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## A Perfect Day for an Ice Cream Party



**Dave and Peg Lehnen's beautiful 1946 78 Series 4-door Sedan was a hit with the residents at the Great Lakes Christian Home. Details on page 4.**

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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.

## Guest Editor's message.....

This issue of *Rocket Review* is jam-packed with articles. "Thank you" to all of you that have taken the time to send in a story. If you haven't seen your story in print, watch for it in a future issue. It is always good to have a great article "waiting in the wings"!

Communication is important to keeping our group together. We have several ways we keep in touch: the monthly meetings, the personal touch of the volunteers that call you with reminders and the newsletter. All of these outlets are valuable ways that keep us together.

I have enjoyed assembling the newsletter for you to read. I would like to say a big "thank you" to Wayne Mason for providing the front and back cover layouts, Ed Shand for his help with the labels, Don and Eva Cooper for proof reading and Doug for his patience as I peck away on the computer. I couldn't do it without all of you. Any of you that would like to volunteer to do the newsletter or even a single issue will be welcomed. I would be glad to help you get your feet wet. Operators are standing by 517-645-7438. Judy

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The Chapter is still looking for someone to volunteer to be the full-time Editor of the *Rocket Review*. This newsletter is a major resource for staying in touch with our members. Many do not live near enough to attend the monthly meetings. Communication is very important to keeping our Club going. Please volunteer to help. If you don't want to commit to doing ALL of the issues please step up to do maybe a single issue. The newsletters are scheduled to be mailed near the first of January, March, May, July, September, November.

***For additional information contact President Vicki May and tell her you will do an issue and which one you would like to do.***

## President's message.....

**THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.....** Thank you to those who helped to make 2011 memorable for our Chapter members. It's hard to believe we're wrapping up another year.

The special activities organized by members were great fun and much appreciated.

Thanks to the Homecoming committee and participating members for the most memorable Homecoming ever! 2011 ROCKED!

Our success is a reflection of our members (past and present) Be sure to thank your fellow members, our Charter members, and past Presidents the next time you see them:

**Charter members:** Max & Jo Hineman, Tom & Jan Hummer, Fred Pirochta, John Pirochta, Doug and Judy Badgley, and Jim Harsant.

**Past Presidents:** Fred Pirochta 1985-1987, Joe Pohl 1995-1998, Terry Pinkney 1998-1999, Cathy Keesaer 2001-2002, Ken Nicholas 2002-2005, Troy Collins 2005, and Ken Nicholas 2005-2007.

Where would we be without them and their vision for our Chapter.

Looking forward to 2012.....

Vicki

# NEWSWORTHY CHAPTER "STUFF"

## R. E. Olds Chapter Calendar of Events

Join other Olds friends, attend our Chapter meetings, held the first Tuesday of each month, 7pm at the R. E. Olds Museum in Lansing, Michigan.

### December-

6 Chapter Meeting, 7 PM  
R. E. Olds Museum

### 2012, January-

3 Chapter Meeting, 7 PM  
R. E. Olds Museum  
Guest Speaker

### June-

15 Olds Homecoming Set-up  
Cruise-in to Dimondale

16 Olds Homecoming car show  
Cruise-in to Eaton Rapids

20-23 National Antique Olds Club  
Annual Car Show & Swap  
Columbus, IN  
[www.antiqueolds.org](http://www.antiqueolds.org)

### July-

4-7 Olds Club of America  
Annual Car Show & Swap  
Des Moines, IA  
[www.oldsclubofiowa.com](http://www.oldsclubofiowa.com)

28 Car Capital Car Show  
Lansing, MI  
[www.reoldsmuseum.org](http://www.reoldsmuseum.org)

## Mark your calendar to participate with Olds friends

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lloyd & Kathy Kilbreath- Durand, MI  
69 442 & 69 442 W30

Patrick & Angel LeFevre-Holt, MI  
73 Cutlass Hardtop

Ande & Mary Shoe-Burlington, NC  
88 Cutlass Supreme Brougham

Tom & Cheryl Hacker-Coldwater, MI  
70 Cutlass

Harold Leeman- Lansing, MI  
76 Toronado

Jamie & Sherrill Cox-N. Saanich, BC CAN  
2) 63 Starfires

Al & Betty Burnett- Central Lake, MI  
55 Holiday Coupe



## R.E. Olds Merchandise Order Form

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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, don't forget your spouse, family members and significant other. \$5 each.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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R.E. Olds Chapter

( ) I will pick up at a meeting or

Attn: Judy Badgley

( ) Please mail merchandise to me

4631 Doane Hwy

Pottersville, MI 48876-8744

**Jacket**- Medium weight- lined (\$80) \_\_\_\_\_

Add \$5 for 2X, 3X, 4X \_\_\_\_\_

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Add \$3 for 3X \_\_\_\_\_

**Name Badge**- (\$5 each) \_\_\_\_\_

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Add shipping \$1.50 for only name badges \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make Checks Payable to: R.E. Olds Chapter

# CHAPTER MEMBERS at GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN HOME Sunday, September 18, 2011



Several members of the R. E. Olds Chapter brought their Oldsmobiles to Holt, MI to show them to the residents of the Great Lakes Christian Home. It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for the residents to come out and see the cars.



This is the sight of our annual Chapter banquet and as a show of appreciation for allowing us to use their dining room, Tom and Jan Hummer arranged this mini-car show. The residents received great pleasure reminiscing about the "good old days". They shared their memories with the residents and car owners.

After an hour or so of visiting, the residents and car owners went to the dining room for ice cream sundaes provided by our Chapter. It was a perfect day of Oldsmobiles, sunshine, sharing and smiles.

## Happy Birthday to you.....

### November-

- 1 Lori Lyon
- 7 Martha Preglar
- 11 Doug Johnston  
Kathy Kilbreath
- 14 Tom Robinson
- 15 Chuck Goebel
- 21 Michelle Brochu
- 23 Bob Shorman  
Harold Leeman  
Andre Shoe
- 25 Barb Pohl

### December-

- 2 Deb Van Pelt
- 8 Jack Nelson
- 14 Annette Morse
- 15 Jack McNutt
- 17 Bruce Powelson
- 20 Jim Harsant
- 23 Debra Wolf
- 28 Dave Violetta
- 29 Aaron Irvine
- 30 Tamara Wenzel  
Marianne Harrington
- 31 Karen Wilcox  
Cindy Thayer



# R. E. Olds Chapter & Motor City Rockets an Adventure in Traverse City

September 16, several members of the R. E. Olds Chapter participated with the MCR's for an outing in Traverse City. Badgley's, Coopers and Whittaker's left from the Grand Ledge area that Friday morning and headed to Grand Rapids. It was a "Grand" day. We met May's at Arnies for breakfast and then Wayne lead us on a scenic drive to Traverse City.



We arrived at the host hotel early afternoon and most of the MCRs group was already on site. An area of the parking lot was blocked off so just our beautiful Oldsmobiles were parked together.

After checking-in we were given our weekend itinerary, and a busy weekend of fun began. We started by meeting at the nearby Sam's Club parking lot.



After visiting and getting acquainted, our hosts Jack and Dorothy gave us our driving instructions to our 1<sup>st</sup> destination. Over 20 Oldsmobiles drove to Traverse City Commons for wine tasting and shopping. After a

couple hours we then all drove to Boone's Long Lake Inn for dinner. We had our own banquet room and D-licious food.

Saturday morning those that wanted to wash their cars went to Jack's garage and polished their Olds. The next item on the agenda was a mini car show at the Haggerty Insurance parking ramp. Haggerty treated us to donuts and coffee. Someone noticed an old gas station across the street and decided it would make a great Kodak moment. Before long there was a parade of Oldsmobiles driving over to the gas station for pictures. The procession continued until everyone had their picture.



Soon we were off on our next adventure. We drove to the Leelanau State Park. Along the way stops were made at Kilcherman's Apple Museum. They not only have apples, cider and sweets, but also a collection of advertising signs, and a collection of over 10,000 historic pop bottles that the owner says is the largest in the world. They've collected and traded them on vacation—bottles from Alaska and Alabama to Australia and Iraq.

Our final stop was for lunch in the State Park. Many also climbed the lighthouse steps for a magnificent view of the bay.

Back to the hotel we went for a minute of rest and then off to Jack's storage building for the evening meal and activities. The meal was fantastic



and there was LOTS of food prepared by the MCR's group.

While driving to the planned destinations, we had been provided with Bingo game cards and trivia games to play. This was when we turned in our game cards and waited as the "judges" determined the winners. There were multiple winners in many categories. And it was a lot of fun listening to the criteria that determined the winners.

Although the meal was over and the games were over, the visiting and swapping stories went on long after.

Sunday morning found us all back at Jack's for a huge breakfast. We were all sent on our way home with a weekend of great fun and memories. This is an annual event, if you haven't attended before, mark your calendars and plan to attend in September, 2012.



Chapter members on Traverse City outing-

Front row: Vicki May, Judy & Doug Badgley  
 Back Row- Wayne May, Karl & Linda Kimball, Scott & Sue Whittaker, Al & Betty Burnett, Don & Eva Cooper, Dan Evans, Tom Van Pelt. Martha & Jeff Pregler

## ONE “HOT” CAR by Don Cooper

This story is about a problem we recently had with our 1985 Olds 442. I was given several suggestions as how to correct the problem, none of which worked. I am sure after I reveal the solution many will say, “Oh, I knew that”, but as for myself, I was totally stumped.

It all started when we drove to Dewitt to meet the Old US-27 Tour on August 24<sup>th</sup>. On the way there we experienced an overheating problem. The temp gauge was heading for the danger zone and we could smell anti-freeze. I shut off the A/C and slowed down; this brought the temp down a little. When we got to the parking lot, we could hear the system boiling and coolant was puking out. Opinions for a cure to the problem ranged from thermostat, heater core, to water pump and a couple of things that I could see no connection with. After the car cooled down enough to take the cap off, Judy Badgley found water somewhere so we could fill our radiator and also give their ride a drink. With a radiator full of water, we started a casual drive to Lyle’s house, a friend, who lives in Eagle. When we arrived the temp gauge was almost to that nasty old danger zone again and boiling. Lyle took us home and he and I made a plan of attack for the next day.

The next day we started with the thermostat (easiest to fix), it looked like it had been in the system for quite a while so we replaced it and went for a ride, no change. We moved on to the radiator cap. Its gasket was sort of crappy so we bought a new one - which didn’t help. Our next move was the water pump. Hearing a little grinding from the pump, we figured this was the problem. It’s hard to believe how many parts had to be removed just to get to the water pump. When we finally got to the pump and had it removed, we decided to replace it ‘just because’.

After the re-assembly process and having no extra parts, we went for another ‘test’ ride. This didn’t take long. In about six miles and the car

was headed to the boiling point again. At this point, I was ready to sell all of our cars and get a horse and buggy. Lyle tried to explain to me that this was the fun part of having old cars. Believe me, I was not having fun. After my hate for cars subsided, I started to call anyone I could think of that might have an idea. Everyone pretty much suggested everything that I had already done.



After thinking the situation over, I made one more call. I called “Dr.” Jerry Garfield. I call him Doctor because after explaining the series of events that we went through his diagnosis sounded like something a Doctor might say, “Your car has indigestion, it needs to burp.” Jerry was sure that my only problem was a huge air bubble in the system. He then set forth to tell me the correct procedure for removing said ‘air bubble’. I couldn’t write as fast as he detailed the procedure to use, so I had him e-mail the instructions to me. His step-by-step instructions were as follows:

1. Fill the coolant reservoir with 50/50 coolant 2 -3 inches above the Full Mark.
2. Remove the radiator cap and fill the radiator, slowly, with 50/50.
3. Start the engine and let it run at idle until you see coolant circulation. If the coolant level drops, add more coolant right up to the top.
4. Parking brake applied, drive wheels blocked, transmission selector in Park, raise the engine speed to about 2500

RPM. The coolant level should drop, so add more coolant right up to the top. There should be very good coolant flow through the radiator.

5. If you see a continuous stream of bubbles, you have a failed cylinder head gasket, warped or cracked cylinder head.

6. If no bubbles, hold the engine speed constant at 2500-3000 RPM, fill the radiator slowly and put the cap on.

7. The coolant fan clutch should be engaging, pulling more air through the radiator. Watch the coolant temperature. It should stay steady and not go beyond 220-225F. If it starts to overheat, re-check the radiator for coolant restrictions and air flow restrictions; also missing air deflectors or seals that will prevent enough air from flowing through the A/C condenser and radiator. Take the upper radiator support off and look for debris between the radiator and the A/C condenser. Check the lower hose for a spring that prevents hose collapse at higher RPM.

8. Assuming all is normal now, let the engine cool down completely. Inspect the coolant level in the reservoir. The reservoir should have coolant in it so just bring it up to at least “Fill Cold” or a little above. If there isn’t any coolant in the reservoir, fill the reservoir and the radiator and re-do the “burping” procedure Steps 4 through 7. Squeeze the upper radiator hose in and out. You should see coolant moving in and out of the reservoir, you might even hear the vacuum valve moving up and down.

On Saturday morning, Lyle and I followed these instructions to a tee. In less than 25 minutes we were finished. We have not had a problem since.

**Note:** This procedure was developed by Jerry and published for Oldsmobile/GM. It’s hard to believe that something this simple could cause me so many headaches and grief. Thank you Jerry for the solution to the problem and the very clearly written instructions.

You win the bet Jerry, I owe you one large mushroom pizza!

## MY 1965 STARFIRE by Ed Shand

Many of you know that I have a love for the 1966 Toronado. In fact I have owned 5 different ones over the past seven years. Up to a few months ago I kept two 1966 Toronados, one being a Dubonnet and the other an Ocean Mist color. I recently sold the Dubonnet Toronado and another car (El Camino) to free up some room in the barn. My intention was to find a nice 1962 Starfire however, that wasn't in the cards.



I found a 1965 Starfire coupe advertised in JWO that seemed to be just the car. It was to be an original, southern survivor car complete and ready to go. Some people either try to entice you by stretching the facts or just don't know what a "nice original" car really is. I traveled to Chicago to purchase the 1965 Starfire with my car trailer behind our Bravada.

The Starfire was a nice car but not as original as it was advertised. The second owner of the car started to make it into a performance car by adding a performance cam and aluminum intake manifold. On top of the manifold was a 1979 carburetor and the car also had a different 400 transmission. The

Starfire was parked in the garage since 1991. The seller told me that the car ran but needed a few adjustments to stay running. I just laughed to myself as the car started and would lope and stall knowing that minor adjustments were not the cure.

The car was a southern car and the interior is original and in pretty nice condition. There are a few cracks in the seats but, what do you expect with a car from the hot South. There is no rust on the car at all. The Starfire is a nice red with the hood being painted a slightly different shade. I looked at the paint code and it was "CC". The code told me that

the original color was Polar White and not the bright red it was currently.

I bought the Starfire and pulled it home. The very first thing I did was to get rid of the performance cam and installed a cam for a 1966 Toronado. I guess now it's a Torofire. That cam should provide some additional HP but smooth out the engine. It did and with some other adjustments and the original intake manifold the engine runs fine.

I tried to match the paint and discovered that the red paint was not the correct color for 1965. That meant I needed to repaint the car. I painted the car this past week with the original color red for a 1965 Oldsmobile. In a couple of weeks the Starfire will be ready to drive and perhaps will even take it to a few shows. There is still a lot of "work in process" to do however, it looks pretty good right now.

My current car collection consists of a 1966 Toronado, 1965 Starfire and a 1970 Cutlass Pace Car. That's enough for a person my age.

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### Starfire History: provided by Ed Shand

The first Starfire was a prototype show car. The show car was finished in a very attractive turquoise hue with a turquoise and white leather interior. The Starfire featured advanced styling that was several steps ahead of the future. This unique Starfire appeared at the major automobile shows in 1953 and 1954.

The Starfire name found its way to the front fender of a production Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight convertible. From 1954 until 1957 the name 'Starfire' was used on the Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight convertible and reappeared in 1961 as a specially trimmed hardtop and convertible that was produced until 1966.

The Starfire was a sporty and luxurious hardtop coupe and convertible that embodied the personal luxury cars for Oldsmobile. The vehicle came with leather bucket seats, sport and special luxury trim. The Starfire also came standard with hydra-matic transmission, tachometer, sports console, power steering and brakes, and dual exhausts with 'glass packs'.

The Starfire's standard engine was the Rocket 394 CID V8, which produced 330 horsepower from 1961 until 1964. From 1965 until 1966 the Starfire was powered by a larger 425 CID Super Rocket V8, which was rated at 375 hp.

# 28<sup>th</sup> St. METRO CRUISE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Text by Mike Ross and Photos Courtesy of Bruce Powelson



August 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 was a dry day with great temps. Several members of the Chapter started the day at the Grand Ledge McDonalds at 8AM. Following breakfast, the group left for a nice drive to Harvey Cadillac in Grand Rapids. When we arrived, employees directed us to the reserved parking area for our Oldsmobiles. We had front row seats to watch the cruisers.

R. E. Olds Chapter members with cars in attendance were: Vicki & Wayne May, 68 Cutlass Convertible; Joe Pohl & Family, 69 Cutlass; Judy & Doug Badgley, 72 Hurst Olds Indy Pace Car; Tom & Cheryl Hacker, 70 Olds 442; Linda & Karl Kimball, 61 Super 88; Fred Pirochta, 67 Cutlass; Scott Whittaker, 65 Olds 442; Steve Zaban, 70 Olds 442 Indy Pace Car; and Mike Ross, 76 Cutlass Lansing Police Car. Also in attendance with his camera was Bruce Powelson who, as usual, took great pictures and made a fantastic CD. Other Chapter members that stopped by to visit were Chris Heminger and Ken Lovell.



Sharing space with us was a 1911 Oldsmobile Autocrat Race Car from Gilmore Museum and a 59 Oldsmobile 98 Convertible owned by Al & Carole Scholten.



Just a quarter block away a GM Futurliner was set up and showing the history of these unusual vehicles that were part

of the GM Parade of Progress in the 40's and 50's. We hope to have this rare survivor at our 2012 Oldsmobile Homecoming.



We had a good time and saw hundreds of great classics. Thanks to John Leese and the Family of Harvey Cadillac for providing us with a perfect place for our perfect day.



## 28<sup>th</sup> Street Cruise from the drivers seat of Bruce Powelson

The adventure initially began when this writer approached the Museum Director, offering to drive the raffle car to the 28<sup>th</sup> Street Cruise in Grand Rapids. The director demurred, saying it was “too expensive” to take the car. Disappointed, but ever onward, this writer responded to Officer Mike’s e-mail, saying he would join the crew to the cruise.

On the appointed day, arising early and in good spirits, the time continuum compressed, and the valiant adventurer in his galloping Mustang GTd to the appointed Mickey D, top up. To great alarm, the cowboy met the group already in formation, and on the way. Following close, still shut off to the elements, the vaquero followed the leader to make sure all connections I-96 were made.



The cowboy and his Mustang

Comfortable on the trail, following many top-down “sunworshippers”, the horseman said “I know a safe turn out where one can become *al fresco* top down.”

The Mustang whinnied and chortled, but stopped at the Watering Station. By the time nature had been served, as fast as the pony could gallop (90 anyone?), there was no catching up to the rest of the Wagon Train’s herd. Sense returned and reality realized, the stallion settled in to a good pace, and arrived at the corral not too far after the leaders.

With the Mustang stabled in a secure stall, the cowboy found beautiful weather. One wild animal, an interesting no-Brit blue Jaguar, was encountered, but its owners had the beast tamed and no fangs were revealed.



The weather was the best encountered in the three visits our cowboy had made. To the West, not yet sunset, was a beautiful, restored Futureliner. Tentative provisions have

been made for this magnificent creature to attend the 2012 Homecoming.



We had many Oldsmobiles in attendance, including a Curved Dash Olds. Our vehicles carried on conversations with their Cadillac, Buick, Chevrolet, and other cousins, while their proud owners carried on their own discussions and sometimes interesting tales of adventure.



Lamborghini, Ferrari, DeLorean, Bricklin, and other exotics joined rods, chopped and channeled customs of all descriptions for a cruise on 28<sup>th</sup> Street. The only downer was that fewer of our Olds Chapter members were able to participate this year.



As the sun began setting in the West, our writer and his trustworthy steed headed east at the end of an enjoyable, fun-filled day.

*Oldsmobile*

## And now a word from our sponsor.....**JOHNSON'S SPEED WAREHOUSE**

Johnson's Speed Warehouse is a supplier of auto and truck parts. Roy Johnson started this business over 50 years ago in his garage in Lansing. He expanded into a store in 1962 located on South Cedar. As business and inventory continued to grow so did the need for more space. In 1970 he moved to his present location at 3940 N. Grand River (near Capital City Airport), in Lansing. In 1975 Roy's son Steve started with the business and this family business is a staple to performance minded enthusiasts.

Over the years Johnson's has bought obsolete inventory from many other businesses. They have a large selection of hard and not-so-hard to find performance and replacement parts. They offer top-notch original equipment and aftermarket parts. They also carry almost all of the name brand performance parts you need for your daily driver to FULL-BLOWN racecars. Their inventory of parts is for vehicles dating back to the 50's and into the present models. They specialize in performance parts, engine parts and accessories.

Along with the store that you can go to, they also participate in online auctions. Visit their website at



[www.johnsonsspeedwarehouse.com](http://www.johnsonsspeedwarehouse.com) and scroll to the bottom of the page. You will find access "buttons" to two online auctions. They also have an Ebay store. These options allow you the convenience of shopping from the comfort of your computer chair.

Roy and Steve want you to know....."Our inventory includes obsolete parts, as well as new parts for vehicles from all manufacturers. We have a 17,000 square foot warehouse filled with parts. We also have a 2400 square foot retail store, stocked with parts and ready to be sold!! If we don't have what you want, we will try to find it for you."

**SUPPORT OUR CHAPTER SPONSORS**

## Chapter members provide cookies for the R. E. Olds Museum

An email was recently sent to Chapter members with a request to help provide cookies for the museum's annual meeting. This solicitation was answered as only the generous people of our club do. Several Chapter members provided homemade cookies for the occasion. Deborah (Executive Director) and Marlene (Office Manager) were very appreciative of our help as were those that attended the meeting. There were nearly 60 people that attended and nobody went away hungry.



During the meeting Deborah announced that they had anticipated an overwhelming budget deficit for 2011, due to the economy, GM's bankruptcy and Lansing City budget cuts. Earlier in the year several members of the Olds and REO car clubs made a serious effort to help close that gap.

The result was the raising of over \$14, 000 and a pledge to continue with this effort on an annual basis. The Museum Board of Directors is impressed with the dedication of the car clubs and appreciates everything that we do. Following is a list of ideas of ways you might be able to help:

1. Ask if they need any equipment/ supplies you might contribute-517-372-0529
2. Volunteer your time on Mondays to help with building and ground maintenance-517-372-0529
3. Volunteer on Tuesdays with vehicle cleaning and maintenance-517-372-0529
4. Buy tickets on the Annual Raffle Car (your odds of winning are really good)- 517-372-0529
5. Sell tickets on the Annual Raffle Car (reduces your odds of winning but helps the Museum)- 517-372-0529
6. Bring your car to their Annual Car Capital Car Show (open to all makes & models) July 28, 2012
7. Help with their Annual Car Capital car show 7-28-12
8. Join the Museum as a member- 517-372-0529
9. Invite your friends to visit the Museum-Admissions help support the operations.
10. Make a donation of \$\$\$ - 517-372-0529

Representatives from the Museum are going to attend our January Chapter Meeting. Plan to attend and find out what exciting things have been happening at the Museum. Did you happen to see the new episode of "Pickers" that was filmed at the Museum? Our own Chapter member and Museum volunteer, Ashley Jones, was selected to represent the Museum on the show and he did a wonderful job.



**R.E. Olds Chapter  
General Session Meeting  
August 2, 2011**

Vice President, Chris Heminger called the meeting to order, 7:00 pm.

There were 27 present at the meeting.  
There were no guests present.

**Presidents Report:** Chris welcomed and thanked the members for attending. Some members brought items of interest to share with those present. Each member introduced themselves.

**Board Meeting Items:** There was no board meeting and nothing to bring forth to the membership.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Chris Heminger: Tom Erb will be at the October meeting. Chris provided a bio on Tom. The meeting presentation will conclude with questions and answers. If you have any questions please send them to Chris and he will direct them to Tom.

**Secretaries Report:** Ed Shand: The minutes of the general session meeting for were presented to the membership and opened for discussion. Jim Harsant motioned to accept the minutes as read. Troy Collins seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

**Newsletter Report:** Judy Badgley will compile the next newsletter. She needs articles and suggested that upcoming car shows would be appropriate. The Deadline for any information to be included in the newsletter is august 20th.

**Membership Chairman Report:** Don Cooper reported: No new information to report

**OCA Chapter Representative Report:** Eva Cooper reported: No new information to report

**Old Business:**

1. Ken Nicholas reported on the 2011 Nationals. There were 219 cars at the nationals and 28 vendors. The leadership approved \$2,500.00 for a donation to the museum. There apparently was an oversight for a yearly contribution to the museum and OCA caught up from missing a contribution for past years. There was no new secretary appointed. The committee approved \$2,000.00 for promoting Oldsmobile racing. The funds may be used to have use of the track as well as other things. The National show will be in Springfield IL for 2013. Cincinnati OH is the selected city for 2014. It will be at the Holiday Inn on the east side.

2. Mike Ross announced the 28th street cruise, on Aug 27th in Grand Rapids. Mike needs a headcount by August 24th. Please email or call him if you are attending. A group is planning to meet at M100 McDonalds for a caravan to the show.

**New Business:**

1. Eva Cooper: Is there any information on the Old US 27 tour? Dave Sanders was to provide additional information. Eva will contact him and get additional information into the newsletter.

2. As you may or may not know, the Motor City Rockets will be the featured car club at this year's Auto Fest in Frankenmuth. This means we can park our Oldsmobile's together in Zender Park diagonally across from the covered bridge. Registration link. <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?454966> We have a commitment of 30 Oldsmobile's for Fri, Sat & Sun. Currently we are NOT meeting the 30 per day requirement. Current tally: Fri = 17 cars need 13 more Sat = 26 cars need 4 more Sun = 20 cars

need 10 more If you were thinking of attending but thought you wouldn't be able to get a hotel room, we have secured a block of rooms under our club name,

3. Woodward Cruise: The Motor City Rockets will have a space for those wanting to attend. Contact Steve Apking or Pat Macaluso if you are interested in attending.

4. Join the Chapter show on Sunday Sept 18th at 3:00 pm at the Great Lakes Christian Home for our show and ice cream social. This is the same place where we hold the annual meeting and dinner.

5. The third annual Charity Classic Car Show at St. Gerard's Parish. Saturday, August 27th. Registration opens at 10:30 am the show begins at 12:30 and concludes at 5:00 pm.

6. Back to the bricks in Flint, MI is rapidly approaching.

7. Arleen Zimmerman passed away this past week. Do we make a donation to the museum as a spouse for a member? Comments received stated that we give a donation for members and not spouses.

7. Last Saturday was the car capitol show and was the best in recent history.

8. August 6th has there is a show in Bath

9. The nationals in De Moines next year will be an inside show and will require less than 1 gallon of gas in the car when displaying it. Also there would be limited time to drive the car from the facility. Basically, once you bring the car inside it should remain there for the term of the show.

10. Reno National show: There were a lot of custom cars at the show. Restorations were very nice. Many from came from California. It was a nice cruise to Tahoe and the meals were very nice.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

Respectfully submitted: Ed. Shand, Secretary.

**R.E. Olds Chapter General Session Meeting  
September 6, 2011**

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

There were 25 present at the meeting. There were no guests

**Presidents Report:** Vicki welcomed and thanked the members for attending. The members introduced themselves and some brought in Oldsmobile memorabilia to show the group. Vicki thanked Mike Ross for arranging the 28th street cruise. A special thank you to Judy Badgley for compiling the most recent newsletter. Thank you Bruce Powelson taking the photos of the 28th street cruise.

**Board Meeting Items:** There was no Board meeting and nothing to bring forth to the membership.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Chris Heminger: Chris thanked the club for the get well card. He had surgery last week and is recovering. Chris was in contact with Tom Erb and he has requested input as to what the group wanted him to speak on at next month's General Session Meeting. Chris has provided Tom some information that seems appropriate. There will be a question and answer period after the presentation. Please let Chris know of any questions you have and he will pass them onto Tom.

**Secretaries Report:** Ed Shand: The minutes of the general session meeting for August 2011 were presented to the membership and opened for discussion. Chris Heminger motioned to accept the minutes as read. Mike Ross seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

**Newsletter Report:** Judy Badgley asked if there an objection to include a roster of the cars along with ownership information that members have. There was no initial objection. It will include name, city, and state. Mike Ross objected to listing due to computer hackers and the potential of "thieves" gathering personal information. The information will not be included in the future newsletter for privacy reasons.

**Membership Chairman Report:** Don Cooper reported New Applications: We have two new members. Jamie Cox and Sherrill Kerstin-Cox of North Saanich B.C. They own two 1973 Starfire convertibles, and Al Burnett of Central Lake MI owning a 1955 Holiday Coupe.

**OCA Chapter Representative Report:** Eva Cooper reported: There is no new information to report.

**Old Business:**

1. Mike Ross reported: The 28th street cruise had about the same number of cars this year as there were last year. There is plenty of room for more and he would encourage other members to attend as it is a great location and nice facility and the cruise is a very nice show.

2. Beekman center car show on Sunday September 11th.

3. South Church show at 4 pm. All members are welcome to attend this show and enjoy a dinner and activities. The event is free and kids and adults are welcome.

4. Homecoming: First 2012 Homecoming meeting is scheduled for September 21st beginning at 6:30pm at the Ramada inn on Saginaw Street.

A request for the GM Futureliner to be at homecoming has been made and we are waiting for confirmation.

**New Business:**

1. Leslie 175th anniversary car show September 24th beginning at 10:30am through 1:00 pm.

2. Orphan car show in Ypsilanti. Nothing newer than 1963 will be accepted. The date is Sept 25th around 9 am

3. Jerry Garfield is arranging a tour of the GM Heritage Center. The date is October 1st. Send Jerry the money by the September 23rd. If there is not enough response by then the tour will be cancelled and Jerry will refund the money to you.

4. Ashley Jones has tickets for the museum raffle car. \$20.00 each or 3 for \$50.00

5. Sunday Sept. 18th Ice Cream social at Great Lakes Christian Home at 3:00 pm. There is plenty of room for your cars so bring them out on the 18th.

6. Motor City Rockets sent a check to the R. E. Olds Museum. The chapter made a donation as well as some members donating individually. The museum is in need of funds as the current economy has taken a toll on their receivables.

7. A suggestion was made to have Debra present to the Chapter the state of the museum.

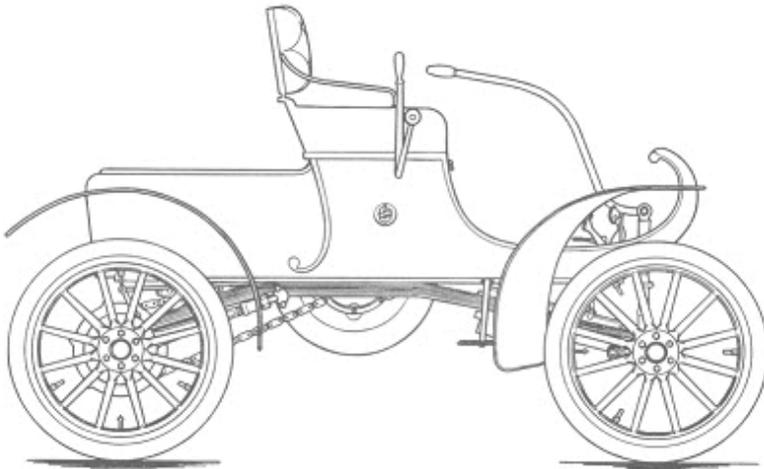
**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

Respectfully submitted: Ed. Shand, Secretary.

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