



# ROCKET FUEL

*Motor City Rockets - Southeastern Michigan*

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## I. Notice from the Editor

Spring and Summer of 2006 have been an exciting time for the club. With the Spring Dust-Off, planning for the 2008 Nationals, the Oldsmobile Homecoming, the Woodward Dream Cruise, and the many smaller summertime cruise-ins, time just seems to fly.

Some club members were able to travel to Dallas, Texas for the 2006 Nationals. It was a wonderful event hosted by three Texas chapters of the OCA. It was also a great learning experience for those who attended - visiting and working with the Texas chapters while they ran the National Meet.

Thank you to everyone for your newsletter submissions - they are always appreciated. 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](mailto:editor@motorcityrockets.com)

Denise Tucker  
MCR Newsletter Editor



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## II. MCR Officers

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MCR Vice President  
MCR Treasurer  
MCR Secretary

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### A. Other Important MCR Positions

MCR Newsletter Editor  
MCR Club Historian  
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MCR Activities Director  
MCR Web Master

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## III. MCR CLUB CALENDAR

### A. Future MCR Meetings and Events

September	Sept 8-10 - Frankenmuth, MI
October	Oct 7-8 - Shelby Lions Club
	Oct 14 - 2008 Nationals Meeting, Hyatt Regency Dearborn 9 a.m.
November	TBD

## IV. MCR Spotlight

### A. 2006 Spring Dust-Off

The Spring Dust-Off was held in Livonia's Rotary Park on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Bill Szelag was on hand to take some great pictures of the fun! A little chilly that day!



## B. Greg Carriere - WOMC Car of the Week 4/3/06



Greg Carriere had bragging rights in April when his car was picked for WOMC's Car of the Week. A source close to Greg said he had this to say, "Bragbragbragbragbrag". You get the idea . . . Good for you Greg!

## C. Auction Information

By Greg Carriere

Recent auction info. (from May issue of *Hemmings Muscle Machines*)

### **Barrett Jackson; Scottsdale, AZ.**

1968 442 W-30 Conv. Restored #1; 400/360 hp; 4 speed; \$45,360.00

1970 442; coupe; 455; Auto; Refurbished #3; \$30,780.00

1967 442 Hardtop; Refurbished #3; \$22,680.00

1966 442 Hardtop; Tri-Power; Refurbished #3; \$70,200.00

### **Silver Auctions; Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>; Fort McDowell, AZ**

1970 442 Hardtop; 455/Auto; \$10,500.00

### **Kruse Collector Car Auctions; Scottsdale, AZ Jan 26-29;**

1966 442; Conv. Auto; \$33,000.00

1969 442 Conv. Auto; \$18,500.00

### **Leake Classic Car Auction; Dallas, TX. Feb. 24-25**

1969 442 Conv. Auto; 455/390hp; \$16,500.00

1970 442 Hardtop; 455/360hp; Auto; \$9,300.00



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From *Hemmings Muscle Car Magazine* July 06 issue:

**Barret Jackson; Florida:**

1983 Hurst Olds; Restored #2: \$16,380.00

1969 442 Conv.; Restored #3: \$32,400.00

**Mecum Spring Classic; Kansas City, MO.; April 28-29;**

1970 W-30; Coupe; 455; Auto: \$20,500.00

## V. MCR MEETING MINUTES

### A. Club Minutes

Minutes June 10 MCR/OCA Meeting at Dearborn Hyatt (15 members in attendance)

#### MCR Meeting:

The meeting started at 2:00 p.m. Welcome to all.

Steve reported on the previous event, The Spring Dust-off. Next he went over the details of the upcoming summer activities:

Lansing Homecoming June 17 (caravan of cars, meeting places, volunteers)

Piquette Plant Tour July 15 (is there enough interest, haven't heard back from Bob Anderson regarding several questions club had; most likely will table this) Steve will e-mail Bob regarding this.

2006 Dallas Nationals June 28-July 2 (number of MCR members attending, those willing to volunteer to work, schedule)

Bakers (dates to be determined, either July 16 or 23: Steve Apking will follow-up)

Woodward, August 19 (few spots left: contact Bill Szlag)

Frankenmuth September 8-10 (registrations are still available and hotels too: contact Bill on this one also)

Some discussion was held concerning the MCR web site and how to make it easier to navigate. Steve gave a handout to follow. Contact Brian Lorway for this.

Alan gave an update on our funds.

MCR meeting adjourned early to give more time for 2008 OCA Nationals meeting.





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2008 Nationals Meeting:

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Meeting turned over to co-chairs, Bill Szelag and Alan Wilcox

Flyers and Hotel brochures will be gathered and sent to Dallas.

Bill went down committee lists.

**Judges/Trophies:**

James Kryta (not present) has a contact and has been working on some ideas.

**Tours:**

Bill Tumidanski to contact GM Heritage Center and will follow-up. Suggestion made that other tour ideas that we come up should be tentatively blocked in on calendar.

Scott Goings is the head of this committee. (Reminder that the Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau can help on this. Steve to send Scott our contact person)

Jerry Garfield has said that bus transportation for his model railroad convention was booked two years in advance with a locked in price.

Suggestion was then made that perhaps we pencil in dates on when various committees need to start their contacts so they will have ample time to coordinate their functions.

Discussion was also made that if vendor show goes on as planned then maybe that can be coordinated with the judges' lunch.

**Logo:**

Alan came up with other variations on logo. These were passed around and many thought that our original logo is so good that we just need to tweak it a little to make it work for the Nationals. More discussion on whether to have certain logo on golf shirts and caps and another, more in tune with our theme to go on t-shirts.

New vendor for t-shirts! Local business, cost comparable, excellent quality. Samples were shown. His business could handle everything for Nationals. (staffing, selling, ordering as needed). We could take percentage or flat rate of sales. More discussion on this needed.

Meetings were pushed out until October because so many activities in the coming summer months. Next National is meeting to take place on October 14 , 9 AM, Dearborn Hyatt.

Respectively submitted  
Sue & Steve Apking

Tom Bejma could not be present this date.



## VI. MCR Club Events and Items of Interest

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

### A. 2006 Olds Homecoming

by Sue Apking

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Oldsmobile Homecoming was held on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Though summer was still officially a few days away, most of us can attest to the fact that it might have arrived a little early as the temps hit close to 90 degrees.

The Motor City Rockets started the day with a collection of cars that left the Northville Meijer's store at 7:00 a.m. Jeff Pregler led the group with his Final 500 Aurora. Others joining him were Bill and Mary Szelag with their 70 442, Tom Root and Jim Sheldon in his custom Eighty-Eight. Along I 96, they picked up two more members, Steve Apking in his 85 442 and Bob Wheeler with his 89 Calais I Series. Other members were already in Lansing as several attended the pre-Homecoming Extravaganza. In all MCR was well represented with over 35 members present with 18 of them entering their cars.

This year brought something new for our club as some of us volunteered to help the REO chapter in various capacities. The volunteers included Al Ferry, Pat Macaluso, Bill Szelag, Jeff Pregler and his dad, John, Jerry Garfield, Alan Wilcox, Steve Apking, Jack Tokie, Glenna Tillman, Ken Kress and Lanny Yankee. If I left out anyone, please forgive me. By working on some of the committees, we gained some good experience. This should prove helpful when we host our own show.

There were over 500 cars registered with participant voting taking place until 12:30 pm. Besides viewing the cars, the next best thing was browsing the swap meet where if you got lucky, you could find a real bargain. If you don't believe this, just ask our treasurer, Alan Wilcox, the next time you see him.

However, the best part of the day occurred when awards were announced. Our contingent again did very well. The winners included the following:

- ✚ Jack Tokie 1<sup>st</sup> place 1952 Ninety-Eight and also Best of Show
- ✚ Ken Kress - 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1959 Ninety-Eight convertible
- ✚ James Kryta - 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1971 442 W30
- ✚ Bob & Lori Kanas - 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1967 442
- ✚ Jim Sheldon -1<sup>st</sup> place 1956 Custom Eighty-Eight
- ✚ Bill & Mary Szelag - 1<sup>st</sup> place 1970 442
- ✚ Jeff Pregler - 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2004 Final 500 Aurora
- ✚ Ray & Mary Schriver- 1<sup>st</sup> place 1968 Hurst

**Congratulations to all!**



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By our standards, the 2006 Homecoming was a real success. A big thanks goes to the REO chapter for hosting this event. Thanks for letting our club be a small part of it.

Pictures from the 2006 Oldsmobile Homecoming are available for viewing in the Event Gallery on our website.

<http://www.motorcityrockets.com/coppermine/thumbnails.php?album=52>

Special thanks to Bill Szelag for taking them. And thanks to Brian Lorway, our webmaster, for all of his hard work maintaining our website.

## B. Bakers of Milford

By Steve Apking

It seems like the third time was the charm for our gathering at Bakers of Milford. For the past two years, we have gone there for a club activity and the weather has always played havoc with our plans. But Sunday, July 23 was a picture perfect day.

We had about 26 members including spouses in attendance and 16 cars on display. We located ourselves along one side of the entrance thereby making sure all those who entered the cruise-in could see the MCR banner waving proudly.

As the day went on, most of us strolled the grounds looking at all the cars assembled there. There were cars of all makes, models and sizes. It was great to see so many Olds there. Some people drove in with their Oldsmobile's who were not members (yet). We managed to find them and placed a club brochure in their car. We were lucky enough to talk to some of them and may have recruited a member or two.

Those of you who have been to Bakers before know that they always have a 50/50 raffle as one of the day's highlights. This time we were able to share the proceeds. So of \$500.00 collected, \$250.00 went to our 2008 Nationals fund. We were very pleased.

A big thanks goes to all the members who participated and especially those who were so good at selling raffle tickets.

## C. 2006 Olds Nationals - Dallas, Texas

The 2006 Oldsmobile Nationals Meet was held in Texas from Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. About 250 cars attended Deep in the Heart of Texas, in Dallas. Some of the members from the Motor City Rockets were able to attend to enjoy the meet, but also to work with the three host Texas OCA chapters and learn, at least in part, how to run a Nationals.

The three Texas chapters that hosted this year were the North Texas Olds Club, The Texas Gulf Coast Chapter (Houston) and the South Texas Olds Club (San Antonio).



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MCR members who attended are: Bill and Mary Szelag, Jack Tokie, Dorothy Maseles, Doug and Paulette Width, Steve and Sue Apking, and Dave and Denise Tucker. They called us the Really North Texas Group. We all had a great time!

Some of our group were also able to spend time with the President and Vice President of the Bowling Green chapter, who were manning a display table in Dallas. Bowling Green is hosting the 2007 Olds Nationals. For those Motor City Rockets who are able to attend in 2007, it will be another great opportunity to learn from folks who are going through what we will be experiencing in 2008!

The show itself was very well organized with a side trip to a real rodeo and stockade, as well as a tour of the Book Repository in downtown Dallas. The banquet on Saturday night was very well attended. The Texas chapters began the festivities with a color guard ceremony honoring the men and women who serve our country. 30-year members of the OCA received their jackets from Pat Yancey, OCA President. All of the trophies were well presented. Peter Clay designed the Best of Class awards and hand painted them. There was also a new class added this year - "Race Class"

The longest distance traveled to attend this years Nationals wasn't anyone from Michigan, or even the U.S. That distinction went to Hanna Pope who traveled 12,500 miles from Australia!

The hotel choice for favorite car was the 1949 88 coupe - better known as Buzz Houston's Dreamsicle. There is a photo of it here - absolutely gorgeous!



The event chairman's choice was the 1961 Starfire convertible owned by David Holt. The OCA President's choice was a 1967 Delta 88 Custom owned by Lowell Reinschell. Ladies' choice award went to the 1957 98 convertible owned by Jerry Smith. The longest distance driven by anyone attending the show was Erik Martinson from Renton, Washington. The Hard Luck award went to Dominic Spinetta who owns a 1965 Delta 88. The Young Driver award was





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presented to Greg Foster who owns a 1977 Cutlass Supreme Brougham. The Event Head Judge Award was given to Raymond Leopard for his 1976 442. The JWO Editor's Choice award went to Theodore Gildred for his 1950 Club Coupe. The REO Olds Chapter presented the Best of Show Pre-War award to Joe Mondello for his 1903 Curved Dash. Best of Show Post-War was presented to Dave DeLong for his 1970 442 W30. Tim Durand and his 1971 Cutlass Supreme Convertible won the Helen Early award. (forgive my spelling on anyone's name)

Pictures from the 2006 Texas Nationals are now on the MCR website, as well as a link to an introductory message on the MCR hosted 2008 Nationals from Bill Szlag.

Thanks again to Bill for taking all of the great pictures and much appreciation to Brian Lorway, our webmaster for all of the work to keep our website looking great!

<http://www.motorcityrockets.com/>

## VII. MCR Memberships - New Members

The Motor City Rockets would like to welcome the following new members to the club!

Tom Root  
1969 Cutlass

Jo Beck  
1968 Delmont 88 Convertible

Elmer Roy Hill  
1985 Cutlass Supreme

Tim Holliday

Kevin Frank  
1970 Cutlass Hardtop  
1972 442  
1977 Cutlass Supreme  
1983 Hurst Olds  
1992 Cutlass Supreme

Daniel Koukoudian  
1969 Hurst Olds  
2002 Alero

Glen M. Ross  
1987 Cutlass 442

Dennis Dust  
'65 Starfire coupe  
'70 Cutlass Rallye 350

Karen Wilcox (Alan's sister)  
No current Oldsmobile's, but many owned in the past



## 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		\$13.00
	Adult & Children's Sizes - White & Grey	
Tanks		\$12.00
	Men's - White & Grey	
	Women's - Grey Only	
	2X or Larger Add \$2.50 Per Item	

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

#### Items with Large MCR Logo

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 MCR Web Site ([www.motorcityrockets.com](http://www.motorcityrockets.com)). The MCR web site includes:

- ❖ An Event Calendar - Where all MCR members can schedule or post club events



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- ❖ 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
- ❖ The Bulletin Board is back by popular demand. Please look here for club member details and National updates. (notice - you will need to register to gain access)

With plenty more to come, login and be sure to register. Please send ideas to the web master.

## 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. The scrap books and memorabilia look awesome. Contact Dorothy Maseles @ [historian@motorcityrockets.com](mailto:historian@motorcityrockets.com)

