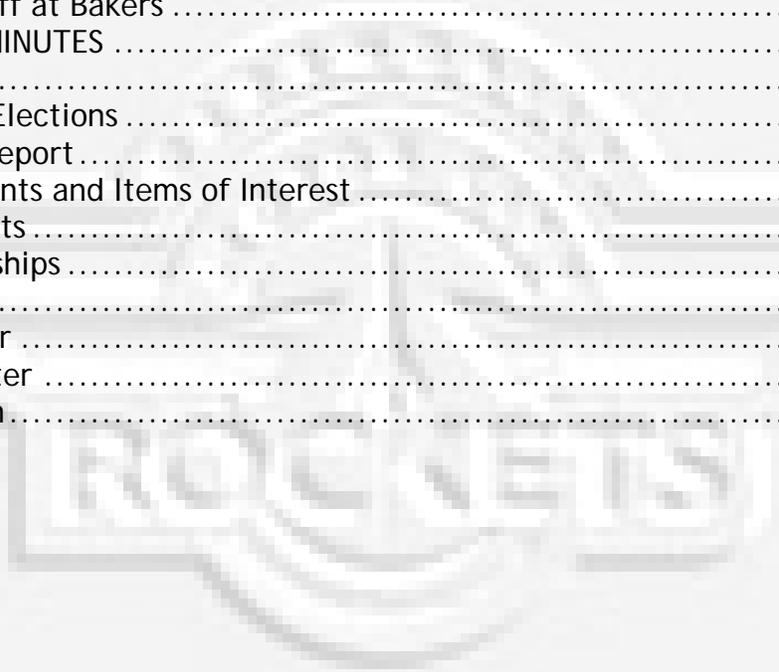


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Motor City Rockets - Southeastern Michigan

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I. Notice from the Editor

The most exciting news lately is the decision by the Motor City Rockets to host the Olds Nationals in 2008. Check out the latest Journey with Olds for some fun pictures from the 2005 celebration in Seattle.

The Woodward Dream Cruise was fun again this year - turned into Stream Cruise for a while, but there were still a lot of people out with there fantastic cars. Rain may have lightened the attendance. It was a bit disappointing to see so many regular cars out there this year. Wish something could be done about that.

The annual club cruise to Traverse City was just a couple of weeks ago. For those members who did not make it this year, try for next year, it is an awesome event. Jack Tokie and Dorothy Maseles are great hosts. Those who attend appreciate their hard work to show the club members such a wonderful time! There will be an article in the next newsletter with highlights of the fun trip.

As always, please go to the MCR website for the latest merchandise, archives and pictures from MCR events: <http://www.motorcityrockets.com>.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let me know - editor@motorcityrockets.com

Denise Tucker
MCR Newsletter Editor

II. MCR Officers

MCR President	Steve Apking president@motorcityrockets.com
MCR Vice President	Dan Evans vicepresident@motorcityrockets.com
MCR Treasurer	Alan Wilcox treasurer@motorcityrockets.com
MCR Secretary	Tom Bejma secretary@motorcityrockets.com

A. Other Important MCR Positions

MCR Newsletter Editor	Denise Tucker editor@motorcityrockets.com
MCR Club Historian	Dorothy Maseles historian@motorcityrockets.com
MCR Merchandise Manager	Mary Szlag merchandise@motorcityrockets.com
MCR Activities Director	Bill Szlag events@motorcityrockets.com
MCR Web Master	Brian Lorway webmaster@motorcityrockets.com

III. MCR CLUB CALENDAR

A. Future MCR Meetings

Club meetings are usually on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

The October club meeting will be a joint meeting with the R. E. Olds chapter in Lansing at the R. E. Olds Transportation Museum on Saturday, October 15, 2005. Check the MCR website for details.

Plans are being made now for the annual Christmas party and annual club meeting.

IV. MCR Spotlight

A. 2005 Oldsmobile Homecoming

Submitted by Steve Apking - President

There were a total of 427 cars at this year's Homecoming in Lansing. Twenty-two members of the Motor City Rockets attended. Nine cars caravanned this year to the Homecoming, leaving from the Meijers in Northville, picking up two more at the exit 141 rest stop and 2 more at the 133 mile marker in Howell.

We dodged some rain and a big deer carcass on I-96 but managed to arrive unscathed. Once we arrived, we picked up our registration packets and drove to our designated spots which were determined by the class of our cars. Tom Walker did have some donated items for the swap meet area. Per Tom, "The Swap meet was pretty much uneventful we had one donation from Tony Mancenilli that did not sell". Alan Wilcox had the MCR lanyards for sale, \$5 each.

Here are the MCR winners from the show:

Doug Width took 1st place for Class 4 1954 - 1956

Bob Wheeler took 3rd place for Class 24 1980 - present FWD other than full size

Jeff Stolowski took 3rd place for Class 14 1968-69 442 performance convertible

Due to a computer glitch, they did not announce a third place winner for Bob Wheeler's category (1980 - present FWD other than full size). However, after following up with Scott (the guy from the REO Club that was handing out the trophies) it was determined that his car did in fact come in third.

Jim Walkinshaw of the RE Olds Chapter took Best in Show for his 1905 Curved Dash Olds.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

B. Spring Dust Off at Bakers

Submitted by Steve Apking - President

BAKERS Part 1 (May)

The spring dust off was held at Bakers on May 15th: Despite the cool, windy weather and mid 50's temps, we had 14 MCR members show up. 18 if you count spouses or significant others.

Then there were 5 additional drive-ups resulting from Alan's MCR mailing to OCA members (OCA address list from Jerry Garfield) that were not part of MCR. I believe one of them joined MCR that day. We did not do the 50-50 as planned. The turnout was very small overall so Paul Baker told Ken Kress and myself that it wouldn't be worth doing this time. We do have an open invitation for another gathering there, however.

Trophies, supplied by Motor City Steel of Commerce Township, MI. were awarded to Greg Carriere for Best in Show for his 1972 442 Convertible. Ken Kress got best Body, Paint and Interior for his 1959 98 Convertible. Bob Wheeler got Best in Show for his 69 Cutlass Convertible.

Pictures of the gathering will be posted to the MCR website.

BAKERS Part 2 (July)

Our second try at Bakers was held July 24th. Yes, you would think that the weather would be in our favor but you would be wrong. While it looked like rain with ominous clouds, it was really the wind that was the culprit again. Though it was a little warmer this time, the large crowd that usually attends Bakers never materialized. However, we still had 14 members. This was a rather subdued time at Bakers because this was the first cruise in held after the death of owner Paul Baker. Chris Baker, his son, has stepped right up to keep the cruise running and welcomed us in the same warm and friendly manner that his father always displayed. There was a raffle this time and MCR members went around selling tickets. There was not a large amount but we did get to split it. In honor of Paul, MCR decided to give back part of the proceeds to a fund being set up to create a statue of Paul that will stand at his restaurant in Milford. We will look to next year to set up at Bakers again. But even if it is not an MCR event, remember you can always show up at Bakers on a Sunday during the car season to show off your car and meet nice people.

NOTE: We had 3 more drive ups. Gary Woodworth joined, owns a 56 Olds, Larry Monk with a 68 442, not a member, and Vic Kerster with an "original" 72 Cutlass, not a member.

Pictures will be posted to the website, and will be put into the MCR photo album.

The cruise-in at Bakers in Milford on July 10 was a fitting tribute to Paul Baker. Cars started arriving the night before. In all, there were over 2600 cars. About 11 MCR members were there not including spouses or other family. Of course, you know how hot it was but that didn't seem to matter as most of the crowd stayed until the end. The day went just as other cruise days go but at about 6:00 p.m., with a bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace", a hearse brought Paul's body through the parking lot. Everyone clapped and there were many tears. His entire immediate family was there gathered at the gazebo. They thanked everyone for coming and Chris, his son, said that the cruises would go on as usual because that's the way his dad would want it. When it came time for the 50/50, the person who won it got \$772.00 and immediately donated it to a fund for a bronze statue that will be made of Paul's likeness. Many wonderful things were said about Paul Baker but it all came down to the fact that he treated everyone so graciously and was a friend to everybody whether he had just met you or had known you for years.

V. MCR MEETING MINUTES

A. Club Minutes

No minutes at this time.

B. Club Officer Elections

Submitted by Tom Bejma - Secretary

Have you ever thought about being more active in the club? Ever wanted to get the inside scoop on what's going on? Want to be directly involved in the decision making process for the 2008 Oldsmobile Nationals in southeast Michigan?

Well, it's that time of year again. Time to start finding out who is interested in becoming an Officer in the Motor City Rockets!

The Officer Positions are as follows:

- ❖ President
- ❖ Vice President
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ Secretary

Consider this as an invitation for nominees. Any Motor City Rocket can be nominated as long as they meet the following criteria:

- ❖ Agree to the nomination
- ❖ Are a member in good standing in both the OCA and MCR
- ❖ Can actively participate in the club

You can nominate yourself or someone else can nominate you. Send me an email with your nominee and the position to be considered for. The nominees will be collected in October and presented on the ballot for voting during the November Meeting. Then the winners will be announced at the annual December meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please let me know.

VI. Treasurer's Report

The updated treasurer's report will be in the next issue.

VII. MCR Club Events and Items of Interest

Please send your Club event suggestions to Bill Szelag 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. Auction Results

Submitted by Greg Carriere

Courtesy of Hemmings Muscle Magazine - May 2005

Russo & Steele; Scottsdale AZ. 2005

1962 Super 88 Holiday; (refurbished) \$16,200.00

Mecum Winter Classic Auction; Kissimmee, Florida Jan 21-22

1969 442/ Conv. ; 400/325HP; \$49,200.00

1972 Hurst Olds Pace Car; \$33,000.00

RM Collector Car Auction; Boca Raton, FL. Feb 11-13

1970 442 Hardtop/W-30: \$29,200.00

Leake Car Auction, Oklahoma City, OK. Feb. 25-26

1967 442; Hardtop; 400; 4 speed; \$27,500.00

1969 442; Hardtop; 400; Auto; \$11,400.00

1970 442; Hardtop; 400/365HP; 4 speed; \$18,000.00

Also a VERY good article on the restoration of a 1970 442/W-30

Some nice photos of the finished/completed frame with all suspension, engine, drive train, exhaust, ect.....

VIII. MCR Memberships

Submitted by Alan Wilcox - 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!

- ❖ Charles & Patti McCann
- ❖ Jeffrey Fields
- ❖ Robert & Deborah Wheeler
- ❖ Daniel & Judith Pyko
- ❖ Mark & Marilyn Cornea
- ❖ Tina & Jeff Zaenger
- ❖ Tim Griffin
- ❖ Mark Prince
- ❖ Michael Nawrocki
- ❖ Stacey & Kathy Rose
- ❖ Bob Anderson
- ❖ Robert Ackerman
- ❖ Bill Tumidanski
- ❖ Jeff Holmes
- ❖ Thomas & Susan Hatty

IX. 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

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
Heavier Weight Sweatshirt	Grey, Navy, White, Black, Red	\$32.00
Caps		\$14.00

Items with Large MCR Logo

Sweatshirt	Grey, Navy, White, Black, Red	\$40.00
Jacket	Black Satin/Lined Name on Front Additional Cost	\$58.00
MCR Logo - Your Jacket		\$20.00

X. MCR Web Master

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

Drop in and checkout the MCR Web Site (www.motorcityrockets.com). The MCR web site 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.

XI. 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

XII. 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