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With winter approaching, we know it's time for Chapter members to put away their cars, kick back, and enjoy the club's annual banquet and election of officers. Since the weather was so mild this year, many members held off putting their car in storage and drove their Oldsmobile to the banquet.

Inside the banquet room, the annual Indoor Oldsmobile Model Car Show was taking place. Many new exhibits were displayed, including a kid's pedal car - Speedway Pace Car - displayed by Steve Zaban, and an impressive display of

semi-truck models and car haulers brought in by Ashley Jones.

Judy Badgley provided a new set of challenging Oldsmobile trivia questions, and awarded prizes for those with the best scores on each "test." Game and other contest winners included:

Vanity plates game - guest of the Gilbert's.

Model car display winners

Best full-size Olds - Ed Shand's Toronado; **Best Cutlass,442, H/O** - Ron Wilkes' '72 Hurst/Olds;

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Members and friends visit with each other prior to our meal at the Annual Banquet.



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Board members are elected for a one year period of time at the Annual Banquet Meeting. Officers assume their office beginning January 1st of the subsequent year in which they are elected.

General Club meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at various locations, but usually at the R.E. Olds Museum in Lansing. Contact Vicki May at the number shown above for more information.

Oldsmobile Homecoming Car Show committee meetings are held periodically through out the year. Please contact Don Cooper at: OLDSHOMECOMING@aol.com for more information.



Notes from the Editor

As all of you know by now, this is my last issue as your newsletter editor. I have enjoyed assembling this newsletter for the past six years, and have appreciated all of the article contributions you have made to help keep this an interesting and informative publication. I am not leaving the Chapter; just leaving the editor's job to another yet-to-be-named member. (**Do we hear any volunteers?**) I will continue working as web master for our Chapter web site, and working on the Homecoming committee. I also hope to be a contributing writer to the *Rocket Review* on occasion.

When the next editor begins his/her job, please continue to contribute your interesting and informative articles. This is what helps to keep the communication lines open among our members. If you are interested in becoming editor of the Rocket Review, I will be available to get you started, and teach you what you need to know. Applicants should be comfortable using the computer and be familiar with various Microsoft software. If interested, contact me for further details at wemas@comcast.net. Thank you for your support and contributions.

25th Anniversary Cloth Patch

Just 17 patches remain! The Chapter made a special purchase of 100 patches to help celebrate our Chapter's 25th year of existence. Patches are 3 inches in diameter, and look nice on club jackets or shirts.

Of the 100 ordered, only seventeen remain. You can purchase a patch (or two, or three) from Wayne Mason at any of our Chapter meetings for as long as the supply lasts, or you may order them from Wayne and have them sent to you. Each patch costs \$3.00.



For mail orders, please include \$3.00 for each patch you want, plus \$1.00 for postage and mailing supplies. Up to three patches can be mailed for the additional dollar. **Send your order to :**

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Happy Birthday

January Birthdays - Michelle Ryder - 4th, Chris Heminger 5th, Ron Reichle 7th, Abel Gonzalez & Katherine Johnson 9th, Douglas Songer - 19th, Don Smith 26th, Jerry Garfield, Wayne May & Pennie Vance 28th, Roger Andrzejewski 29th, Alan Wilcox - 30th, Gerald Christoff - 31st.



February Birthdays - Jill Gilbert & Kris Kuerbitz - 2nd, Veronica Bridson & Jan Hummer 5th, James Spalding 10th, Janet Shand & Maria Klein - 11th, Betty Mroczka 12th, Cindy Songer - 15th, Patricia Walker - 16th, Kurt Tillman & Eva Cooper 22nd, Willis Dennis 23rd, Karen Christoff 24th, Christa Rodgers - 28th.

If we don't list your birthday, send yours/spouses birthday information (month and day only) to wemas@comcast.net. In the subject line put R.E. OLDS. Or snail mail to:

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Welcome New Members

We welcome the following new members who joined our Chapter since our last newsletter: **Darryl and Debra Reece** of Grand Rapids, MI. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming Chapter events or monthly meetings.

Classified Ads

Classified ads must be received by the editor on or before the first Tuesday of publication month's (February, April, June, August, October, December) Cost of ad is "0" for members and \$6.00 for non-members. Photos welcome. Ads will be run once *unless you call the Editor and request that it be run again!*

Shop Manuals - approximately 174 service and shop manuals ranging from 1953 to 1991. They are Oldsmobile shop manuals, electrical trouble shooting manuals and Fisher Body manuals. Some have never been used, some used; most have not been used. \$10.00 per book of your choice. If Anyone is interested contact me for a full list via e-mail at

coopsledg@aol.com . If you do not have e-mail access, I can be contacted by calling 517-290-7455.

1987 442 - Black/silver, 136,000 miles, T-tops. Great shape - just needs some engine work. \$5,000 OBO. Call Michael at 517-740-4503.

1991 Cutlass Supreme 4dr. - V-6, automatic - White, red cloth interior in good condition. Power steering, brakes, windows, door locks, antenna, plus 6-way power driver seat. Cruise, tilt wheel, AM-FM radio. A little rust, but dependable driver. \$1,500 OBO. Call Wayne at 669-8051.

Olds Parting



Gone Christmas Shopping!
See you next issue.



Steve Zaban's Speedway Pace Car. Story on page one.

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Best Olds Convertible - Bob Shorman's '69 Cutlass Conv.; **Best Display** - Ashley Jones' Olds semi trailers, race trailers, etc.; **Best hand-built Olds** - Badgley's 1975 Hurst Olds w/t-tops; **Oldest Olds** - Andy Gilbert's 1949 race car; **Best display** - Steve Zaban's Indy 500 jacket, hat & pedal car.

Best Olds-dressed man, Wayne Mason; **Best Olds-dressed woman**, Dave Sanders' granddaughter.

Earliest registration - Don & Eva Cooper; **Most people in their "group"** - Gilberts, with ten people in their party; **Earliest to Arrive** - Steve Zaban who arrived for the banquet one week early!; **Last to Register** - Harry & Lori Emmons.

All of the current year's elected Chapter officers were returned to their office for another year. Steve "the judge" Zaban swore in the officers for another year.

Good food, good friends, and a good time had by all contributed to another enjoyable evening at the RE Olds Chapter Annual Banquet. Were you there? If not, please consider joining your fellow Chapter members at next year's event! You'll be glad you did.

Photos from the Annual Banquet for this article were provided by Ed Shand, Bruce Powelson, and Wayne Mason.



Above and left - Ashley Jones impressive car hauler display.



Members and guests mingle before the meal.



Several members contributed to this Oldsmobile model display.

2010 Calendar of Events

January 5 General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank

February 2 General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank

March 2 General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank

April 6 **Chapter board meeting**
6pm R. E. Olds Museum
General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank

May 4 General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank

June 1 General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank

June 19 Olds Homecoming Car Show & Swap
Meet - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Contact: Judy Badgley 517-645-7438 or
djbadgley@gmail.com

July 6 **Chapter board meeting**
6pm R. E. Olds Museum
General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank

July 21-25 Olds Club of America National Meet
Sturbridge, Massachusetts
see JWO for details

August 3 General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank

August 27, 28 28th Street Metro Cruise/Car Show
Harvey Cadillac, Grand Rapids
Contact: Mike Ross 517-676-5630 or
Ret369lpd@sbcglobal.net

September 7 General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank

October 5 **Chapter board meeting**
6pm R. E. Olds Museum
General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank

November R. E. Olds Chapter Annual Banquet &
Elections. **date TBD**
Details in future newsletters.
(No general membership meeting in
November)

December 2 **Chapter board meeting**
6pm R. E. Olds Museum
General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank

You may view 2010 Michigan car show information
as it becomes available at:
<http://www.carshownews.com/national/MI.htm>



Steve Zaban, left, swears in the Chapter's 2010 officers at the Annual Banquet. L to R: Steve, VP - Harry Emmons, Secretary - Ed Shand, OCA Rep. - Eva Cooper, Treasurer - Troy Collins, and President - Vivki May.

Secretary's Report



R.E. Olds Chapter General Session Meeting October 6, 2009

President, Vicki May called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

There were 21 present at the meeting. There was one guest at the meeting.

Presidents Report:

Vicki welcomed the members and guest for attending. Those present introduced themselves.

Board Meeting Items: There were no Board meeting items brought forth to the General session meeting.

Vice Presidents Report:

Harry Emmons: There was no information to report from the Vice President.

Treasurers Report:

Troy Collins reported: The balance on hand as of August 31, 2009 was \$20615.56. Revenues for the month were \$3.00. Expenses for the month were \$0. The balance on hand as of September 30, 2009 was \$20618.56. Harry Emmons moved to accept the treasurers' report as read. Jim Harsant seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

Secretaries Report:

The minutes of the general session meeting for September 1, 2009 were presented to the membership and opened for discussion. Jim Harsant motioned to accept the minutes as read. Harry Emmons seconded the motion and the membership approved the motion.

Newsletter Report: Vicki May reported for Wayne Mason who was not present at the meeting. The newsletter will be finalized by Wednesday

October 7, 2009. I need to move up the newsletter deadline to tomorrow (Wednesday, Oct.7) at 1pm; as the remainder of my week is "booked." The newsletter is about 80% complete, and I will begin finalizing it at 1pm tomorrow. At this point, I am looking for the President's article, Troy and Willis' article, annual banquet information, and the general meeting minutes for August and September. Whatever I receive by 1pm, I will go with. The preferred delivery method is email; however you may also drop off a hard-copy at my house if needed (same deadline.) Don't snail mail it as it won't get to me on time.

Anyone who has a "my car" article may also submit it; however it will be published in an upcoming issue of our newsletter. Thanks to all who have already contributed to this issue, and any of our past issues. See you at the annual banquet. Wayne Mason.

Membership Chairman Report: Don Cooper reported: Karl Kimball is a new member registering during the month of September. He has a 1961 Olds 88.

OCA Chapter Representative Report: Eva Cooper reported: There is no new information to report. However, OCA membership had an error in September and the corrections were made in October. If there is an error with any information regarding your membership contact Marsha Nicholas.

Old Business:

1. Homecoming: October 21, 2009 is the next meeting. The first meeting was conducted and we are starting the 2010 Homecoming arrangements. We received the insurance certificate from OCA for 2010. Judy Badgley stated that there was to be an article for the November issue of OCA. Oldsmobile Pace Cars will be the feature car for 2010.

2. The November Homecoming meeting will be held on Saturday November 14 at 3:00 pm at the banquet center.

New Business:

1. Nomination for officers is requested for voting at the annual meet-

ing. The Board agreed to submit their names for the same positions currently held.

2. The position of Newsletter Editor will be open for the upcoming year. If there are any interested persons please advise Vicki May or Troy Collins. Wayne will continue with the web site development and maintenance.

3. The banquet will be held at the Great Lakes Christian Home at 2050 South Washington, Holt, MI. There is a model car show and other games. The Board selected the member of the year and will be presented the award at the annual meeting.

4. November 14th is the date of the annual meeting. The cutoff date for registration is November 7, 2009. The cost is \$10.00 per person including one guest at the same price. Set up is 5:30 and dinner is 6:30.

5. Jan Hummer will receive registration checks for the dinner.

6. The Harvey Cadillac Tour will be put off until the first of the year.

7. Vicki read a message received from Dave Sanders. He is walking with a walker and hopefully will be home by November 3rd.

8. Activities: The Hickory Corners event was a very nice trip.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Harsant and supported by Chris Hemminger. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted: Ed. Shand, Secretary.

There were no expenditures approved at this meeting.

R.E. Olds Chapter Annual Meeting & Banquet November 14, 2009

- The evening started with a social time and model car show
- Vicki May, President
 1. Vicki welcomed the group to the annual meeting.

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2. Tom Hummer offered the invocation.

- Dinner / Dessert / Games

1. Judy Badgley conducted the games

- Business meeting

1. Treasurers Report: Troy Collins reported the status of the financial stability of the Chapter.

- Balance on hand was \$20,618.56 on September 30, 2009.
- Revenue for the month was \$512.00
- Expenses for the month were \$542.26
- The month end balance as of October 31, 2009 was \$20,588.30

e. Secretaries Report: Ed Shand reported that minutes were taken at each Board meeting and General session meeting during the 2009 calendar year. He thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as secretary.

f. Wayne thanked all those that submitted an article for the newsletter throughout the year. We have need of additional articles for the newsletter coming up. He encouraged all to assist the new editor with articles in the upcoming year.

g. Vicki announced the member of the year award for 2009. The recipient of this award was Ron Reichle for his work with Homecoming other things he does for the Chapter.

- Presentation of trophies for the model car show.



OLDSMOBILE LEAD THE WAY WITH VALIANT CONTROLS

AS A PRIVATE in the infantry during the Battle of the Bulge, my father, Louis "Bo" Strickland, was wounded on Christmas Day 1944. He lost part of his right foot and later had to have his leg amputated just below the knee.

After the war, Oldsmobile helped implement the Valiant program, in which cars with Hydra-Matic Drive automatic transmissions allowed service personnel with missing limbs to drive more easily. In 1946, 12,891 of these cars were provided, and in 1947 the number increased to 26,344.

The picture (above) was taken in April 1947 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina on the day Dad

(middle) was presented with one of these cars—a green six-cylinder 1946 aids Club Sedan. Dad was 30 years old and mighty handsome.

With him were the dealership's owners, Lyman B. Hoggard (left) and John A. Vann, who had kept the car in the showroom until Dad got out of the hospital. I've been told this was the first car in town with automatic transmission. As one can imagine, Dad immediately had new friends, since new cars were scarce right after the war. - Dennis Strickland.

Submitted by Don Cooper; Reprinted from Reminisce Magazine...August / September 2009 issue. Used herein for teaching purposes only.

- Elections/ ballots: The following were nominated for officer positions.

1. President: Vicki May
2. Vice President: Harry Emmons
3. Treasurer: Troy Collins
4. Secretary: Ed Shand
5. OCA Representative: Eva Cooper.

The membership elected the officers unanimously with a rising of hands.

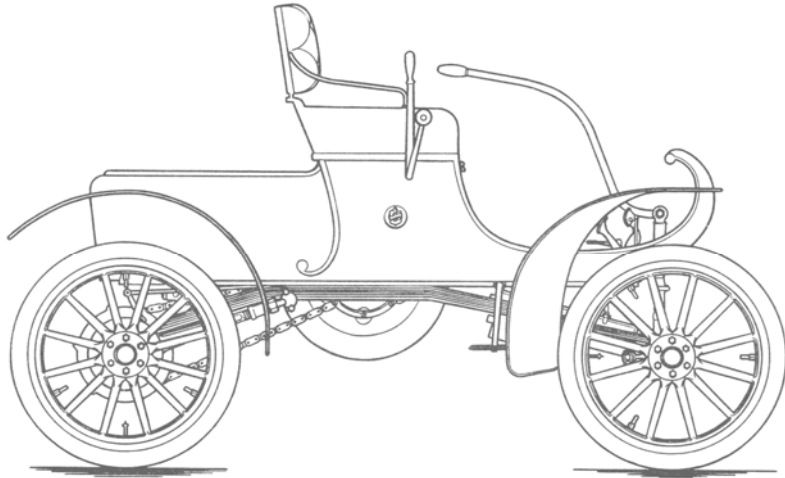
- Steve Zaban Officially swore in the officers

The membership expressed a special thanks to Jan and Tom Hummer, Judy Badgley and Eva and Don Cooper for their time and work with the arrangements for the annual banquet.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Shand, Secretary

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