

# ROCKET FUEL

*Motor City Rockets - Southeastern Michigan*

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## I. Notice from the Editor

Summer is going by way too fast for everyone including cruisers. Dream Cruise is just around the corner . . .

The attached link in another article about Oldsmobile and its impact on the automotive industry.  
[http://www.freep.com/money/autonews/olds1e\\_20040701.htm](http://www.freep.com/money/autonews/olds1e_20040701.htm)

### ***Don't forget:***

**Saturday, August 21st:** The Woodward Dream Cruise. For details go to:

<http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com/2004/>. For the Wendy's parking, contact Bill Szlag at [oldscat@comcast.net](mailto:oldscat@comcast.net).

Please be sure to visit the MCR website for the latest merchandise, archives and pictures from MCR events. We have new pins and key chains available. - <http://www.motorcityrockets.com>

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let me know - [mcreditor@ameritech.net](mailto:mcreditor@ameritech.net)

Denise Tucker  
MCR Newsletter Editor

## II. MCR Officers 2004

MCR President	Tom Walker <a href="mailto:hot-rod@twmi.rr.com">hot-rod@twmi.rr.com</a>
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### A. Other Important MCR Positions

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## III. MCR CLUB CALENDAR

### A. Future MCR Meetings

Meetings are always on the 3rd Sunday of the month

- August: Woodward Dream Cruise - Wendy's
- Sept: TBA

## IV. Spotlight on MCR Member Doug Width

*Submitted by Paulette Width*

MCR Member Doug Width took honors at two shows! Congratulations Doug!

**The National Olds Antique Club held its annual meet in Pittsburgh July 14-18. Doug Width attended with his 1954 Starfire.**

The majority of cars in attendance were of the 1950's era. There was also a good sampling of pre-WWII cars. Members brought them from all over the country as far away as Seattle and Idaho. There were many East coast people, but only a few Michiganders and only one Motor City Rocket. Many members fly in and don't bring a car so there were lots of people there, all of them very dedicated car folks. There were restored, original and modified cars in the field. All of them were terrific examples of their type. GM also brought 6 cars from their collection. This is a fun show to attend as the people are friendly and sociable. Events included a reception, tours of Pittsburgh, a swap meet, a final night presentation dinner. Judging was done on Saturday in a pouring down rain that lasted all day (I did mention this was an Olds event, right?)

Doug received a Best of Class award. The award itself is unique. It is a 1950's hand pinstriped moon hub cab. The top show award, the Helen Hurley award, went to a 1917 Touring car.

If you like to see well done vintage Olds, this is the place to see them. The next show is in Waukesha, Wisconsin in July, 2005.

**The second annual Concours D'Elegance was held at Cranbrook on July 24 and 25. Doug Width was invited to show his 1954 Starfire.**

Events began with a tour on Saturday starting at Cranbrook, touring to Pine Lake Country Club for brunch, touring back to downtown Birmingham's Shain Park where the cars were on display during the Downtown Birmingham Days festival. About 50 cars participated in the tour, all of them impressive specimens such as a one of a kind Rolls Royce, a one of a kind 1932 Marmon, a 1932 Miller V-16 race car, a 1906 Model N, and on and on. Events on Saturday concluded with a black tie dinner at the GM Heritage Center with all of their cars on close display.

Sunday, 160 plus cars were displayed on the Cranbrook grounds. This included the largest number of 16 cylinder cars ever assembled. GM also had an impressive display of its prototype cars.

Doug received a blue ribbon in his class, post-WWII to present open cars. In fact, the only other Olds in the show was a great 1970 W30. This was in the American Muscle through 1972 class.

This show is a spectacular collection of prototypes, one offs, and technically significant cars--all of them astounding. The venue is beautiful and the presentation is professionally done. All the participants love to talk and look at these amazing cars just as at any car show. It was fun and an honor to be included in such a special show.

## V. MEETING MINUTES

### A. No club minutes

## VI. MCR Club Events

Please send your Club event suggestions to Bill Szelag. [oldscat@comcast.net](mailto:oldscat@comcast.net)

**Saturday, August 21st: The Woodward Dream Cruise.** For details go to: <http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com/2004/>.

This list is combined of suggestions as well as planned events:

- Going to the Gilmore Auto Museum in Kalamazoo
- Olds Nationals (Bloomington, MN August 25-28) *FYI - there is a flyer on the Minnesota Chapter's website [www.mnoldsclub.org](http://www.mnoldsclub.org) if you are interested in more information.*
- The Harper cruise (Sept. I think)
- Cruise to a drive-in movie on a Friday or Saturday night during the summer
- Kart 2 Kart - Go-Kart Racing (on Van Dyke in Sterling Heights)

The Frankenmuth car show is on Sept 10-11-12. More info to come.

The Traverse City trip will be Sept 17-18-19. More info to come.

## A. Treasurer's Report - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2004

*Submitted by Alan Wilcox - MCR Treasurer*

As of 6/30/04, end of the second quarter 2004:

Total Income (from dues, clothing sales, misc.):	<u>\$1564.22</u>
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Total Expenditures (for mailings, merchandise, misc.):	<u>\$ -1314.21</u>
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Rocket Fuel

Previous Assets (including bank account, stamps, and petty cash): \$2,668.19  
(but not including clothing inventory)

Current Assets (not including merchandise inventory): \$2918.20

The largest single expenditure for the second quarter was \$555.00 for the purchase of new style hats for resale. We also spent \$442.00 purchasing MCR pins and key chains for resale. Total sales of MCR merchandise in the second quarter was \$408.00.

## B. Motor City Rockets OCA 2004 Woodward Cruise Info

*Submitted by Bill Szelag*

Hello MCR Members, here is information for the 2004 Woodward Cruise at Wendy's. The warm weather is finally here!

### HELP NEEDED INFO:

We will need some help to operate the entrances and to staff the OCA Road show tent. We would like to get volunteers and plan 1-hour shifts if needed. This worked very well last year. If all who attend can just work one hour we would have enough help to cover the day and no one will miss out on the fun of the day as some manned the tent or entrances for a long time in previous years. Let me know in your response above.

### Cruise Details:

**When:** Saturday, August 21, 2004, 6:30 AM till whenever

**Where:** Wendy's Restaurant  
30332 Woodward Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48073  
(East Side of the street)

### Cost:

Each parking spot is \$40 - same as last year but still cheap for the location, convenience and hospitality!

### Other Logistics:

As last year, everyone will be given a placard to identify paying participants. Everyone needs to help and watch out for others member's cars, belongings and seating and overall welfare. If you have any questions or ideas on how to make the day, more enjoyable please let me or any of the MCR officers know.

## C.Olds Nationals Update

*Submitted by Tom Walker*

### Alternate Hotels:

Since the Sheraton is sold out, they have made an agreement with the Crown Plaza Hotel, which is located just on the south side of the I-494, on the south side of the Sheraton Hotel. The Crown Plaza has just opened up, and is an upper class hotel. **They have agreed to honor our room rate of \$104 per night.** Please check out their rates just to be sure they do not have a better or special rate.

Crown Plaza Hotel  
5401 Green Valley Drive  
Bloomington, MN 55437  
952-831-8000

Please be sure to check the rates as these are subject to change, discounts or promotions that they may be having. *Other hotels in the area are listed below are:*

1. Across the street is the Hotel Sofitel, (#952-835-3888) with a nightly rate of \$145.
2. Three quarters a mile away on the east side of the Hwy 100 (4 lane divided Hwy) is a Days Inn, (#952-835-7400). The Days Inn is an older motel and has a room rate of \$80.
3. *Across in the SE quadrant of the two 4 lane interstates - three walking miles from the host hotel - are the following four hotels.*
4. Country Inn & Suites, (#952-831-9595) has a room rate of \$119.
5. Hilton Garden Hotel, (#952-831-1012) has a room rate of \$119.
6. Staybridge Suites, (#952-831-7900) has a studio suite rate of \$119.
7. Clarion, (#952-830-1300) has a room rate of \$90. The Clarion is a somewhat older hotel.
8. *Down I-494, 4.5 driving miles east of the Host Hotel and 2 miles west of the Mall of America are the following hotels.*
9. Holiday Inn Express (#952-854-5558). They have a room rate of \$90.
10. Super 8, (#952-888-8800) has a room rate of \$87.
11. Microtel, (#952-854-6600) has a room rate of \$70.
12. Travel Lodge, (#952-854-3322) has a room rate of \$80.
13. Comfort Inn, Court Yard by Marriott, Motel 6, and Embassy Suites.

When calling these hotels for rates, please be sure to indicate how many will be staying in your party, as some hotels charge additional monies for each additional person.

As you are aware, the Minnesota Olds Club is hosting the 2004 OCA Nationals August 25 thru August 28 2004 in Minneapolis MN. In an attempt to get more information out to all Olds enthusiasts and the public sooner, using modern technology via e-mail, websites and newsletters, we were wondering if you would post on your club's web site and newsletter a link back to the MN Olds Club website ([http://www.mnoldsclub.org/2004\\_nationals.htm](http://www.mnoldsclub.org/2004_nationals.htm)) or the OCA website (<http://www.oldsclub.org/>) and/or run the attached info in your newsletters? We would appreciate any assistance you could help with to make the 2004 OCA Nationals a successful experience for everyone.

Information Liaison to JWO and other clubs and contacts.

[DHomstad@charter.net](mailto:DHomstad@charter.net)

## D. Memberships and New Members

### Notice to Current members

If your OCA membership is up for renewal, please make sure you get your renewal sent in. By OCA rules, all MCR members have to be OCA members also. For assistance, please contact Alan Wilcox (MCR Treasurer).

## E. MCR Wear

MCR shirts, t-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts & hats are available. Will have all available for viewing, purchase and ordering at all monthly meetings and club events. The new hats are available. There are four colors - tan, red, navy blue and black. Pictures are on the website as well.

Contact Mary Szelag for details or to place your order. [oldscat@comcast.net](mailto:oldscat@comcast.net)

## F. MCR Web Master

Please contact our web master (Brian Lorway [bpl442@yahoo.com](mailto:bpl442@yahoo.com)) if you have any comments or suggestions for the MCR web site.

## G. MCR Newsletter

Denise Tucker needs any news articles and anything else that would be interesting. In addition, the "spotlight" is open to any member who wants to show off their car(s) 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](mailto:mcreditor@ameritech.net)

## H. Advertisements

The following ads were submitted to the editor to be included in the newsletter.

Steve Apking spotted a 1959 Super 88 at the corner of Decker and Maple in Walled Lake this past Friday 7/2/04. 4 door, Red / White 2 tone, has been repainted at some time. Bias ply tires, cracked LR window, approx. 47,089 miles (best I could tell). Red / White interior looked good. Tag in rear window had phone =248-363-5388 and \$12,000, seemed steep to me. Looks like Mich. car underneath, rusty. Was locked up and I did not look under the hood.

Wanted: 1968 Hurst Olds, W-30, or 442 convertible in very good to excellent condition. Desire numbers matching car, but will consider other possibilities. Contact Tom at (336)869-2368 or e-mail: [Tscholten@toast.net](mailto:Tscholten@toast.net)

Walt Vallelunga is RESTARTING PRODUCTION OF 1965-1967 CHAMBERED TAILPIPES, 10 TO 12 WEEKS DELIVERY UPON DEPOSIT THERE WILL ONLY BE A RUN OF 25 SETS. PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS 1965 \$ 385 A SET & S&H/ 1966-67 \$350 A SET & S&H I CAN BE E-MAILED AT [waltvallelunga@sbcglobal.net](mailto:waltvallelunga@sbcglobal.net) OR TELEPHONED AT (586) 739-8255 THANK YOU WALT.

For Sale by Original Owner: 1956 88 2 door sedan. Red and White. HydraMatic, radio, heater and power brakes. All original except for the right fender. About 60k miles. Price negotiable after inspection. Car has been in storage. May be restorable or used for part. Please contact Jack Robinson in Southfield at 248-443-6840.

Maps for Sale: Our father was a longtime road map collector and a member of the Road Map Collectors Association until his death. Our family has decided to liquidate his collection of some 6000 road maps.

We have included your car enthusiast's group with those we have found through a web search, whose members might be interested in obtaining road maps of the same vintage as their cars. The maps are from the 1930's through the 1970's and cover a huge selection of regions, states and localities of the USA and Canada. They are generally in excellent used condition, some are mint, a few show their age. The majority are priced by decade (rare maps are individually priced): 30's-\$8, 40's-\$5, 50's-\$4, 60's-\$3, 70's-\$2. Actual postage to be added. Email contacts are most efficient, but for those not on-line please see the mailing address below. We can attach the lists (MS Excel) to a reply, but we realize some people might be wary of opening email attachments, so we can handle both email and snail mail requests for specific dates and areas. There is no minimum purchase required, actual postage is added. All maps are on a first-come, first-served basis.

If interested, please contact: Lee Thurston either by email or the address below:

[LeeT1947@aol.com](mailto:LeeT1947@aol.com)

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