

After a hotel breakfast the next morning, we were on our way again, hoping there would be no issues on the rest of our journey. I prayed several times my new car would not break down, fearful of the 1992 tires, and the whiff of coolant I would occasionally smell from my near-to-failing heater core (it failed a few days later, and about 15 miles, after I got home). God answered my prayers, and the Toro completed the 600-mile trip to Bay City, MI.

On the final stop that Bruce and I made in Pottsville, MI, I told him that the Toronado "Drove like a dream!" I also told him that it was worth the price I paid, just to be able to enjoy the feeling of driving it home.

Suddenly, the answer to the question posed in the title above became clear to me. It was like déjà vu all over again. If anyone remembers my first article, published in the April 2013 JWO, this is what I wrote about my 1961 Super 88 Convertible. “The broker asked me if I wanted him to start it, then he asked me if I wanted to drive it. Of course, you *know* what happened then, I loved it, and I wanted to have it.”

So, what possesses us to want to buy Oldsmobiles? It’s the way we feel when we are driving them! Our emotions and physical presence are transported to the grandeur of an era, where cars were unique and beautiful, and when our love for the automobile was ensured.



MCR MEMBER EXPERIENCES

REPLACING HEADLIGHT SWITCH – Clay Cook

Hello Motor City Rockets! It’s Clay Cook again! Some of you may remember my tilt steering column story from a couple of years ago. Well, this repair was a challenge, it was not nearly as involved as the steering column.

I have a ‘72 Olds Cutlass Supreme. The rheostat on the switch, (to brighten or dim the dash lights), was working only intermittently. Before, I tell the story, I am tall and have long arms! This repair story may not work for others! I was advised to attempt to remove the switch from under the dash. I didn’t want to do that unless necessary, because it would require the removal of my aftermarket gauges. It would also necessitate lowering the panel.

First, I took out the four screws retaining the gauge trim. Second, I removed the left idiot gauge, laying it aside without discounting the wiring to that gauge. Third, I unscrewed the two screws holding the trim of the far-left A/C duct, because the switch is mounted right below the duct.

I had been told that on the switch, there was a button to press, to pull out the knob, from the switch. I bought a new switch, for \$8.95—which I think is the cheapest part I have ever bought for this car! Anyway, on the new switch I see the button about which I had been told.

That button is very hard to push in, even with the switch *out* of the car, so I knew I wouldn’t have enough strength to push it in, when it was up under the dash! So, when I took the A/C trim off, the A/C duct had about 1/4” space between the dash and the end of the duct. As I shined a flashlight into the space toward the switch, I could see the button on the side of the switch.

Slipping just the right size screwdriver through the space, and pushing in the button, I was able in removing the chrome knob that protruded through the dash. Believe me, it did not come out on the first try! 😊 I could see and feel the switch by putting my right arm through the left gauge hole and going downward and inward to reach the switch.

By this point, I was confident this was a possible way to replace the switch. I used needle-nosed pliers to carefully back out the trim washer behind the knob. (This washer holds the switch in the dash.) I was able to *feel* the switch and raise it up to the left side of the gauge hole. However, I didn’t have room to hold the old switch with one hand while unplugging the electrical lead with the other hand!

Time to become ingenious by looking through the toolbox for ideas! I finally used a pair of rubber tipped spark plug boot plyers to hold the harness with my left hand while reaching into the dash with a long screwdriver and unplug the electrical with my right hand.

To reconnect the new switch, I did the same thing, and prayed that all the lights controlled by this switch would work! 😊 I'm happy to report that everything *does* work, and I can claim a successful repair! My Olds is ready for the first car show of the spring! Have a great day, everyone!



1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme (PHOTO courtesy of Clay Cooper)

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations to Clay Cook. This same vehicle was included in Cruis'News June 2019 issue on page 36.]



FINDING A THING OF BEAUTY – Jake Hoover

My love of Oldsmobiles began when I was 16 and working in the Co-op program at school. Along with my high school buddy, Ron Wittenbach (MCR member), I worked at his uncle's Oldsmobile dealership. Over the next few years, I owned a few different Oldsmobiles, including a used 1964 442 convertible, 4 speed. At 18 years of age, I ordered a 1970 F85 W 31. After selling that, I purchased a 1968 442, 4 speed from an older gentleman. All three were driven hard and drag-raced, both legally and "illegally".

After meeting my future wife and deciding to get married, I sold the 1968 and bought a more family-friendly car, a 1973 2dr Cutlass Supreme, 455 with automatic and air.

Through the years, I have owned several more Oldsmobiles, but I always hoped that I could once again own an Oldsmobile muscle car of the 1968-1970 era. My search took me to many places, including Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania and Sodus, Michigan, to name a couple of places that had some 442s in *really* sad shape. (One sad Cutlass that warranted two trips to Texas is a story for another day.) At one point in my search, I found a nice one in Greenville, Michigan, but the seller changed his mind about selling the car. (It was his wife that wanted it sold.) No sale!!

Eventually, my search led me to get in touch with a gentleman in Minnesota who had a 1970 442, 4 speed, for sale. I spent more than one hour on the phone one evening as this gentleman walked around the car describing every single detail. He agreed to trailer the car to Grandville (MI), and I agreed to either buy the car sight-unseen or pay all his expenses for bringing the car to me.

When the car arrived, the back door of the trailer was opened. When the car was started and being backed out of the trailer, it was a "done deal!" SOLD!!!! Write the Check!! 😊

Over the last 12 years, I have worked on restoring the 442 to as close to original, but adding a few of the "necessities" that we would have added in the 70's.



(PHOTO: Courtesy of Jake Hoover)

[Editor's note: During the Fall Tour 2018, it was an ongoing delight to glance into my rearview mirror, and spot this beautiful vehicle behind me for the entire 200+ mile excursion. Each time seemed like a pleasant surprise—after all, how often can you look in your mirror and see an Oldsmobile these days?!]



(PHOTO: Courtesy of Jake Hoover)



(PHOTO: Courtesy of Jake Hoover)

The members and friends of the Motor City Rockets would enjoy learning about your Oldsmobile acquisition, restoration, repair, or re-build. Email your story and photos to the **ROCKET FUEL** editor, Dale Peterson, at d_peterson123@comcast.net.



LOST IN TRANSLATION ... WELL, LOST ANYWAY! – Jill Woodward

My daughter Caitlin and I spent the first two weeks of April 2019 driving through Ireland. She did all of the driving because I was afraid to drive a right-hand steering wheel and drive on the left-hand side of the road. She did a great job, but.....

First, Caitlin purchased a SIM card to use her phone's GPS to navigate throughout Ireland. We acquired our rental car and headed to our first stop. Although I had brought an actual printed map with me, Cait protested, saying, "Get into the 21st century, mom! We'll use my phone!"

Having begun our journey, it appeared the GPS wasn't working well, because it kept pausing circling, and re-routing us. I was watching the trip odometer, could see the mileage, and let her know when to turn. Our first destination should have taken only 30 minutes. It took 90! We kept stopping, turning around, rebooting her GPS, and heading out again. Meanwhile, I said helpful things like: "I think that was more than 5K. Maybe we should turn around!" Keep in mind that we're in Ireland, where distance is measured all in kilometers.

After touring some gardens, we headed south to a B&B where we would stay for the night. According to the GPS, it was only one hour away. Two hours later, we were in a National Forest rather than where we were supposed to be and the phone says, "No Signal"! I am going nuts! Cait reminds me, "Mom! this is an island; we CAN'T get lost!" You wanna bet?!



Is this happy driving beginning or ending her journey? (PHOTO courtesy of Jill Woodward)

After trying in vain to reboot her phone I asked, "Can I get out my map now?!" Although she had laughed earlier for bringing it, Cait now said I could try to figure out our location. We were somewhere in the mountains, and in the middle of nowhere. We haven't seen another car for an hour! Cait's trying to get a signal.

While I'm investigating the map, I glance up, making an inadvertent discovery. I asked, "Caitlin, why does the trip odometer say *miles*?!" That's right, I had been giving directions in *kilometers* but measuring it in *miles*! We found the button to switch everything to the metric system, found our location on the map, and resumed our journey, arriving at the B&B an hour later.

For the next two weeks, we wrote down directions from Caitlin's phone, and then used the map, and were never got lost again. Incidentally, the locals told us later that evening that *no one* gets service in the National Forest!

Moral of the story: if you rent a car in Ireland, verify the gauges are in the metric setting, AND, you really *can* get lost on an island ☺



UPCOMING MCR EVENTS & MEETINGS – SUZI MACALUSO

As unbelievable as it is, we're almost halfway through 2019, but just starting the car show season! There has been talk about changing the name of *Dust-Off* to *Wash-Out* but MCR is made of sturdy stock! Rain or shine, the event takes place! Let me personally thank everyone who came early or stayed late, helping with setup and cleanup for Dust-Off. Pat and I are happy to host this event every year and really appreciate all the volunteers who help.

The volume of communication and paperwork to fulfill the duties of activities director hasn't been a surprise to me, since I live with the previous director. At times I think he may be a little jealous that I get to talk with so many of you. I love the comments that I get on your responses to my emails.

It's been a lot of fun getting to know our members through your responses. The activities/meetings are always well-attended, although there is always room for others. Please remember that guests/potential new members are always welcome to our activities.

We're always looking for new activities for the club to enjoy. This year we've added a second activity in August—the First Annual All-Oldsmobile Cruise-In at Gilmore Museum (August 24th). Also, note the planned visit to the Stahls Museum on November 2. Please look for more information regarding these and all club events about a month before they take place.

Please give me a call or drop me an email any time if you have an idea for a new activity or a question about a current one. Suzi ☺ 810-599-5318 suzimacaluso@gmail.com



OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA – NATIONAL MEET, WICHITA, KANSAS

By the time you read this newsletter you will have barely enough time to finish packing and fuel the Olds before heading toward Wichita, Kansas, where the 2019 National Meet is being hosted by the Archway Olds Club and the Oklahoma Oldsmobile Club, in partnership with the Oldsmobile Club of America (OCA).

Please note the following events scheduled for the remainder of the year:

June 23-30, 2019 – OCA National Event (Wichita, KS)

July 27, 2019 – R. E. Olds Museum's Capitol Auto Show (Lansing) (Not an official club event)

August 17, 2019 – Annual Woodward Dream Cruise (Royal Oak)

August 24, 2019 – 1st Annual All-Oldsmobile Cruise-In (Gilmore Car Museum)

September 13-15, 2019 – (Bay City / Thumb area Fall Color Tour)

September 29, 2019 – The Gathering of Oldsmobile's @ Baker's (Milford)

October 12, 2019 – Great Pumpkin Charity Car Show (Howell)

November 2, 2019 – Stahl's Automotive Museum (Chesterfield Township)

December 7, 2019 – Annual MCR Christmas Party (Clinton Township)



MCR MEMORIES

YE OLDS TRIVIA LUNCHEON

Saturday, 16 March 2019



A great place for a meal and/or a meeting! (PHOTO courtesy of JDP1)



No wonder Dave Engel was nicknamed "Checkbook!"



It was sunny when Phil Woodward decided to drive his new wheels



When it involves food, apparently this crowd arrives early! Many of these conversations were also about food ... including Girl Scout cookies!



Great food ... great meeting ... great relationships! (PHOTOS courtesy of JDP1)



YE OLDS APRIL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Saturday, 13 April 2019

April's MCR meeting offered participating members a wonderful gathering on a beautiful, sunny Saturday. GR Auto Gallery of Commerce Township provided a great host location, since we were surrounded by dozens of cars. The club retained High Octane Café & Bakery of Bloomfield to provide coffee, bagel, and donuts. The combination of MCR members, coffee and food of any kind surely helped get the day started!

Jon Fizel, a consignment representative from GR Auto Gallery gave an informative overview of their company's operation, answered questions following his presentation, and remained throughout the MCR event to further entertain questions. Their strategy for marketing classic vehicles was impressive. If you are interested in selling a historic vehicle, here is some contact information.

Jon Fizel, Consignment Representative

GR Auto Gallery

3175 Martin Road

Commerce Township, MI 48390

(248) 912-6600 (Main Office)

(248) 302-1116 (Cell)

jfizel@grautogallery.com

www.grautogallery.com



Pat Macaluso presiding over the April meeting



One of the two Oldsmobiles at GRautogallery on consignment

(PHOTOS: Courtesy Jill Woodward)

MCR president, Pat Macaluso called the monthly meeting to order and moderated a smoothly paced business meeting that included brief presentations by each officer or department volunteer. One particularly interesting presentation was made by membership coordinator, Steve Apking, who surprised club members with three, framed original certificates.

The first certificate, dated 15 June 1977, recognized the first local club to be chartered under The Oldsmobile Club of America. Originally named South Eastern Michigan Chapter, as noted in the charter, by 23 September 1986 would become Motor City Rockets. The trilogy of certificates is shown below.



MCR membership meeting, 13 April 2019
 GRAutoGallery, Commerce Township, MI
 (PHOTO: Courtesy of Steve Apking)

Two informational presentations were made by MCR president, Pat Macaluso. The first was a handout regarding how to determine the age of a tire, with the caution that tires ten years of age or older should be replaced. (This information appears at the end of this article.)

The second handout (shown below) will be beneficial particularly to those working with restoration projects, since it highlights a product—Metal Rescue—that removes rust. Three different MCR members that used this product gave glowing reviews. Metal Rescue is manufactured by Armor Protective Packaging, 1551 N Burkhart Road, Howell, MI 48855. Their website is www.armorvci.com.

Adding to the excitement, a drawing was held, with names of four lucky winners who received bottles of liquid Metal Rescue and another four winners claiming jars of the gel version.

Brian Yopp, Director of Programs & Operations for the MotorCities National Heritage Area, was the featured speaker of April 2019, presenting the efforts of that organization in helping to preserve and promote the historicity of the automotive industry in southeastern Michigan. MotorCities helps generate \$410 million in economic impact, supports 4,560 jobs, and generates \$35.4 million in tax revenue.



Brian Yopp, Director of Programs & Operations, MotorCities National Heritage Area (PHOTO: Courtesy of Jill Woodward)

If you would like to learn more about MotorCities National Heritage Area, here is Brian Yopp's contact information.

Brian Yopp, Director of Programs & Operations
Phone: (313) 259-3425, ext 307
Email: byopp@motorcities.org
Website: www.motorcities.org

Finally, to end the MCR monthly event, twenty-five members and our guest, Brian Yopp, headed to a private dining room at CJ's Brewing Company on Richardson Road in Commerce for a great lunch together! At our table of six, the two deep dish pizzas looked great—until Phil Woodward and Pat Macaluso devoured them; Suzi Macaluso's chicken quesadillas must have been great, since they disappeared; the built-your-own burger was wonderful; but Jill Woodward was jet-lagging from a return flight from Ireland the night before, so she was happy with a salad. 😊

Whether the MCR members know that much about Oldsmobiles may be questionable, but there is no doubt that we know our food quite well! I'm surprised that (1) someone left a partial box of Thin Mint Girl Scout cookies at the March meeting and (2) that the box actually made it to the April meeting!



YE OLDS SPRING DUST-OFF

19 May 2019



(Front-wheel drives – PHOTO courtesy of Jill Woodward)

The weather forecast for several days had not been encouraging. Only hours before the event, I emailed to ask, “Is this a ‘rain or shine’ event?” The reply quickly came, “Yes, it is!” Not to disappoint—we had both rain and shine during the day!

Pat and Suzi Macaluso did an awesome job of hosting the Motor City Rockets’ annual Dust-Off on their beautiful property. Located halfway between Howell to the north and Pinckney to the south. The grounds were meticulously groomed. Signs and flags welcomed everyone, which was especially helpful to those participating for the first time.

Car memorabilia, especially of the Oldsmobile variety, was a thing of beauty! And the food? Well, I think there was enough to feed everyone from Howell to Pinckney.

Here is some photo documentation of the 2019 Dust-Off, courtesy of MCR photographer Jill Woodward.



Apparently the first arrivals went in search of food! (PHOTO courtesy of Jill Woodward)



Isn't that a beautiful sight? And what is a picture without a Michigan state flower? They're orange this time of year!

(PHOTO courtesy of Jill Woodward)



Still, no rain, but nice-looking cars! *(PHOTO courtesy of Jill Woodward)*



Those tickets paid off big time for 15 people, but the gray-haired dude in the foreground will need to shrink a few pounds to fit into the Oldsmobile shirt he won! 😊 *(PHOTO courtesy of Jill Woodward)*



Those two granddaughters were wonderful sales staff ... and next year, they'll have longer arms—more tickets for the same \$10! 😊 (PHOTO courtesy of Jill Woodward)



These hot dogs (the ones in the packages) were excellent! Okay, the two in the background were excellent grill masters, too! 😊 (PHOTO courtesy of Jill Woodward)



Everyone had eaten by the time the rain came, so everyone moved inside for the Monthly MCR meeting and raffle. (PHOTO courtesy of Jill Woodward)



Tim Holliday knows how to start them right at a young age! (PHOTO courtesy of Jill Woodward)

Well, Dust-Off 2019 is in the history books—all 21 Oldsmobiles, 14 non-Oldsmobiles, and 1 vintage truck for the day! Although the inclement weather may have kept the numbers down for the event, the spirit of MCR participants was not! When a notification of events first appears for next year, members will want to take that opportunity to put Dust-Off 2020 on their calendars.



Great food! Great people! Great cars! Great times!



YE OLDS HOMECOMING

15 June 2019

At press time, Homecoming 2019 was still a few hours from starting, so here's our compromise to the situation, since press time is technically 15 June 2019. The release of the Summer 2019 issue of **ROCKET FUEL** has been delayed by a few hours, to bring you a few photos as a teaser. The Fall 2019 issue will have a full article covering the event, along with additional photos. Enjoy!



Dimondale Cruise (PHOTO courtesy of Pat Macaluso)



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MCR MEMBERS' MOTORS



(PHOTO courtesy of JDP1)

Apparently one of two or three things has happened, since we have no article to bring you under the heading of MCR Members' Motors. First, perhaps no one has any experience with Oldsmobile engines, so no one knew about what to write and submit as an article. Or it could be that everyone swapped out their 330s, 394s, 400s and 455s for Chevy LS crate engines. Surely that can't be, so maybe everyone thought that someone else would write an article about an engine rebuild or replacement or repair.

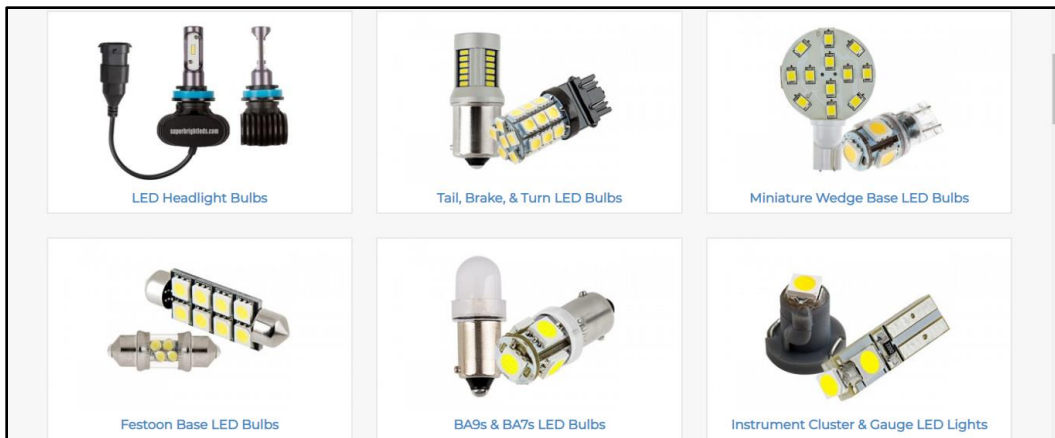
Then there's always the possibility that members with motor experiences don't see themselves as "writers," so are hesitant to submit something. (By the way, if that's you, put the details into a word document the best you can and send it to me. I'll tweak it for spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc. and try to make you look good ... unless it's an article about something besides an Olds engine, that is! Then, there's nothing that can help!) 😊

So, look—here's the deal. As your highly paid editor, I'll spare you the torture of telling you an embarrassing tale of a 330 high compression gone bad in the Fall 2019 issue of Rocket Fuel, as long as our readers step up to send me articles and photos of your engine projects! Deal? (Send your 500-word story by email to d.peterson123@comcast.net and we'll try to get it into a future issue for our MCR family to enjoy!) Otherwise, you're destined to hear how the parts that Wally Booth spec'd and gave me, along with the machine work of Dick Arons, could go wrong ... 😊

Disclaimer: There was nothing wrong with either the parts or the machine work!



MCR TECH TIPS



The April 2019 Hagerty insurance magazine had an article focused on LED replacement lamps, which are much brighter, use less energy, and generate less heat. Interested in converting? Here is the link for Vintage Car LEDs, referenced in the article, and is a resource to purchase replacement bulbs. <http://ww25.vintagecarled.com/>



MCR MERCHANDISE — CINDY KLEMM

The Who said it best....

*"... Well, who are you? (who are you? who, who, who, who?)
I really wanna know (who are you? who, who, who, who?)
Tell me, who are you? (who are you? who, who, who, who?)
'Cause I really wanna know (who are you? who, who, who, who?)"*

Now that that song is stuck in your head on to the issue at hand! Have you ever been to a MCR event, spoken with fellow members, and never known that person's name?



(PHOTO courtesy of Pay Macaluso)

We have beautiful name tags for sale. They are embossed with the MCR logo and your name is engraved on them. They are magnetic backed so there is no damage to your clothing. The cost is \$12.00 each and can be ordered through me. Just send me an email (dakcak@wowway.com) with the name you want engraved, be sure to include your last name, and I will handle the rest.

Don't forget we're having a clearance sale on MCR t-shirts. Quantities and sizes are limited so, email your needs to me and I'll let you know if it is available.

That's all for now, keep the shiny side up.



MCR MEMBER MINDER

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

July

03 – Erick Drake
11 – Dave Tucker
27 – Bob Wheeler
31 – Pat Hibbeln

August

06 – Suzi Macaluso
08 – Doug Width
18 – Denise Tucker
19 – Jim Dyar

September

06 – Karl Kimball
15 – Diana Kimball
24 – Ed Pashukewich
30 – Jeff Pregler

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

July

01 – Steve & Sue Apking
12 – Bob & Diane Shalla
18 – Alan & Sandy Wilcox
20 – Pat & Suzi Macaluso

August

05 – Jeff & Martha Pregler
06 – Mary & Pat Hibbeln
11 – Brock & Suzanne Loewen
22 – Ed & Sue Pashukewich

September

04 – Al & Kerry Ferry
10 – Bill & Terry Mozurkewich

MEMBER CARE & CONCERN

Thoughts and prayers for the following MCR members:

Barbara Cooper – recovering from breathing problems that necessitated a hospital stay

Ed Pashukewich – condolences in the passing of Ed's mother (Patricia) on 30 March 2019

Bruce Powelson – recovering from quadruple bypass surgery on 03 June 2019



REGIONAL CAR EVENTS OF INTEREST

Charlton Park Car Show & Swap Meet

Sunday, 16 June 2019 – 0800-1600 hours (rain or shine)

Historic Charlton Park – 2545 Charlton Park Road, Hastings, MI 49058

For more information: (269) 753-9172

Nostalgia Memories

Friday, 21 June 2019 – Sunday, 23 June 2019

Washtenaw County Fairgrounds, 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

For more information: www.nostalgiamemories.com

12th Annual Auburn Hills 'By the River' Car Show

(Benefiting Auburn Hills Noon Optimist Club)

Saturday, 22 June 2019 – 0800-1500 hours

Riverside Park – Auburn Road & Squirrel Road – Auburn Hills, MI

For more information: Brian Marzolf (248) 370-9353

47th Annual Sloan Museum Auto Fair

Saturday, 22 June 2019 – Sunday 23 June 2019

Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad – 6140 Bray Road, Flint, MI 48505

For more information: www.sloanAutoFair.com

12th Annual Center Line Lions Car Show

(Charity show is a fundraiser for Center Line Lions Club)

Sunday, 23 June 2019 – 0800-1500 hours

ABC Warehouse parking lot – 7215 Ten Mile Road, Center Line, MI 48015

For more information: www.unitedstreetmachines.com

44th Annual St. Ignace Car Show Weekend

Thursday, 27 June 2019 – Sunday, 30 June 2019

St. Ignace, MI

For more information: www.stignacecarshow.com

9th Annual Motor City Fest Car Show & Swap Meet

Sunday, 07 July 2019

Canterbury Village – 2369 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, MI 48360

For more information: www.DetroitPerformanceCenter.com

2019 Cool City Car Show & Cruise *

(Benefiting the American Cancer Society)

Friday, 12 July 2019 & Saturday, 13 July 2019

4191 N Euclid Avenue, Bay City, MI 48706

Register Online: www.coolcitycarshow.com

For more information: Karl Kimball, karlskimball@gmail.com or (989) 859-1738

* (See registration form following this section)

Motor City POCI's 6th Annual Motor City Summer Round-up

Saturday, 13 July 2019

Bakers of Milford – 2025 S Milford Road, Milford, MI 48381

For more information: www.motorcitypoci.com

Motor City Fest Car Show & Swap Meet

Sunday, 14 July 2019 – 0900-1400 hours

Canterbury Village – 2369 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, MI 48360

For more information: (586) 790-4157

Cruise the Pits 3rd Annual Cruise & Car Show

(Benefiting Child Abuse Prevention Counsel of Shiawassee County)

18-20 July 2019 in historic Owosso, Michigan

For more information: www.cruisethepits.com

Lake Street Cruise-In Motorfest

Saturday, 27 July 2019 – rain or shine

Downtown South Lyon, MI

For more information: www.lakestreetcruisein.com

4th Annual Main Street Memories Car Show

(Benefiting Council on Aging of St. Clair County)

Saturday, 27 July 2019 – 1000-1600 hours

Downtown Port Huron, MI

For more information: www.MainstreetMemoriesPH.com

27th Annual Car Capital Auto Show

Saturday, 27 July 2019, 0730 – 1515 hours

Downtown Lansing at the Michigan State Capitol – Lansing, MI

For more information: www.carcapitalautoshow.org

Kickin' It Old School Car Show & Swap Meet

Saturday, 27 July 2019 –

Milan Dragway – 10860 Plank Road, Milan, MI 48160

For more information: www.milandragway.com

12th Annual Bigger & Better Classic Car Show – Troy Traffic Jam

Sunday, 04 August 2019 – 1000-1500 hours

Columbia Center – 201 W Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084

For more information: www.TroyTrafficJam.com

Cruise for a Cause

(Benefiting The Gaddes Foundation, promoting organ donation & cystic fibrosis awareness)

Saturday, 10 August 2019 – Noon-1700 hours (\$20 per car)

Shark Club – 6665 Highland Road, Waterford, MI 48327

Cruisin' Hines

Sunday, 25 August 2019, 0900 – 1800 hours

Edward Hines Drive

For more information: www.cruisinhines.com

36th Annual Frankenmuth Auto Fest

Friday, 06 September – Sunday, 08 September 2019

For more information: www.frankenmuthautofest.net

31st Annual Indian Summer Car Show

Sunday, 22 September 2019 – 0800-1530 hours

Sellers Buick-GMC – 38000 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, MI 48335

For more information: www.sellersgm.com

2019 North Gratiot Cruise

Saturday, 28 September 2019

For more information: www.cruisegratiot.com



RESTAURANT & SPORTS BAR

FREE!

Come Join the Fun!

2 for 1 Coney's for all drivers
at Mega Coney Island

\$5 off any Pizza for all drivers at Boston's

DOOR PRIZES:
Gas Cards • Free Gift Certificates • Shirts • 50/50



RESTAURANT & SPORTS BAR

SUMMER CRUISE 2019

Cars of All Year's Welcome!

MEGA CONEY FENTON	BOSTON'S PIZZA
5-8 PM • 3rd TUESDAY	5-8 PM • 4th TUESDAY
3251 Owen Rd. at US 23, Fenton (810) 750-2234	3324 Owen Rd. at US 23, Fenton (810) 750-5800
May 21	May 28
June 18	June 25
July 16	July 23
August 20	August 27

Sponsored by Christian Cruisers

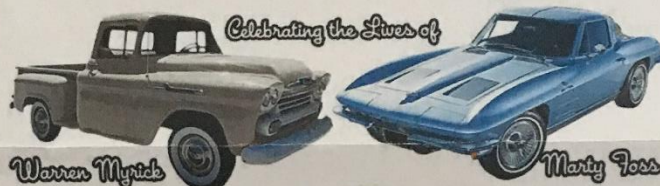




EDITOR'S NOTE: MCR's own Karl Kimball, who lives in Bay City, has made the following registration form available for use by MCR members, thereby assisting your registration in advance. If you have additional questions, please contact Karl Kimball at karlskimball@gmail.com or (989) 859-1738

2019 COOL CITY

Car Show & Cruze



Never to be Forgotten



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRI JULY 12TH CRUZE FOR A CURE

- 2:30 PM - REGISTRATION FOR THE CAR CRUZE
PLEASE ENTER AT THE OLD
HAMPTON MALL:
1415 W. CENTER RD. BAY CITY, MI
- 5:30 PM - CRUZE BEGINS THROUGH THE
STREETS OF ESSEXVILLE, HAMPTON
AND BAY CITY. WE WILL CONCLUDE
WITH A STREET PARTY IN THE
MIDLAND STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT

SAT JULY 13TH CAR SHOW

- 8:00 AM - REGISTRATION FOR ALL
VEHICLES AT THE DELTA
PLANETARIUM IN
DOWNTOWN BAY CITY
- 9:00 AM - CAR SHOW BEGINS
11:00 AM - EXHAUST RAPPING
12:00 PM - TEAM COMPETITION
3:00 PM - AWARDS PRESENTATION FOR
THE COOL CITY CAR SHOW

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE TO SPECTATORS

100% OF THE PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE IS \$20.00
DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, 7/5/2018 AT 5PM
REGISTRATION AT GATE
\$25.00 EITHER/BOTH DAYS

FREE T-SHIRT FOR THE FIRST 4 PEOPLE
TO ENTER THE TEAM COMPETITION
FIRST 300 TO REGISTER RECEIVE A GOODIE BAG

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
THE COOL CITY CAR SHOW
COPOCO COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION
1479 STRAITS DR. BAY CITY, MI 48706
989-684-1873

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

RADIO FLYER TV NEWSPAPER

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

MY RIDE IS A: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ENTER A COMPETITION

I AM A CANCER SURVIVOR

FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION VISIT US AT WWW.COOLCITYCARSHOW.COM

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

OCA NATIONALS 2019 – WICHITA, KANSAS

25-30 June 2019

Further information regarding National can be found on the website of Oldsmobile Club of America at www.oldsmobileclub.org

OCA NATIONALS 2020 – MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE

28 July – 02 August 2020

This is a courtesy for our Motor City Rocket members to “save the date” for next year. Murfreesboro is a bedroom community of Nashville, Tennessee. Needless to say, Music City offers lots of sights to see, sounds to hear, and food to eat, so you may want to make a week-long vacation just in that area. Watch for details in future issues of your Journey with Olds magazine.



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OLDSMOBILE IDENTITY



Year: _____ Model: _____



Year: _____ Model: _____

