



# The ROCKET FUEL Newsletter



## Greetings from the President

If the winter blahs have a grip on you, I have a solution. Start thinking about spring and our annual Spring Dust Off. The date is Sunday, May 18. With time flying like it does, it's not that far off. This year thanks to Pat Macaluso, we will meet at a new location in Howell. From I 96, take exit #137 (4<sup>th</sup> exit west of US 23 @ Brighton) which is Pinckney Road or County Road D 19. Drive South about 4 miles and look for the MCR signs on the east side of the road. Other details are posted on the MCR calendar on our web site. And of course as the time gets closer, reminders will be sent out. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Have you volunteered yet for the 2008 Nationals? It's not too late. Don't make me come and get you.



If you want to help, e-mail Greg Carriere. He is gathering the names of volunteers. And if you have anything for goodie bags or for the raffle, please let me know. We are still collecting items.

**Steve Apking**

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS

SHARON HUTCHINSON  
BILL SZELAG  
DAVE KLEMM  
AL FERRY  
DOROTHY MASELES



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JOHN & REBECCA DENYER



			FEB			
			2008			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Lunch Cruise
3	4	5 Sharon Hutchinson	6	7	8	9
10	11 Bill Szelag Dave Klemm	12 Al Ferry	13	14 Dorothy Maseles Valentine's Day	15	16 MCR/OCA Meeting Hyatt Hotel Cord Suite
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	1

UPCOMING EVENTS: MAR 15 MCR/OCA MEETING AT THE HYATT/ROTUNDA ROOM  
 APR 19 MCR/OCA MEETING AT THE HYATT/THOMAS SUITE  
 MAY 18 DUST OFF - HOWELL

### THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW!!!

Autorama            Mar 7-9 Cobo Center  
Bearing Burners    May 4 GM Tech Center

**Editor's Notes:**

Be sure to keep tabs on the dates for our upcoming events. We are going to attempt to give you ample notice of activities so you can plan accordingly. Speaking of which, if anyone has any ideas for new venues for our club to visit, please contact Jeff Pregler. Jeff has done an excellent job of finding interesting places for us to have our dinner cruises. These cruises, held on the first Saturday of each month are a way for members to get together socially away from the regularly scheduled meetings. So if you know of a nice spot where we can gather, let Jeff know. Remember the choice for a dinner cruise location is up to all of us. The way it works is an MCR member volunteers an eating establishment they know of, checks its availability for a group gathering and submits the info to Jeff. He'll run it by the membership for level of interest then advise you to make a reservation.

Also for those of you who have been following the articles of "The History of the Automobile", included in the newsletter, please note that we will now provide a link for you to go to so you can continue to read the remaining chapters. The link is <http://www.theautochannel.com/mania/industry.orig/history/chap12.html> These articles take up a lot of space, sometimes up to four pages of our newsletter. We hope you don't mind. You'll still have the opportunity to read them using this link. This change will provide more room for articles about our members and their cars. We're making this change in the hope that we will get more member input.

Please help us in this endeavor by providing an article for the newsletter. You don't have to be a writer. You get us the facts and we'll compose the article. I know there are some great stories out there so let's hear from you.

***Sue Apking & Kelly Ferry*****MCR Meeting Minutes:** submitted by *Sue Apking*

The Jan. 19 MCR meeting, held at the Hyatt, began at 9:00 am. President Steve Apking wished everyone New Year's greetings, recognized January birthday celebrants and welcomed new members, Ron Davis, Joe Sroka and Jake & Sharon Hoover. There were 34 members present. Steve then presented the spirit award to Alan Wilcox, in recognition of the work he has put in to our club, not only as treasurer but also as the co-chair for our 2008 National Meet. Alan Wilcox, our treasurer, reported we now have 109 members total and the treasury is financially sound.

Details for the Saturday, Feb. 2nd lunch cruise were provided by Jeff Pregler.

Next came discussion of the annual All Oldsmobile Spring Dust-Off and possible locations for this year. Pat Macaluso offered a location and it was chosen by a majority of the membership. The date is Sunday, May 18 and details and directions will be on the MCR web site calendar.

Jeff Pregler spoke briefly about the Woodward Dream Cruise. We hope to have it at the same location as last year: Charter One Bank on Long Lake/Woodward. However there has been a management change so Jeff will follow up and get back to the club.

Long term membership in the OCA was brought up. If anyone wants recognition of the number of years you've been an OCA member, you can contact John M. Galehouse, Jr., chairman of the long-term membership committee. He can be reached at 6118 Fry Rd. Brook Park, Ohio 44142-2702. You will need proof of membership as in label from JWO. As there was no new business, the MCR meeting was adjourned to be followed by 2008 Nationals discussion.



**OCA Update:**

ALL INFORMATION IS AS OF JAN. 19

Hotel: 2341 total room nights: 575 for both Thurs & Fri nights; 486 for Sat night

The Hyatt has upped us to 650 for peak nights

The Doubletree has changed their reservation code. The new code is now OCC.

Registrations: 65

Meet Merchandise: vendor has been approved.

Photography: photographer gave presentation and membership approved him.

Showfield: 600 spots available; layout of field, number of volunteers needed to man the field and proper signage were discussed.

Banquet: The many elements of the banquet were discussed, some examples being speaker, color guard, and the overall length of the entire event.

Volunteers: Ken Kress spoke to the need of volunteers for the tours.

**MCR SERVICE TEAM**

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