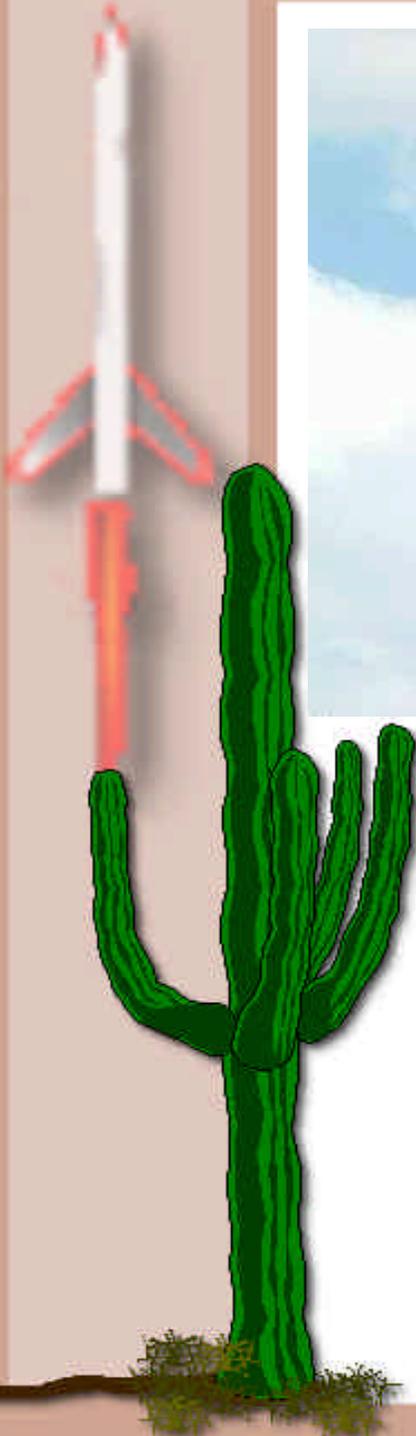


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INTO THE BELLY OF THE BEAST

by Karl Sup

It was only my second business trip into Detroit in the last 3 years, but was truly a dark and stormy night. Driving to my hotel in downtown Detroit was much easier the second go around, allowing me to bypass all of those simply terrifying sections of Detroit. There are areas outside the immediate downtown 'revitalization' area that would bring angst to the bravest of the brave. Burned out buildings, wandering homeless, drug dealers and the husks of what is left of Detroit's great society and boom of the 1920's, cover wide areas just outside of downtown. And if GM doesn't wake up soon from its lethargic coma, all that will remain of them is a burnt-out husk.

GM's headquarters is a perfect metaphor for their current business situation. It's a mirrored, monolithic, immovable luxurious tower that cost over \$500 million to construct. And just like the highly-paid, restrictive administrative structure and narcissistic decision makers in power that are destroying General Motors; their crafty and wise business decisions are immovable.

I've changed my mind, personally, I'm glad Oldsmobile isn't theirs anymore...

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President's Message

No President's Message this month.



Submitted by Cy Mamola

COVER PHOTO

GM's world headquarter towers at the Renaissance Center gleams under in the muggy, cloudless skies of Detroit. Their headquarters overlook Lake St. Clair on the Detroit River. Photo was taken from the 15th floor of the Compuware building on Woodward, in downtown Detroit.

EDITOR'S NOTE

I'd love to get some stories about your current (or past) cars for the newsletter. If you haven't written an article lately, or never written an article, now is your chance to have your story on the cover of the newsletter!

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 85209. Otherwise, email all information to ksup@cableaz.com.

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Just recently, GM's once-stellar stock was de-listed to junk status by Wall Street. Remember, seven years ago, all of GM's woes were Oldsmobile's fault, right? Kill Oldsmobile, save money, save GM. Now they are talking about eliminating Buick and/or Pontiac next to 'save GM'. In my opinion, what would be left WORTH saving? Saab? Saturn? Hummer? Fiat? Daewoo?

In case you didn't know, GM purchased a 30% interest in Fiat three years ago to 'turn around' Fiat. Why Fiat? Why not have invested that money into a division they FULLY owned, such as Oldsmobile? And now, the executive geniuses currently running the General have to pay an additional \$3 billion (with a capital B) to Fiat to buy their way out of a clause from the 30% purchase agreement, which would require them to buy the remaining 70% of Fiat if the company was not profitable in 3 years after GM's investment! My son could make better business decisions than that. And he's 13... and in 8th grade.

Somewhere along the way, GM has lost sight on what the American buyer and market wants. Instead, they are focusing on world markets and abandoning the American market. It doesn't seem that hard. Americans WANT to buy American cars. They really do. I truly believe that.

Look at Dodge and Ford. Both companies have embraced their past, revived old brand names and paid homage to their history. Americans love it. The new Mustangs and Hemi-powered car lineups invoke a sense of nostalgia, youth and fun but with all the accoutrements and handling of a modern vehicle. What an unbeatable combination. These cars are *flying* out of the dealers lots, without the need to give employee discounts to the masses on these models.

I thought the point of business was to be profitable and make money, not meet build quotas. Cutting your profit by employing deep discounts to increase sales is akin to cutting one's own throat.

GM's nostalgic offering brought back the GTO... on a borrowed Australian Holden Monaro chassis. It takes close scrutiny and knowledge to discern the new GTO from a standard vanilla Grand Prix. I would never mistake a new Mustang for a Ford Focus. So instead of embracing their past they discarded it, as GM hired former designers from Renault (enough said) to redesign the 'new vision of the American automobile'. I'm sorry. This new vision looks like a French assault on my senses. Just look at a Pontiac Aztek.

And now to save more money, GM has dropped research and development of the corporate 'Zeta' rear-wheel drive platform. The executives apparently believe their aging front wheel drive platform is what the public still wants. Of course, they just need to look over at the full rear wheel drive lineups at Dodge to see this is a mistake. But it's hard to see out the windows of the tower when you're looking into a mirror.

Future business trips to downtown Detroit are certainly on my horizon. One day, I hope to stand there looking at a brilliant, inspired GM tower filled with the best dreams and business practices our American automobile manufacturers can conjure.

I'm not going to hold my breath.



This is a true story. I swear I'm not making any of this up.and you may very well see this car and laugh your ass off as well. So I'm a car enthusiast, and part time auto mechanic who helps the neighbors out with their cars. Hey, I've got a little knowledge, and have been doing this for a number of years, and I've got a great set of tools. I also have a rather fast and rare early 70s hobby car that I take out on weekends, an Oldsmobile 442. And all was well with the world until...

My neighbor's kid turned 17, and his mother gives him her Honda Civic. Say it out loud now with me. H-o-n-d-a C-i-v-i-c. Plastic and aluminum, 75 horsepower, basic commuter car, H-o-n-d-a C-i-v-i-c. "Hey, that's perfect for a new driver, economical, easy to maintain and a dependable, good basic car for junior," I thought to myself. The first week went fine, as he only bought a set of spinning hubcaps and dragon seat covers for it. That should have been it. He should have left it alone. The week after that, I walk out to my mailbox, and I almost called the cops. I thought I had just seen a UFO as it slowly approached... I could see it was the same Honda Civic... but with four different blinking colors of neon underneath it. Unbelievable! I nearly had a seizure looking at this thing. Even the shifter knob was blinking. Then about 48 hours later, I'm laying in bed, when I hearBZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ-owwww. BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZTTT-owwww. Over and over again in the neighbor's garage.

"Well this is an odd time of night for Mr. Richardson to be screwing around with his chainsaw," I thought out loud. After forty-five minutes of this irritating buzz, I thought I'd go over and ask the neighbor to play with his chainsaw in the morning. Instead, here was the junior Richardson boy, proudly revving his engine up and down. Four more wannabe fake gangsta kids were standing around "tuning" his new exhaust....which consisted of a rather small header and four coffee cans spray-painted silver and the words "TYPE-R" stenciled on it. I simply told him to please quit screwing with the car so I could sleep. But wait, there's more...

The following week, he asks me if he can borrow a screwdriver and a hammer. He is installing his new "Type R" rear spoiler. He was rather proud of it. He paid almost 600 dollars for it. I asked him where he was going to put it, since a Honda Civic does not have a trunk. "The roof, *dawg*" is what he told me. This spoiler looked like an aluminum picnic table that you would see in a public park, except for lots of rivets in it and the words "Type R" all over it. I almost stopped him, but I wanted to see how retarded it would look. I even gleefully helped him install it. Yup, it was totally retarded. Classic. He went on to explain to me that he needed it for all of the downforce he needed to maintain traction at supersonic speeds. Remember now: 4 cylinders. 75 horsepower. Downforce. Oh my God, what a retard. It gets better.

Two weeks later, he is asking to borrow my cordless drill. He just bought a body kit, yo, and needs to be down fo' shizzle wit da tool *dawg* to install it, no wut he's sane, *dawg*? Body kit. Pay attention. It gets good here. So he drills all of the holes, double sided tape and screws this monstrosity to his car, and it REALLY is beginning to look like a space ship. Or an alien life form ...or a circus car. Well, as for the circus, not yet. That's coming.

Here's the problem: The body kit is white. The car is dark green. It looks like burrito vomit... and the car is a full four inches wider, and two inches lower than it was before. He now can't get the doors to open or close properly, because the "body kit, yo" is catching the door jamb. So, always the helpful one, I give him my grinder. That was the coolest, watching this retard grind on his new 1200 dollar, yo yo word up, body kit. Word. It was the flyest, *dawg*.

CIRCUS ACT, PART 1

Now, he decides he wants to "lower the ride, *dawg*." I wouldn't let him use my tools this time, as I was afraid this dumb ass would decapitate himself with what he wanted to do next. He wanted to cut the coils. Dangerous. Unsafe. Stupid. He succeeded in cutting the coils, but now his new body kit, *dawg*, was dragging on the ground. And, to top it all off, the car was bouncing up and down like a carnival ride, effectively ending his neon-lighted glory. His 'Type R' exhaust was dragging on the ground as well.

You should have seen how retarded this rolling abortion looked. A huge picnic table on the roof, two-tone body kit, special kid taillights. Blinking, broken neon, stickers all over it, buzzing like a chainsaw on crack, bouncing up and down like a clown car. But wait, that's not all. Now Honda-tard wants a "syssem, yo." Oh yeah. He pieced together 6 different trashed car stereos, one home stereo, and a Kragen Auto Parts special bass speaker, and somehow wired the neon lights (what was left of them) to blink with the beat of the music. Except that you can't hear the music. You can only hear the bass. And it rattles his rooftop spoiler and license plate frame. Now it's REALLY looking AND sounding like a clown car.

Okay. Now for Honda-tard's carbon fiber paint job. He puts a hood scoop from an early 60s mustang on it, and it's EMORMOUS. On the bright side, it sort of balanced out the retarded-ness of the rear spoiler/picnic table. Then out comes the spray cans. All 18 of them. First, he pulled off his spinning hubcaps, and painted the wheels BLACK. Flat black. Then he painted the body kit, *dawg*, bright neon yellow. The rest of the car was painted bright red, with a purple fist turning into a dragon or some crap airbrushed on the doors. Clown car complete? Not quite yet.

NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2005

The next meeting of the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona will be held on Saturday, September 24th at **4:00 p.m.** The meeting place is the Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant located in the Scottsdale Pavilions Shopping Center, Loop 101 and Indian Bend Rd in Scottsdale. In conjunction with our meeting, there is a car show at the Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's. We have a row reserved in the McDonald's parking lot exclusively for our club members. This is great time to have a meal and talk with Olds friends. Come out and join the fun!

ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER IN SEPTEMBER

On Saturday, September 17th we will be holding our 5th annual progressive dinner. It will have a M*A*S*H theme, based on the popular TV show. Instead of calling it M*A*S*H 4077th as the TV show was named, we are calling it M*A*S*H 442! Please dress as your favorite M*A*S*H character.

At the dessert home we will play some games that are always good for a laugh. There will be chances to win exciting prizes as well. This event is always lots of fun. Please join us! See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

DIRECTIONS

To the 1st house (Anderson's):

From the 101 in Scottsdale, go west on Shea Blvd, turn right(north) on 75th Place, turn left on Mercer. It's the 2nd house on the right. 7536 E. Mercer. 480-951-8153.

To the 2nd house (Varley's):

From the Anderson's (approximately 5 minutes, maybe less). Turn right on 75th Place. Turn right on to Shea Blvd. Turn right on 74th St. Turn right on Scottsdale Rd. Turn right on Cactus. Turn right on 74th Place. Turn right on Paradise Drive. 7402 E. Paradise Drive. 480-998-1449.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS FOR 2005

Annual elections will take place at our monthly meeting in October. We will begin taking nominations for the elected positions at August's meeting. The elected positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chapter Representative to the Pacific Southwest Zone. The volunteer positions are: Newsletter Editor, Membership Director and Social Director. If you are interested in nominating someone or yourself for an elected position please do so at the next meeting. If you are interested in a volunteer position please let the board know soon. We will also be taking nominations at the September meeting.

ALL OLDSMOBILE SHOW IN TUCSON ON OCTOBER 1st, 2005

On Saturday, October 1, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the 13th annual All Oldsmobile Show will take place at Emich Oldsmobile in Tucson, Arizona. This show is organized by local Tucson resident Jeff Levine. The show is sponsored by Emich Oldsmobile (that is what their name was last year!). All proceeds from this show benefit the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. Registration is only \$10. The first 50 entrants will receive a free shirt (must be present to receive). Trophies will be awarded. Free food & beverages will be served. See the registration form in this newsletter for more information.

BISBEE OVERNIGHT TRIP - OCTOBER 15th, 2005

The club is going on a overnight trip to historical Bisbee, Arizona on Saturday, October 15th. We will be staying at the famous old "Copper Queen" located in the center of Bisbee where we have a block of rooms reserved. You must make your reservations **no later than September 16th**. When you call tell them you are with the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona. **Copper Queen's number is 520-432-2216**. Group Rates begin at \$97.00 to \$131.00 per couple (\$97 for double bed, \$122 for queen bed, and \$131 for a king). If the Copper Queen is full when you call, ask Frank Alfter for alternate lodging suggestions.

Saturday afternoon we will tour the Queen Mine (an inactive copper mine). This is an underground tour. The cost for the tour is \$12.00 + Tax per person. This tour is optional.

Saturday evening we will have dinner together (separate tickets), and then head back to the hotel to play Scream & Holler! This will be a great evening to laugh, relax, and get to know some of your fellow club members.

Sunday morning we will have breakfast at the Copper Queen at 9:00 a.m. prior to our return to Phoenix (separate tickets). For those interested on the way home there is an optional tour of the Pima Air Museum. The museum is just off I-10 at exit 267, and is well worth the visit as it has not only a very extensive variety of military aircraft, but also quite a few one-of-a-kind aircraft that you will not see anywhere else in the world. The entrance fee varies, but for groups of 20 or more (or military, or seniors) it is \$9.75 per person.

Please RSVP to Frank no later than Wednesday, October 1st, and don't forget to make your hotel reservations before September 16th! Should you have any questions and want to be placed on the list of participants, please contact Frank and Carol Alfter at 623-780-3529.

If attending, meet us at Burger King at Arizona Ave and Ray Rd in Chandler at 7:00 AM. on the 15th to caravan to Bisbee. Burger King is on the Northeast corner and there is a large lot behind in which to park our cars for an easy turn onto Arizona Ave from Ray to head south. Our route will take us thru Florence, Tucson, Tombstone and in to Bisbee. We will have lunch in Tombstone.

ROCKETS ON THE GREEN

On Saturday, October 22nd the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona will be displaying our cars at Julio G's Mexican restaurant in Scottsdale. This show will be open to all Oldsmobiles. Car owners do not need to be a member of our club to participate. Julio G's is generously supplying coffee & donuts in the morning, and will be providing trophies. Judging will be by participants and restaurant patrons. Julio G's has a beautiful greenbelt area where we will be parking. Our monthly meeting will take place during this show. The show will run from approximately 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. After the show we will cruise to McDonald's where we will park in the club row as usual. This will be a great Oldsmobile day! See the flyer for more information.

2005 NATIONALS PHOTO JOURNAL

These are photographs from club members Bob & Char Le Francois from the Southern California trip to the Nationals. http://www.lloydferguson.com/SEATTLE_2005/SEATTLE_2005.html

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

William and Cindy Storr of Tolleson, AZ

1964 F-85

Craig Dayton (Tiffany and Stephanie, Jr. Members) of Chandler, AZ

1970 442 Convertible

POLICE ARTIST SKETCH OF ROBBERY SUSPECT



HANDYMAN WORD SEARCH

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- PLANE
- RATCHET
- SOCKET
- WELDING
- AXE

ON CURVES AHEAD

REMEMBER, SONNY

THAT RABBIT'S FOOT

DIDN'T SAVE THE BUNNY



MEETING MINUTES, SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2005

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- President Gloria Varley brought the meeting to **order** at 4:15 pm. Present were 6 board members.
- **Minutes** of the June 25, 2005 Board meeting were approved as distributed.
- Treasurer C.Alfter reported a balance of **\$3,963.48**.
Club's portion of the Casino Night expenses was \$308.95.
- Upcoming **Club Events** were discussed. Need to confirm Julio's Rocket On The Green date. Confirm plans for a cruise/eat in November. A Potluck will be scheduled for January and the Car Show is scheduled for February.
- A Mash Night type menu for the **Progressive Dinner** scheduled for September 17, 2005, was discussed. G.Varley will use her imagination at Sam's Club.
- An **Overnight Cruise** to the **Grand Canyon** is being set up for Saturday, October 15, 2005.
- C.Alfter reported the **Nominating Committee** will be getting in full swing.
- G.Varley will head the **Car Show Event**. The 2006 show flyers need to emphasize a re-adjustment of classifications and that a Committee will be doing the judging. A new source for trophies/plaques is being considered.
- Meeting **adjourned** at 5:07 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

- President G.Varley called the meeting to **order** at 5:17 pm. Present were 6 board members, 19 regular members and 4 guests.
- Members introduced themselves.
- **Minutes** of the May 28, 2005 and June 25, 2005 general meetings were approved as distributed.
- Treasurer, C.Alfter reported a balance of **\$3,963.48**.
The Club's portion of expenses for Casino Night totaled \$308.95.
- Members were reminded of the **Password** to gain access to the Club newsletter. This was set up to protect the personal information contained in the newsletter.
- The **Nominating Committee** will begin their campaign to fill the open officer positions for 2006.
Members were encouraged to say "YES" when called upon to serve on the 2006 Board of Directors.
- G.Varley announced she would, again, serve as **Car Show Chairman**. A Committee will do judging and the classifications will be reorganized. A barbecue for Friday night is being considered. Discussions are in place with a new source for trophies/plaques.
- G. Varley reported 29 members/guests attended the **Casino Night** Event.
- Approximately 10 members cruised to the **Nationals** Convention in Seattle, WA.
- Next event is the **Watson Lake Show** in Prescott Valley on August 6, 2005. Refer to the flyer for details. Those attending are invited to J.Schultz's home afterwards for pizza.
- Sunday, August 14, 2005, we will meet at the **Tempe Lanes** for a fun afternoon of **bowling**.
- The **"MASH 442" Progressive Dinner** on September 17, 2005, is scheduled at the homes of Fred/Sandie Anderson and Joe/Gloria Varley. Come as your favorite Mash character.
- Plans are in progress for an **overnight cruise** to the **Grand Canyon** on October 15, 2005.
- **Next OCAZ meeting** to be held at **5:00 pm** on August 27, 2005.
- **Name badge** drawn this month was: Sweeney. They were not present.
- Meeting **adjourned** at 5:38 pm

CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2005

Sat 6th Watson Lake Show
Sun 14th Bowling
Sat 27th Monthly Meeting at 5pm

SEPTEMBER 2005

Sat 17th Progressive Dinner
Sat 24th Monthly Meeting at 4pm

OCTOBER 2005

Sat 1st All Olds Show in Tucson
Sat 15th Overnight Trip to Bisbee
Sat 22nd Julio G's Show/Monthly Meeting

NOVEMBER 2005

Sun 6th Greenway High School Car Show
Sat 12th Cruise & Eat – Tortilla Flats
Sat 26th Monthly Meeting at 4pm

DECEMBER 2005

Sat 3rd Annual Holiday Party
Sat 17th Monthly Meeting at 4pm

JANUARY 2006

Sat 14th Potluck
Sat 28th Monthly Meeting at 4pm

MEETING MINUTES, SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2005

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- President Gloria Varley brought the meeting to **order** at 4:12 pm. Present were 6 board members.
- **Minutes** of the July 23, 2005 Board meeting were approved as distributed.
- Treasurer C.Alfter reported a balance of **\$3,978.48**.
- C.Alfter volunteered to bring a **card table**, when needed, to future club meetings.
- Pizza **expenses** for the **Watson Lake** cruise have not yet been submitted.
- At the suggestion of a member, the Board discussed drawing a name badge until someone present at a meeting won. By unanimous consent this suggestion was declined.
- **Nominations Committee** member C.Alfter reported that Rick Paradee has sent email-soliciting candidates to serve on the 2006 Board of Directors. No immediate response.
- Plans for the September 17, 2005 Mash 442 **Progressive Dinner** are right on schedule.
- F.Alfter reported that the tentative plans for an overnight trip on **October 15, 2005**, to the Grand Canyon fell through and that final plans are in place for a trip to **Bisbee, AZ**. Members will be responsible for making their own reservations at the Copper Queen. See flyer in the newsletter for details.
- F.Alfter will be contacting **Julio G's** to confirm the Club meeting there on October 22, 2005.
- Board approved paying the annual **PO Box** fee of \$38.00.
- The annual **Liability Insurance** premium of \$227.00 was approved for payment.
- F.Alfter will discuss updating our **web page** with his son, Scott.
- Board approved taking a \$25.00 business card size **ad** in the 2006 **OCA Nationals program**.
- The **February car show** materials are being revised to show re-aligned car classes and judging procedures. Members will be given an opportunity to **sponsor a trophy**.
- F.Alfter will be finalizing plans for a **cruise/eat** on November 12, 2005 to Tortilla Flats.
- **Club Events** coming up in 2006 will consist of a Pot Luck in January, a cruise to Hidden Valley Salvage Yard in February as well as the All Oldsmobile Car Show, and a spring picnic in March.
- Meeting **adjourned** at 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

- President G.Varley called the meeting to **order** at 5:20 pm. Present were 6 board member and 7 regular members.
- **Minutes** of the July 23, 2005 general meeting were approved as distributed.
- Treasurer, C.Alfter reported a balance of **\$3,978.48**.
- Members were advised that the Board **approved** the following **payments**: PO Box fee of \$38.00; Liability Insurance premium of \$227.00; and will be taking an ad in the OCA Nationals program for \$25.00.
- Those members present that attended the **Watson Lake Show** reported a good time even though there were not as many cars and, of course, it rained.
- **Nominations** for the 2006 Board of Directors will take place at the September meeting and **elections** at the October meeting.
- President reminded members that it is not too early to start collecting **door prizes** for the **February car show** and also to consider sponsoring a trophy.
- Now is the time to make your **reservation(s)** for the **Progressive Dinner** on September 17, 2005.
- The Club will, again, be caravanning to the all **Oldsmobile Show** at the Emich Dealership in **Tucson** on October 1, 2005, from Elliott and I-10.
- Look for details in the newsletter on the **overnight cruise** to Bisbee, AZ on October 15, 2005.
- F.Alfter is confirming holding the **October 22, 2005**, club meeting at **Julio G's**.
- Check the flyer for details on the **Greenway High School Show** to be held on Sunday, November 6, 2005.
- Plans for a **cruise/eat** is being planned to Tortilla Flats on **November 12, 2005**.
- Mark your calendars for the **Holiday get-together** on December 3, 2005.
- **Next OCAZ meeting** to be held **4:00 pm** on September 24, 2005.
- **Name badge** drawn this month was: Underwoods. They were not present.
- **50/50 drawing** of \$41.00 was split with Joe Varley.
- Meeting **adjourned** at 5:40 pm

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Nelson	6 th
Joe Domecq	11 th
Val Vallelunga	11 th
Sandy Santilli	13 th
Richard Weiss	14 th
Fred Mandrick Jr.	16 th
Thomas Buohl	18 th
Gloria Varley	20 th
Scott Stockdill	21 st
Marilyn Underwood	23 rd
Dave Underwood	25 th
Ann Hoy	31 st



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Randy Sullivan	1 st
John Korcal	5 th
Jerry Thorpe	6 th
Staci Victor	14 th
Jerry Gwizdalski	14 th
Frank Stringi	17 th
Lana Korff	17 th
Bill Toops	21 st
Floyd Baughman	21 st
Anna Sedillo	21 st
Donna Podhradsky	23 rd
Pam Eilers	26 th
Scott Podhradsky	27 th
Harold Pierson	29 th

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads are free to Oldsmobile Club of Arizona members, unlimited words within reason. Non-members pay \$5.00 per ad, up to 25 words. Please submit your classified advertisement in electronic format prior to the first of the month.

FOR SALE

- **1970 Original Arizona Cutlass Convertible**
2nd owner...85% restored...rebuilt original engine, transmission, new Goodyear Eagles, new top...needs minor repairs...Chris Hemmen..623-876-8624/602-430-5598 (Cell)
- **G-Body and Hurst/Olds Parts**
82 - 88 Cutlass G-Body factory aluminum hood and hinges \$150. 84/84 Hurst/Olds hood scoop \$75. Factory NOS drivers quarter panel \$750, wheel well \$150, Rocker \$175. Dan Williams. 442much@gainusa.com, (520) 647-3261. Tucson
- **American Racing Wheels**
4 American Racing Wheels, Torq Thruster "D", 14x7 came off a 1970 Cutlass, includes chrome lug nuts and new center caps. \$385 Roy Lack 480 451 6829 or relax99@qwest.net
- **1965 Olds 98 Convertible**
425 cu in engine rebuilt to burn unleaded gas. In good running condition about 65,000 miles on engine. Body in good shape no rust. Paint good. White in color, blue interior redone in velour. \$5,000.00 OBO
Ken Falk 480-983-6567. Have lots of extra Olds parts, windshield bumpers and etc. for Olds 98, all goes.
- **Oldsmobile Engine, Heads & Parts**
Big-valved C heads \$200. Big-valved A heads (an experimental X casting) \$200. Bare, cleaned & magnafluxed big-valved J heads \$75, Big-valved G heads, brand new rebuilt \$300, 7A heads \$100. Complete 455 short block, \$250. 455 manual crank, std. \$125. 455 piston set, .040, \$75. Full set of 455 rods, \$75. Karl @ 602-628-8866.
- **1970 Cutlass Supreme**
350 CID, 4 BBL, AT, PS, PB, Factory Air, Bucket Seats, starts and runs well, \$3,500 OBO.
Contact Mel Kowal 480-948-5484. Go to <http://members.cox.net/melvinkowal/> for more information.
- **1963 Dynamic 88**
Black with red interior. Paint/interior same as original. Re-chromed bumpers. Rebuilt engine/transmission with less than 500 miles. Only driven to car shows. Asking \$5,000, located in San Diego, CA. (619) 409-1873
Bristow's
- **1995 Cutlass Supreme Convertible**
New tires, AC, radiator. Recent compete tune up including new plugs and wires. All fluids changed including oil, coolant and transmission flush. \$4200. Bill Gehlen 480-855-0608 wpgehlen@msn.com
- **1988 Olds Cutlass Supreme Classic**
Second owner, 2 Door Coupe, V8, 156,000 miles w/AC, CD Player Alpine w/detach face, Color Silver - some rust
\$1,000.00 -OBO - Robben Mueller 928-649-1089 Cottonwood, AZ
- **Vehicle Lift**
2 post asymmetric "Worth" vehicle lift. This is a high quality commercial grade lift, a 7,000 lb capacity, clear floor model. It is 6 years old, and has only been used by me at the house, never commercially. The Worth brand is made in Texas, and used heavy duty leaf chain, NOT CABLES to lift the car. Was \$2,850.00 new. Asking \$1,600.00. Still hooked up, you can see it work. Joe Varley - 480-998-1449

MEMBER RECOMMENDED AUTOMOTIVE BUSINESSES

LOCAL SOURCES

Grant's Transmission, 215 W. Broadway, Phoenix, 602-276-9151 (by Joe Varley)
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)
A-Arizona Western Air, 4220 E. Paradise Lane, Phoenix, 602-867-8888 (by Don Boyd)
Superior Pump Exchange, 2341 W. Cypress, Phoenix, 602-252-7308 - water pump rebuilding (by Joe Varley)
Northside Rebuilders Supply, 1027 E. Washington, Phx, 602-252-1023 - starters, alts & generators rebuilt. (JV)
Greulich's Engine Machining, Scottsdale, 480-948-3042 (by Joe Varley)
Ketchum's Automotive, 8900 E. San Victor, Scottsdale, 480-860-8199 general auto repair (by Joe Varley)
Granite Reef Service Center, 8401 E McDowell, Scottsdale, 480-941-2474 general auto repair (by Don Boyd)
NAPA Auto Parts – quality rebuilt parts, older electrical parts, and tough to find parts (by Ken Schopen)
American Plating, 202 W. Gibson Ln, Phoenix, 602-253-2830, bumper rechroming (by Joe Varley)
Space Age Paint & Supply, 707 S. Country Club, Mesa, 480-835-0971, paint, supplies, vinyl dyes (by Joe Varley)
Enviro Stripping Technology, 204 W. Maricopa Frwy, Phoenix, 602-258-5583, paint removal/media stripping (JV)
Mel Nelson Radio Repair, Phoenix, 602-277-0719, 1970's and older radios only (by Joe Varley)
Mobile Audio, 3050 S. Country Club, Mesa, 480-545-5087 Howard, classic car radios (by Roy Lack)
Fix-A-Dent - Scott Flynn, 480-250-8866, mobile dent repair (by Roy Lack)
David A Lindquist, 562-698-4445, antique automotive clock repair (by Roy Lack)
Campus Alignment & Brake Service, 910 N Scottsdale Rd, Tempe 480-967-8390 (by Ken Schopen)
Bailey's Machine Shop, 727 N. Country Club Dr., Mesa 480-962-9756 (by Karl Sup)

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
www.accmats.com Auto Custom Carpets
www.opgi.com/indexnew.asp Original Parts Group - specializing in classic GM "A" Body restoration parts
www.supercarsunlimited.com Restoration parts for your cutlass/442/hurst olds/vista cruiser
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www.oldcarnetwork.com New & reproduction parts
www.stencilsandstripes.com Reproduction paint stencils, stripes, and decals
www.window-sticker.com Window Sticker Reproductions
<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

ARIZONA CRUISE NIGHTS

Wednesday	Goodyear	Albertson's Parking Lot, 409 N. Litchfield Road. (Every Wednesday Night) 602-277-3821
Friday	Flagstaff Tempe Chandler Gilbert Phoenix – West Side Prescott Valley Tucson	Galaxy Restaurant, 931 W. Route 66 Arizona Mills Mall at 5 & Diner, 4pm-10pm Info: 480-752-1958 Cruisin' at the Diner, 5 & Diner, 960 N. 54 th St. I-10 & Ray Road NE Corner Warner and McQueen, 4-9pm West Side Cruisin' - 35th Ave. & Northern - Info: 602-246-3906 Sal's Pasta & Pizza, Rod & Custom Car Show, 59 th Ave & Beardsley, 6pm-10pm, SW corner in Home Depot parking lot. Zeke's Eatin' Place - (Apr. - Sept.), 3rd Friday of month from 5-8pm - Yavapai Classic Cruisers Coaches Deli on Speedway - 7pm-?? - Info: Juanita Kuhn 520-325-1212 5 & Diner - Info: 520-690-1957
Saturday	Mesa – East Side Phoenix Glendale Payson Scottsdale	Next to Wendy's and K-Mart, Hampton near Superstition Springs Mall K-Mart Parking Lot, 67th Ave & Bell Rd, lots of parking. Info: 623-561-1971 Hooters, 2843 W. Bell Rd. (Bell Road & 28th Ave.) - Info: 602-375-0000 Park Central Mall, between Osborn & Thomas; 1 st Saturday Night of month Atlanta Bread Company, 7530 W. Bell Road; Info: 623-334-0906 Saturday Morning Donut Cruise – at Donut Derelick's, Sawmill Shopping Center, Main Street & Highway 87 McDonald's, Scottsdale Pavilions Shopping Center, 4pm-10pm, 9140 E. Indian Bend Rd. (Pima & Indian Bend Road)
Sunday	Payson	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

AUTO EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2005

Sept. 18 - Ground-Zero "Decade of Madness" Benefit show - Sunday, September 18, 2005 at F-1 Race Factory indoor cart track at 48th Street & Washington - benefits 'Real Gift Foundation' - Phoenix - Info: Dustin 602-561-5149

Sept. 22-25 - River Cruizers 14th Annual "Roddin' on the River" at the Riverside Resort and Casino - Laughlin, NV - Info:?

Sept. 23-25 - AzRound-up sponsored by Arizona Teardroppers, held at Dead Horse Ranch State Park - Teardrop and Vintage trailer camp out/show \$15 per night to camp, \$5 day use just to see show - Cottonwood - Info: Eddie 602-999-0163

Sept. 23-25 - 22nd Run to the Pines at Pinetop Lakes Golf & Country Club - Limited to 550 entries - Fri. Parade 4pm, Barbecue 5-7pm, Sat. Car Show 8am-4pm, Sun. Car Show, Awards 12 noon - Pinetop - Info: Bob & Linda 928-368-5325 or Ted & Randi 928-369-5332

Sept. 24 - Verde River Show and Glow on the grass at Riverfront Park - Check-in 8am, trophies 1:30pm - Prereg. \$15 before Sept. 15, \$25 after, Car Corral \$5, Vendors \$15 - Cottonwood - Info: Don 928-646-3482 or Steve 928-646-6104

5th Annual Progressive Dinner

Saturday, September 17, 2005

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m.

*You are cordially invited to attend the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona's 5th Annual Progressive Dinner. This will be a M*A*S*H '442' themed evening with dinner being served 'Mess Tent' themed at two different members' homes in the Valley. Dress as your favorite M*A*S*H character!! M*A*S*H trivia games and more!*

FIRST HOUSE

Salads & Main Course

Fred & Sandie Anderson

7536 E. Mercer Lane
Scottsdale, AZ
480-951-8153

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442

SECOND HOUSE

Dessert & Games

Joe & Gloria Varley

7402 E. Paradise Drive
Scottsdale, AZ
480-998-1449



RSVP by September 13th

\$10.00 per person – make checks payable to Oldsmobile Club of Arizona

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Mail RSVP to: Gloria Varley, 7402 E. Paradise Dr., Scottsdale, AZ, 85260-5436

13th Annual All Oldsmobile Show in Tucson

**Saturday, October 1, 2005
From 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

It's time to register for the all Oldsmobile car show in Tucson, Arizona on Saturday, October 1, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m, at Emich Oldsmobile. The first 50 entrants that pre-register will receive a FREE T-SHIRT (participants must attend to receive shirt). All registration fees will be donated to the Humane Society. Not only is this wonderful car show a fund-raiser, But there is FREE FOOD & BEVERAGES! Trophies will be awarded. We will be organizing a caravan for those who wish to drive down together. For more information on the show call Jeff at 520-297-5130.

Directions: Take I-10 to Grant Road exit, head east on Grant Road, 8 miles to Emich Oldsmobile, 6350 E. Grant Road, corner of Wilmont & Grant.

Complete the information listed below and mail along with a \$10.00 check made payable to HUMANE SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA to:

Jeff Levine
2650 W. Prato Way
Tucson, AZ 85741
520-297-5130

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Car Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

The undersigned does hereby release the Oldsmobile Club of Tucson, Emich Oldsmobile, its officers and members and anyone else connected with this event from any known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by anyone participating in this event or by a spectator.

Signature _____ Date _____

**MAKE \$10.00 CHECK PAYABLE TO: HUMANE SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA
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Overnight to Historic Bisbee, Arizona

October 15th and 16th, 2005



Meet at Burger King, AZ Ave and Ray, Chandler at 7 am. Drive thru beautiful Arizona and see the Country. Gas in Tucson Lunch in Tombstone at high noon...



Take a cool ride into the Queen Mine.
Great dining in Bisbee.
Overnight at the famous old
Copper Queen HOTEL.
Scream AND Holler the evening away



Great breakfast at the hotel
View AN open pit mine
Visit Pima Air Museum on the way home

We will be staying at the famous old "Copper Queen" located in the center of Bisbee where we have a block of rooms reserved. You must make your reservations **no later than September 16th**. When you call tell them you are with the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona. **Copper Queen's number is 520-432-2216**. Group Rates begin at \$97.00 to \$131.00 per couple (\$97 for double bed, \$122 for queen bed, and \$131 for a king). If the Copper Queen is full when you call, ask Frank Alfter for alternate lodging suggestions.

Saturday afternoon we will tour the Queen Mine (an inactive copper mine). This is an underground tour. The cost for the tour is \$12.00 + Tax per person. This tour is optional.

Saturday evening we will have dinner together (separate tickets), and then head back to the hotel to play Scream & Holler! This will be a great evening to laugh, relax, and get to know some of your fellow club members.

Sunday morning we will have breakfast at the Copper Queen at 9:00 a.m. prior to our return to Phoenix (separate tickets). For those interested on the way home there is an optional tour of the Pima Air Museum. The museum is just off I-10 at exit 267, and is well worth the visit as it has not only a very extensive variety of military aircraft, but also quite a few one-of-a-kind aircraft that you will not see anywhere else in the world. The entrance fee varies, but for groups of 20 or more (or military, or seniors) it is \$9.75 per person.

Please RSVP to Frank no later than Wednesday, October 1st, and don't forget to make your hotel reservations before September 16th! Should you have any questions and want to be placed on the list of participants, please contact Frank and Carol Alfter at 623-780-3529.

If attending, meet us at Burger King at Arizona Ave and Ray Rd in Chandler at 7:00 AM. on the 15th to caravan to Bisbee. Burger King is on the Northeast corner and there is a large lot behind in which to park our cars for an easy turn onto Arizona Ave from Ray to head south. Our route will take us thru Florence, Tucson, Tombstone and in to Bisbee. We will have lunch in Tombstone.

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On The Green

Saturday, October 22, 2005

Julio G's Mexican Restaurant

7633 E. Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ

Come out and display your Olds
All Oldsmobiles Welcome
No Entry Fee!

Show hours from 10:00 – 3:00

Free Donuts & Coffee

1st, 2nd, & 3rd place Trophies awarded
Judging by participants & restaurant patrons

Class 100	1959 & Older
Class 200	1960-69
Class 300	1970-79
Class 400	1980-89
Class 500	1990 to 2004

Please arrive by 9:30 to park your car. All cars need to be displayed before 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly meeting will take place during this show

After the show we will cruise to McDonald's where we will park in the club row as usual.

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE!!

We are taking orders for embroidered denim shirts, polo shirts, women's pullover V-neck shirts, and jackets. All merchandise is high quality. The shirts will have our club logo embroidered on the left front chest. The jacket will have the club logo on the back, and a rocket on the left front chest. All orders need to be pre-paid. We will place the order with the embroiderer at the end of the month, so place your orders right away. These would make great gifts. Use the order form and make your check payable to the Oldsmobile Club of Arizona. Mail your order to:

Carol Alfter, 2734 W. Via Calabria, Phoenix, AZ 85086

NAME						PHONE			
ADDRESS									
Shirt Order Form									
	\$22.00				\$25.00		\$30.00		Amount Paid
Mens L/S Denim Faded Blue	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	1XLT	2XLT
Ladies L/S Denim Faded Blue	XS	S	M	L	XL	1XL	2XL	N/A	N/A
	\$30.00				\$33.00				
Ladies V-neck S/S	XS	S	M	L	XL	1XL	2XL	N/A	N/A
Black									
Classic Navy									
Light Blue									
Royal									
White									
	\$25.00				\$28.00				
Mens 7oz Cotton Polo	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	N/A	N/A
Black									
Blueberry (Royal)									
Classic Navy									
Purple									
Stone									
Ladies 7oz Cotton Polo	XS	S	M	L	XL	1XL	2XL	N/A	N/A
Black									
Blueberry (Royal)									
Classic Navy									
Purple									
Stone									
	\$70.00				\$73.00				
Embroidered Jacket	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	N/A	N/A
Classic Navy									
TOTAL DUE:									

OUR ADVERTISERS

To place your ad, send your business card or artwork and appropriate fees to: Karl Sup, 2355 S. Wildrose Circle, Mesa, AZ 85212. Renewals for 2005 are currently past due. This will be the last run for advertisements not renewed.

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