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The Oldsmobile's of Branson

*By Terry Pinkney
Mason, Michigan*

I don't want this to sound like a travelogue, but if you have never been to Branson, Missouri, you don't know what you are missing. You need not be a fan of country music as they have many, many different types of entertainment to satisfy just about everyone. For those who have been there, you know about the traffic on Hwy. 65. I have been there so many times that I know most of the back roads, and know to stay off Hwy. 65 during the busy times.

Many of the old country stars who had theaters there, but either died or tired of singing, have turned their theaters over to new entertainers. Many 'oldies' stars have moved in to take their place. Dick Clark (remember American Bandstand) has a theater there with shows performed by old entertainers such as Paul Revere and the Raiders, and Bill Medley of the Righteous Brothers. In the lower part of the theater they have a '57

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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.



25th Anniversary Cloth Patch

You can now own one of these cloth patches! 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.

Of the 100 ordered, 50 have already been sold at the past two chapter meetings. 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 :**

Please make checks payable to:
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Notes from the Editor

Thanks to all who have responded to my request for news articles for our Chapter newsletter. Several of you have stepped up and contributed your Oldsmobile stories, and they are much appreciated.

A few members have given me a copy of an article that was previously printed in another publication. This is okay, but there is a big **IF** attached to the use of such material. **IF**, when furnishing the article, you have also obtained permission from the publication or author to re-print their article in our newsletter, then I can us

it. **IF** permission has not been granted, then I cannot use the article because of copyright laws. We ran across this predicament a few years ago with an SAE paper about engine oils. Because the SAE wanted to charge a (substantial) fee for re-printing their article, we could not print it, even though it was a very good article, and even though we are a "not-for-profit" organization. So, with the above information as a guideline, please **keep your articles coming** to me.

Until next issue,

Wayne

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 Help

Members attending our April meeting voted to collect food items for the Greater Lansing Food Bank, so please consider donating at our monthly meetings. With the economy as it is, this will be an ongoing contribution, and a way for our Chapter to help those less fortunate. Wayne Mason will take all donated items to our local food

bank. Please remember to bring something to each meeting. If you prefer, cash donations will also be accepted. The food bank suggests such items as pancake mix, syrup, ketchup, peanut butter, crackers (saltines), and jelly, but all non-perishable food items are welcome. The suggested items are ones that people seldom donate, but are much needed. When not donated, the food bank must go out and purchase these items.

Happy Birthday



May Birthdays -

Patricia Lueder - 5th, Gary Armitage - 6th, Dick Harrington - 7th, Barry Lott & Stacy Taft - 8th, Sharon Silcox - 9th, Jeff Farber - 11th, Floyd Meerman - 18th, Norman Witte - 21st, James Decatur - 22nd, Bruce Ballard - 31st.

June Birthdays -

Vicki May - 1st, Pamela Babcock - 2nd, Scott Whittaker - 3rd, Marilyn Riess - 4th, Sharon Rethalmel - 9th, Sue Whittaker - 14th, Glenna Tillman - 16th, Sandy Bagby - 17th, Peg Lehnen - 21st, Ken Brochu - 22nd, Don Cooper 23rd, Bob Zimmerman, John Gross & Arlene Jones - 26th, Dan Evans & Sharon Severance - 27th.

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.
 Lansing, MI 48906

Welcome New Members

We welcome the following new members who joined our Chapter since our last newsletter:
Jeff & Maria Klein of Webberville, MI, **Jack & Sharon McNutt** of Harrison, MI, **Douglas & Cindy Songer** of Lansing, MI, **Dennis & Janet Weglarz** of Grand Ledge, MI. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming Chapter events or monthly meetings.

Branson | Cont. from page 1

Heaven' with one of just about every car made in 1957, including an Oldsmobile. In the picture, you can see a '57 Chevy stretch limo.

There is a used car lot in town on Hwy. 65 with all types of old cars. As you will see in the pictures, they had a '78 Cutlass and a '64 Cutlass. The '64 had 442 emblems on it, but they were the wrong type and in the wrong location so I am sure it was not a genuine 442. It had a 'sold' sign on it, so I hope the buyer knows what he is getting.

Just a few miles south of Branson on the campus of the College of the Ozarks is a very interesting place called the Ralph Foster museum. A gun collector would love it. They have just about every type of long and short gun, civilian and military that you can think of packed into a very large room. They have items of interest to the ladies also, but they only have



two cars on display. One is a Rolls Royce and the other is an Oldsmobile. It is not just any Olds but the actual car (truck) used in the Beverly Hillbillies TV show. It

is made from a cut-down 1921 Olds car. If you are ever in the area, it is worth the time to stop by this museum.

This is the original truck used on the television series "The Beverly Hillbillies." The truck is made from a cut down 1921 Oldsmobile.



Are your membership dues up to date?

Reminder - Please **check your address label** to see if your dues are about to expire. If you have an "RN09" after your name, your dues are due by June 1, 2009. If you receive your newsletter via email, your "RN" number will appear after your name in the email address. **Dues are \$12 for one year, and \$30 for three years.** In order to save additional cost to the Chapter, no additional dues reminders are sent out. Use form on page three to renew.

Unfortunately, every year some members forget to renew their membership. If your label shows "RN09", please send in your renewal dues today. We want to keep you as a member, and not have to drop you from our mailing list because of delinquent dues.

Don't let this be your last issue of Rocket Review!

All R.E. Olds Chapter memberships expire on June 1 of the year indicated on your address label. In example below, membership expires in 2009.



Troy Collins - RN09
6596 E. Galway Circle
Dimondale, MI 48821-9424



2009 Calendar of Events

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|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|
| <p>May 5</p> | <p>General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank</p> | <p>September 1</p> | <p>General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank</p> |
| <p>May 16</p> | <p>City of Lansing 150th Anniversary Parade
Oldsmobiles wanted to participate
Contact: Mike Ross 517-676-5630 or
Ret369lpd@sbcglobal.net</p> | <p>September 13</p> | <p>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>June 2</p> | <p>General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank</p> | <p>September 13</p> | <p>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 jkggilbert@yahoo.com</p> |
| <p>June 20</p> | <p>Olds Homecoming Car Show & Swap Meet - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Contact: Judy Badgley 517-645-7438 or
djb badgley@gmail.com</p> | <p>October 6</p> | <p>General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank</p> |
| <p>July 7</p> | <p>General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank</p> | <p>November 14</p> | <p>R. E. Olds Chapter Annual Banquet & Elections. Details in future newsletters.

(No general membership meeting in November)</p> |
| <p>July 15-18</p> | <p>Olds Club of America National Meet
Membership required see JWO for details</p> | <p>December 1</p> | <p>General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank</p> |
| <p>August 4</p> | <p>General Membership meeting
7pm R. E. Olds Museum
Bring canned goods for the food bank</p> | | |
| <p>August 14-15</p> | <p>Car Capital Car Show
Sponsored by the R. E. Olds Museum
Contact: Museum 517-372-0529</p> | | |
| <p>August 16</p> | <p>R. E. Olds Chapter 25th anniversary picnic. Details to follow in newsletter</p> | | |
| <p>August 29</p> | <p>28th Street cruise/Car Show
Harvey Cadillac, Grand Rapids
Contact: Mike Ross 517-676-5630 or
Ret369lpd@sbcglobal.net</p> | | |

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 contact: Judy Badgley
517-645-7438 or djb badgley@gmail.com**

Secretary's Report



R.E. Olds Chapter General Session Meeting February 3, 2008

Prior to the meeting those present began to stuff the envelopes and stamped the letters for the 2009 Homecoming mailing.

President, Vicki May called the meeting to order at 7:48PM.

There were 31 present at the meeting. There were 2 guests from the Motor City Rockets.

Presidents Report:

1. Vicki welcomed the members and guests for attending and thanked all for attending.
2. **Board Meeting Items:** There was no Board meeting this month and no items for discussion.
3. The meeting was abbreviated since all present performed the tasks for the 2009 Homecoming mailing.

Vice Presidents Report:

1. Harry Emmons : No Report requested

Treasurers Report:

1. Vicki reported for Troy Collins who was absent. The balance on hand as of January 31, 2009 was \$18,002.78. Revenues for the month were \$380.00. Expenses for the month were \$2,383.25. The balance on hand as of was \$15,999.53. This information was provided to those present as information that the books were reviewed and the club is in good financial stability.
2. Operating Budget:
3. Special Events Budget:

Secretaries Report:

The minutes of the general session meeting were not read at this meeting.

Newsletter Report: The news letter is

75% complete and we still need some more articles for future newsletters.

Membership Chairman Report: Don Cooper Reported:

1. New Applications:
2. Member retention letters/calls. There was one new member received on February 3, 2009.
3. Social Events/outings

OCA Chapter Representative Report: Eva Cooper

1. Compliance Report: The report will be sent in on Wednesday February 4, 2009. Two individuals will be dropped from the membership because they are not members in OCA.
2. Member Retention letters/calls

Old Business:

1. Homecoming: The next meeting location is at the show site in the cafeteria at 6:30 Wednesday February 11th. The flyers are ready to go. Tee shirts are on order and are blue.
2. Recap the totals

New Business:

1. This year is the Twenty fifth anniversary of the Chapter. Wayne suggested a patch or a decal should be made available for those who wish to purchase one. A patch would cost around \$2.50. Vicki motioned to have the Chapter front the money for 100 patches. Mike Ross seconded the motion and the membership supported the motion. The patches will be sold to the members.
2. May 16, 2009 is the date for the Lansing 150 year parade. Contact Mike Ross for reservation.
3. There will be a 25th anniversary cake at homecoming.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted: Ed. Shand,
Secretary.

The Chapter approved an expenditure of \$250.00 for 25th Anniversary patches to be sold to members.

R.E. Olds Chapter Annual Meeting & Banquet March 3, 2009

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

There were 25 present at the meeting.

There were no guests present.

Presidents Report:

1. Vicki welcomed the members for attending and thanked all for attending. Each attendee introduced themselves.
2. **Board Meeting Items:** There was no Board meeting this month and therefore no information to bring forth to the membership.

Vice Presidents Report:

1. Harry Emmons No report

Treasurers Report:

1. Troy Collins reported: The balance on hand as of January 31, 2009 was \$15,999.53. Revenues for the month were \$1,838.00. Expenses for the month were \$1,492.03. The balance on hand as of February 27, 2009 was \$16,325.50. Mike Ross moved to accept the treasurers' report as read. Harry Emmons seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.
2. Operating Budget:
3. Special Events Budget:

Secretaries Report:

The minutes of the general session meeting for February 2009 were presented to the membership and opened for discussion. Harry Emmons motioned to accept the minutes as read. Wayne Mason seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

Newsletter Report: Wayne Mason Reported:

1. The newsletter will be coming out next month. Please have any articles or information for the homecoming by April 1st.
2. The website was updated today. Check out the site to see if the cars on the site are still active and let Wayne know if there are any corrections needed.

LICENSE PLATES

Doug and I have always traveled as much as possible. We always look to see what is "just over that hill"! And as long as I can remember, we have played the license plate game. You know, the one where you keep track of all the different states' plates. This is a fascinating game and "kids" of all ages love to play.

License plates are not just a means to identify your car; they tell a story. Most states through the years have featured a scene or picture that tells something about their state: Maine-lobster, Florida- orange, Arizona-cactus . . . You get the idea.



Since personalized plates have become popular, they have expanded to also tell a story about the driver: IMANRSE: (I Am A Nurse), 2LZ2WRK: (Too lazy to work), GRR8: (Great). Military plates are also quite popular, because they identify the owner as having served and defended the United States of America.

License plates may also feature an endangered animal, college/ university or non-profit groups. These special plates have a double benefit. They are quite profitable to the issuing states, as they charge extra fees for personalized plates. These extra fees are reported to total hundreds of millions of dollars!

The other benefit is a portion of these fees are then sent to the organization featured on the license plate.

Now to the history . . . Cars were first manufactured in the United States in 1897. We all know the first car manufacturer was an Oldsmobile. It wasn't long before governments needed a way to identify the owner of the car. Larger cities required vehicle owners to provide their own license plates or ID tags. These tags could be made out of virtually any substance, and then brought in to a city office to be registered. They could be mounted on the dash, or outside of the car. Leather, rubber and iron were the most common base materials used.

In 1903, six years after the first car was produced, Massachusetts became the first state to manufacture license plates. The plates were made of iron and covered with enamel porcelain. There were no uniform sizes for plates; size was determined by the amount of numbers used. The first plate issued in Massachusetts was number "1", and the family of the original owner still has this plate. The year in which a plate was issued was not added to the plate face until 1908.



By 1918, nearly every state produced and issued license plates. Each year owners were required to get a new plate. New plates were a different color scheme than the pre-

vious year, making it easier for police to make sure the owner was current with their registration. By 1924, New York and California had each manufactured and issued one million license plates.

Today, nearly every state manufactures license plates at state-operated correctional facilities. Only three states, Alaska, Hawaii and Oregon, produce license plates at privately owned facilities. Plates are then distributed by the issuing state.

Several states require both a front and rear license plate. Over thirty states DO NOT require a front license plate. Many auto enthusiasts in those states install a personalized license plate that doesn't follow the guidelines for the "official" registered plate. This offers owners some additional opportunities to be creative and express their own ideas.



Collecting license plates is a popular hobby. Some collect plates representative of each state, others focus on all the different plates or years from a particular state, others just collect any license plate! They look great when displayed, because there is such a variety to look at. There is a national group (Automobile License Plate Collectors Association) of collectors if you are interested in this unique hobby.

17th Annual Oldsmobile Homecoming

JUNE 20, 2009

By Judy Badgley

June 20th will be here before you know it, so shift into high gear!!!

The flyers are available for distribution, and registrations are coming in at record speed. If you haven't pre-registered for the show yet, now is the time. There are many advantages to registering early.

1. Ed Shand, our registrar, has more time to prepare your packet.
2. You don't have to wait in the long line on show day.
3. It is less expensive if you register by May 15th, (\$10 by that date; \$20 after.)
4. If you register by May 15th, you are eligible to win a Fusick gift certificate!

So, what are you waiting for?

If you would like a supply of flyers to hand out at car shows, etc., contact Ashley Jones, 517-645-7366. If you meet someone that wants a flyer and you don't have any with you, send them to our website, www.reolds.org, where forms can be downloaded, or have them contact Don Cooper at 517-290-7455, and Don will mail them a form.

Homecoming posters are now available. These full color ads are a fantastic way to advertise our show. This year our posters feature photos of the 1949 Oldsmobile, and the world famous Olds Rocket Engines. Posters can be distributed to any place where people will see them (or you can have one to keep). If you would like to help distribute posters,

please contact Ashley at 517-645-7366, Judy Badgley at 517-645-7438, or pick up a supply at Badgley's Garage, 304 S. Clippert St., Lansing, MI 48912. Please help us get the word out and hand out posters in your area.



2009 SHIRT DESIGN

Who else is on the committee other than those listed above, and what is their "job"? Here they are:

- Ken Nicholas has the t-shirt and dash plaque designs finalized. It is another outstanding design.
- Troy Collins and Mike Ross have uncovered and sorted our informational signs for the show area. Mike is in the process of cleaning and refurbishing them. It is important on show day for attendees to find their way to the correct location quickly so we don't have traffic backups, and these signs help us achieve that.
- Don Cooper handles inquires and communications via phone & email.
- John Gross has found some beautiful "rocket" trophies for our awards this year. We will be presenting the *Helen Earley Award*, the *Founders Award*, *Best of Show*, *Long Distance Driven Award* and

a *Tattoo Award* for automotive related tattoos. New this year will be an award to represent the Chapters 25th anniversary.

- Dave Violetta has obtained some fantastic door prizes.
- Ashley Jones and Steve Zaban are listing our ads in every publication they can find.
- Ron Reichle is laying out the show field (Is your car registered?)
- Eva Cooper has the food vendors all set, and is buying groceries for the *Price is Right* game.
- John & Betty VanderTuin are organizing the swap meet field.
- Wayne Mason has all of our rentals in order and Scott Whittaker has arranged for the equipment we need.
- Chris Heminger and Jim Brehm are in charge of the set-up and tear down on show day. The entire show field has a "master plan", so this task goes quick and smooth!
- Harry Emmons is patiently waiting to clean the site after the show is over. He also adds to the treasury and the condition of the Earth by sorting the pop cans to recycle.
- Jim Murphy is new to the committee and has braved blizzards to attend meetings when nobody else did!!!!
- Jill & Andy Gilbert pick up, sort and distribute the t-shirts.

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- Doug Badgley arranges for the foreign car we blow up.
- Marsha Nicholas arranges for our insurance, and keeps everything and everybody organized and on track. She also distributes OCA and Chapter literature on show day.

Now that you have registered, you have picked up extra flyers to distribute, and you have a trunk filled with posters to give to businesses you frequent, what is there left to do? I have the answer. **The Homecoming show requires a**

LOT of volunteers to make it a success. Our guests always comment on how well the show is run. That is not just the result of the committee making all of the plans all year long; it is also because of your help. **Please help to insure the success of this year's show by calling to sign up to work.** If you wait until the last minute you won't have your choice of the prime jobs. There are both sit down jobs and on-your-feet jobs available; we aim to offer something for everybody. Work time slots are arranged in

two-hour increments so that everybody can work and still have time to enjoy the show. To reserve your time slot, call Judy Badgley at 517-645-7438 or email djbahgley@gmail.com

Everyone mentioned in this article works very hard to make sure the Homecoming show continues to be a success. Next time you see one of them, be sure to say "thanks"!

See you at the show.....

Plates | Cont. from page 7

Their website is: www.alpca.org or snail mail to: ALPCA, 118 Quaker Rd, Hampton VA 23669-2024

Here are some license plate first milestones and trivia:

- 1896 - Germany issues the first license plate
- 1903 - Massachusetts issues first plate in USA
- 1912 - Illinois issued a front plate that allowed air to flow through and not block air to the radiator.
- 1924 - California and New York each had issued 1,000,000 license plates
- 1928 - Idaho was first to use a graphic on plates - a potato



- 1931 - Pennsylvania manufactured the first personalized license plate
- 1936 - Mexico was the first to use reflective plates
- 1937 - Connecticut issued the first plate intended to be "permanent", and just add yearly tabs. It was eleven years before the next "permanent" plate was issued there.
- 1941 - Georgia issued the first reflectorized plate in the United States.
- 1942 - Delaware was the last state to issue a porcelain plate
- WWII - During these years because of the shortage of metal, many states used wood or fiber-board. The latter was quite popular with goats and horses for a snack!
- 1948 - Connecticut was 1st to introduce beads-on-paint reflective plates
- 1960 - 3M was first to introduce reflective sheeting used on most license plates now

- 1992 - New Jersey was the final state to issue a reflecting license plate.

License plates can be more than just a way to identify your vehicle and collect a tax. If you have a personalized plate, how about sending in a picture to the newsletter and explain why you chose it. Better yet, if you are a collector send in a photo of your license plate display. In the meantime, keep an eye on the road and look for those out-of-state and unusual license plates.

Reminder

Steve Zaban is still looking for nice/good items to sell for our **Homecoming Auction**. If you have any Oldsmobile-related items to donate, please contact Steve soon so that he will have a good idea, prior to Homecoming day, what items he will have to auction. In past years, Steve has not known until show day what items he has to auction. **Call Steve at 517-655-2421.**

Olds Parting



The time frame with the knee didn't work out as planned- seems that I went back to bowling a little early. The results of which took me out of bowling for the rest of the season. I did get the 64 up in the air on the hoist and cleaned the debris out from underneath it. I recovered a number of items that went missing back when I could (I thought) still remember where I put them. I have often said, and will admit to this day, that I never forget a thing but I'm extremely absent minded.

With all the newly re-found item's, I thought it would be a good time to get my other tools in order. This required getting another eleven-drawer tool chest. I finished putting it together last week, then a senior moment hit and I forgot what I was going to do with them next (actually other items had a higher priority level). So what was that you asked?

On our last adventure, we had to borrow a trailer at the last minute. Well, part of the repayment for using it was to fix up the driveway on DeWitt Road. This was accomplished (started) with one and one half yards of crushed limestone, and three aching backs (Dick Harrington, Willis Dennis and yours truly). When we get out of traction, we will look at finishing it up.

Next up was the acquisition of another car (Willis won't know what hits him when I get even on this). Anyway, this led to getting a 1995 98 Regency Elite with 27,974

miles on it. When you see the pictures, some of you may recognize the car as being one just like Chuck Mitchell's. Actually it is Chuck Mitchell's car. We needed to keep it in the family. The only problem I have is finding a place for it during the winter which I will be working on over the summer.



The rest of the time has been spent on the crossover from regular insurance to Medicare. That's a trip all on it's own. Upon surviving this, and after getting the new garage interior finished I hope to actually get some car stuff done.

While that's it for now – its time to see what Willis has been up to on Project Wagon.

Till Later – Happing Oldsing

Troy

With brakes installed and the engines basically complete, it's time to remove the front one and mount the dummy block and fabricate the cooling system. The distance from the radiator in front to the water pump on the rear motor is 90 inches. I have seen drain tile much longer than 90 inches but, never a radiator hose that long.

Now in my travels I had run across some stainless steel pipe at Padnos Metal Salvage. The inside diameter was close to the same size as the radiator hose to the water pump on the rear engine. It also came in 22 foot lengths. My basic

math tells me that one piece should be long enough to reach 90 inches and back to the radiator. It was also food grade since it had been used on a milking station in a dairy barn. I could even brew up some home-made antifreeze. "NOT" Oh well, back to work.

The front engine has headers for an exhaust that exit just behind the front tires. There are no exhaust pipes running to mufflers under the body. There are, however, holes in the frame to route the exhaust pipes through on a stock exhaust system. Just the ticket to route the cooling lines from the front radiator to the rear engine. All I need are a few elbows to make the bends and turns to line up everything from front to back.

Stainless salvage pipe is sold by the pound. Elbows and fittings are sold by the piece. Believe me the pipe is a heck of a lot cheaper. Especially when you find that the water pump inlet on the 371 c.i. engine is on the driver's side, and the water pump inlet in the 455 c.i. is on the passenger side. Something has to move. It certainly isn't going to be the transfer pipes. Not at \$14.00 a piece for elbows.

Going back in history, I remember that Henry Ford borrowed an idea from Ransom (the assembly line). Maybe I could use one of Henry's ideas and put two supply outlets on the bottom of the radiator like the Ford Flathead. That would eliminate the need to re-route the supply pipes. Tune in next time to see if this mess works.

That's all the news that's fit to print,
Willis

Minutes | Cont. from page 6

Membership Chairman Report: Don Cooper reported: there is no report

1. New Applications:
2. Member retention letters/calls
Social Events/outings

OCA Chapter Representative Report: Eva Cooper reported:

1. Compliance Report:
2. Member Retention letters/calls

Old Business:

1. Homecoming: The next meeting is next Wednesday at the complex. There will still be a founder's choice and a 25th anniversary award.
2. Recap the totals: There are 10 Vendors with 25 spaces, 78 Registrants with 78 cars registered, 2 additional cars for sale, 9 different states represented and 65 shirts sold. Last year at this time there were 8 Vendors and 14 spaces and 71 cars registered.

New Business:

1. Lansing 150th anniversary there are 24 cars signed up. Mike is attempting to arrange a car show after the parade with the city of Lansing. The show is Saturday May 16th.
2. Debbie from the museum is interested in having a float and the Olds family members in the cars.
3. Email Vicki if you are willing to have the Olds family members ride in the car and how many.
4. Ken and Marsha will use their trailer for the float.
5. The Gilmore Car museum September 13th. The feature car will be 1964-1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass.
6. The manufacturer of the patch will make one 12" for around \$20.00. If you are interested we would need an order of 25 pre-sold to send the order to the manufacturer. Wayne Mason will coordinate the purchase.

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.

Racing with Chris & Jim



Drag Racing season is about to begin for two of our Chapter members who just happen to race Oldsmobiles! Both **Chris Heminger** and **Jim Brehm** race in the NHRA and IHRA sanctioning bodies.

Chris sends along the following schedule of the events in which they plan to race:

May 15th-17th at Norwalk, Ohio - Chris will race in the NHRA Division 3 points race. Time runs on Saturday, with the race on Sunday.

May 23rd-24th at Martin, Michigan (US131 dragway), racing on Saturday and Sunday. Both Chris and Jim will be going to this race. Saturday and Sunday Time Trials begin at 9:00 am, with Chris' class running first and Jim's following immediately after.

July 19th at Norwalk, Ohio, The Dick Miller Oldsmobile Race, is a possibility for Chris, but not Jim. It's the

Sunday after the OCA Nationals.

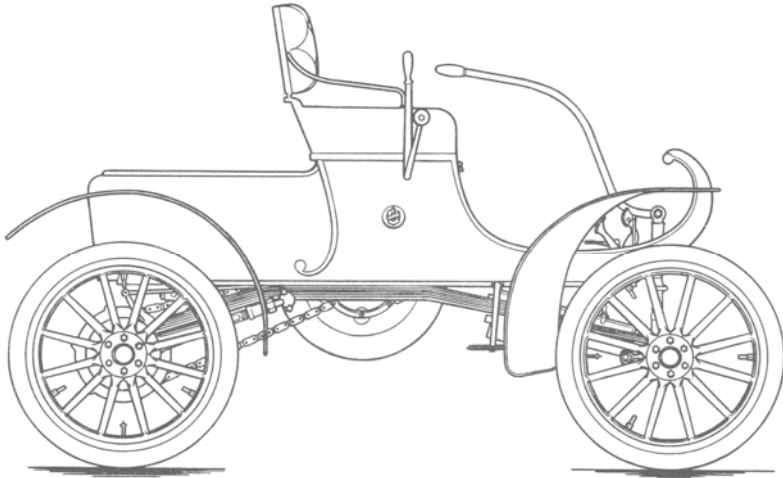
August 22nd-23rd in Osceola Indiana. The Osceola IHRA Division race is near South Bend) This is also a two day race with one race on Saturday and one on Sunday. Jim and Chris will most likely attend this race. While their race schedule is not set in stone at this time, they are planning on the three races listed.

Chris runs in the class called "Hot Rod" while Jim runs in the "Stock" class. The track announcer uses this terminology to call the various classes to their lanes, so if you attend any of the race events, you'll know what to listen for.

If you are attending one of the races and want to check on any details of the event, you may call Chris on his cell at (517) 230-2065. If he doesn't answer, leave him a message and he'll get back to you.

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