

Oldsmobile

ROCKET FUEL

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Motor City Rockets

WINTER 2018-2019

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(Pat Macaluso, President)

Motor City Rockets:

Thank you for all the encouragement with the record-breaking amount of votes this election. First, I want to thank Cindy, Karl, Dave, Suzi, and Steve for their commitment to the club by performing the leadership rolls they have over the past couple of years. I am pleased to have Erick Drake as Vice President, Dave Engel back as Treasurer, Steve Apking as Membership Director. Welcome to the new Board of Directors.

Very soon we will have the Activities Director position filled. Jill Woodward has volunteered to assume the role of lead MCR photographer and help wherever needed. For anyone not aware by now, one of our newer members—Dale Peterson—has volunteered to be our new **ROCKET FUEL** editor. Thank you both so much for volunteering.

Several things are in our sights to accomplish this year. First, and foremost, we're bringing back membership meetings. We will have a host of activities you will enjoy as well.

I want to build on something Steve Apking wrote during the election nomination period. This is your club and we need you as members to become involved in volunteering to help and giving ideas/suggestions for meetings and activities. We look forward to your input for possible functions for MCR to do throughout the year.

Oldsmobile Club of America (OCA) News:

- You may have noticed a recent e-mail from the OCA letting you know the 2019 OCA Nationals enrollment form is available on line, and as always it will be included in the January JWO.
- The OCA site selection team has been out looking at site locations for the 2020 OCA Nationals and they have landed on Murfreesboro TN, which is just outside of Nashville TN. Currently, there are no details to share, since all the business plans are in the very early stages.

I wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR. If you are traveling this holiday season, please be safe and don't forget to buckle up and watch out for the other drivers.

Pat Macaluso

MCR FINANCIAL REPORT

(Dave Engel, Treasurer)

Each quarterly newsletter to the membership of Motor City Rockets contains a financial report for the previous quarter, keeping members informed of the financial wellbeing of the club.



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

February 2019 – Annual Valentine Bowling, Lunch, & Meeting – TBD

March 2019 – 3rd Annual Oldsmobile Trivia, Lunch, & Meeting – TBD

April - TBD

May 19, 2019 – Annual Dust-Off – (Howell, MI)

June 15, 2019 – Oldsmobile Homecoming – (Lansing, MI)

June 23-30, 2019 – OCA National Event (Wichita, KS)

August 17, 2019 – Annual Woodward Dream Cruise

September 2019 – Fall Color Tour - TBD

September 2019 – The Gathering of Oldsmobiles @ Baker's (Milford, MI)

October 12, 2019 – Great Pumpkin Charity Car Show – (Howell, MI)

November 2019 – Nothing Planned

December 7, 2019 – Annual MCR Christmas Party

SECRETARY'S ARTICLE

(Alan Wilcox, Secretary)

Greetings Motor City Rockets,

For those of you who don't know me, I am Alan Wilcox. I will be serving as your club Secretary for the next two years. Thank you for your votes and for your confidence in me. I joined the MCR in 2004, and served as MCR Treasurer from 2004 – 2014, and then President from 2015 through 2016.

I am very excited to be working with the new MCR Executive Board. I am looking forward to helping the MCR continue to move forward. If there are any suggestions you have for improving the MCR experience, make sure you let Pat Macaluso, Erick Drake, Dave Engel, or myself know. Our goal is to make the next two years as great a possible.

I want to thank the outgoing Board members, President Cindy Klemm, VP Karl Kimball, and Secretary Suzi Macaluso for the work that they did to keep the Motor City Rockets a strong chapter of the OCA.

Light those Rockets!

Alan

MOTOR CITY ROCKETS MERCHANDISE

(Cindy Klemm)

(Coming soon: A place to shop for your Oldsmobile gear!)

REGIONAL CAR EVENTS OF INTEREST

Throughout southeastern Michigan many seasonal cruise nights and other car events take place. If you have a favorite, let us know, and we will do our best to include events that MCR members enjoy. Below are a few examples:

Bakers of Milford

Beginning in May and running through the last Sunday of September, Bakers hosts a weekly cruise-in every Sunday afternoon from noon until 7:00 pm. Perks include: live outside entertainment by Mark Harrington, free raffle prizes, outside grill, and restaurant dining discounts in addition to hundreds of great classic cars. Bakers is located at 2025 S Milford Road, Milford, MI 48381. Phone: (248) 685-0505. Website: www.bakersofmilford.com.

Culvers of Lake Orion

Again, beginning on the first Tuesday of May and running through the last Tuesday of September, Joe Zimmer (owner) and his staff host a weekly car show at the Culvers located at Brown Road and M-24 in Lake Orion. Over 500 classic and muscle cars were registered on opening day 2018! Car owners who register can receive a "Cruiser Card," good for a discount on all food purchases throughout the year at the Lake Orion Culvers. This locally owned Culvers is located at 4963 Interpark Drive N, Lake Orion, MI 48359. Phone: (248) 276-2222. Website: www.culvers.com/restaurants/lake-orion.

Multi-Lakes Conservation Association of Commerce Township

Perhaps you would like a change of pace on Fridays. Well, Multi-Lakes can help spice up your life with their weekly Friday Fish Fry and car show during the summer months. The organization is located at 3860 Newton Road, Commerce Township, MI 48382. Phone: (248) 363-9209 Website: www.multilakes.com

If you have a favorite summertime car show hangout, let us know about it! Include name of host organization, street address, phone number, website URL, as well as dates and times. Space and time permitting, we'll try to include your special place for enjoyable car activity! Email information to: d.peterson123@comcast.net.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

After a year's absence from your in-box, the Motor City Rockets newsletter – **ROCKET FUEL** – is making a comeback. Perhaps MCR members can look at this "revival" like a "barn find"—something good that was hidden away for a while. Now is the time for the rescue—a little clean-up, tune-up, and take it public!

Although the winter issue is limited in volume, as additional events transpire, and stories arrive, expansion of the newsletter is a given! Members should check each issue for news, scheduled events, and revisions/updates, and mark your calendars accordingly. The new format for 2019 is a quarterly version of **ROCKET FUEL** that we hope you'll enjoy.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

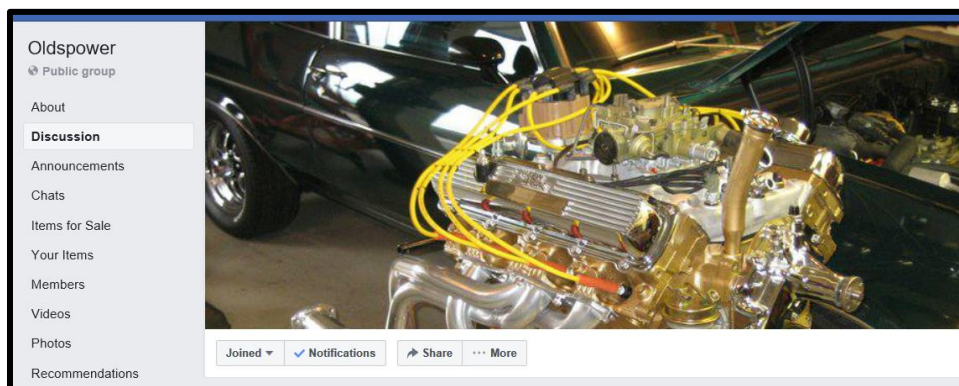
For members who are active in social media such as Facebook, there are several groups—both open and closed—for enthusiasts of Oldsmobile. Many of these groups can be helpful sources for advice, information, reference, and dialog. A few are pictured below.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/29959285677855/>



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/60337651459/>



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/52756525821/>



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1599801426904701/>



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SPECIAL DAYS TO CELEBRATE

December Birthdays

- 11th – Pat Kress
- 23rd – Jake Hoover
- 24th – Debbie Peterson

January Birthdays - None

February Birthdays

- 12th – Al Ferry
- 14th – Dorothy Maseles
- 22nd – Cliff Carson
- 22nd – Eva Cooper

- 18th – Glenn Reiss
- 19th – Deb Wheeler
- 22nd – Steve Apking
- 28th – Jerry Garfield
- 30th – Alan Wilcox

December Anniversaries - None

January Anniversaries - None

February Anniversaries - None

March Anniversaries

- 22nd – Jill & Phil Woodward

(If your birthday or anniversary was not acknowledged, please accept our apology. It may be that we do not have that information on file. If members will provide that information, it can be included in the future. Thanks!)

WANTED: INTERESTING CAR STORIES

One of the greatest methods for MCR members to develop good relationships and build friendships is by participating in club activities. Another way is by sharing unique stories about your Oldsmobile. Whilst some club members have known each other for years, the newer members would like to interact in ways that offer meaningful and developing friendships, all within the context of the mutual appreciation for each other's vehicles.

Whether a club member of many years or member of a few months, we'd like to hear about your love affair with that Oldsmobile! 😊 Seasoned members, why not take the lead and send a short story and a couple of photos. We can edit and share your Oldsmobile project in an upcoming issue of **ROCKET FUEL**! Others will appreciate your hard work and TLC!



MCR SERVICE TEAM 2019

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