



CarClub



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The sky's the limit

April is here, and with it comes new opportunities to be active in the CarClub. As you read this Monthly Planet, there are articles on trips we are going on, and, more importantly, our new section for Adopt A Highway.

Actually it is not a highway anymore. It is the street portion of the intersection of I-70 and Livingston Avenue. See Jim Harrass' article on where it is. There are pictures and a map to help orient you to the area. If you are wondering why we changed from East Broad Street, there are several reasons. First, since that area is getting developed, there was less and less to clean. Second, the areas we needed to clean were getting further apart. The new area is a compact area. Yes, there is good eating nearby.

We have also completed our first charity partner for this year. The Adaptive Adventure Sports Coalition came to our March General Meeting at Saturn Southeast. Gary told us the story of how he came to be involved with the group, and what it is they do. He left with a check for over \$100.00. This was our donations over the last three months plus the matching amount from the CarClub. We will be determining our second quarter charity partner and already have several excellent suggestions.

Speaking of the trips, those who traveled to the Air Force Museum at the end of the month had a good time. Yes, the weather was a bit cooler than we had hoped for, but we enjoyed getting away from Columbus and seeing the aviation history of our country. Look for the pictures in next month's newsletter.

Our April activity is a walk at Blacklick MetroPark in Columbus. This will be a handicap accessible activity. The area where the walk is taking place is paved. Come enjoy the fresh spring air. Please be sure to sign up so we know who is coming. You can also leave a message on the hotline.

For those who attended an activity or meeting in March, you will be getting a special reward. To borrow a phrase from American Express, being an active member does have its' rewards. See the article on the Service Certificates.

Our General Meeting for April is being held in the upstairs lunchroom at Saturn West. We hope to have one of the technicians come up and talk to us about spring and summer car care. I know I am looking forward to getting some of the extra layers of salt off my car.

Have you had a chance to go and play Bingo at the Villa Angela Care Center? Why not give this a try if you can't make the General Meeting. The residents enjoy the interaction with our members. We have had several of our members be under the weather recently, and we need to keep them in our thoughts. Most recently we learned that our current Vice-President, Peggy Williams, had a stroke. We wish her a speedy recovery. Also, we need to keep her husband, John Williams (Events) in our thoughts.

While Peggy is recovering, we have activities that need coordinating, such as the Villa Angela Care Center Bingo. If you would be interested in doing this for the time being, please call the hotline and leave a message. Speaking for the Board, your assistance will be appreciated.

That's it for now. See you at a meeting soon.

*You're not just in the club, you **are** the club!*

Visit to the National Museum of the United States Air Force

Photos from March 29th visit



Right to left in the above photo are Jim Harrass, Becky Harrass, Bill and Mrs. Halsey, Doug and Linda Dunham, John Hank and in front Lois Szudy. Attending but not in photo were Ruth Albert, Rick Haller, and Bill Smith



B-29 'Bockscar' dropped the second atomic bomb in August of 1945 and ended the war with Japan

EVENTS:

Spring is here and hopefully no more snow! Our April outing will be a “Spring Wildflower Hike”, Saturday, April 26th at Blacklick Woods State Park on E. Livingston Ave, Reynoldsburg. It is a 1.5-mile hike starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Ash Grove Picnic Area. We will make plans to eat somewhere after we finish the hike. This hike is wheelchair accessible so everyone plan to come! We will have the **CarClub** flag flying. If it doesn't rain, it should be a beautiful time of the year for a hike.

We are still tentatively planning to have Bingo on April 17th at Villa Angela. With Peggy's illness we are not sure how things will work out so please call before going over to the Care Center. The residents look forward to our coming so we will try to continue having Bingo. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m.

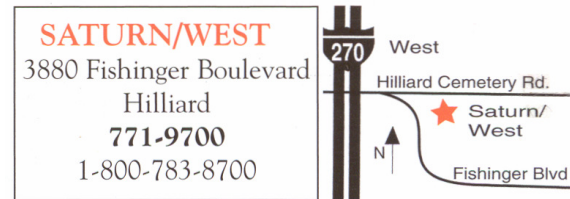
The plans for May's event is a trip to the Underground Railroad in Cincinnati. The cost is \$12.00/person. We will plan on meeting at the Cracker Barrel on Stringtown Rd. . If you want breakfast meet at 8:00 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. if you don't want to have breakfast before you leave. The date is tentatively set for May 10th. If there is a Reds game in town that day, we will move the date to another date. The reviews on the museum have been outstanding so write the date on you calendar. We will let you know more details in the April Newsletter.

We are planning either a picnic or a trip to a local festival for June 28th. More details will follow for that also. If you know of a special festival in June, let us know and we will try to work it in the plans for June.

We do appreciate your input and like to hear what you would like to do. This is your club and we would like everyone to enjoy it.

John and Becky

The next meeting will be held at Saturn West at 7:00 p.m. on April 10th. Please see the map below for driving directions.

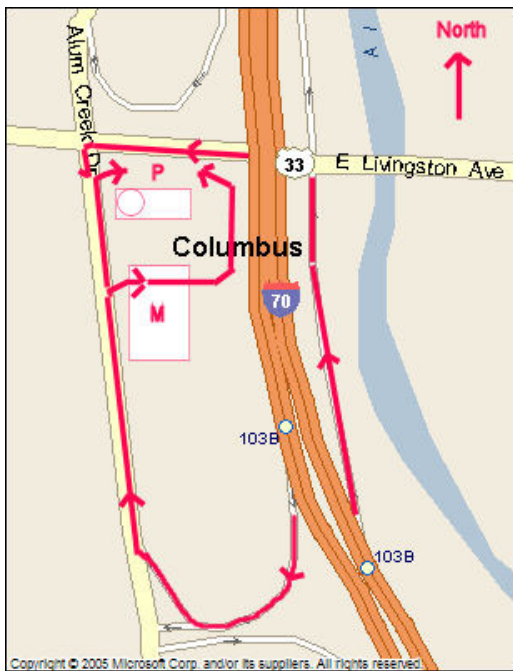


Adopt-A-Highway 2008

Our first Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 12th starting at 10 AM. At the request of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Office, we will be cleaning a different area from the one we have cleaned since 1996. It is a very urban area with lots of traffic on Livingston Avenue and Alum Creek Drive. It is also an area that tends to collect a lot of trash, which is why it is high on the priority list for the City of Columbus. In the past, the Law School at Capital University was cleaning it. They moved their cleanup efforts to an area closer to Capital University, which opened up this area for us.

The area we will be cleaning is a lot more compact (less walking) than the previous East Broad Street area. Safety will be the highest priority because of all of the traffic volume in the area. The areas we will be cleaning will be grassy and could also be somewhat muddy following rains, so dress accordingly.

On the map below, the red "P" is the parking area where we will meet. It is on North side of the white building with the circular red roof (formerly Buckeye Chicken which is closed), which is just North of McDonalds (red M on the map).



Directions to the AAH Cleanup Site

Coming from West on I-70, take Exit 103B, (Alum Creek Dr / Livingston Ave). Turn right on Alum Creek

Drive northbound. Turn right into parking area (red P on map) or turn right into McDonalds, drive to the rear, turn left and then second left to parking area, P

Coming from East on I-70, take Exit 103B, (Livingston Ave). Turn left onto Livingston Avenue. Go to stop light and turn left onto Alum Creek Drive (Southbound). Make an immediate left turn into parking area (red P on map). Note that the black pickup truck in the picture below is turning left from Livingston Avenue onto Alum Creek Drive-Southbound.



The place we will meet is on the left side of the picture above, between the white building with the red circular roof and Livingston Avenue.

As has been the custom at our AAH events, we will again go out to lunch after the cleanup. There are several suitable restaurants about 1 mile North of the AAH area in Bexley. As in the past, Saturn of Columbus has agreed to pay for our meals. Also, since this is the first AAH event of the year, participants will earn two (2) activity points toward Active Member Status.

We encourage all CarClub members to come out and participate. Remember, the more CarClub members that participate, the less each CarClub member has to cleanup! Join us on April 12th at 10 AM.

We are changing to a new type of reward. The new **Complimentary Service Certificates** are now being given out. Those who were at the February General Meeting got the first look at them and heard about the new Service Certificates. Here is how they will work.

First of all, we received fewer of these than we did the Oil Change Coupons, but it will still be up to the President of the CarClub to decide when they are given out. The new Service Certificates are good for a lot more than the Oil Change Coupons were. These \$25.00 (twenty five dollar) Service Certificates can be used toward vehicle maintenance, repairs, accessories, rentals, or vehicle sales. This is good for use on Saturn vehicles only. (The CarClub officers are looking for ways that our non-Saturn owner members can be rewarded.)

Only one Service Certificate at a time can be used, with the exception of the purchase of a vehicle. The expiration dates are firm. Once the Service Certificate expires, it is not good for anything.

There is no cash value to the Service Certificates. If your total purchase adds up to less than \$25.00, you will not receive the balance back in cash. This is clearly stated on the new Service Certificate.

The new Service Certificates cannot be combined with the regular CarClub discount of 5% or 15%. You must choose which of them you want to use. As an example – if you are getting service done, use either the Service Certificate to get \$25.00 taken off your service invoice, or use your CarClub discount. If you are using the Service Certificate, please give the Service Advisor the Service Certificate when you first check in.

If you are using the Service Certificate to purchase accessories, or a vehicle rental, present the Service Certificate to the Cashiers. If you are purchasing a vehicle, this is the only time you may use more than one Service Certificate. Present them to your Sales Consultant ahead of time so they are aware you are using them.

The Service Certificates may be used with coupons issued only by Saturn of Columbus. These are the ones that come in the brochures from Saturn of Columbus. Should you encounter difficulties using the new Service Certificates, please let our Champion, Al Clapsaddle, know.

Keep this page for your reference!!



Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
April 10	Regular Meeting	Saturn West	7:00 p.m.
April 12	Adopt A Highway	See article this issue	10:00 a.m.
April 17	Bingo	Villa Angela (tentative)	7:00 p.m.
April 26	Spring wildflower hike	Blacklick Woods State Park	2:00 p.m.
April xx	"Park'ing it in Columbus	TBA	TBA
May 8	Regular Meeting	Saturn North	7:00 p.m.

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(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.

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