



# Rocket Review

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**Jack and Sharon McNutt drive their 1984 Hurst/Olds  
On the Old US27 Driving Tour  
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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 1<sup>st</sup> of the subsequent year in which they are elected.

General Club meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Editor's message.....**

If your newsletter was sent to you, you will see it is on the new paper. The Officers voted to increase my budget to allow this improvement. In addition, I will be printing 3 issues with color covers and color centerfold. Now is the time to send your article and/or a photo of your Oldsmobile. It will look great in one of the color issues. In those select issues, the back page will feature a color picture of an Oldsmobile as well as the cover.

You will also notice in this issue several references to volunteers. I would like to say "thank you" to all of you that make assembling the newsletter a pleasure. I would also like to single out Eva Cooper as the one that proofreads the newsletter before it goes to the printer and makes sure my grammar and punctuation is corrected. She makes me look good!

***CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.....***

We need volunteers for the phone tree. This involves making about 9 calls once a month prior to the meetings. The purpose of this is to maintain a personal contact with members and to keep in touch with those that can't always make it to meetings. We currently have 11 callers, several of who have done this for MANY years and would like a break. Let me know if you would like to volunteer to help.

***ARTICLES ARE NEEDED.....***

You all have a story to tell about an experience you have had with your Oldsmobile and we all enjoy hearing about them. Please send in your story so all can enjoy reading your story. Send a picture(s), too.



*Judy Badgley*

**Send newsletter articles, classifieds, etc. to Judy Badgley at  
djb badgley@gmail.com or 4631 Doane Hwy., Potterville, MI 48876  
If you would like to volunteer to do a newsletter issue or 2, let me  
know I will gladly help you get your feet wet.**

**President's message.....**

Spring is in the air – ignore the snow – think Homecoming Show!

- Our cars are still nestled in the garage snug and dry waiting for Old Sol to send warmth from the sky.
- They anxiously await the melting of snow so their owners can ready them for the Homecoming Show.
- The Committee works and works – there's no hesitation – to once again produce the best Oldsmobile show in the nation.
- The flyers have been mailed. T-Shirts and Posters are in design. There's no doubt all will be fine.
- Members and friends will sign up to help with enthusiasm and zeal...for the Homecoming process is a well-oiled wheel.
- So, here's the date [June 15], don't be late....Shout it out loud wherever you go...It's a way to forget we're buried in snow.

See you all soon.

"Rocket" the Homecoming Clown

# NEWSWORTHY CHAPTER "STUFF"

## R. E. Olds Chapter Calendar of Events

- March-**  
5 Chapter Meeting 7 PM  
R. E. Olds Museum
- 20-23 Olds Festival  
Oldsmar, FL  
Details in Jan. issue
- April-**  
2 Chapter Meeting 7 PM  
R. E. Olds Museum
- May-**  
7 Chapter Meeting 7 PM  
R. E. Olds Museum
- 27 Parade & Picnic  
Dimondale, MI  
Details to be announced
- June-**  
4 Chapter Meeting 7 PM  
R. E. Olds Museum
- 15 OLDSMOBILE HOMECOMING**
- 19-22 National Antique Olds Club  
Oldsmobiles 1897-1977  
Elmira, NY  
Details: antiqueolds.org
- July-**  
2 Chapter Meeting 7 PM  
R. E. Olds Museum
- 24-28 Olds Club Of America  
All Oldsmobiles  
Springfield, IL  
Details: oldsmobileclub.org
- 27 Car Capital  
R. E. Olds Museum event  
Lansing, MI
- August-**  
6 Chapter Meeting 7 PM
- 20-25 Old US27 tour  
Details on pages 6 & 7
- 24 29<sup>th</sup> Street Cruise  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Details to be announced



### R.E. Olds Merchandise Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**JACKET Specs**- MADE IN USA, 100% NYLONTASLA, ZIPPER FRONT, SET-IN SLEEVES, FLEECE-LINED COLLAR, MAROON COLOR W/ LOGO EMBROIDERED ON BACK. \$80 each.  
Print Name below exactly how you want it to appear on the jacket front.

( ) Check here if you do NOT want your name embroidered on the jacket front.  
Size: check one: \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_ 4X

**SHIRT Specs**- JERZEES BRAND, 2-BUTTON, 50/50 POLYCOTTON WITH STAIN-RESISTANT FINISH OFFERED IN MEN'S SIZES. QUALITY POLO SHIRT (WHITE OR MAROON) W/ 3" LOGO EMBROIDERED ON TOP LEFT CHEST. \$25 each.  
Size: check one: \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X  
**Specify color for each size M-maroon W-white**

**NAME BADGE**-The standard name badge has a magnetic attachment, which is not recommended for those who have a pacemaker, so we are offering a pin attachment option at no extra charge. If you want the pin attachment, be sure to specify it on the order form below after each name; otherwise you will receive the magnetic attachment. When ordering, dont forget your spouse, family members and significant other. \$5 each.  
Print Name below exactly how you want it to appear on badge(s).

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Please send order form along with check or money order to:  
R.E. Olds Chapter ( ) I will pick up at a meeting or  
Attn: Judy Badgley ( ) Please mail merchandise to me  
4631 Doane Hwy  
Potterville, MI 48876-8744

**Jacket**-Medium weight- lined (\$80) \_\_\_\_\_  
Add \$5 for 2X, 3X, 4X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Shirt**- (\$25 each) \_\_\_\_\_  
Add \$2 for 2X \_\_\_\_\_  
Add \$3 for 3X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name Badge**- (\$5 each) \_\_\_\_\_  
Add shipping-\$5 per jacket/shirt \_\_\_\_\_  
Add shipping \$1.50 for only name badges \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: R.E. Olds Chapter



# VEHICLE COMPONENT WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

Provided for the Annual Banquet by Bruce Powelson

Words can be found forward, backward, up, down, diagonal and they may also overlap.  
No word will be completely incased in another word.

U Y N P T F Q C G S H T I I P Y R U V L Z C  
 T I M I N G E E R T Y N F G W O B V E E C H  
 J L Q P J M A R N A D N D A T N Q A N U O I  
 F S K A R R O I I O N S N E H D M L T F N P  
 T E P P A T O S R T B K R M V S Y V U V D G  
 U H V E A U Q E C V V U C T R N M E R Y E F  
 B T Q I J J S K J K B T X A W B S A I O N R  
 W F D C Y E K X B R B G B T S R P R C J S B  
 T A D K R P G G A J E Y R X Y E Z U R N E K  
 R D T V C Q P C H T G K D S M S B W A Z R D  
 J S O E S J S B A O L C A U G B L T N Y I A  
 V I P C R Y D P P F J B F T W S G C K E J U  
 R E U G A S O L I N E F B H N N I H S P R Y  
 Q F W E O Y R C J W L R E T T I V E H I Z E  
 A F S S E W L T G E A E V I G V L M A S L R  
 T O J L R V F W R U L Z I E I V Z Q F W U U  
 H T L R Z P G V U K B V Y Z X W O H T S B S  
 E U T L E B V Q H G E Y E T G H F S C Q Q S  
 P W Q F I F T T J N Z G O R U T A N K G F E  
 L J C V D L O F I N A M N U T Q L U T F G R  
 Y I A V B L J L V C Q P X N N D Q T S N K P  
 G Z M J Z T A E S R Q M B K Q Y L N K T O Y

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|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Cam       | Camshaft | Carburetor | Crankcase |
| Condenser | Chip     | Crankshaft | Diesel    |
| Exhaust   | Fuel     | Gasoline   | Gear      |
| Hose      | Intake   | Line       | Manifold  |
| Muffler   | Pressure | Pulley     | Radiator  |
| Reservoir | Seat     | Tank       | Tappet    |
| Timing    | Tire     | Trunk      | Valve     |
| Vbelt     | Venturi  | Water      | Wheel     |

Answers can be found on page 8

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU.....

### March-

- 4- Doris Harsant
- 5- Max Hineman
- 7- Ed Shand
- 8- Troy Collins
- 10- Howard Silcox  
Sharon Brehm
- 14- Brian Ford  
Phyllis Shorman
- 19- Chris Gross
- 20- Maggie Hilliard

- 24- Joyce Ford  
Glen Woodby
- 25- Rick Ferrigan
- 26- Mary Beth Greiner
- 27- Jim Wheelock
- 29- Jan Collins
- 30- Ray Irvine  
Denise James

### April-

- 2- Rita Violetta

- 8- Gary Walker
- 9- Darrell Cunningham
- 11- Ron Severence  
Tom VanPelt
- 12- Mary Andrzejewski
- 17- Doug Badgley
- 26- Al Burnett  
Ruth Calkins  
Robert Behrenwald
- 30- Sharon McNutt



## WHAT'S NEWS AT THE MUSEUM



**REOLDS**  
TRANSPORTATION  
MUSEUM



Museum Director, Bill Adcock reports things have been changing at the R. E. Olds Transportation Museum. There has been new paint, new lights, new volunteers, new committees, new ideas, and the list goes on.

Volunteers are busy at work building a likeness of the Curved Dash assembly line. This new display is housed in the main gallery. They are using beams that came from Olds Motor Works-Building 16, which was originally built in 1912. This display will show how 1903 techniques and equipment were used to make the Curve Dash Olds the most popular vehicle in its day.

A new vehicle is also on the display floor. A 1907 Dolson Model F, owned by the "Friends of the Dolson" from nearby Charlotte is on temporary loan.

The Dolson Manufacturing Company, in Charlotte, built automobiles between 1903 and 1908. The entire production of the Dolson is believed to be about 700. This Dolson is thought to be the only one left in existence. The Charlotte group recently purchased the Dolson to return it to its hometown. The museum is showcasing it so more people in the area can see it.

Fundraising is an important part of the Museum's ability to keep the doors open. Last year a committee initiated a 2013 calendar featuring photos of Oldsmobiles, REOs and Olds family photos. If you haven't bought a 2013 calendar yet, now is the time. They are available in the gift shop at a discounted \$\$\$\$. The committee is already working on the 2014 calendar so it will be available to sell at the

Oldsmobile Homecoming car show in June. If you would like a picture of your car on one of the pages you can either email it to [autos@reoldsmuseum.org](mailto:autos@reoldsmuseum.org) or take the actual photo to the Museum. They select a collage of photos for each month of the year. Deadline is April 1.

This issue of the Rocket Review mentions volunteering in several places. Each of you has a skill that can be a benefit to someone else. If you have an hour to spare or even more, the museum can use your help. They don't just need mechanics and polishers, they can also use help with mailings, help with their quarterly newsletter and help at events. Make 2013 your year to help by calling 517-372-0529 and ask what you can do to help.

## APRIL IS VOLUNTEER MONTH

Throughout our lives we often try to help along the way. Special tasks give meaning to the work we do each day. It might be a friend, a neighbor, a family member or an organization, but volunteering to help makes an impact on somebody someplace.

Volunteers are special people that give of their time and energy to others. The R. E. Olds Chapter organization is fortunate to have many members that give of themselves. In addition to the officers and board members there are those that organize events, help with an event or activity, send articles, share ideas, and just do whatever is asked of

them. Be sure and take a minute to thank them when you see them.

As April is "Volunteer Month" it is the perfect time to step up and offer to help. Look around, you will find an organization or an individual that could use your help. "Volunteers make a world of difference!"



### Volunteers are:

Valuable  
Outstanding  
Loyal  
Unique  
Nice  
Terrific  
Efficient  
Enthusiastic  
Ready  
Sensational

## EXPERIENCE A MOTOR TOUR - MICHIGAN OLD U.S. 27

Planning your summer events? Think about driving your Oldsmobile in the Old US 27 Motor Tour! Here you will read about two R. E. Olds Chapter members that have participated in this exciting event.

**"BACK IN ITS DAY"**



**"IT WAS THE WAY"**

**From Jack and Sharon McNutt-**  
Riding Old US 27  
in our 1984 Hurst/Olds

For the last few years my wife and I have had the pleasure of cruising Old US 27 with Craig Parrish and his car cruise. My wife, who totally surprised me after the first full length cruise from Angola, Indiana to Cheboygan, Michigan, said that was fun let's do it again. So we continue to do it every year and it just gets better and better. We make more friends and spend more time with this great group of people who enjoy the ride, the towns, and especially the beautiful cars in the

cruise and also those that join us in the various towns along the way.

The official trip starts in Coldwater, Michigan, but my wife and I start in Auburn, Indiana with Craig and others the day before. There we tour the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. After the tour we leave for Coldwater, MI. On the way we have a short stop in Waterloo, and lunch in Angola, Indiana. That night we stay in Coldwater, MI and enjoy the festivities prior to the start of the official cruise the next day that takes us on a four day trip. We will travel US 27 to the towns of Lansing, St. Johns, Ithaca, St. Louis, Clare, Harrison, Grayling, Gaylord, Indian River, and Cheboygan, the official end of the tour.

Mr. Parrish then provides for an extended tour down US 23 to Alpena. Along the way we stopped at and toured one of the lighthouses. All the towns and people along the tour greet us with open arms and the joy of viewing the beautiful cars. The uniqueness of the cruise is the ability to come and go as one wishes and partake of the various attractions each community has to offer. I understand more cities are being added to the tour. Will my wife and I do this again? YES. Hope to see you along the way.

**From Dave Sanders –**

The tour takes place August 20th thru 25th, 2013 beginning in Auburn, Indiana ending in Alpena, MI.

Each day of traveling Old US 27 brings back the memories of past experiences with family traveling to the North on vacations. Also the excitement of entering each community along the tour route, some we just drive through and wave as we honk our horns at the residents as they line the streets to watch and cheer as we pass by driving our beautiful cars into their community.

Designated locations will park all the Tour cars together in the downtown area so their residents can view our cars. Most provide music-dancing and arts and crafts and access to local parks, museums and special events.

Meeting new friends with the same interest in cars as you, so many talented people have spent untold hours on restoration and preparing their cars so others may enjoy "what was" back in the day. Traveling together as a group allows for meeting and making new friends each day, as well as the added safety and security if there happens to be a breakdown. Just think of all the knowledge, tools and support you have in this group of gear heads.

I have traveled with the Tour 2008-2012, five consecutive years from Lansing to Grayling and enjoyed each and every mile of the Tour. The plus of this Tour is you can register at any location and end wherever you chose, one fee is required for your initial registration. Yes, I plan to take part in the Tour again this August, and I hope to see you on Old US27!!





# EXPERIENCE A MOTOR TOUR OLD US 27, Con't

## OLD US27 TOUR 2013, proposed schedule

Tuesday, Aug. 20

**Gathering in Auburn, IN with a tour of the Auburn Cord Deussenburg Museum.**

Wednesday, Aug. 21

9am-Noon Poker Run Starting At The Hampton Inn  
Noon-3 Lunch, Cruise In Downtown Coldwater  
3pm Leaving Coldwater To Lansing  
5pm- 8pm Mega Mall Antique Outlet Cruise-In And  
Overnight Stop in Lansing 15487 Old U.S.27 (North St.) 2  
Miles South Of I-69-Old 27 Exit

Thursday, Aug. 22

7am-8am DeWitt Meijers Parking Lot Old 27 Dewitt  
Michigan, Leave For St. Johns  
8:30am-11:00 am Downtown St. Johns Michigan  
Noon-2:30pm Downtown Ithaca Michigan  
3pm-5:30 pm Downtown St. Louis Michigan  
6pm-9pm Downtown Clare Michigan And Overnight Stop

Friday, Aug. 23

8am-11am Downtown Clare Michigan, Leave For Harrison  
At 11pm  
Noon-3pm Downtown Harrison Michigan  
5pm-8pm Downtown Grayling Michigan And Overnight Stop

Saturday, Aug. 24

8am-9am Grayling High School, Leave For Downtown  
Gaylord 9am  
10am-1pm Downtown Gaylord Michigan  
1:30-3:30 pm Downtown Indian River  
4pm-7pm Downtown Cheboygan

Sunday, Aug. 25

8am-9am K-Mart Parking Lot, U.S.23 Cheboygan Michigan,  
Leave For Alpena 10am-12pm Lighthouse tour Presque Isle  
1pm-5pm Downtown Alpena, Overnight Stop

Monday, Aug. 26

Have A Safe Drive Home, And Thank You For Attending  
The Old 27 Tour We Hope You Had A Great Time, Tell  
Your Car Friends To Come Join Us In 2013  
Thank You For Your Support, See You On The Tour  
Great Time, Great Towns, Very Scenic Drive  
Take Your Vacation In Your Cruiser !

Back In It's Day, Old U.S. 27 Was The Way.....

Entry fee for the tour is a 1 time 15.00 fee, not per city  
Pre-registrations will be mailed out just before the event  
You can also just register at any town on the tour you wish to  
start at.

Please send and make check or money order to:

Craig Parrish  
1291 Kinneville Rd.  
Leslie Michigan 49251  
Ph. 517-881-2329

<http://www.old27tour.com>



## WINTER FUN OLDSMOBILE STYLE by Judy Badgley

The older I get, the less I enjoy the snow and ice Michigan winter provides. It has been a couple of winters since Doug and I have been able to migrate south with all of the other snowbirds to the land of sunshine and warm temperatures. We left in mid-January, driving our van we camp in, and went in search of warm for the next 6 weeks!

Florida offers a lot of car related activities for those of us that have put our special ride away for the winter. Our first car activity started by meeting fellow Chapter member Steve Zaban at the Mecum auction. Steve offered to provide us with VIP passes to the event and we jumped at the opportunity and spent 2 days at this 10-day event.

If you have never been to one of these big auction extravaganzas, it is worth going just to watch. Mecum is one of the biggest auction companies with auctions throughout the year in many locations around the country. The Kissimmee auction displayed over 3000 vehicles in huge tents on 15 acres during the 10 days. 2610 vehicles of all makes and models crossed the auction block with 1811 cars sold. A total in sales of \$71,635,356 was reported at the end of the sale days. This figure will continue to grow as many sales are completed later. In addition they had a separate auction for automotive art and memorabilia. It is fun just to watch all of the action.



Doug & Steve checking the Oldsmobiles

We started by checking out the cars that were going to go through the auction the days we were there. Of course we were most drawn to the Oldsmobiles. We were surprised to see the range of quality of these cars. It was obvious on a couple of them that the rust repair work that had been done was not done well. Others however were concourse quality. We also checked out some of the original and



mostly original cars. Then it was time to go into the auction and watch (not bid).

The auction room is huge with balcony seating for the general admission. Thanks to Steve we were able to be right there on the floor with the bidders and watch the cars up close as they came across the platform for bidding. We were also able to go into the VIP lounge for free beverages and food. The real excitement is in watching the auction personnel work the crowd for bids. They have about 15 people in the crowd watching for potential bidders and once they have one they stay with them and encourage them to keep bidding. Meanwhile upon the platform there are other serious bidders and more auction people working with them. It is quite a site to witness all that goes into this production. Big screen televisions are positioned on each side of the auction podium so no matter where you are sitting, you can see which vehicle is up for auction. The big screens provide



details of the car, pictures of the car and how much the bid is. It also tells you the currency exchange in 3 different currencies.

The owner of the 1969 442 convertible pictured on the screen above, lifted the reserve on the car and sold it for a final bid of \$41,000.

Once a car is sold, the accounting begins. There are many costs that are involved with an auction like this and when the gavel drops the bookkeeping begins.

**Seller costs** (not including restoration, transportation to the auction site, costs to stay for the auction):

1. Entry fee- this varies with the different auction houses and the site of the auction. In Kissimmee the entry fee was about \$1100.
2. Selling fee- This is an amount based on the price the car sells for. Cars selling for \$7500 and under paid a \$500 flat rate commission. Cars over that amount pay 7% of the sale price if listed with a reserve, or 5% if sold with no reserve.

The car shown on the screen realized a check for \$37,030.

**Buyer costs** (not including costs to stay for the auction):

1. Bidder number- Potential bidders need to pay a \$100 registration fee. In addition a \$500 deposit in the form of cash, a credit card, or a bank letter guaranteeing funds has to be provided. You can also pay



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\$500 for a VIP pass that is good for 2 years. This is the fee that gains you access to the VIP lounge. This fee is charged whether you make a purchase or not.

2. Buyers fee (premium)- The auction house charges buyers 6% of the selling price. In the sale of the 69 442 example, this would be \$2460 or a total of \$43,460.

Sometimes as the vehicle reserve price is close and the vehicle auction time is up, more negotiating begins. The auction house will sometimes negotiate the amount of their fees to close the sale. A partial fee is better than no fee if the bid is close.

Following is a list of the results for the sales of Oldsmobiles on the 2 days we attended. "NS" means no sale.



1956 98 conv.	\$60,000 NS
1963 Dynamic 88 conv	\$26,000
1963 Starfire	\$19,000 NS
1967 442 conv	\$27,000
1968 RamRod 350	\$29,500
1969 Cutlass conv.	\$41,000
1969 442 conv.	\$23,000 NS
1969 442 conv.	\$33,500
1969 442 conv. 4spd	\$63,000
1969 442 W30 4spd	\$42,000 NS

1969 Hurst/Olds	\$32,500
1969 Hurst/Olds	\$40,000
1969 Hurst/Olds	\$70,000 NS
1969 H/O conv. Replica	\$35,000
1970 Rallye 350	\$20,000 NS
1970 442 conv.	\$31,000 NS
1970 442 conv. 4spd	\$35,000 NS
1970 442 conv.	\$55,000
1970 Cutlass PaceCar	\$46,000 NS
1972 Hurst/Olds	\$27,000
1983 Hurst/Olds	\$23,000

NOTE- We chose to attend the auction on these days because of the high number of Hurst/Olds that were going through auction. There was a wide variety of cars and years throughout the 10 days. For a complete listing of cars go online to Mecum.com

### Car Cruise in Old Town, FL

After we left the auction we went to the car cruise in nearby Old Town. This is a quaint town with brick streets and old buildings converted to restaurants, arcades and souvenir shops. There is also an amusement park complete with a roller coaster, ferris wheel, go-carts and much more. Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening all year long they host a cruise-in. Thursday features trucks, Friday features muscle cars and Saturday is for everyone. Although all vehicles are welcome any night, they like to promote the feature. The cruise is free to show cars and those wanting to view them. There were a few Oldsmobiles displayed including this 56 Olds and another 56 complete with flames that was part of a permanent display in front of a restaurant. There were nearly 100 cars packed into the streets.



### AACA car Show in Venice, FL

January 27, about 11am, we drove to the Venice airport to the site of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual AACA car show. This is a free show for display vehicles as well as viewers. Show cars must be older than 25 years. In addition to the car show, there is also a swap meet. This location was new for the group, as they had outgrown their previous location. Nearly 20,000 people attended the show. We drove to within 2 miles of the show and the line of traffic was stopped. We saw several show cars leaving the site as we crept closer. Finally we parked in a parking lot and started walking all the while we were viewing the show cars leaving. When we got to the front of the line (still over a mile from the show), we found they were turning away cars as they were full!!! We decided to join many others and watch from there as the show cars drove by. WOW!



# HOMECOMING JUNE 15, 2013

Homecoming 2013 is coming along well. The flyers were assembled for mailing at the February Chapter meeting and were mailed the next day. If you haven't received yours yet, you can pick one up at the museum gift shop or download a copy at [www.reolds.org](http://www.reolds.org) or contact Ed Shand (see page 2 for contact information) for one to be mailed to you. For those of you that have already sent in your registration form, Ed will be sending you a confirmation letter with more details of our event.

The 2012 Homecoming show was our first year of trying the Hagerty Insurance youth judging program called "Operation Ignite". This activity is designed to get younger people excited about old cars. When you register you will receive information about how to sign up a youngster between the ages of 6 and 15 to be a judge. Kids will receive a shirt, hat, credentials and instructions the day of the show, no experience is needed. Participants need to be available from 10:30 to noon and then again at 3pm

for the awards presentation. The first 15 kids to volunteer will be selected to participate. If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, etc. that would be interested, get your registration sent in so you can receive the information to participate.

For the Homecoming youth judging program to work, we will also need 10 cars to judge. The owners of these 10 cars will need to be available during judging to talk with the youth judges and explain what is unique or special about their car. If you would like to volunteer to take part in this program, contact Judy Badgley @ 517-256-2336.

The 2013 Homecoming event is offering two activities for the evenings. **Friday night** we will again be driving to nearby Dimondale for a cruise-in. Cruisers will park on main street. The village shops will offer food, music, popcorn, etc. Come and enjoy the small village's hospitality. **Saturday night** we are invited to drive to the R. E. Olds Museum for a "night at the museum". They are planning to serve

ice cream and popcorn, have a garage sale and provide ample parking for our cars. This will be a great time to enjoy the new exhibits and the friendship of other Oldsmobile enthusiasts. The museum will be charging a special admission price of \$3 each for the evening and the snacks.

You may have already read elsewhere in this issue about the importance of volunteering. Homecoming is no different. A committee has already been volunteering their time and expertise to prepare for the show. We need your help to make it run smoothly on show day. It takes our entire Chapter membership plus family, friends and a Boy Scout troop to make this show a continued success. Some jobs are more strenuous than others, but we have jobs available for all. Cathy Keesaer was the first to volunteer this year and now we are waiting for you. Please contact Judy Badgley @ the phone number listed earlier or at [djbadgley@gmail.com](mailto:djbadgley@gmail.com) to select a time and place to help at Homecoming.

**WORD**

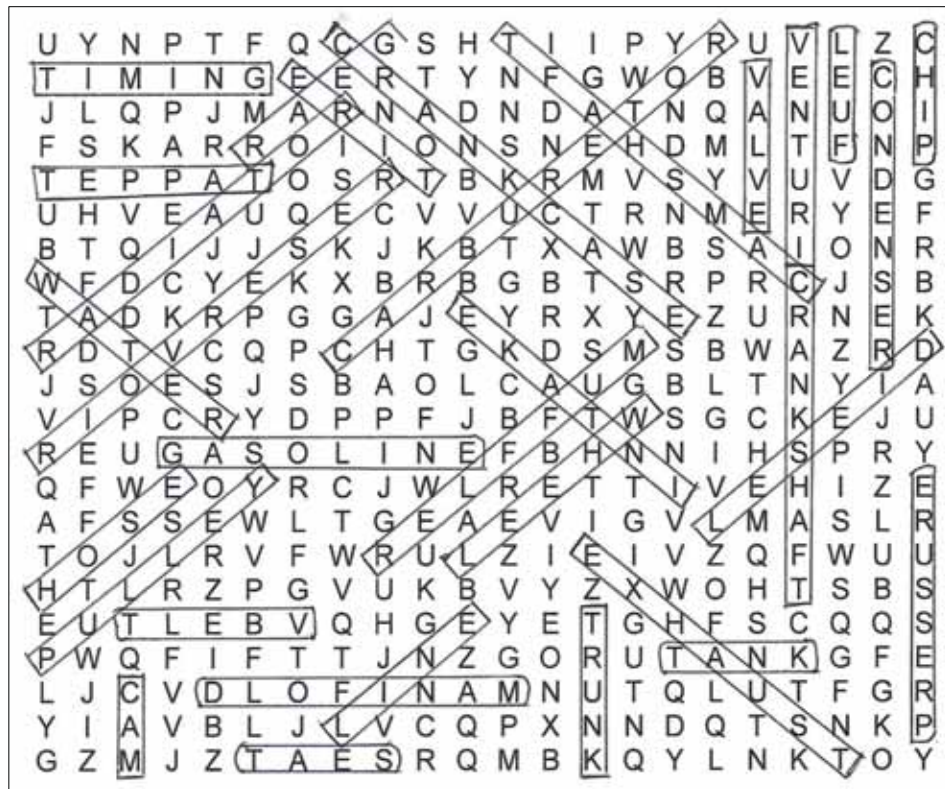
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**Thanks,**

**Bruce**







**R. E. Olds Chapter  
General Session Meeting  
December 4, 2012**

President, Vicki May called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

There were 18 present at the meeting. There were no guests present.

**Presidents Report:** Vicki welcomed and thanked the members for attending. Those present introduced themselves to the group and shared special information or personal experiences with Oldsmobile.

Vicki commented on the great time we had at the annual banquet. There was a tie for the first place large car display. Max Hineman was presented a trophy for also being the first place winner.

**Board Meeting Items:**

A. Vicki and Ken Nicholas (Zone Rep), brought the membership up to date on the issues on the OCA Board. The turmoil and inability of the OCA Board to successfully conduct the business of the OCA has escalated to the point that the Chapters and members need to be made aware of this situation. It was hoped the OCA Board could resolve it and move forward. This is not just a small, politics, issue. It has escalated to threats on members of OCA Board, and the involvement of law enforcement. These issues began with the changes in officers in 2010. The evidence shows that the OCA Treasurer, Gene Crowdis is the primary negative influence on the Board. There is no indication that

there has been financial improprieties, nor is he being accused of the threats. His actions are detrimental to the OCA. The remainder of the Board members are at a stalemate and are not able to move forward with Gene obstructing their activities anytime he can. Valued members of the Board have submitted their resignations because of Gene's behavior. There is a petition being circulated to OCA members seeking recall of Gene Crowdis.

B. A question was asked, if the treasurer were recalled is there a replacement treasurer in mind to replace him? There is no person in mind at this time to replace the treasurer. The current OCA Board will assume responsibilities for the operation of the Club finances.

C. Those members present at tonight's meeting were asked to sign the recall petition if they are in support of it.

D. Vicki will be drafting a letter for those are not at the meeting advising them of the OCA Board situation.

E. The same information will be sent via email to those members having an email address.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Chris Heminger: Chris was not present at the meeting

**Secretaries Report:** Ed Shand  
The minutes of the general session meeting for November 2012 were presented to the membership and opened for discussion. Judy Badgley motioned to accept the minutes as read. Terry Friar seconded the

motion. The membership approved the motion.

**Newsletter Report:** Judy Badgley  
The next newsletter is close to being released and will be mailed shortly.

**By-Laws Chairman Report:** Troy Collins: No new information to report.

**Membership Chairman Report:** Don Cooper reported: One new member, Calvin Badgley.

Don has some chapter business cards. They were passed around to the members for taking to use for distribution at various events.

**OCA Chapter Representative Report:** Eva Cooper reported: Compliance Report: No information to report. Check the expiration date of your OCA membership and be sure to renew on time.

**Old Business:**

Homecoming: The 2013 flier is nearing completion and going through the final edits. Ken provided some photo's for the flier.

Judy shared with the membership the Hurst/Olds magazine featuring the 2012 Homecoming. There were many pictures included and a lot of them were not Hurst cars.

Next Homecoming meeting is Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

**New Business:** No January meeting due to the first Tuesday being New Year's Day

**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

Respectfully submitted: Ed. Shand, Secretary.

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## SUGGESTIONS FROM SHERIFF GENE WRIGGLESWORTH, INGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Chapter member Terry Pinkney provided these tips from the Sheriff's Office-

1. Does your daily driver have a panic button on the key fob? Put your car keys by your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until you shut it off or the car battery dies. Test it-it will most likely go off from anyplace in your home.

2. Always carry your keys when you are walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm will work the same and may save a life or a crime.

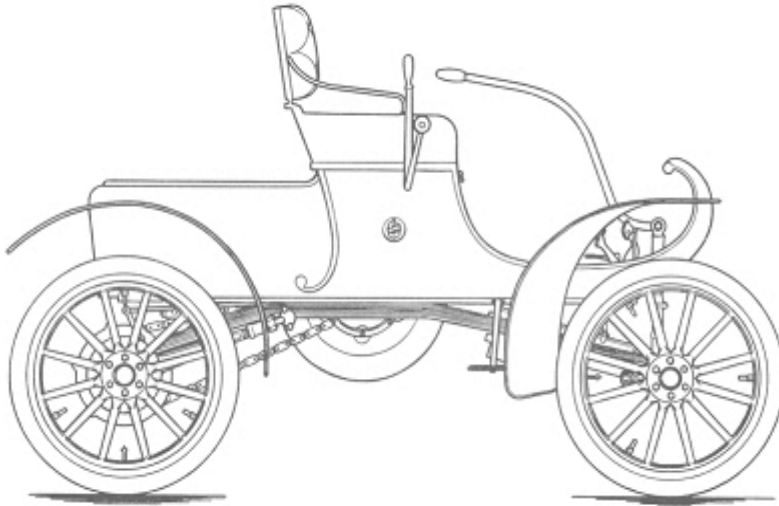


3. If you don't want to have or carry a gun, here is an alternative. Wasp Spray can shoot up to 20' away and is more accurate than mace or pepper spray. Wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get help for an antidote. Although not very convenient to carry on your person it can be easily set by your desk, bed or doors. Aim for the eyes then get away and call the police.



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