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I. Notice from the Editor

Hello to everyone in the Motor City Rockets club. The weather lately makes it seem like spring is on the way. Good news for everyone who can't wait to get their classic car out of storage for the winter.

Welcome to all of our new members. This is a fun club and I hope you will all enjoy participating in the events this year. For the list of new members, please see section VII.

Better late than never is an article highlighting our trip to Traverse City last fall. I am already looking forward to this year's trip!

Bill Szelag is taking names for the spots at Woodward for the Dream Cruise. If you are interested in a spot, please e-mail Bill at oldscat@comcast.net. Remember, it is first come, first served so get your reservation early and pay your money to Bill. This is the 10th annual Dream Cruise, and there will be a new logo this year to celebrate.

If you would like to order a nameplate, please contact Tom Walker at hot-rod@twmi.rr.com.

Please be sure to visit the MCR website for the latest merchandise, archives and pictures from MCR events.

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 2004

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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

- 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)

1. Food

As always, please bring a dish to pass and share.

IV. Spotlight on MCR Trip to Traverse City

Some of the club members went to Traverse City on Friday September 20 for the weekend. It was pouring rain when we got up in the morning, but we started out anyway with the hope that it would stop. We met at Birch Run for breakfast at the Exit Restaurant. After a nice breakfast buffet, we caravanned with the club up to Traverse City for a cruise on Friday night. We drove around the Leelenau Peninsula for a while before we found a place to eat dinner. We ate at a place called Dick's Pour House. It was a bit cold and windy out and the restaurant was crowded, but the food was good.

In the morning, Jack Tokie was nice enough to let us come to his auto shop to wash our cars before the show. Amazing how rain can make a car so dirty. After the cars were clean, we drove to the dealership - Cherry Capitol Oldsmobile-Cadillac - for the show. There were quite a lot of cars at the show. The day warmed up nicely, so in the afternoon, after we took a group picture, we went for another cruise. We drove around Traverse City (our cars got a lot of attention!) to see the sights and then over to the Sleeping Bear Dunes. We stopped at the old abandoned hotel and storage area for the Dunesmobiles. Jack told us that back in the 1950's the Dunesmobiles took people over the sand dunes. They can't do that anymore because of the damage that it causes. Jack owns the #4 car, one of the Olds 88's that was used as a Dunesmobile.

We had a leisurely drive back to Traverse City to go to a pig roast / pot luck at the house of a friend of Ron and Jack's who was nice enough to invite us to his place. There were a lot of cars there - not just Oldsmobiles. After we ate and it got dark, we had a bonfire. Amazing how many stars you can see in the night sky when you are away from the city lights. At that time, you could still see Mars, too.

It was a nice, relaxing weekend and I can't wait to go again this September. I'm sure it will be even better.



V. MEETING MINUTES - January 2004

The January meeting was held at Laurie and Doug Hill's house. Thank you for having us and as always good eats were brought by everyone.

The Spring Dust-Off Cruise-In and Picnic was discussed. We are looking at the same location as last year, at Rotary Park in Livonia, but thinking about reserving the whole park. This will take place on **May 16th**. There was also some talk about dash plaques or trophies for the Cruise-In.

Saturday, April 24th is the joint outing with the R.E. Olds Chapter to the Oldsmobile Museum in Lansing. This will be a nice road trip with a planned route on back roads. Questions will be answered along the way. **Attendance needs to be confirmed by April 10th** so we can provide a headcount. We will get free admission to the Olds Museum, and the R.E. Olds Chapter will provide the main course for lunch. The flyer for this is at the end of this newsletter, as well as on the MCR website.

There was some discussion of the OCA and MCR Road Show at Norwalk on Sunday, August 1st. James Kryta of Inline Tube and Dick Miller have been talking about a joint sponsored show. They would like us to consider sponsoring an all Oldsmobile car show, car corral and swap meet. This would be open to all Oldsmobiles, not just performance. There would be paved lanes with grass parking. We are trying to get the OCA to sponsor it, but there may be some issues with racing being held at the same venue by Dick Miller. James will be working on a list of requirements.

There is a Vista Cruiser Car Club Hell Michigan Road Trip and Homecoming Show - not sure of the date.

MCR's last road trip was highlighted in January's Journey with Olds on page 18.

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).

VI. MCR Club Events

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

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

- Going to the Oldsmobile Museum in Lansing - scheduled for Saturday, April 24th
- Kart 2 Kart - Go-Kart Racing (on Van Dyke in Sterling Heights)
- Spring Dust-off Cruise-In & Picnic (May 16th) at Rotary Park in Livonia
- Homecoming in Lansing (Saturday, June 19th)
- The Gratiot Cruise (June...usually same day as Homecoming)
- Downriver Cruise
- Going to the Gilmore Auto Museum in Kalamazoo

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- Great Lakes Train & Hobby on Van Dyke (40 parking spaces) on a Sunday, might be July 18th
- Pig Roast and Car Show in Waterford
- Olds Nationals (Bloomington, MN August 25-28) *FYI - there is a flyer on the Minnesota Chapter's website www.mnoldsclub.org if you are interested in more information.*
- The Woodward Cruise (August)
- Another fall trip to Traverse City
- The Harper cruise (Sept. I think)
- Frankenmuth Auto Fest - Sept 10-12th
- Cruise to a drive-in movie on a Friday or Saturday night during the summer

VII. New Members

Ron and Gwen Plamondon have a 1971 Cutlass S, a 1988 Cutlass Supreme and a 1998 Intrigue

James Dyar has a 1969 442

Jerry O'Halloran has a 1970 442

Michael Anderson has a 1967 442

Scott Wozena has a 1971 Cutlass Supreme Convertible

J. Jeffrey and Martha Pregler have a 1972 442 W-30, a 1997 Aurora and a 2003 Aurora

VIII. 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 Motor City Rockets web site includes pictures of selected MCR merchandise and a complete price list. Click on "MCR Merchandise" for details.

Contact Mary Szlag for details or to place your order. maryszlag@comcast.net

IX. MCR Web Master

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

X. MCR Newsletter

Rocket Fuel would like to spotlight a member's car each month so if anyone wants to be part of the "MCR Car Spotlight" send the info and a photo to Denise Tucker.

mcreditor@ameritech.net

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“SHOW”DOWN AT HIGH NOON



Saturday, April 24, 2004

R. E. Olds Museum

Members of the Motor City Rockets and the R. E. Olds Chapter will be having a second joint venture. This time the members of the MCR will be coming to Lansing. Members of our Chapter will be hosting at the R. E. Olds Transportation Museum starting at noon.

Jerry Garfield, who is a member of both Chapters, reported at the annual meeting in January, that the MCR are excited about this venture. Jerry says the MCR intend to correct that count in Lansing. **A challenge has been made folks!**

At this time the MCR plan to meet at the same Meijers on 8 Mile and I-275, time to be determined but most likely about 8:00 or 8:30 AM. We are planning a route along Grand River not on the Interstate with some stops and surprises along the way!

The R. E. Olds Chapter will be providing a “meat” cookout of some kind. President, Ken Nicholas is organizing this event. The plan is to cook the meat dish and have a picnic type meal. Members of both groups will bring a dish to pass and their own beverage (no alcoholic beverages). Badgley’s will provide table service (plates, plasticware, & cups). We will plan to eat between noon and 1pm.

Following the meal, there will be guided tours of the R. E. Olds Transportation Museum. If any of our members are experienced in giving the tours please step forward. The Museum is going to open their doors for all of us at no charge. However, if they provide tour guides, there will be a fee. I know some of you have done tours or possibly know somebody that does, so if you are willing to do this for that day, please call Judy Badgley at 517-337-0444. If you have never had the opportunity to have a “guided” tour, you have missed out on something special. The information the guides provide is very enlightening.

Jerry Garfield has also arranged for a special surprise speaker. He promises we will enjoy hearing what they have to say and that we won’t want to miss a single minute of this day.

Let’s make this day special. Parking for all our display cars will be available behind the Museum. And what a great display this will be. Great cars, great food and most important great friends!

Please offer to help Ken Nicholas with this event. He can be reached usually in the evening at 517-663-2397, or email him at mroldskcn@aol.com. For MCR members contact Jerry Garfield to help at (248) 683-3158 or e-mail him at jegarf@aol.com. Take this opportunity to step forward and help. This is a “rain or shine” event. I know as much as we hate cleaning the cars if they are out in the rain, they were built to be out in the elements.

MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 24, 2004