

# ROCKET FUEL

*Motor City Rockets - Southeastern Michigan*

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## I. Notice from the Editor

Fall is here and it’s almost time to put the cars away for the winter. Fortunately, you can re-live some of the fun summer events in this issue of the newsletter - the Dream Cruise and the Traverse City Trip!

Don’t forget to visit the MCR website for the latest merchandise, archives and pictures from MCR events: <http://www.motorcityrockets.com>. Check out all of the updates - including a space to place your ads. Whether you are looking for something in particular or wishing to sell something, you can place an ad on the MCR website.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let me know - [editor@motorcityrockets.com](mailto:editor@motorcityrockets.com)

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

- November - A joint meeting with the RE Olds Chapter. It will be on Saturday, 11/20/04 at 11:30AM at the Chrysler Museum.
  - RSVP is required for attendance. RSVP form is available from Alan Wilcox and has already been sent to club members.
- December - MCR meeting/holiday party - It will be on Sunday, 12/19/04 from 2:30 - 6:00PM at Dave & Buster's, 45511 Park Avenue, Utica, MI 48315
  - \$10 per person includes Dinner/soft drinks, Cash Bar
  - White Elephant Gift Exchange
  - Toy donation (optional)

## IV. MCR Spotlight - 2004 Traverse City Trip

By Sue Apking

September means many things to many people: the end of summer; kids returning to school; the beginning of fall, but to the Motor City Rockets, September means only one thing ---our annual cruise to Traverse City! This was the third time we made the trek and it just keeps getting better.

We began our three-day weekend by meeting for breakfast at the Exit Restaurant in Birch Run. Members there included: Kurt/Glenna Tillman; Bill/Mary Szelag; Mike/Bobbie Hall and son, Trevor; Dave/Denise Tucker; Laurie Hill; Steve/Sue Apking. We thought breakfast was the only thing in store for us that morning but fate stepped in and threw us a curve. Kurt and Glenna Tillman had trouble with their car and to make a long story short, Kurt ended up replacing the radiator in their car. We not only drive our cars and know how to make them look good, we know how to fix them too. After a quick group photo, we hopped in our rides and continued our trip. We arrived in Traverse City around 2:00 P.M., checked in our hotels and grabbed some lunch. Later that afternoon, we met with other MCR members: Doug/Paulette Width, Jack Tokie; Dorothy Maseles; Gwen/Ron Plamondon; James Kryta

and Rose Costa. Around 5:00P.M. We took off again with other local car buffs and began our dinner cruise.

We had a leisurely 30-mile drive taking in the beautiful sights and ended up at Boone's Long Lake Inn for dinner. Have I mentioned that this group likes to eat? Well, we do and we surely enjoyed the offerings of this wonderful restaurant. Known for their steak and seafood, Boone's provided a relaxing atmosphere for all of us to enjoy each other's company and of course talk cars. After dinner, we drove back to our hotels to get ready for the next day's activities.

Saturday started early with breakfast and then a clean up of our cars. Jack Tokie generously provided his own shop for this. We then all met at Cherry Capital Cadillac/Oldsmobile for a display of cars. Also during this time, some of the ladies took advantage of a shopping spree in downtown Traverse City, courtesy of Dorothy Maseles, who took the time to drive us there. Around 1:00P.M. after lunch, a raffle and another group picture, we again took off for an afternoon cruise. Led by Ron/Gwen Plamondon, who are great tour guides, we headed for Suttons Bay. While there, we stopped by Black Star Farms and enjoyed sampling various wines. Most of us came away with a bottle or two. We also visited Leeland, where we saw Fishtown and did more sightseeing and shopping.

After this full day of fun and cruising, we still had more to look forward to as we headed back to meet with other car enthusiasts to share a potluck dinner at the home of Fred and Dawn Bottomley. Remember I mentioned that this group likes to eat? Well, we proved it by sampling all kinds of goodies. We had smoked pig and "dancing chicken". If you 're not sure what that is, you'll have to come next year and find out. We also had all the fixins' that go with a meal and this was made possible by everyone bringing a dish to pass. This was another day that supplied us with great weather, great scenery, great cars and best of all, great people! Sunday came and our weekend was coming to a close but not before some of us shared breakfast at the Cracker Barrel before heading for home. To say we had a good time is an understatement. We had a fantastic time!! None of this would have been possible without all the hard work and generosity of Jack Tokie, Dorothy Maseles, and Ron & Gwen Plamondon. A big tip of the hat also goes to the Cherry Capital dealership for providing space for our cars to gather on Saturday. I guess you can tell that the author of this article had a wonderful time and I think I speak for all the others who attended this cruise. Please put this on your calendar next year and come enjoy the fun.

## V. MCR MEETING MINUTES

### A. September club minutes

Club minutes not available.

## VI. MCR Club Events

Please send your Club event suggestions to Bill Szelag [events@motorcityrockets.com](mailto:events@motorcityrockets.com)

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

Going to the Gilmore Auto Museum in Kalamazoo

Kart 2 Kart - Go-Kart Racing (on Van Dyke in Sterling Heights)

### A. MCR Club Display - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodward Dream Cruise

By Denise Tucker

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodward Dream Cruise started out chilly this year, but clear. It warmed up into a beautiful summer day as all of the grass spots in front of the Wendy's were filled with classic Oldsmobiles. Club turnout was very good for this event, as it is every year. Dream Cruise is a great place for the Motor City Rockets (and everyone else) to show off the hard work they put into keeping the classic cars alive for future generations to see, and for past owners to reminisce.

In addition to the many fine Oldsmobiles, there were a lot of Corvettes, Chargers and Mustangs. All in all, it seemed as though there were more classic cars on Woodward for the Dream Cruise this year than in years past. Usually, everyday cars clog up the road. This year it was easier to see the 1947 Crosley that was out, the few Avantis as well as the Edsels, the GTO's, Impalas and Chevy Bel Airs that we would rather admire. Some of the more unusual drive by's included a 1929 Ford, a Delorean, a Maverick Crabber, a Javelin, a Mercury Meteor, a Henry J (made by Kaiser), a 1962 Chrysler Imperial, a Comet Caliente, a Comet Cyclone, a Kaiser Manhattan, a Valiant Wagon, a Hudson Hornet, a Rolls Royce Corniche II convertible, a Dodge Dart Swinger, a 1971 Shelby, a 1939 GMC Suburban, a 1955 Mercury Montclair and a 1953 Mercury Monterrey. The "Wheel Guy" was out early. Looks like he added a fin to the wheel. The Cobras were out as usual, but I only saw one Metropolitan this year.

I recorded the sightings of license plates from Indiana, Ohio, New York, Ontario, Wisconsin, Texas, California and Kansas as well as the many, many Michigan plates.

I love seeing all of the classic cars, and the strange cars like the Labatt's Car, the wrought iron VW bug, and the Blues Brothers Mobile complete with harmonica. And even the people without cars, like Popeye who is out walking the cruise every year.

This doesn't even begin to cover all of the cars that are out there, or all of the fun we have watching them drive by. There are great pictures on the MCR website - please visit the website and take a look.

Hopefully, the Dream Cruise will continue. There was one local newspaper that published an article right after the Dream Cruise this year speculating that some of the cities and towns on the route do not want to continue what has become a Motor City tradition. I hope this great event continues for years, even decades to come. In addition to all of the wonderful Oldsmobiles in the Cruise, there are new classics being born every year, and I, for one, want to see them all!

Happy Oldsmobiling!

## B. MCR 2004 Elections

From Alan Wilcox

Along with everything else you have to think about, please add the following to your list of contemplations (courtesy of Greg C.)

Members need to start thinking about officer elections for 2005.

Nominations need to be done by the October meeting so we can vote at the November meeting. We will then be announcing the winners at the December meeting so they can take over (if there are any changes) in time for the January 2005 meeting.

## C. Journey With Olds (JWO)

In the October issue of Journey with Olds magazine on page 13, the Motor City Rockets were featured in the Chapter Showcase. Pat Yancey wrote a nice article about the MCR club, its members, the MCR website and the "Rocket Fuel" newsletter. This was great publicity for our club and we appreciate the recognition by the OCA.

In addition, in the September issue of JWO, Bill Szlag's fabulous 1970 442 W-30 was featured in the Member Car Gallery on page 32, too bad it was only black and white.

## VII. MCR Memberships

From Alan Wilcox, MCR Treasurer

The Motor City Rockets would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members and their families. We look forward to seeing all of you at upcoming Oldsmobile events, MCR monthly meetings and MCR club gatherings. Welcome!

William White	1971 Cutlass, 1981 Cutlass Supreme
Dan Bost	1967 442
Jim Merrill	1970 Cutlass
Patrick and Suzi Macaluso	1964 442 Convertible
Brian and Cash Waymaster	1959 98 Scenic Coupe
Lee and Deann Elliott	1957 88

Patrick Hibbeln	1969 Cutlass Convertible 1968 Cutlass 1998 Cutlass
Thomas Gasser	1966 Toronado
Wally Braun	1971 442 W 30 2004 Bravada
Jack and Fran Bell	1959 Dynamic 88 Convertible
Jeff Stolowski	1969 Cutlass Convertible
Lanny Yankee	1966 Cutlass 1972 442 1972 Cutlass Convertible 2000 Intrigue GLS
Greg and Sandra Waltherhouse	1971 Cutlass SX
Oliver (Ray) Belcher	1965 Cutlass Convertible

## VIII. MCR Wear

MCR shirts, t-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts & hats are available. Mary will have all items available for viewing, purchase and ordering at all monthly meetings and club events. Contact Mary Szelag for details or to place your order. [merchandise@motorcityrockets.com](mailto:merchandise@motorcityrockets.com)

### MCR Clothing Price List

T-Shirts	Adult & Children's Sizes - White & Grey	\$13.00
Tanks	Men's - White & Grey Women's - Grey Only 2X or Larger Add \$2.50 Per Item	\$12.00

### Embroidered Clothing

#### Items with Small MCR Logo

Men's Golf Shirt	\$31.00
Women's No Collar Shirt	\$24.00
Women's L/S Denim Shirt	\$31.00
Men's L/S Denim Shirt	\$32.00
Men's L/S Twill Shirt	\$36.00
Men's S/S Twill Shirt	\$33.00
	Wine, Forest, Stone, Navy, White, Black (L/S & S/S)
Sweatshirt	\$20.00

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	White, Grey, Black	
Heavier Weight Sweatshirt		\$32.00
	Grey, Navy, White, Black, Red	
Caps		\$14.00
<b><u>Items with Large MCR Logo</u></b>		
Sweatshirt		\$40.00
	Grey, Navy, White, Black, Red	
Jacket		\$58.00
	Black Satin/Lined	
	Name on Front Additional Cost	
MCR Logo - Your Jacket		\$20.00

## IX. MCR Web Master

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

Drop in and checkout the all **NEW**MCR Web Site ([www.motorcityrockets.com](http://www.motorcityrockets.com)). The MCR web site now includes:

- An Event Calendar - Where all MCR members can schedule or post club events
- Bulletin Board - Where all MCR members can post messages about Oldsmobile or the MCR club, cars and items for sale
- Chat Application - Rocket Chat - Where MCR members can host chat rooms
- An Archive Area - Where all prior years event photos and documents are stored
- An Event Photo Gallery - A display of current year event photos

With plenty more to come, login and be sure to register.

## X. 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 [editor@motorcityrockets.com](mailto:editor@motorcityrockets.com)

## XI. MCR Historian

If you have any Oldsmobile or MCR Club items that you would like to provide to Dorothy Maseles our MCR Club Historian, please send her an email and check out the fine work she has been doing this year. Dorothy Maseles [historian@motorcityrockets.com](mailto:historian@motorcityrockets.com)