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Motor City Rockets – Southeastern Michigan

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I. Notice from the Editor

Seasons Greetings everyone! This is a short newsletter this month to make sure that everyone gets the information for the Christmas Party as well as Voting for 2004.

Future issues will include more information about club events, as well as pictures of the fun!

Visit our website for updates – <http://www.motorcityrockets.com>

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let me know – mcreditor@ameritech.net

Denise Tucker
MCR Newsletter Editor

II. MCR Officers 2003

President	Tom Walker
Vice President	Bill Szelag
Treasurer	Chris Carson
Secretary	Greg Carriere

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III. 2003 Motor City Rockets Christmas Party

When

Saturday, December 13th
Anytime after 3pm

Where

Gina & Greg Carriere's
6776 Ford Rd., Ann Arbor, MI. 48105
(734) 747-8441

Send Greg and Gina a quick e-mail if you plan to attend (soundhd@comcast.net)

A. *Food*

Potluck style. Bring your own Bottle. Gina & Greg will provide pop & mixers & ice and Gina's famous punch.

We will set-up the choices of what to bring in the way of food the same as last year. If your last name begins with...

- A-F: Meat or Fish dish
- G-L: Side dish and or salads/casserole
- M-Q: Appetizers or finger food
- R-Z: Desserts

B. *Fun*

The Christmas party has been a fun event for all the past few years. We will have the annual gift exchange game again. Bring a wrapped gift of nominal value (\$10-15 or so) for each person who wants to participate. We will have fun, as there is an opportunity to swap the gifts. The most desirable gifts sure get lot's of exchanges. You don't necessarily need run out and buy something; however, as you can bring a special gift that maybe you were given at one time but never used! Many people bring Oldsmobile or car related gifts but that is not required. Use your own creativity and judgment! Contact Bill Szelag with any question on the gift exchange.

oldscat@comcast.net

C. *Directions*

1. **From the East**

275 North or South or I-96 West (Jeffries Freeway) to M-14 West.

M-14 west to the Ford Rd. exit.

Drive through 1st traffic light (Ann Arbor/Plymouth Rd.) to next caution light (flashing yellow-sign says Ford Rd. West) turn right. Driveway is approx 1/2 mile down on the

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left (there will be an MCR sign next to driveway). Second house down the driveway (ranch style house)

2. From the north & south via M-23

M-23 to M-14 east (Livonia/Plymouth) to Ford Rd. Exit then follow above steps from Ford Rd. exit.

IV. MCR CLUB CALENDAR

A. Future MCR Meetings

Meetings are always on the 3rd. Sunday of the month

- Dec 13th: (Christmas Party): Gina & Greg Carriere's
- Jan 18th: Lorie Hill's: 536 S. Hawthorne, Westland. MI (734) 326-1862 2PM
- Feb. 15th: Cliff Carson's storage bldg. (directions to come later) 2PM
- March 21st: Dave & Denise Tucker's: 551 Lakeside Dr., Waterford, MI. (248) 681-8160 (directions to come later) 2 PM
- April: Location TBA. (maybe the Walkers)

V. MEETING MINUTES - November 2003

Mary & Bill Szelag hosted the MCR November meeting. Please thank them both for being such gracious hosts. Bill also had new Pontiac GTO "pilot" car there so we all had a chance to look it over, pretty kool (for a Pontiac).

A. Meeting minutes

Board member nominations for 2004 were discussed. It was decided that nominations must be completed by Dec 1st. All nominations will be sent out on Dec. 2nd via e-mail and US Mail.

Actual elections will be done two ways.

- In person at the MCR Christmas party.
- By absentee ballot by contacting Greg Carriere @ (734) 747-8441 or email Greg @ soundhd@comcast.net with your vote(s) no later then Dec 12th. Greg Carriere (current MCR Secretary) volunteered to be in charge of elections since he is not running for office this year.

Election results will be announced at the Christmas party.

So far nominations are:

- For Club President: Tom Walker is willing to run again unless someone else is willing to take over
- For Vice President: Steve Apking

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- For Treasurer: Chris Carson will stay on board unless someone else wants to take over
- For Secretary: Matt Roediger & Alan Wilcox

Please contact Greg Carriere ASAP for all other nominations.

Also 5 other club duties have been taken on by club members and we will be discussing in the future about making these jobs regular board posts after we get a chance to read over the by-laws.

1. MCR Webmaster: Brian Lorway lorway@wideopenwest.com
2. MCR Newsletter Editor: Denise Tucker mcreditor@ameritech.net
3. MCR Activities Director: Bill Szelag oldscat@comcast.net
4. MCR Merchandise Chairman: Mary Szelag
5. MCR Club Historian: Dorothy Maseles

B. Club Events

We need suggestions for Club events for 2004. Please send your suggestions to Bill Szelag. oldscat@comcast.net

So far suggestions are:

- Spring Dust-off Cruise-In & Picnic (Third Sunday in May). We will look at the same location in Livonia and a possible new location in Waterford
- The Kart Racing place (can't remember the name...sorry Tom)
- Going to the Oldsmobile Museum in Lansing
- Another fall trip to Traverse City
- Going to The Autorama (Cobo Hall) (Feb 2004) as a group
- Going to the Gimore Auto Museum in Kalamazoo
- Pig Roast and Car Show in Waterford
- Olds Nationals (Minn. this year)
- The Woodward Cruise (August)
- Homecoming (June)
- Downriver Cruise The Gratiot Cruise (June...usually same day as Homecoming)
- The Harper cruise (Sept. I think)

C. MCR Wear

MCR shirts, t-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts & hats are available. Will have all available for purchase & viewing for ordering at the Christmas party & all monthly meetings.

D. Web Master

Brian Lorway needs more web space for the MCR web site. Contact him if your willing to let him use any web space you are not using (ex... Comcast & AOL users....)

lorway@wideopenwest.com

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Subject was discussed about setting up a system on or through the MCR website for members & non/members to be able to order club merchandise over the web. More discussions at future meetings.

Chris Carson informed us about a web site that he found for ordering used car parts (part of a nationwide network) www.car-parts.com

The Fall Traverse City Cruise/Color Tour was a great success. There was an article on the front page of the Traverse Grand Herald. Photos will be posted on the web site and also can be viewed at future meetings. In addition, the paper article can be view at the meeting and Brian is going to see if the article can be posted on the web site somewhere.

E. MCR Newsletter

We are going to try to have a more organized and timely newsletter. Also going to try to mail a copy out to those who do not have access to e-mail hopefully at least once every 2 months and it will be e-mailed monthly and hopefully posted on the web page. Denise Tucker needs any news articles and anything else that would be interesting. Also we talked about maybe "spotlighting" a members car each month in the newsletter so if anyone wants to be part of the "MCR Car Spotlight" send the info and a photo to Denise Tucker. mcreditor@ameritech.net

Also (I am doing this on my own here) maybe it would be nice to come up with a name for the newsletter. If anyone has any ideas let us know and we will try to set up a way to pick a name or title for it if we get more then one suggestion. Currently we are using Rocket Fuel.

Well I hope I got everything. If I missed anything or got something wrong let me know and I will send out a correction. Hope to see you all at the Christmas party. Try to come, it is a lot of fun. If anyone has video's or DVD's bring them. We are trying our best to get more members together at these meetings. The more the merrier.

Keep Oldsmobiling
Greg Carriere (The "Sickretary") soundhd@comcast.net