

# ROCKET FUEL

*Motor City Rockets - Southeastern Michigan*

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## I. Notice from the Editor

Dream Cruise was a blast this year. The Club had reserved spots at the Wendy's just south of 13 Mile Road in Royal Oak. See the article in the next issue of the MCR Newsletter.

Highlights and pictures from the Rockets Traverse City trip as well as the Shelby Lions Car Show will be in the next issue of the MCR Newsletter. Stay tuned . . .

Please be sure to visit the MCR website for the latest merchandise, archives and pictures from MCR events. As always, please visit our website for updates -

<http://www.motorcityrockets.com>. Our webmaster did a fantastic job updating the website and it looks great!

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

MCR President	Tom Walker <a href="mailto:president@motorcityrockets.com">president@motorcityrockets.com</a>
MCR Vice President	Steve Apking <a href="mailto:vicepresident@motorcityrockets.com">vicepresident@motorcityrockets.com</a>
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MCR Secretary	Matt Roediger <a href="mailto:secretary@motorcityrockets.com">secretary@motorcityrockets.com</a>

### A. Other Important MCR Positions

MCR Newsletter Editor	Denise Tucker <a href="mailto:editor@motorcityrockets.com">editor@motorcityrockets.com</a>
MCR Club Historian	Dorothy Maseles <a href="mailto:historian@motorcityrockets.com">historian@motorcityrockets.com</a>
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MCR Activities Director	Bill Szelag <a href="mailto:events@motorcityrockets.com">events@motorcityrockets.com</a>
MCR Web Master	Brian Lorway <a href="mailto:webmaster@motorcityrockets.com">webmaster@motorcityrockets.com</a>

## III. MCR CLUB CALENDAR

### A. Future MCR Meetings

Meetings are always on the 3rd Sunday of the month

- October - October 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
  - The next meeting of the Motor City Rockets is on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. This gathering will include a tour of the Restoration Service Shop. The meeting will be held at Masterworks Automotive Services (see section VI.B below for more details)
- November - November 20<sup>th</sup> is the date for the joint meeting with the RE Olds Chapter.
- December - Discussions are underway for this years MCR Xmas Party. Please contact MCR board members for idea's and recommendations.

## IV. Spotlight - 2004 Olds Nationals

By Sue Apking

The Motor City Rockets were well represented at the OCA Nationals, held Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> in Minnesota. Those members in attendance were Jack Tokie, Dorothy Maselas, Bill Szelag, Doug and Paulette Width, Kurt and Glenna Tillman, Steve and Sue Apking, Jeff Pregler, James Kryta and Jerry Garfield. They each participated differently. While Jack, Doug, Bill, Steve, Jeff and James brought cars to be judged, Kurt brought his car for show only and Jerry and Doug volunteered to be judges. Despite clouds and some showers that plagued us the first couple of days, the weather finally cleared. The guys waited patiently to have their cars judged and by late Friday afternoon that task was completed. On Saturday morning we found out who got first and second in their respective classes but we had to wait till the banquet later that evening to see who got best of class. We were not disappointed. Our club made a great showing.

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Jack Tokie/Dorothy Meseles

1<sup>st</sup> Place

1952 Super 88 Convertible

Bill Szelag

1<sup>st</sup> Place and Best of Class

1970 442 W30

Steve/Sue Apking

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

1971 442 W30

Doug/Paulette Width

1<sup>st</sup> Place and Senior Preservation

1954 98 Convertible

James Kryta and Rose

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Best of Class and Senior Preservation

1971 442 W30

Ben Virga also attended

Though the banquet had a few glitches, the food was good and the people were the best. Look for a complete wrap-up of the Nationals and a more detailed list of all winners in a future JWO.

Future Nationals will be held in the following cities:

2005 Seattle, WA

Pacific Northwest Nationals (July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>)

2006 Dallas, TX

Lone Star Nationals (June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>)

2007 Bowling Green, KY

(Location and dates to be announced)

## V. MEETING MINUTES

A. No club minutes

## 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
- Cruise to a drive-in movie on a Friday or Saturday night during the summer/Fall
- Kart 2 Kart - Go-Kart Racing (on Van Dyke in Sterling Heights)

### A. MCR Club Display - Great Lakes Train and Hobby

By Bill Szelag

Approximately 40 MCR members and family members showed up at the Great Lakes Hobby and Train Store in Shelby Township on Sunday, July 11. It was a beautiful afternoon and the sun shone down on 28 super looking Oldsmobiles owned by MCR members. There are pictures on the website of the afternoon activities. The shots taken by our webmaster, Brian Lorway, include a few shots of the inside of Great Lakes Hobby and Train. It was the proverbial "Kid in a Candy Store" story except this time it was a toy store. If you are into any type of models, kits, model trains, planes, boats, radio controlled etc. , Great Lakes has it.

When I first asked Tom Kavulich, President and Owner of Great Lakes Hobby and Train about the possibility of our club having a display at his store, he quickly asked what he could do to

help the club. He suggested free lunch and a generous discount of 25% for all members! In addition, he donated a \$25 gift certificate for an informal "People's Choice Award". He certainly delivered with Rio Wraps, pop and water for all MCR members and guests attending. We had several new members attend along with a few members we have not seen for a while. In appreciation for his generosity, we presented Tom with an MCR T-shirt and gave him a rousing round of applause. The event was a great opportunity to get together in a non car show atmosphere just to kick some tires and talk Oldsmobiles as well as get to know fellow MCR members and family members better. We also had a brief meeting to discuss upcoming events and Steve Apking gave an overview of the "Grit Guard" car wash equipment. If you are in the area you must stop in to this Hobby store as he has aisles and aisles of Die cast and plastic models as well as a full train set and several slot car set ups. This place is as big as a grocery store which I understand it was at one time!

Great Lakes Hobby is located at:

46660 Van Dyke

Shelby Township, MI

Phone #: (586) 323-1300

## B. Masterworks Automotive Services - October MCR Meeting

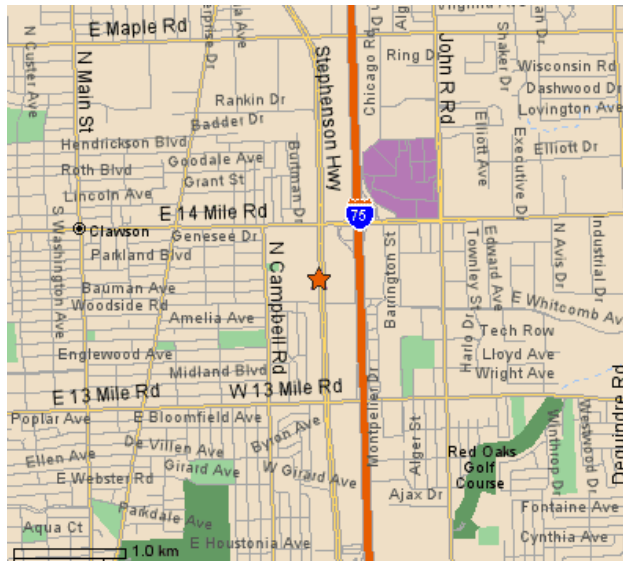
By Alan Wilcox

More information about Masterworks on the website <http://www.mwauto.com/contact.php>

Masterworks Automotive Services was established to address the needs of the collector car and specialty vehicle communities. The opening of 14,000+ sq. ft. building in Madison Heights fulfills a lifelong dream to service, repair and restore classic, muscle and other collectible cars.

The business was originally incorporated in 1979, and specialized in the remanufacture of braking system components. The scope of offered services has steadily increased over the past 25 years, and today Masterworks can address vehicle needs from bumper to bumper. Services range from minor tune-ups to frame-off rotisserie restorations. Vehicles completed by Masterworks have competed successfully in Concours and show events, including the Meadowbrook Hall and Bay Harbour Concours d'Elegance, Eyes on Design and the Bloomington Gold Hall of Fame. While the majority of the vehicles being serviced will never compete in exclusive invitational shows, the work standards applied at Masterworks are the same. Regardless of whether the car is a weekend warrior, summer driver or exclusive show car, they will receive the same level of care and attention to detail by the dedicated team of craftsmen.

Masterworks is located on Stephenson Highway, just south of 14 Mile road in Madison Heights. We offer easy access on and off I-75. Please see the map below for further detail on our location. Masterworks Automotive Services is open Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm & Saturday 8am to 4pm, Sundays are by appointment only.



**Masterworks Automotive Services**  
**32327 Stephenson Highway**  
**Madison Heights, MI 48071**  
**Phone: 248-583-0590**  
**Email: [info@mwauto.com](mailto:info@mwauto.com)**

Plan to be there if you can!

## VII. Memberships and New Members

From Alan Wilcox, MCR Treasurer

Please check and make sure that your OCA memberships are up to date (if you no longer receive Journey With Olds, that means your membership has expired. New one just arrived yesterday at my house). If it has expired, please renew it as soon as possible. I have to send our roster to the OCA and if more than 85% of people on our roster are not OCA members, we could be in danger of losing our charter. I plan to send the roster out on Friday, 10/29/04. That gives anyone who has expired a short time window to renew. Thanks for your help!

## 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
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Tanks	Men's - White & Grey Women's - Grey Only 2X or Larger Add \$2.50 Per Item	\$12.00
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### 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

Sweatshirt	Wine, Forest, Stone, Navy, White, Black (L/S & S/S) White, Grey, Black	\$20.00
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Heavier Weight Sweatshirt	Grey, Navy, White, Black, Red	\$32.00
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Caps		\$14.00
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#### Items with Large MCR Logo

Sweatshirt	Grey, Navy, White, Black, Red	\$40.00
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Jacket	Black Satin/Lined Name on Front Additional Cost	\$58.00
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MCR Logo - Your Jacket		\$20.00
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## 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)). There is now a Bulletin Board, an Archive Area, a Photo Slide Show and 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)

## XII. Oldsmobile News

"Hurst Hairy Oldsmobile" - Drag racing's wildest exhibition vehicle was unveiled on Sunday October 3, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. at the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum.

R.E. Olds Transportation Museum  
240 Museum Drive  
Lansing, Michigan 48933  
Contact: Deborah Horstik  
(517) 372-0529

The "Hurst Hairy Oldsmobile" was literally built from the floor up at the Hurst Performance Research Corporation in Detroit. This twin-engine supercharged Oldsmobile powered; four-wheel drive is a rolling research laboratory. The body is a 1966 model Oldsmobile 4-4-2, but from the outside in, things have been changed a little. This show and go screamer burns an exotic fuel blend of nitromethane and alcohol. With the four-wheel-drive capabilities of the twin Toronado power trains; special drag racing slicks have been mounted "on all four corners." They are of a special design for maximum traction and measure 11 inches across.