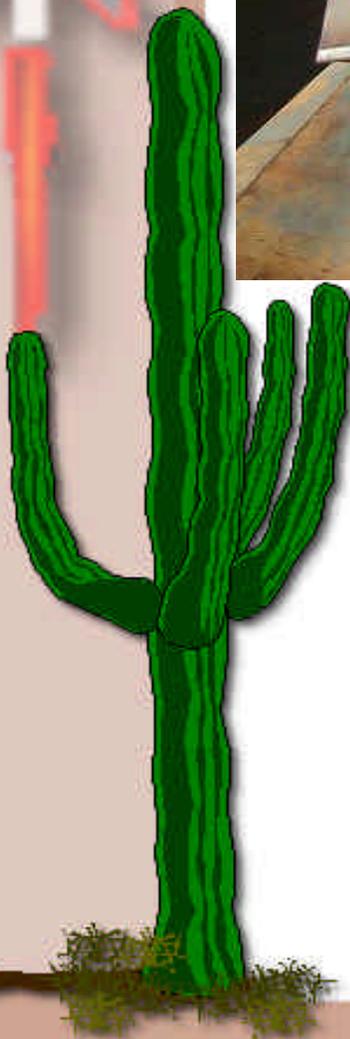
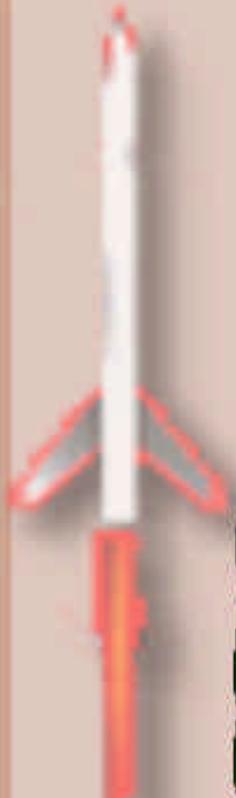


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A SAD DAY AT WISEMAN'S

by Karl Sup

It's always a great day to get out on the road with my kids and show them corners of Arizona they've never seen before. It's the sort of a rarity to be able to get that day to coincide with an Oldsmobile outing too! Especially when this all occurred just prior to our Oldsmobile Club holiday party!

As published in the previous newsletter, Wiseman's Auto Salvage in Casa Grande closed its doors permanently after the untimely death of the owner. For those of you not familiar with Wiseman's, they had one of the largest and oldest salvage yards, with scores of cars pre-1940. And of course, there were numerous Oldsmobiles residing on that barren patch of desert.

But today was different. Today, the widow of the owner had contracted auctioneers to liquidate the entire stock and inventory of cars and parts to the highest bidder...



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President's Message

Happy New Year to everyone! Here's to a better year in 2004. We have lots of exciting events coming up this year. Hopefully club participation will rise to even greater numbers.

As some of you may know we are hoping to host the 2007 Nationals the first week of June in Scottsdale. We have located a resort hotel that can accommodate the entire event. The Radisson Resort Scottsdale has 56 acres. Our entire car show, swap meet, and car corral can all be on grass (greenbelt). The trailer parking will be in the parking lot, conveniently located in front of the greenbelt. The hotel has large banquet and meeting rooms. They also have a great area just off the lobby for registration. They are also willing to help in planning our side trips. As many of you may know the resort hotels in Scottsdale are very service orientated. The rates we have been quoted are from \$75 per night at the host hotel, all between \$50-99 for overflow hotels. All within walking distance of the host hotel. The Radisson even has a small western town on site that would make for a great western themed dinner on Friday night. There is a large spa on site that has massage, facials, and all the rest of the famous Scottsdale pampering. There are 3 pools on site as well as 21 tennis courts. This will make for a great family vacation spot. There are 3 restaurants on site and a sports bar. Directly across the street and to the south of the hotel are 4 star restaurants and shopping. The hotel has free shuttle service to the beautiful Fashion Square Mall. In this newsletter is a survey for you to complete and send back to me about whether you agree to hold the 2007 Nationals in Arizona. It is very important that you fill it out and send it to me right away.

If you haven't renewed your 2004 dues yet please do so right away. This will be the last newsletter you will receive unless your dues are paid soon. All of the board hopes you will stay in the club and enjoy all the events we have planned and all the fellowship amongst the members.

There will be a February car show meeting at the Mandrick's this coming Saturday, Jan. 10th at 5:30 p.m. immediately preceding the potluck dinner. You will be receiving an email with directions to the Mandrick's home. If you can help out with the planning or work the day of the show, please plan on attending the car show meeting.

We are in desperate need of door prizes and goody bag stuffers for the show. We plan on preparing 100 goody bags. If every member would just collect one door prize and bag stuffer we would be in great shape. Please bring any items you collect to the meetings or drop off at my house.

Keep them Rockets Rollin'.

Gloria

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Information to be considered for submittal in to the newsletter needs to be received by the 1st of the month. Please send your information as an email or attach it to your email in word document form. If you have problems or questions please ask any board member and they will happily assist you. If you do not have access to a computer, please send your submittal to: Karl Sup, 2355 S. Wildrose Circle, Mesa, AZ 85212. Otherwise, email all information to ksup@cableaz.com.

ZOOLIGHTS

by Carynn Alberts

On December 19th members of the Club attended Zoolights. The evening began with delicious hors d'oeuvres and car talk at Bob & Patty Sarraillon's. We are new members and really enjoyed getting to know everyone a little better. Joe & Gloria figured out quickly that I'll happily talk Indy car racing and football all night while Jim learns more about our new baby, a '56 Rocket 88. We could have gabbed all night, but soon it was time to move the party to the Phoenix Zoo, where a good time was had by all. If you've not been to Zoolights, I highly recommend it. It is one of the largest light displays in the Southwest, with over 2 million lights and animated displays. The imagination, creativity and work that are put in to the displays are incredible! The highlights included a fire breathing dragon, a scorpion moving his tail, a Mom and baby elephant with Mom 'blinking' as baby shoots water at her, and a Mom with baby Kangaroo peeking out of her 'pouch'.



All too soon, the walk was complete, and it was time to go. If we didn't have a chance to meet, hopefully we will have that chance at the upcoming meeting at the Pavilions!

A SAD DAY AT WISEMAN'S

by Karl Sup

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We arrived to discover that parking was \$5.00, and this was in an empty dirt lot. I paid the fee just to avoid having to park in the cotton field across the street and cross the two-lane highway with the kids.

My son Jonathan wasn't so sure an outing to the junkyard was so great. My daughter Kaitlyn was loving every minute of it. As we approached the front entrance, a police officer was breaking up a disturbance between the widow and her daughter, and the man who had purchased the land at auction on the day before. As the voices raised and tempers flared, I skirted the kids around the scene and into the yard.

Once inside, both Jonathan and Kaitlyn's eyes widened as they took in the sight of all these old cars. I don't believe it was anything like Jonathan expected, and I believe it exceeded Kaitlyn's anticipation. There in front of us, categorized in decent order were approximately 2,000 vehicles, nearly all of them classics. We stopped to ask what row the Oldsmobiles were in. No one seemed to know, so we headed into the vast array of lost dreams and dented hubcaps.



We had heard from other bidders in the yard that the auctioneers were in the far western corner of the yard. So far away, in fact, you could not see or hear them, even with their use of a megaphone. The yard was that LARGE.

We strolled up the first aisle, only to find early to late 1920's models of Fords. It wasn't until we came upon a 1927 Model A, that both kids realized just how much fun it could be there. They jumped into the Model A for a quick pose, and headed off down the aisle in search of the elusive Oldsmobiles.

Finally on the third row my daughter spotted a 1949 Oldsmobile 4-door fastback. Cool car, and mostly complete, and it still boasted it's original 6-cylinder engine.

That entire row was brimming with 1940-1967 full size Oldsmobiles of every shape, color, model and condition. A few notable cars were a 1966 Starfire, 1965 98 Convertible and a 1940 edition. Then suddenly we were knee deep in Buicks. Wrong turn maybe? We headed into the next aisle to discover another complete aisle of Oldsmobiles.



This aisle was packed with Toronados, Vista Crusiers, Cutlass wagons, Cutlasses and even one 442. These all ranged from a 1961 F-85 through a batch of 1963 Cutlass and a bevy of 1964 F-85 and Cutlass. A 1964 wagon was in decent shape, and the other Vista Cruiser wagons were fair to good: a 1965, 1966 and a 1967. There were no 1966 or 1967 Toronados, but several of each year: 1968, 1969 and 1970. Even a few 1971 and 1972 models were there. This Oldsmobile aisle continued south into the next section, where the 1967-1976 Cutlasses resided.

Since I have my 1969 Hurst/Olds, the 1968/69 models were of great interest to me. And there were 3 of these. The 1967 Cutlass there was mostly complete with one munched fender and door. The 1970-1972 models were well represented by at least nine cars, one of which was a 1972 442. The 442 was nearly all but gone, after all this is a junkyard!! After spending too much time in the company of the 1968 and 1969's, it was lunchtime.

We headed back toward the main entrance, past the scant remnants of a 1966 Toronado. Some steering components and its 425 with its TH425 still mounted to it was standing on end. Complete. After a few hotdogs, hamburgers, sodas and chili-cheese fries (after all, this was dad's special outing with the kids) we headed out in search of the fabled auctioneers. On the way, we passed by a carburetor graveyard mound. We spent the next 25 minutes looking for Oldsmobile-specific part numbers. No such luck.

Six rows over we found them working up into the Desoto section. Decades ago I helped a friend get a 392 hemi for a nostalgic dragster from this yard. Seeing those Desotos once again really brought back some memories. Jonathan found the auctioneers banter to be annoying, while Kaitlyn found it funny. She wondered if he could say the tongue-twister, 'Toy Boat' that fast. Up for auction was a 1957 Desoto 4-door, nearly complete. SOLD!! But wait. Did I hear wrong? Two hundred ten dollars to the winner? I asked another bidder, and he said 'Sure, most of the cars are going between 75 and 250 dollars. If they go for less than 100 dollars, the scrap guys are buying them.'

Could it be that the Oldsmobiles might meet that same fate? Sadly, the answer would probably be yes. Finally, the day was getting late and we needed to return to Phoenix for the holiday party. They were still one row away from the Oldsmobiles when I left. To speed up the process, they began auctioning two cars together as one lot. Some of these Plymouth Belvedere duos were selling for \$150/pair. Loose parts like that 1966 425 were selling for \$20 or less.

Don't think that I didn't consider saving those Oldsmobiles. Those thoughts laid more than one tread mark through my brain. But in the end, common sense and some misplaced willpower kept my bidding card in my pocket next to my wallet. I took over 100 photographs, documented what I could and left the rest to fate. Hopefully some of these cars will show up at our car shows, all restored. Or at the very least donate their parts to keep others alive and running.

As we walked into the parking lot, I was overcome with a certain sadness similar to a wake before the funeral. Jonathan put his arm around me and told me 'Don't worry Dad, there will always be Oldsmobiles'. *I wish it were so.*

Our 2003 Holiday Party was held at Rustler's Rooste Restaurant, which sits atop the far eastern end of South Mountain in Phoenix. The views and city lights are incredible, as well as the food. I remember when the restaurant was pretty isolated from the city, and dirt road access was the only route there. Now, Rustler's Rooste is more civilized, but still retains that old west flair.

Our party was in an outdoor tent with several other companies holding their holiday parties as well. There was a dance floor set up in the voluminous tent, along with a stage and live country-western band playing into the night. The floors were dirt and gravel, the night air was brisk and appetites were large. That was a good thing, as the meal was large enough to feed... well, me namely! We had a great turn out, filling several rows of tables and good conversation.

The appetizers consisted of meatballs, cheeses and chips & salsa (of course, this is the southwest!) while we waited patiently for our group to head to the chow line. The chow line headed outside to a barbeque pit. The barbeques were lined up end-to-end like drag cars in the staging pit at the strip, all of them generating some welcome heat from their glowing mesquite coals. Large portions of top sirloin steak, BBQ chicken, BBQ pork ribs, vegetables, beans, corn and ranch rolls were piled onto cowboy-style tin plates (remember to keep your hand under the roll, or that plate heats up quickly!). All this, of course, served up by the finest cowboy chefs.

After dinner, a large array of pies graced a corner table. Apple. Cherry. Pecan. All you could eat. Enough to drive any weight watchers counselor insane! I tried my best, but couldn't clear the table of those pre-cut dessert delights.

Santa paid the party a visit, but ended up being preoccupied with the other company parties and never stopped by to say hello. I guess he couldn't fit the Hurst/Olds 455 I asked for in his travel bag. In any case, we headed over to the dance floor to watch the Electric Slide, Cotton-Eyed Joe and other country favorites. They even played a few slow songs that my wife, Laura, and I danced to.

It was a nice ending to a great evening. Next time, we'll take it indoors. Just be thankful we're not having outdoor parties in December in New Jersey! Hope everyone had a great holiday season leading into a happy and prosperous new year!!



ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT

NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2004

The next meeting of the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona will be held on Saturday, January 24th at 4:00 p.m. The meeting place is Sweet Tomatoes restaurant in the Scottsdale Pavilions shopping center and Loop 101 & Indian Bend Rd. In conjunction with our meeting there is a car show at the Rock 'N Roll McDonald's. We will not have our reserved row this month due to the Barrett Jackson Auction. As you know the pavilions is filled to capacity and beyond that day so they will not allow reserved parking. If you want to attend the car show and display your car, plan on bringing it down early in the morning. You may also double park in front of each other. You can still park in the club row if there is availability.

POTLUCK DINNER, SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th

A potluck dinner is taking place at Fred & Collette Mandrick's on Saturday, January 10th beginning at 6:30 p.m. The club is furnishing the drinks & dessert. Please bring a side dish of some sort with you if you plan on attending. After dinner we will most likely play Scream & Holler. Bring your quarters! There will be a car show meeting immediately preceding the dinner at 5:30 p.m. If you are able to help out with the planning of the show and work the day of the show, please try to attend. Make sure you sign up to be scheduled to work that day.

Directions to the Mandrick's from Loop 101 in Scottsdale. Take Cactus Rd exit. Go west. Proceed on Cactus to 84th St., turn right. Go north on 84th and turn left on Corrine Dr. (this is the 3rd street north of Cactus). Corrine Dr. curves to the right and becomes 82nd place. Turn right on to Windrose Drive. The Mandrick's live at 8281 E. Windrose. The Mandrick's phone number is 480-998-5635.

BARRETT JACKSON BREAKFAST ON JANUARY 24TH

The club will be having it's official Barrett Jackson Breakfast at Denny's in the Scottsdale Pavilions on Saturday, January 24th at 8:00 a.m. We may have a pair of tickets to Barrett Jackson to give away during breakfast. Those that are interested may decide to go to the auction as a group after breakfast. Even if you are not interested in going to Barrett Jackson you can still attend the breakfast. The breakfast is on the same day as our monthly meeting. We will not have our reserved row that day, so if you want to park your car you need to park it early in the morning. The parking lot was full by 8:00 a.m. last year. They will also allow double parking on one side of each row. You can still park in club row if there is availability. There will be no saving spaces allowed that day. We will still have the meeting as usual at 4:00 p.m. at Sweet Tomatoes. Come for breakfast and conversation. Hope to see you there!

TOUR OF 57 HEAVEN ON FEBRUARY 7th

Bob Schmidt has been gracious enough to allow us to tour the collection of over 70 1957 cars again on Saturday, February 7th. We will meet there at 10:00 a.m. After everyone is done drooling, those that are interested will be going to lunch as a group. The lunch location has not been decided yet, but will be announced after the tour. The car collection will be moving to Branson, Missouri soon, so this will be your last chance to see it. Below is a link to their web page where you can get a glimpse of the cars you will see that day. Directions to the collection will be emailed out before the day of the event. Go to <http://www.57heaven.com/> for more information.

EXTRA!! EXTRA!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our February car show is taking place next month. We are in desperate need of door prizes and items to place in the goody bags. We will be preparing 100 goody bags. Please help us by collecting at least one door prize and goody bag item. Bring your items to club functions or drop them off at the Varley's house. Please help make our show a success.

ANNUAL ALL OLDSMOBILE SHOW IN FEBRUARY

The Oldsmobile Club of Arizona's Annual All Oldsmobile Show that is taking place on Saturday, February 28th will be here before you know it. We need volunteers to man the merchandise, information, and registration tables. We also need volunteers to assist with parking, raffle tickets sales, and door prize give away. If you are able to help your club out for an hour or so please let Gloria Varley know. We also are in need of door prizes & goodie bags stuffers. If every club member would obtain one door prize and one goodie bag stuffer it would take a huge burden off the shoulders of just a few. Please bring the things you collect to the monthly meetings or drop off at Gloria's house. Gloria's phone number & email address can be found on the 2nd page of this newsletter.

NEW CLUB MERCHANDISE

The club has purchased some very nice jackets. They are navy blue and have the club logo in 2 colors on the back (red & yellow), and a rocket on the left front chest in red. They are \$55 for sizes small to XL, and \$62 for 2 & 3XL. The jackets will be available for purchase at the next monthly meeting. The jackets were first unveiled at the December meeting and were an instant hit. Quantities are limited at this time, but we can special order a jacket for no additional cost.

The club will be ordering some hats soon. They should be available at the February car show on Saturday, February 28th. We will have hats with the club logo on the front and a rocket on the back. We will also have hats with only a rocket on the front, and others with only a world emblem on the front. The hats will be a very good quality and all logos will be embroidered in a flattering color. Price yet to be determined but should be under \$20.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Steve & Debby Poje (OCA #23076), Scottsdale, AZ spoje@cox.net
1984 Hurst/Olds

Daniel & Susan Beller, Mesa, AZ dansu25@aol.com
1962 Starfire

OLDSMOBILE COUPLE TIE THE KNOT

Club members Dean Ullmann & Lynnette Beedle were wed on January 2, 2004. The couple had a private ceremony at the Justice of the Peace in Pinetop, Arizona. The couple plan on relocating to Pinetop from Scottsdale later this year. Congratulations to the happy couple!

IN MEMORIAM

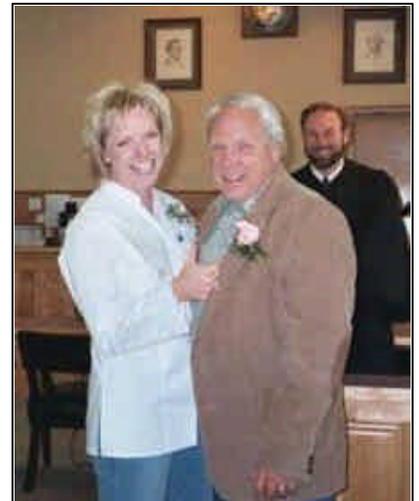
Longtime member Helen Beich died at home on December 4, 2003. Helen was the beloved mother of club member Dave Beich. She was buried in her home state of Illinois. She will be missed by many.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

Here is a link to the Arizona Hobbyist Council's web page. They have information on pending legislation that will affect us all: <http://azautohobby.org/>

TIME TO RENEW YOUR BUSINESS CARD AD

Business card ad renewals are due no later than December 31st. The rates for 2004 are \$24 per year, prorated at \$2 per month. Please send your renewal checks in now. Give them to Gloria Varley in person or by mail. See the business card page for the mailing address.



Dean and Lynnette Ullmann

MEETING MINUTES, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2003

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Gloria brought the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m. Present were: Gloria & Joe Varley, Donna Lack, John Schauff, Rita Gwizdalski.
- Reviewed 2004 calendar of events.
- Majority of members taking newsletter by email. Only 20 left by snail mail. PDF format is a hit.
- Ladies discussed secret project and logos for a possible hat order.
- Potluck dinner Jan. 10th at Mandrick's. Drinks & dessert paid for by club.
- Discussed selling ads in the newsletter. Full page \$24/mo, ½ page \$15/mo, ¼ page \$10 per month, space permitting.
- Board members to list their duties and email to Gloria for inclusion in the new member packet.
- 2007 Nationals won't work in Flagstaff. Checking in to Scottsdale the first week of June.
- Rita & Gloria opened a new checking account as a corporation.
- Dues due, holiday party reservations due soon.
- Dash plaques are done.
- Need door prizes & goody bag stuffers for February show.
- Reviewed general meeting agenda.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

- Gloria opened the meeting at 4:14 p.m. after all had been thru the buffet lines. Present were Joe & Gloria Varley, Donna & Roy Lack, Mikel Hagenian, Rick Paradee, Ellen Clancey, Bob & Polly Zetterman, Joshua Katz, Frank & Carol Alfter, Craig & Marisol Stewart. All members introduced themselves.
- Joe read last month's minutes. Donna made a motion to approve. Frank 2nd.
- Rita read the treasurer's report. Mikel made a motion to approve, Craig 2nd.
- Greenway show had a good turnout. 100+ cars, 13 Oldsmobiles.
- Mustang show is today. We do not have our reserved row.
- Great article by Karl Sup in latest newsletter. It will probably be in JWO.
- Holiday party Dec. 13th, \$15 each.
- Time to renew dues. Due by December 31st.
- Time to renew your business card ad. \$24 per year.
- Jan 10th potluck dinner at Mandrick's. Club buying drinks and desserts. Car show meeting before dinner.
- Jan. 24th Barrett Jackson breakfast at Denny's.
- Feb. 7th 57 Heaven tour.
- Feb. 28th is our car show. Flyers available. We need door prizes & goody bag stuffers. Some of the proceeds to go to Ronald McDonald House.
- March. 13th is the spring picnic at Picacho Peak. We have the better Ramada with the bathrooms close by.
- April we are planning an overnight trip, possibly to Payson. Patty working on the agenda.
- Still working on the 2004 nationals. May have them in Scottsdale.
- Need articles for the newsletter as always.
- Name badge drawing was worth \$65. Don Becker's name was drawn. He was not present. Drawing will grow to \$70 next month.
- 50/50-raffle winner was Donna Lack. She took home \$20.00.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2003

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Gloria brought the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Present were: Gloria & Joe Varley, Donna Lack, Rita Gwizdalski, Scott Podhradsky, Jim Schultz.
- Joe read last month's minutes. Donna approved. Jim 2nd.
- Holiday party at Rustler's Rooste disappointing. They misrepresented the event.
- 2004 Holiday party will be in a private room. Maybe Beefeaters. Board to do a site visit on 1/15 at 11:30. Club to pay for board members lunch who attends. Reviewed Beefeaters' Holiday menu.
- Need door prizes badly. All members need to get at least one prize. Trophy order is placed.
- We discussed which logo to put on the hats. We will order 20 with the club logo on the front and the rocket on the back, 10 with the world emblem on the front, 10 with the rocket on the front. We already have all the logos digitized so costs will be less.
- Discussed magnetic signs for cars. Board decided against it for now.
- No board members duties received yet. Please do so soon.
- Jan. 10th potluck at Mandrick's. Car show meeting before at 5:30.
- The Radisson Scottsdale Resort looks good for a 2007 national meet. All board members need to go check it out. Club dues are due. Members' present need to renew.
- Scott Podhradsky volunteered to place show flyers in any stray Oldsmobiles present at McDonald's. Reviewed general meeting agenda.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

- Gloria opened the meeting at 4:22 p.m. after all had been thru the buffet lines. Present were Joe & Gloria Varley, Bob & Patty Sarraillon, Jim Schultz, Roy & Donna Lack, Scott Podhradsky, Rita Gwizdalski, Scott Stockdill, Ed Richardson, Larry Young, Bob & Polly Zetterman, Mike Hagenian, Warren Victor, Dick Weiss. All members introduced themselves.
- Joe read last month's minutes. Ed made a motion to approve. Polly 2nd.
- Rita read the treasurer's report. Rustler's Rooste party disappointing. Next year we will go back to a private room.
- Jackets were a hit. We have 10 for inventory. We will be ordering hats soon. Design options were discussed. Last event was at Pat & Bob's house. Zoolights afterwards. Later we went to Coco's. All present had a good time.
- Time to renew your dues. You can do that today. Time to renew business card ads.
- Jan. 10th potluck dinner at the Mandrick's. Feb. show meeting before dinner at 5:30.
- Need to sign up to work at the car show. Take show flyers to give out to Oldsmobile owners and to use to pick up door prizes. All members please try to collect at least one prize & goody bag stuffer. Scott Podhradsky is donating \$400 to pay for the trophies.
- Jan. 24th Barrett Jackson breakfast at Denny's at 8:00 a.m. Feb. 7th 57 heaven tour at 10:00 a.m. Will go to lunch as a group afterwards. March 13th spring picnic at Picacho Peak. Will need a cook for the brisket. Sat. April 3rd or 17th we are planning an overnight trip to Payson.
- 2007 Nationals, the Radisson in Scottsdale looks good. Everything can be held at one location. We will survey the club and find out who will help out.
- Will be placing a name badge order soon.
- Need articles for the newsletter as always. Karl is doing a great job as editor.
- Gloria received an award from the club for 3 years of service.
- Name badge drawing was worth \$70. Earl Sundell's name was drawn. He was not present. Drawing will grow to \$75 next month.
- 50/50-raffle winner was Polly Zetterman. She took home \$24.00.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Balance as of Last Report - 11/21/03 **\$3402.45**

Total Income		\$3429.50
Membership Dues	\$974.00	
50/50 October	\$22.50	
50/50 November	\$15.00	
Holiday Party	\$915.00	
Verde Train Ride	\$45.00	
Business Ads	\$121.00	
Name Badges	\$6.00	
Car Show Donation	\$100.00	
Jackets	\$1231.00	

Total Expenses		\$4285.22
Dash Plaques	\$100.00	
Badges	\$24.00	
A.A.H.C. Dues	\$45.00	
I.R.S. Paperwork	\$150.00	
Gift for Gloria	\$40.00	
Holiday Party	\$2172.73	
Jacket Payment	\$1758.99	

Balance in Bank as of 12/26/03 **\$2546.73**

THE PERSONAL COLUMN

January Birthdays

Mary Lou Dederich	4 th
Diane Mueller	5 th
Bob Lefrancois	5 th
Jerry Larsh	8 th
Rick Paradee	10 th
Madella Shelton	10 th
Ken Schopen	14 th
Art Soucek	15 th
Jeff Buntin	17 th
Joe Varley	18 th
Cy Mamola	21 st
Rhonda Mamola	25 th
Lynn Blue	30 th

January Anniversaries

Warren & Staci Victor	16 th
Scott & Donna Podhradsky	18 th
Jerry & Linda Larsh	26 th



CLUB CALENDER OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2004

Sat 10th Potluck Dinner
Sat 24th Barrett Jackson Breakfast at 8am
Sat 24th Monthly Meeting at 4pm

FEBRUARY 2004

Sat 7th 57 Heaven Tour
Sat 28th 17th Annual Olds Club of Arizona Car Show at Scottsdale Pavilions
Sat 28th Monthly Meeting will be during the car show

MARCH 2004

Sat 13th Annual Spring Picnic at Picacho Peak State Park
Sat 27th Monthly Meeting at 4pm
Sun 28th Buick-Olds-Pontiac Car Show at Scottsdale Pavilions

APRIL 2004

Sat 10th Cruise On Central
Sat 17th Overnight Trip to Payson
Sat 24th Technical Session
Sat 24th Monthly Meeting at 4pm

MAY 2004

Fri 30th-Sat 1st Pacific Southwest Zone Show
Sat 15th American Graffiti Night at the Drive-In
Sat 22nd Monthly Meeting at 4pm

JUNE 2004

Sat 5th Riverboat Dinner Cruise
Sat 26th Monthly Meeting at 4pm

AUTO EVENTS

by Jeff Buntin

JANUARY 2004

2-4 World of Wheels, Phoenix Civic Plaza
16-19 Silver Auctions, Fort McDowell Casino
16-17 13th Annual Papago Military Vehicle Show at Arizona National Guard (52nd & McDowell) 8am-5pm. Info: 602-840-5019 or www.armytrucks.org
21-25 Barrett Jackson – Scottsdale, AZ at West World
22-25 RM Collector Car Auction, Phoenix 1-800-211-4371
23-24 Russo & Steele Auction – Scottsdale www.russoandsteele.com
28-2/1 Kruse Auction & Phoenix Historic Grand Prix, at Phoenix International Raceway www.kruse.com

FEBRUARY 2004

7 Planes, Trains, Automobiles & Up on 2 Wheels X2 at Falcon Field in Mesa. www.pta2w.org
14 11th Annual Sweetheart Car Show – Desert Corvette Association at Pavilions Shopping Center 7am-2pm
28 5th Annual Peoria Fan Fest Car & Truck Show – Fabulous 50's Ford Club of Arizona. Peoria Sports Complex. Limited to 300 cars, pre-registration before February 15th. Info: Paul, 623-536-5757

ARIZONA CRUISE NIGHTS

Tuesday	West Phoenix	5 & Diner, 75 th Ave & Bell Road, 6pm-8pm, Bob 623-561-1971
Wednesday	Goodyear	Albertson's Parking Lot, 409 N. Litchfield Road. (Every Wednesday Night) 602-277-3821
Friday	Chino Valley Gilbert Phoenix – West Side Prescott Valley Tucson	McDonald's – 1st Friday of Month NE Corner Warner and McQueen 4-9pm West Side Cruisin' - 35th Ave. & Northern - Info: 602-246-3906 Zeke's Eatin' Place - (Apr. - Sept.), 3rd Friday of month from 5-8pm - Yavapai Classic Cruisers Coaches Deli on Speedway - 7pm-?? - Info: 520-325-1212 5 & Diner - Info: 520-690-1957
Saturday	Mesa – East Side Phoenix Scottsdale	Next to Wendy's and K-Mart, Hampton near Superstition Springs Mall 59th and Bell Rd. - Northeast Corner - Former Costco parking lot - lots of space and light - Food/ Drink Vendor - Relocated from 77th Ave. and Bell Rd - Info: 623-561-1971 Hooters, 2843 W. Bell Rd. (Bell Road & 28th Ave.) - Info: 602-375-0000 Sonic Drive-In, 33rd Ave. and Bethany Home Rd., 6-9pm, Lots of parking - Info: 623-936-6587 Chubby's Diner - 7th St. and Union Hills - 5:30-9pm Park Central Mall, Between Osborn & Thomas, every Saturday Night McDonald's, Scottsdale Pavilions Shopping Center, 4pm-10pm, 9140 E. Indian Bend Rd. (Pima & Indian Bend Road)
Sunday	Payson Prescott Valley	Famous Sam's - 1-3pm, 2nd Sunday of month, discounts on food, special parking - 307J S. Beeline Hwy. - Info: Shawn or Pauline 928-468-0407 Prescott Valley Subway - Dewey Classic Cruisers - 2nd Sunday of Month - Oct. thru Apr. 12 noon - 3pm - May thru Sept. 5-8pm Amazona Club - 11am-2pm - 3rd Sunday of Month

TECHNICAL TIPS: PISTON RING GAP ALIGNMENT

There are a lot of personal ideas on ring gap spacing. In racing, one arrangement that's fairly common is to keep the gaps completely away from the thrust sides of the cylinder walls. Therefore, a racing engine builder could align the gap of the bottom oil rail inline with the piston pin centerline on one side, the oil expander would be 90 degrees around on the top side centered on the thrust upper side of the cylinder, the top oil rail gap on the opposite pin centerline, the 2nd compression ring gap above the bottom oil rail gap, and the top compression ring gap above the top oil rail gap. That way, all ring gaps are staggered and alternated on each end of the piston pin, removing side thrust forces from the end gaps. That's one method.

A second method is to place the oil ring expander gap at the top side centered on the thrust upper side of the cylinder, the oil rail gaps are placed 30 degrees to the right and to the left of the expander gap (order doesn't matter), and the two compression rings have their gaps on the opposite side of the piston 30 degrees around from the piston pin centerline on each side (again order doesn't matter with 120 degrees between each other).

Those are two different methods that have worked well and do still work. I like both, but I seem to have a preference for the second one. – *Milton Schick*

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads are free to Oldsmobile Club of Arizona members, non-members \$5.00 per ad. Please submit your classified advertisement in electronic format prior to the first of the month.

WANTED

- **1954 2-Door Hardtop**

I have a friend who is looking for a 1954 2-door hardtop. Please call me if you know of such a vehicle for sale.
Ken Boswell 480-991-8824.

- **1962 Starfire/88/98 Rear Bumper**

Any leads on a rust free, fairly straight rear bumper would be greatly appreciated!!
Call Karl @ 602-628-8866

TRADE

- A previous owner of my '71 Cutlass Supreme convertible tried to dress my lamb in wolf's clothing. My car has a 442 hood and latches, 442 grilles and 442 emblems for the driver side grill and front fenders. I want to trade the 442 items for a "correct" hood and latch and correct grilles. Because the 442 items are more valuable and because I lack the skills to remove the 442 items and install the Cutlass items, I want the recipient of the 442 items to pay Sunrise Auto Body in Tempe for removing the 442 pieces from my car, installing the Cutlass replacements onto my car and for re-painting the Cutlass hood to match the rest of my car.

Contact: James Harries, P. O. Box 965 Overgaard, AZ 85933 (928)535-5084 , jharries@wmonline.com

FOR SALE

- **1971-72 Cutlass 442 Parts**

70-72 Cutlass 442 coupe rear passenger quarter panel, \$225. 70-71 Cutlass louver hood, \$150.
Call Linda at 520-884-0559.

- **1961 Chevy 283**

1961 Chevy 283 block with 55 power pack heads and 4-barrel intake. \$250. Call Joe @ 480-998-7949

- **Oldsmobile Heads**

Nice pair of fresh pulled big-valve C heads from a 442. Complete with rockers. \$200.
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- **1967 Cutlass 2-Door**

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Tri-City Transmission, 203 N. McClintock, Tempe, 480-968-5062 (by Joe Varley)

Denny's Transmission, 3902 S Central, Phoenix, 602-268-0663 (by Ken Schopen)

Jordan Alignment & Brake Specialists, 8718 E McDowell Rd, Scottsdale, 480-945-2040 (by Don Boyd)

Verdone Auto Upholstery & Tops, 2414 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, 480-481-0840 (by Joe Varley)

Arizona Auto Air, 3130 E. Main, Mesa, 480-926-1800 (by Roy Lack)

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INTERNET SOURCES

www.kelseytire.com Reproduction tires for collector cars

www.coker.com Reproduction tires for collector cars

www.smsautofabrics.com Fabrics for all American cars from the 40's-90's, plus a little more

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<http://oldsgmail.com> Information on Oldsmobile G-Body cars (1978-1988)

www.oldsmobility.com Information on 1967 A-Body cars

www.oldsrocket.com Information on 1964 – 1972 A Bodies

2007 NATIONAL MEET SURVEY

Would you like our chapter to host the Oldsmobile Club of America's National meet in 2007?



Mark Your Choice

YES

NO

If you agree to hold the 2007 Nationals in Arizona, would you be willing to help plan the event and/or work at the event?



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NO

Email, mail or phone your response to Gloria Varley at carcouple@cox.net or

7402 E. Paradise Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85260-5436
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HE SAW THE TRAIN

HE TRIED TO DUCK IT

KICKED FIRST THE GAS

AND THEN THE BUCKET



Ooooooo

Look

Dad!!

Son?

Mom Look!!

Oooooooo

Boy!

I

Like

Everything About that Car!



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Check your JWO label and make sure your OCA membership is current

Name _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____

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Annual Membership:

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Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004



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Pre-Registration deadline is Feb. 17, 2004

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per car

Pre-registration is highly recommended!

Check in: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Awards Presentation 1:30 p.m.

Trophies Awarded

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Best of Show

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The first 100 registrants will receive a goody bag, dash plaque, and a special drawing ticket!

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CLASS 100 - 1897-1948 All
CLASS 200 - 1949-1955 All
CLASS 300 - 1956-1960 All
CLASS 400 - 1961-1966 Starfire
CLASS 500 - 1961-1967 Cutlass & F85 - All
CLASS 600 - 1968-1972 Cutlass & F85 - All
CLASS 700 - 1961-1988 Full Size (88,98)
CLASS 800 - *Performance 1964-1969 - All
CLASS 900 - *Performance 1970-1972 - Closed

CLASS 1000 - *Performance 1970-1972 - Convertible
CLASS 1100 - *Performance 1973 & up
CLASS 1200 - Toronado
CLASS 1300 - Station Wagons
CLASS 1400 - All Modified**
CLASS 1500 - Under Construction/Beaters
CLASS 1600 - 1973-2004 All Other

*Performance cars are: 442, W30, W31, W32, Rallye 350, and Hurst Olds.

**A car is considered modified if it has a non-original G.M. engine or has an increase of 50 CI (hoods do not need to be opened), any major body modification, "custom" paint, or is a "phantom" car.

Come out and enjoy a day in the sun, while supporting a very good cause, the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Questions about the show? Contact Gloria Varley @ 480-998-7949 or carcouple@cox.net or Jeff Buntin @ 480-491-3309 or jbuntin@sonalink.com

Complete Registration Form and mail to: **Jeff Buntin**
1956 E. Huntington Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282

Pre-registration deadline is February 17, 2004. Check in 9-10 a.m. the day of show.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone No. _____ E-mail Address _____

Model _____ Year _____ Class Entered _____

Model _____ Year _____ Class Entered _____

Entry Fee _____ **\$20 per car entered**
Door prize tickets _____ **10 tickets for \$5 with pre-registration (7 for \$5 day of show)**

TOTAL _____ **Make check payable to: Oldsmobile Club of Arizona**

I, the undersigned do hereby release the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona, its officers and members, and McDonald's from any damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause that may be suffered by anyone participating in this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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