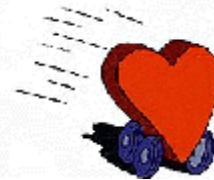




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Words from the President

HAPPY SPRING, they tell me it's here! I have seen some flowers brave enough to bloom. That's a good sign.

With the coming of the warmer and nicer weather, the CarClub has tried to come up with events that will put you outdoors. See the article in the Events column explaining our event for April 16th. The event will be a trip to the Dayton area to visit a site that 800 years ago was the **Sun Watch Indian Village**. Join us to discover what the archaeological digs have revealed. I think children would enjoy this event also. Get all the details and come with us to another time and place many years ago.

Our first **Adopt a Highway** will also be in April, the 23rd. The Car Club has been involved with this project for 8 years. It has become less work since that area of Broad Street has developed quite extensively over the last few years. April is a good time to help since it won't be quite as warm as the later months. Read Jim's article in this Newsletter to get all the details.

Remember our **Bingo night at Villa Angela** is the 3rd Thursday night of the month. The residents really enjoy having you come. Even if they don't need help, they like your company. If you have anything to contribute as prizes please bring to the meeting or call me and I will get them from you. The residents like perfumes, colognes, jewelry, and little things to set around their rooms. Money is always welcome too since Peggy will buy prizes if none are contributed.

The plans are still to go to Spring Hill June 26th. **The tour is scheduled for the 27th**. We will give you more details in the next Newsletter. We are looking forward to a very special trip this year.

I would like to remind everyone again of the opportunity to be in the drawing for purchasing **zoo memberships** for half the cost. At the present time, we don't need to have a drawing since we still have a few memberships available. Please email me at rharrass@sbcglobal.net or call at 614-

457-5945 to take advantage of this ONE time opportunity of purchasing memberships at half price, up to \$64.00.

We also have a few **entertainment books** remaining for the cost of \$17.50. There are only a few coupons that can no longer be used. All the others are good till November.

We received a very **nice Thank You note from the Duncan family** for all the contributions that were made for the trust fund at the January meeting. I would also like to thank those of you who gave so generously.

Our next meeting, April 14th, will be held at **Saturn West**. Our very capable Vice President will be presiding over that meeting since I will be out of town. Please give him your support by attending the meeting. Hope many of you will be there.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please give me a call or send me an email. We like to hear from you. You are the Club!

Becky



A big welcome to the Veeley family of Grove City who joined the CarClub last month.

CarClub Events

Upcoming

April 14 — Meeting at Saturn West

April 16 — Excursion to Dayton, Ohio to



Join our caravan at the Meijer's lot on Rome Hilliard road at 9:30 a.m. If you are going alone, see map with article.

April 21 — Bingo at Villa Angela



April 23 — Adopt A Highway. We are in our eighth year of this much appreciated Community Service activity. See separate article for details.

May 12 — *Instead of our regular meeting at Saturn North we are having a picnic at Highbanks Park the Northern Shelter at 6:30 p.m.*

May 14 — The Wilds

May 19 — Bingo at Villa Angela

Last Month's Recap

March 10 — Meeting and ice-cream social at Saturn SouthEast.

March 13 — Bowling at Holiday Lanes. We went, put on funny colored shoes (if we did not own our own bowling shoes) and showed everyone just how long it has been since we picked up our bowling balls ... then went to Applebee's for food and fun!

March 17 — Thanks to all who came out for bingo at Villa Angela. The residents really enjoy our time together!

Our April Destination

From **SunWatch.org** web site, which has pictures and more details.

SunWatch Indian Village/Archaeological Park is a partially reconstructed Fort Ancient period Native American village along the Great Miami River in Dayton, Ohio.

The Fort Ancient culture as defined by archaeologists occupied the Middle Ohio River Valley between about AD 1000 and AD 1650 from what is now southeastern Indiana east to modern day West Virginia. The Fort Ancient peoples who lived in this area were the first intensive farmers of the area, and the last prehistoric group to occupy it prior to the arrival of European settlers. Unfortunately we do not know exactly who their modern descendants are. SunWatch, originally the name of the Incinerator site, was first excavated and reported on in the 1960's by amateur archaeologists John Allman and Charles Smith. When news came in the early 1970's that the City of Dayton planned to expand a nearby sewage treatment plant onto the property and impact the site Allman and Smith contacted James Heilman, the Curator of Anthropology at the Dayton Museum of Natural History, in hopes of recovering as much valuable information from the site as possible.

In 1971 the Dayton Museum of Natural History (now the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery) began "salvage" excavations at the site with just this goal in mind. This initial work was designed to recover as much data on the village as possible prior to the proposed destruction of the site to make way for the sewage treatment plant expansion. As excavations continued a planned, stockaded village which was estimated to have been occupied for about 20 years and included apparent astronomical alignments was revealed. The 2.53 acre village site contained many well preserved artifacts, including fragile items such as crayfish pincers, fish scales, turkey egg shell fragments, and even uncharred wood remains. The work at the site also exposed many students and adult volunteers to archaeology for the first time and gave them an appreciation of the archaeology and history of the region. With the cooperation of the City of Dayton the plans for the expansion of the sewage treatment plant were modified, and with the assistance of the city, numerous volunteers, scholars, and supporters the site was saved from destruction. Soon after planning began to interpret

and open the site to the public. On July 29, 1988, after 17 years of excavation and research by the Dayton Society of Natural History, SunWatch opened to the public. Seasonal excavations continued through 1989.

The years of excavation at the site, combined with additional analysis and research, have resulted in a remarkable understanding of the site's original inhabitants. SunWatch combines experimental archaeological research, including the reconstruction of the Fort Ancient structures in their original 13th century locations, with an interpretive center that exhibits many of the artifacts that have been recovered from the site. The village reconstruction includes five lath and daub structures with grass thatch roofs, portions of a stockade, and a native garden and prairie with plants typical of the period. Inferred astronomical alignments originate from a complex of posts at the center of the village that have also been replaced. A picnic shelter and picnic tables overlook the village and are available for visitors to relax. Because of its archaeological and historical significance the site was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 and became a National Historic Landmark in 1990.

The weekend that we are at the village: Irma Bailey Indian Art Show & Sale at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery in Dayton on Friday, April 15 and Sunday, April 17, 2005. From Albuquerque, New Mexico to Dayton, Ohio, jewelry, silver, turquoise, rugs, blankets, kachinas, pottery, fetishes, and more.

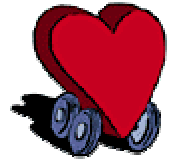
SunWatch is located off I 75, a few minutes south of downtown Dayton. Admission for adults - \$5.00; 6 and under no charge. Hours: Tuesday — Saturday 9:00 to 5:00; Sunday noon — 5:00. Museum Store and Village close at 4:30 p.m., Museum and video accessible until 5:00 p.m.



Adopt-A-Highway

Our first Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for 2005 will be held on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 9:30 a.m. Our rain date is Sunday, April 24th, starting at 1:00 p.m. We meet at Route 16 (East Broad Street) at the shopping area just east of the former Frank's Garden Center. This is the western end of our adopted highway.

At the CarClub meeting on April 14th, a representative of the **Keep Columbus Beautiful** office will be talking to us about the **Keep Columbus Beautiful** program and how the volunteer Adopt-A-Highway (highway) fits in. As an incentive to attract more volunteers, the **Keep Columbus Beautiful** office is supporting two different prize drawings. Participating volunteers will be given the information on how to enter the drawings.



We will have a signup list at the meeting for the volunteers for our first cleanup. The reason we like to have people signup in advance is that if the weather is not suitable to cleanup on Saturday, we will call everyone that has signed up to let them know that we are going to the rain date. If you don't sign up, you can still participate just by showing up. You just will not be notified if the date changes.



The picture above shows the Adopt-A-Highway cleaners in October 2003 getting ready to "hit the road."

We have adopted Route 16 (East Broad Street) from the Licking County line two miles westward into Franklin County ever since September 1997. That makes this our eighth year to clean the highway. We became a "Gold Star" group after five years. Since this area of East Broad Street includes areas both within the City of Columbus

and areas not in the city, we actually work for both the City of Columbus and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

The CarClub will provide the following: gloves, trash bags, “grabber sticks” orange safety vests, bottled water, snacks, and shuttle service (back to your cars). We suggest you wear long pants, cap, boots or old shoes that you won’t mind getting wet/muddy. If you would rather use a large plastic “bucket” in stead of a trash bag, please bring it along (see picture).

What do you as a Central Ohio Saturn CarClub member get out of this? First of all, the satisfaction of doing a **worthy civic project** for both the City of Columbus and the State of Ohio. Secondly, this event counts as **two points** toward active member status to qualify for the 15% discount for 2006 (the other three cleanups count one point each), and thirdly, **lunch** after the cleanup at Max & Erma’s, *provided by Saturn of Columbus*.

The other **Adopt-A-Highway events** in 2005 will be held in June, August, and October. We look forward to seeing you “on the road!”

New Saturn Owners Take the Cake at Saturn Southeast



New owners are greeted as they arrive for the March workshop at Saturn Southeast. The information package they receive includes information about the Saturn CarClub. Usually there is pizza and soft drinks available. This time there was a special treat.





After a brief presentation about care of their new vehicles, the owners got a closer look at the vehicles in the service area.



The special treat was a sheet cake to celebrate Saturn Southeast's 50th New Owners Workshop, decorated with pictures of Saturn vehicles past, present, and future.



Above, a picture from the March meeting of the CarClub, which was capped off with an ice cream social. Photos by M. Steve.

Photos of the 2005 Aura from the Auto Show

All photographs by Lowell Lutman.



Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
April 3, 2005	<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour</i>		<i>"Spring Ahead"</i>
April 14, 2005	Meeting	Saturn West	7:00 p.m.
April 16, 2005	Event	SunWatch Indian Village Caravan forms at Meijer's lot on Rome Hilliard Road.	9:30 a.m.
April 21, 2005	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
April 23, 2005	Adopt-A-Highway	starting just past Franks Nursery on East Broad St.	9:30 a.m.
May 12, 2005	Meeting	Highbanks Metro Park	6:30 p.m.
May 19, 2005	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
May 21, 2005	Event	The Wilds	TBD
June 9, 2005	Meeting	Saturn SouthEast	7:00 p.m.
June 11, 2005	Adopt-A-Highway	starting just past Franks Nursery on East Broad St.	9:30 a.m.
June 14, 2005	Flag Day		
June 16, 2005	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
June 25, 2005	6 months 'til Christmas!		
June 25 to 28	Spring Hill trip	Plant tour on the 27th	

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CarClub Hotline

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**Call our hotline at
(614) 470-3517**

An officer will call you back, usually within 24 hours. If you don't hear from anyone within that time, please call back and leave a second message. Occasionally a message is hard to understand or gets deleted unintentionally.

Newsletter: If you would wish to submit an article for this newsletter or have any suggestions pertaining to this newsletter, please mail them to the address listed on the table of contents page or e-mail them to the Newsletter editor at:

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Suggestions for activities are always welcome, please talk with any CarClub Officer, but especially Cheryl Lutman, Lowell Lutman, and Steve Whitman (Events Officers), or leave a message on the CarClub hotline (614-470-3517).



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