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Silver Anniversary Celebration

and you are invited . . .

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We, the R. E. Olds Chapter, are celebrating our 25th Anniversary.

We became an official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America on June 16, 1984. We are planning a picnic/car show to celebrate this milestone and we would like to invite all of you to participate.

The Chapter **picnic/car show** will be held on **Sunday, August 16, 2009 at 1PM**. You are invited to attend the picnic, show off your Oldsmobile and enjoy the day. All of the original charter members and Past Presidents of our Chapter have been invited to at-

tend. This will be a relaxing afternoon of sharing Oldsmobile and Chapter stories with friends. The Chapter will provide burgers and hot dogs for the grill. Please bring your own table service, a dish to share and lawn chairs. If you have any old photos of Chapter events, please bring them to share with everyone.

The picnic will be held on the grounds of the R. E. Olds Museum.

We ask that you **let us know if you will be attending**. Contact Judy Badgley at 517-645-7438 or djbadgley@gmail.com.

See page five for a list of the Chapter's charter members and past presidents.



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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.

Greetings from Your President



Thoughts on Oldsmobile Homecoming 2009 -

I heard many nice comments from participants about our show: Great registration process, very nice door prizes, great music (nice variety - not too loud). I spoke with vendors - some were happy with their sales; some thought sales were down; but, most say they love to attend our show. The clown [Vicki] had her picture taken several times with small children and some older "gentlemen" that just had to hug the clown. So, the clown does go above and beyond the call of duty to be the Chapter's good will ambassador!

There may be one person that takes exception, however. Let's hope the State Police don't have to make a guest appearance in the future. I wonder if anyone got

a picture of the State Police car following the clown down the street?? I did hear someone from the field holler, "Run, Vicki, run!" All jokes aside, it was important to remove the individual from our show to maintain the high standards we strive for each year. The [Chapter's 25th Anniversary] cake was a hit and wouldn't have been possible without the help of Eva Cooper and Marsha Nicholas who helped with frosting and decorating Friday.

Our cake statistics are:

It took us 12-1/2 hours to bake, frost and decorate the cakes

We had 12-12x18 layers and 2-12 inch round layers

27 cake mixes; 7 dozen eggs, etc

We used 49 pounds of powdered sugar

We served over 600 pieces of cake

[And there were no left-overs]

Vicki



Notes from the Editor

It has been said that the only thing that is constant in life is change. GM's and Chrysler's bankruptcy over the past year are a testament to that statement. Changes? Big time!

On a smaller scale, I have been Editor of your Chapter newsletter for a little over five years now, enjoying the journey, and hoping that the changes I've put into the newsletter have been positive for the Chapter, and enjoyable to our membership. At the end of this year, I will have completed six years as your newsletter editor.


I have decided to step back from

the newsletter at year's end and give someone else a chance to inject their own brand of change into our newsletter. I believe change is the way we grow, and hopefully, our newsletter will grow in new and improved ways under "new management." I am making this announcement now so that any potential new editors will have time to think about this opportunity and discuss it with me.

If you would like to know more about what is involved in producing our Chapter newsletter, give me a call. I'll be glad to show you the ropes!

Tuli Kuperburg said, "When patterns are broken, new worlds emerge." Accept the Editorship challenge, and let your "new world emerge."

R.E. Olds Chapter Membership Application

New _____ Renewal _____ Application Date ____/____/____
 OCA Number _____ Birthday - Month _____ Day _____
 Name _____
 Street _____ 
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____
 Home Phone (____) _____ - _____ Work Phone (____) _____ - _____
 E-Mail address _____
 Spouse Name _____ Birthday - Month _____ Day _____
 List each Oldsmobile you own:

You must be a member of the Oldsmobile Club of America to join this Chapter.

Chapter dues are \$12.00 a year or 3 years for \$30.00.

Send application and make check payable to:

**R.E. OLDS CHAPTER
 OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA
 P.O. BOX 80101
 LANSING, MICHIGAN 48908-0101**

R.E. Olds Chapter is a regional chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America, based in the Mid-Michigan area. The Chapter received its charter in 1984, and has served Olds enthusiasts in the area since then. A bi-monthly publication, ROCKET REVIEW is sent to members and offers a variety of member stories, technical information and a classified ad section. As a member of the chapter you are invited to join the group at various car show around the state and enjoy family oriented car club activities.

How to Join the Oldsmobile Club of America

Visit the Oldsmobile Club of America's web site: www.oldsclub.org for an application form, dues schedule and other club information and benefits.

RE Olds Chapter Dues

Dues are \$12 for 1 year or \$30 for three years, renewable each June for all members and payable to R.E. Olds Chapter. Mail to: RE Olds Chapter OCA, %Don Cooper, P.O. Box 80101, Lansing, MI 48908-0101. A renewal form is not necessary. Your address label contains the year in which you need to renew your membership. For example, if the "RN" code after your name is "RN09", then your dues are renewable and due in June 2009. No additional renewal reminder will be sent to you.

Food Bank Thanks

Haslett Community Church, a branch of the Greater Lansing Food Bank, sends a heart-felt thank you to our Chapter for our ongoing contributions to the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Your donations at each Chapter meeting help to ease the burden for those in our community who are less fortunate.

As you consider bringing future donations to our meetings, consider bringing some of the food items that are in greater need: instant oatmeal, taco kits, pancake mix, jelly, spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, and any garden produce. **Thanks again for your help!**

Happy Birthday



July Birthdays -
 Ella Meerman 1st,
 Ken Rodgers 4th,
 Dennis Smith -
 8th, Caroline
 Jacobs - 11th, Jeanette Smith - 13th,
 Andy Gilbert & Ella Meerman - 18th,
 Betty Ballard - 24th, Jan Ross 25th,
 Ken Vance Jr. 28th, Joyce Witte -
 31st.

August Birthdays - Sandra
 Johnston - 10th, Dave Sanders - 12th,
 Jeff Taft - 13th, Louvaine Johnson -
 25th, Kim Decatur & Erving Johnson,
 Jr. & Don Vetter - 28th. Mark Shank
 & Rick Wenzel - 29th, Jim Murphy -
 30th.

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:

Wayne Mason
 2713 W. Clark Rd.
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Welcome New Members

We welcome the following new members who joined our Chapter since our last newsletter:
Aaron Irvine of Okemos, MI, **Ray & Anne Irvine** of Okemos, MI, **Kris Kuerbitz** of Lansing, MI, **Jack & Nancy Nelson** of Williamston, MI. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming Chapter events or monthly meetings.

MORE LICENSE PLATES

Ron Severance's personalized license plate for his 2002 Final 500 Collector's Edition Intrigue:



The license plate represents the production number 118 of the final 500 Intrigues built the week of June 10, 2002 at the Fairfax Assembly Plant in Kansas City, Kansas.

"My daily driver is a 2004 Alero. Since it was the last new Oldsmobile I could purchase, I wanted a license plate that said that. I originally wanted MYLSTOLDS, but the Secretary of State's website rejected it for two too many characters. So I thought I'd have some fun. I discovered LSTOLDS was not in use so I bought it. Fellow GM employees would ask me how I had the last Oldsmobile when they knew GM owned the last one. I would tell them there was two last ones and a few believed me!"



"I was an Oldsmobile field service person in Massachusetts in the 1970's. The owner of private party plate number one is the Fuller family. They were a Cadillac-Oldsmobile dealer in Boston and the patriarch was a former state governor. Our Oldsmobile zone office had Dealer 9A, B, etc. Naturally, the Fuller's had Dealer 1A, etc." - Gerry Garfield

25TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE MAKING 101

Take three dedicated Chapter cooks who mixed twenty-seven cake mixes with seven dozen eggs and forty-nine pounds of powered sugar, and 12-1/2 hours later you get enough cake to serve 600 people!

The story in pictures:



These ladies are REALLY into their work!



... and the next day, you have cake for the masses.

2009 Calendar of Events

<p>July 7 General Membership meeting 7pm R. E. Olds Museum Bring canned goods for the food bank</p> <p>July 15-18 Olds Club of America National Meet Membership required see JWO for details</p> <p>August 4 General Membership meeting 7pm R. E. Olds Museum Bring canned goods for the food bank</p> <p>August 14-15 Car Capital Car Show Sponsored by the R. E. Olds Museum Contact: Museum 517-372-0529</p> <p>August 16 R. E. Olds Chapter 25th anniversary picnic. Details to follow in newsletter</p> <p>August 23 Charity Classic Car Show at St. Gerard Parish. 12:30 - 5:00 PM Info at: www.stgerardcarshow.org</p> <p>August 29 28th Street cruise/Car Show Harvey Cadillac, Grand Rapids Contact: Mike Ross 517-676-5630 or Ret369lpd@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>September 1 General Membership meeting 7pm R. E. Olds Museum Bring canned goods for the food bank</p> <p>September 13 Gilmore Classic Car Museum Car Show Feature Car- 1964-1977 Cutlass (all cars welcome) Call Gary at (269) 345-2202 for more information.</p> <p>September 13 10th Annual "Cars & Bikes for Special Kids" at Beekman Center, Lansing, Mi 9 am - 4 pm Cost \$10.00 Contact Jill Gilbert 517-755-5720 or e-mail jkgilbert@yahoo.com</p> <p>October 6 General Membership meeting 7pm R. E. Olds Museum Bring canned goods for the food bank</p> <p>November 14 R. E. Olds Chapter Annual Banquet & Elections. Details in future newsletters. (No general membership meeting in November)</p> <p>December 1 General Membership meeting 7pm R. E. Olds Museum Bring canned goods for the food bank</p>
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R.E. Olds Chapter - 25 Years and Going Strong

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Duane Allen (deceased)
 Doug & Judy Badgley
 Ron Brabant
 Penny Castele
 Helen Earley (deceased)
 Jim Harsant
 Max & Jo Hineman
 Tom & Jan Hummer
 Ron Koonter
 Rick Miller
 Fred Pirochta
 John Pirochta
 Jim Russell
 Bob Zimmerman

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Jim Russell	1984-1985
Fred Pirochta	1985-1987
Duane Allen (deceased)	1987-1989
John Laity	1989-1991
Ron Wiles	1991-1994
Rod Dimon	1994-1995
Joe Pohl	1995-1998
Terry Pinkney	1998-1999
Ron Adams	1999-2000
Pat Robinson	2000-2001
Cathy Keesaer	2001-2002
Ken Nicholas	2002-2005
Troy Collins	2005
Ken Nicholas	2005-2007
Vicki May	2007-current

Lansing Parade of the Decades - Celebrates 150 Years

Well, the day didn't start off real nice - just a little rain, but before it was over it turned out great!

With a parade this big there was a little confusion about where units were supposed to be. However, we persevered and got together.

We had a good turnout of Oldsmobiles and people really appreciated seeing the cars.

The Lansing Police Department was very grateful for the Oldsmobile convertibles that transported the retired police chiefs and the current police chief on the parade route.

To all of you that braved the elements and stayed the course for a great parade - THANK YOU!



*By Mike Ross
Chapter Parade Coordinator*

May 16, 2009



Parade staging photos by Bruce Powelson

Lansing Celebrates 150 Years - the Parade



Parade photos by Wayne Mason

2009 Homecoming a Success Because . . .

In addition to the beautiful Oldsmobiles and the swap meet vendors we had the greatest volunteers ever. Ken and Marsha Nicholas were in charge of organizing the show. They have done this for several years and their experience is very evident.

The volunteers this year continue to make our show great. Here is a look at the "staff" organization:

- Two Show chairpersons
- Sixteen Job Chairpersons
- Chapter members & their family members
- Motor City Rocket members
- Non-member volunteers
- Boy Scout Troop members.

These people filled 110 different job positions (that doesn't include the Scouts). Many of these volunteers worked multiple jobs. All are appreciated. Without you we couldn't have a show. THANK YOU - see you next year.

- Judy Badgley

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Friday night set-up occurred under overcast skies, with a threat of rain in the forecast. The tents, normally erected on Friday night before our event, were spread on the ground and tied down to the stakes, but were not raised due to the stormy weather forecast. The ever-diligent site layout crew chalk-marked each parking spot for the show cars; unfortunately, overnight rains washed away their marks. Surprisingly, there were no parking problems Saturday due to lack of markings. This knowledge may simplify our work plan at next

year's Homecoming set-up.

Saturday morning dawned with the sun shining early, and, in fact, was shining brightly as I left my house at 7:30 am for the show site. However, the sun was hiding by the time I arrived at the show site, and continued to hide behind the clouds for the next three hours.

The clouds did not deter attendees, though. The sun finally came out in late morning. A total of 448 Oldsmobiles graced this year's Homecoming, with 30 of those cars in the "for sale" corral. The show-field Oldsmobiles came from 21 different States and Canada, with 79 first-time participants. A total of 68 vendors secured 130 swap spaces. The largest car class contained 26, 1983-present Hurst/Olds, while the second-largest class consisted of the 1970-1972 Cutlass (exc. Conv.) with 25 cars.

As would be expected, the largest number of cars came from Michigan (331), while neighboring states contributed as follows: Indiana (22), Illinois (21), and Ohio (14). Far away states of California, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, and Florida were also represented in our show field.

Neither did the early clouds inhibit spectators as some estimates put our spectator crowd at around 5,000. This, perhaps was our largest-ever, and had to be good for our food vendor's business.

This year, for the first time, a 50-50 raffle was held, with the winner taking home \$314.50. The little girl who drew the winner's ticket was awarded ten dollars and some change by the appreciative winner.

Trophy winners:

Long Distance Award – Al Heineck, San Fernando, CA - 2,223 miles - 2002 Alero

Beater Award – Jacob & Mike Pratt, Battle Creek, MI - 1964 Cutlass

Founder Choice – Chuck Larson, Union, MI – 1953 Fiesta

25th Anniversary Award – Duane E. Wolfe, Charlotte, MI – 1937 F6 Touring Sedan

Helen Earley Award – Bob Kerr, Hymera, Indiana – 1923 Economy Truck

Best of Show – James Kryta – Shelby Township, MI – 1970 W31 Cutlass

With this year being the Chapter's 25th Anniversary, all past president's and charter members were invited to attend the Homecoming event. Pictured below are those past president's and charter members in attendance who are the foundation of the Chapter we enjoy today.

So, until next year, enjoy the memories for Homecoming 2009. Planning for Homecoming 2010 begins in September.

Many thanks to Ed Shand and Marsha Nicholas for providing statistics used in this article.

- Wayne Mason



The Cars of Homecoming 2009



Set-up begins Friday night - tent stakes are being set



Early morning photos reveal wet parking lot from overnight rain (above and below)



Registration again went very smoothly under Ed Shand's able direction



The door prize tent was busy most of the day



More Homecoming Photos



In the air, and up close - everywhere you look - beautiful Oldsmobiles!



More Homecoming Photos



Our goodwill ambassador (and Clown/President) hard at work spreading the Oldsmobile joy



More Homecoming Photos



25th Anniversary Cloth Patch

Supplies of our 25th Anniversary patch are dwindling. The remaining 23 patches are sure to go quickly.

Order your 3" diameter patch today. 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 mailed to you. Each patch costs \$3.00. See instructions at right for mail orders.

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. **Please make checks payable to: R.E. Olds Chapter**



Send your order to:

Wayne Mason
2713 W. Clark Rd.
Lansing, MI 48906-9308

Minutes | Cont. from page 15

OCA Chapter Representative Report: Eva Cooper reported: Nothing new to report since last month.

Compliance Report: We're currently 100% compliant

Old Business:

1. Troy Collins presented to the membership a request to nominate Jim Russell as an Honorary Membership Candidate because of his extensive contribution towards the Chapter. Jim Russell was instrumental in starting our chapter. He and the other Charter Members laid the foundation. He was an active officer, volunteer, car show chairperson for the 90th (the show that made the Chapter \$20,000). He was an active member until Oldsmobile transferred him to Ohio. At that time he continued to participate whenever he returned to Lansing. He retired from Oldsmobile and moved to Arkansas. He continues to pay dues and maintains his OCA membership. A random ballot was distributed to the membership for voting on this proposed candidate.

2. Homecoming: Ken Nicholas reported that everything was on schedule for the Homecoming show. The next Homecoming meeting is Saturday May 9th at 1:00 pm at the site.
3. As of May 5th there are 33 vendors reserving 74 spaces, 174 show cars registered, and 139 shirts ordered. Last year at this time there 170 registered show cars and 30 Vendors registered.
4. Judy needs some additional volunteers for the show.
5. Mike Ross reported there are 38 cars secured for the 150th anniversary parade in Lansing. 37 Olds and one REO. The parade starts at 11:30. Registration gathering spot is between Pennsylvania Avenue and Marshall Street on Michigan Ave. Mike will send an email to those involved providing details of the event. Our club number is #69.
6. Invitations for the picnic were sent to 12 charter members and past presidents. The picnic is scheduled for August 16th at the RE Olds Museum. We will be grilling the lunch

and those attending will bring a dish to pass.

New Business:

1. The Chapter will place an ad in the OCA National booklet for this year. Wayne Mason will arrange the ad.
2. Motor City Rocket will have their annual "dust off" on Sunday May 17th.
3. The membership present voted unanimously to confirm Jim Russell an Honorary Membership because of his extensive contribution to the Chapter.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted: Ed. Shand, Secretary.

There were no expenditures approved at this meeting.

Please Help the R. E. Olds Museum

The 2009 raffle car is a 1987 Cadillac Allante.

Volunteers are needed to take it to car shows and sell tickets.

To volunteer or to purchase tickets, contact: Judy Badgley
517-645-7438 or
djbadgley@gmail.com



TICKETS \$20 each or 3/\$50
DRAWING TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2009 * NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

ONLY 2000 TICKETS ARE BEING SOLD

1987 Cadillac Allante 2-Seater Luxury Sports Car Convertible with removable Hard top with only 55,000 miles.

Raffle proceeds to benefit the R. E. Olds Museum

Obituary

Richard "Dick" Wilke has passed away. Dick has been a member of the R. E. Olds Chapter for many years. Although Dick didn't attend the monthly meetings, he was always a willing volunteer at Homecoming. He usually helped with registration but could be found helping wherever he was needed. He currently has a 1985 Toronado that he enjoyed driving. Other Oldsmobiles he has had include a 1959 Super 88 and a 1998 Aurora. We extend our sympathies to his wife Joan and their family. The Chapter will make a donation to the R. E. Olds Museum in his memory.

Secretary's Report



R.E. Olds Chapter General Session Meeting April 7, 2009

President, Vicki May called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 32 members present at the meeting and one guest, Doug Songer.

Presidents Report:

Vicki welcomed the members and guest and thanked them for attending.

Board Meeting Items: Criteria for Honorary membership was approved by Board R.E. Olds Chapter

Policies and Guidelines Honorary Membership Effective 4/9/09

Proposal of Name: Chapter members in good standing may submit a name for honorary membership status to the Board. The submission must be in writing and include complete and specific information detailing why the individual should be considered for honorary member status. Only individuals who have made significant contributions to the purpose of the R.E. Olds Chapter should be considered for honorary membership status. The submission may be made via email addressed to all Board members, or be delivered to the Chapter president to present to the Board.

Board Vote: The Board will review the submission at its next scheduled Board meeting. Upon review of the written submission, the Board will vote whether or not to present the individual's name to the general membership for a vote. The vote of the Board will be based on a simple majority of those Board members present, with a quorum being required.

If the request is voted down, the

member submitting the proposal will be contacted immediately with the reasons why and be given the opportunity to provide additional information supporting the proposal to be considered by the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

If the Board votes in favor of the proposal, the individual's name will be submitted to the general membership for a vote after notification to the members as set forth below.

Notification to General Membership: The name will not be published in an effort to avoid having the proposed individual know that his or name has been proposed. The Chapter's phone tree process will be utilized to notify the membership of the upcoming vote at the next general meeting. The phone tree callers will be provided with the information provided in the submission to the Board to share during the phone call.

General Membership Vote: The vote at the general membership meeting will be a paper vote with a Yes or No response. The decision will be based on the vote of those present and eligible to vote. A simple majority is required for approval. A member of the Board and a non-Board member will count the votes and the result will be announced before the end of the general meeting session.

Honorary Member Notified: The President will send a letter to the new honorary member to notify him or her of the Chapter's appreciation for their contributions.

Revocation of Honorary Membership: Should it be brought to the attention of the Board that an honorary member has committed a crime or indulges in conduct that negatively affects the reputation of the R.E. Olds Chapter or the OCA, the Board will review the facts and determine if the revocation of honorary status should be presented to the general membership for a vote.

If so, the same notification procedure via the phone tree shall be followed to apprise the general membership of the known facts. CAUTION must be exercised to avoid legal action against the Chapter for harming the reputation of the individual.

Those present voted on a written

ballot vote and it was approved. The nomination of Jim Russell for honorary membership will be voted on at the next meeting. The phone tree will be used to spread the word of this vote.

Vice Presidents Report:

1. Harry Emmons No report.

2. Treasurers Report:

Troy Collins reported: The balance on hand as of 2/28/09 was \$16,325.50. Revenues for the month were \$1,271. Expenses for the month were \$1,140.95. The balance on hand as of 3/31/09 was \$16,455.55. Mike Ross moved to accept the treasurers' report, as read. Harry Emmons seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

Secretaries Report:

The minutes of the general session meeting for March 3, 2009 were presented to the membership and opened for discussion. Two corrections were made. Under 'New business' #2 change name to Deborah and it should read 'The Chapter was interested in having a float and would the members be interested in doing this'. No one supported the float idea and so it will be dropped. The changes were made to the March minutes. Emmons motioned to accept the minutes as read. Jim Brehm seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

Newsletter Report: Wayne said the newsletter will be coming out next week. If members have car show information for the coming year to send it to him for inclusion in the newsletter.

Membership Chairman Report: Don Cooper reported we have 4 new members since February for a total of 6 since January 1st. Also 57 current memberships will be expiring in June of this year.

New Applications: New members – 4, for a total of 6 new members this year. The Chapter has 57 members with their dues expiring in June. As a reminder it was stated to remember that the price of our dues has risen to \$12. per year or three years for \$30.

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OCA Chapter Representative

Report: Eva Cooper reported:

Compliance Report: We are in 100 % compliance with OCA.

Old Business:

1. Homecoming: Ken N. asked for everyone's feelings regarding the 25th Anniversary of the Chapter and should it announced at Homecoming, who the past presidents and Charter members are. General consensus was that they should be announced. Vicki volunteered to make a 25th anniversary cake and it will be served around noon at Homecoming. The next Homecoming meeting is 4/7 @ 6:30. May's Homecoming meeting will be held on Saturday, 5/9 at 1 p.m. as the VanderTuns, the Swap chairman, will be in attendance. Also if anyone needs additional Homecoming flyers for car shows, etc., contact Ken for them.
2. Ken suggested that we show support to Oldsmobile racing cars/people, as two of our members (Hemminger and Brehm) will be racing on Memorial Day weekend (Saturday) at the US 131 Raceway. Hopefully, via email, we can notify anyone who is interested in attending.

On September 13, the Gilmore Museum is having a car show featuring the '64 - '77 Oldsmobile Cutlass. Several mentioned that the Chapter should try to make a showing at the show as a group.

New Business:

1. Jim Russell's name will be presented to the membership to receive honorary membership in April.
2. It was decided to celebrate the Chapter's 25th anniversary at a picnic on 8/16, Sunday. Asked for ideas as to where we could hold a picnic. Suggested was Hawk Island Park or the REOTM. Harry Emmons volunteer to see if that park is available and the cost. She will inform Judy Badgley so she can send out invitations. More discussion to be held next month on the details of

the picnic.

3. REOTM will be raffling off a 1987 Cadillac Allante next November 9 at their meeting. They need volunteers to take the car to cruises, etc., stay with the car and sell the tickets; tickets cost \$20 each or 3 for \$50. All car clubs who meet at the Museum will be asked to help sell tickets to support the museum.
4. Museums - Chapter display case at front door: needs updating regularly - Ashley Jones volunteered.
5. Judy Badgley suggested that our Chapter do some charity work - local food banks - perhaps we could do a monthly food drive. It was suggested that we ask members to bring non-perishable food items to our meeting. Wayne Mason said his church is a distribution point for the Greater Lansing Food Bank and thought he could take our collections to that distribution point.
6. On 7/26 there will be a car show at the Mega Mall to support food bank, more info to follow in our newsletter. It was suggested that we do a reminder on the phone tree and try to do a monthly collection.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Harry Emmons and supported by Max Hineman. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted: Eva Cooper, Acting Secretary in Ed Shand's absence.

There were no expenditures approved at this meeting.

**R.E. Olds Chapter Annual Meeting & Banquet
May 9, 2009**

President, Vicki May called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 37 present at the meeting. There were no guests present

Presidents Report:

Vicki welcomed the members and guests for attending. All members present introduced themselves and there were a few interesting items brought in by some.

Board Meeting Items: There

was no board meeting today and no items to bring forth to the membership.

Vice Presidents Report:

Harry Emmons : There were no items to report.

Treasurers Report:

1. Troy Collins reported: The balance on hand as of 3/31/2009 was \$16,455.55. Revenues for the month were \$1,814.00. Expenses for the month were \$922.68. The balance on hand as of 4/30/2009 was \$17,346.90. Harry Emmons moved to accept the treasurers' report as read. Judy Badgley seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.
2. Operating Budget: Through April 30, 2009 the Chapter budget is operating with a negative balance of \$133.88
3. Special Events Budget: The 2009 Homecoming is currently operating with a negative balance of \$1,311.29 compared to forecast budget.

Secretaries Report:

The minutes of the general session meeting for April 2009 were presented to the membership and opened for discussion. A special thank you to Eva Cooper who took the minutes and did an excellent job transcribing them. There were two minor changes to the minutes and they were corrected prior to the membership approval. Troy Collins motioned to accept the minutes as read and corrected. Chris Hemminger seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

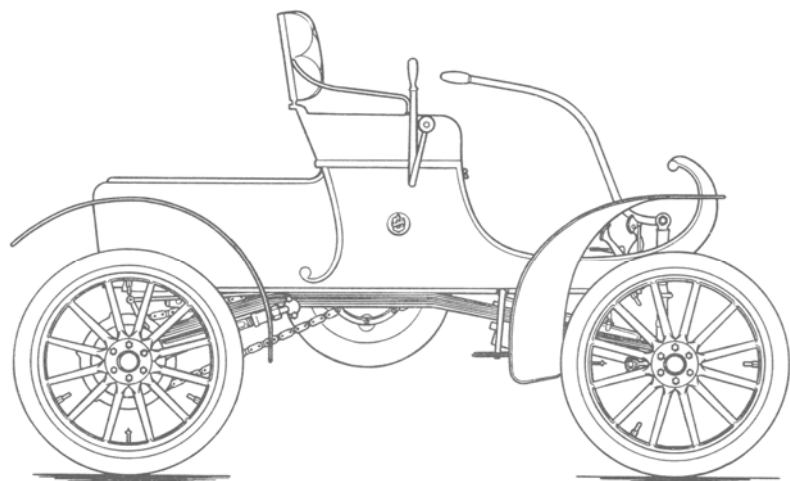
Newsletter Report: Wayne Mason reported: that additional articles are needed for the upcoming newsletter. The next newsletter will be after the car show around the last week in June. Wayne still has some patches left for sale at \$3.00 each. They also can be shipped for an additional \$1.00.

Membership Chairman Report: Don Cooper reported: Two new members registered this past month. The increase for the year is seven new members. There are a total of 107 members on the roll.

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