



# CarClub



## The Monthly Planet

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub — Chapter 4

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### *Words from the President*

#### Welcome New Member

Hello CarClub members and welcome to one new member who joined the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub since the last newsletter: **Ted Janusz**. We invite Ted (as well as all of our members) to attend some of our meetings and/or events. Remember, attend just six meetings and/or events within a year and you will be considered an “Active” member and receive a 15% discount from Saturn of Columbus.

#### July Meeting and Events

The July monthly meeting was held on the 10th at Saturn/West. A light turnout was probably the result of the bad weather and summer vacations, including several officers who were “on the road.” A big “Saturn Thank you!” to Al Clapsaddle for conducting the meeting while the President and Vice President were both unavailable.

Bingo at Villa Angela was held on Thursday July 17th. Thirty-two residents were able to play Bingo and look forward to our coming back on August 21st. Join us!

The event for the month of July was the trip to Roscoe Village, including a ride on the canal boat at right, and the Randles Lighthouse. See the article on page 3 for more details, including pictures.

#### Looking Ahead

The regular CarClub meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 14 at Saturn / North should be of interest to animal lovers — we are expecting a guest from the **Humane Society of Delaware County**. One of the topics covered will be the adoption program for dogs and cats. You can also ask questions about the care of your pet during those uncomfortable, hot periods of summer. That’s at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 16th will include two CarClub events: **Adopt-A-Highway** and the Saturday meeting for the quarter, which will held at Saturn/North at 2:00 p.m. This meeting is held for those who cannot make it to the regular Thursday evening meetings. For the Adopt-A-Highway we will meet at the shopping area just East of Frank’s Nursery on East Broad Street (Route 16) at 9:00 a.m. Be sure to wear long pants and long sleeved shirt to keep the bugs off. Wear gloves and water-resistant footwear, especially if it rained during the week prior. Mark your calendars so you won’t miss out!

Be sure to read the Events article for more information on the events planned for the next few months. At least one event, one meeting, and one community service (Bingo) is scheduled each month.

#### October Meeting Rescheduled

The **annual CarClub trek to the Saturn Plant** at Spring Hill TN will be on Thursday, October 9th. We will tour the plant on Friday the 10th and then have the Columbus Day holiday weekend to see the sights in the area. See the



events article for more information, including where we are going to be staying.

PLEASE NOTE: Because the CarClub will be in Spring Hill at the time of our normal monthly meeting, the monthly meeting for October will be on **the FIRST THURSDAY, October 2nd at Saturn/West**. The last Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for the year will be held on Saturday October 4th.

## Are You a High Mileage Saturn Owner?

We are repeating this item from the last newsletter because we have not gotten any responses to date. From the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub web site! Mr. Ron Bensley, from Washington State, made an entry in the Guestbook indicating that he had a 1995 SL with 190,000+ miles on it. He is interested in communicating with any other Saturn owners who have "high mileage" Saturns. Ron defines "high mileage" as 150,000+ miles. If you fit into that category and would like to contact Ron, please call the Voicemail (614-470-3517), call Al Clapsaddle (614-771-9700) or send an email to Jim Harrass (centohiopresident@mail.saturnfans.com), and we will tell you how to contact Ron.

## Read About Our Champion

To help you to get to know the officers of the CarClub, each newsletter has a short "biography" of one of the current officers. In the next column you will find information about our Champion, Alan T. Clapsaddle.

## Keeping in Touch

The CarClub Board would like to hear from you as to what you would like to do. There are many ways to do this. You can talk to any Board member, call the CarClub Voicemail Hotline at 614-470-3517, send an e-mail to the CarClub at Saturn@centohiocarclub.com, or submit a suggestion in writing to the suggestion box at any of the regular CarClub meetings.

We hope each one of you will make the effort to attend as many CarClub events as possible and to let us know what you would like to do as a CarClub.

***Remember that you are the CarClub!***

*Jim*

## Meet Your CarClub Officers

# Champion Al Clapsaddle

Al Clapsaddle is our Chapter's Champion. The Champion is the interface between the Local CarClub, the Saturn Retailer, and the Saturn Corporation.

Al is the key person who arranges CarClub support from Saturn of Columbus.

Al's interest in Saturn started when he bought his first one, in 1994. Since then his family has bought a total of 28 Saturns (10 different members).



Al was the first President of our Local CarClub and after retiring from Lucent, started to work at Saturn/West as a Sales Consultant. He knows a lot about Saturn products based on his long involvement with Saturn as a consumer and his personal goal of enhancing the vehicle's performance. If he doesn't have an answer to a question or concern, he offers to look into it and find someone who can provide an answer, and follows up.

Al is our Club's third Champion. He writes an article for the *Champion's Corner* (look for it to resume next issue) and he makes sure there are color copies of this newsletter at the Saturn stores in Columbus. He has even handed some out while on the road. We look forward to working with him, for many years.

## CARCLUB EVENTS

### Still in the Rearview Mirror

BINGO was held on July 17th at **Villa Angela**; 32 residents were in attendance with 6 CarClub members and two spouses. Plan to attend out next BINGO on August 21st at 7:00 p.m.. We have a good time with the residents. Villa Angela is located at 4700 Karl Road.

### Just Ahead Around the Curve

August 23rd is the date for the trip to **Rolling Ridge Ranch**, near Berlin and Millersburg, OH. We will be riding a wagon out over 80 acres of woods and pasture and seeing 350 different animals, both domestic and

exotic. The cost of the wagon ride is \$12.50/person. If 15 join the group, the cost will be \$5.50/person. For those over 65 and ages 3-12, the cost is \$7.50.

We will meet at the Krogers store parking lot located North of Route 161 on Sunbury Road (East of I-270 on the East side) at 9:00 a.m. We will be taking Route 62 to Millersburg and then on to the ranch. Bring the kids or just yourselves and join us for a good time.

September 14th is **Saturn DAY at the Columbus Zoo**. Everyone who has purchased a Saturn in Central Ohio will be receiving a ticket for the Saturn Day at the Zoo from Saturn of Columbus. If you have never attended before, we would like to encourage you to join all the Saturn owners for a great time at the zoo. The ticket includes admission to the Zoo and a free lunch for everyone in your family. Many items are given away, a band supplies good music, and you get an opportunity to see the new addition to the zoo on a day dedicated to all the Saturn owners!

September 27th is the date for the trip to **Old Man's Cave**. This will include a walk through the Hocking Hills State Park and a picnic. More details will follow.

## Our Annual Trek to Spring Hill

We plan to leave Columbus on Thursday October 9th from the Cracker Barrel on Stringtown Road (exit 100 off I-71, just South of I-270) at 9:00 a.m. If you plan to eat breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, you will need to be finished by 9:00 a.m. and ready to leave. There are stops about every two hours so the trip doesn't get quite so tiring. Maps and directions will be given out at the Cracker Barrel.

We will be staying at the BAYMONT INN & SUITES BRENTWOOD, 111 Penn Warren Dr., BRENTWOOD, TN 33027. The phone number is 615-376-4666

Several CarClub officers have made their reservation already and we have set aside six additional rooms in the name of the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub. The cost will be \$55/night. They have a pool. They said they would hold the rooms until September 1st. If you call to reserve a room, **be sure to tell them that you are with the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub.**

The tour through the Saturn plant will take place on Friday October 10th. Children under 6 are not permitted to go through the plant. There will also be other suggestions of activities to enjoy in the Nashville/Spring Hill area.

## On the Horizon

Here is a head's up on things to come. Mark your calendars! Nov. 15th is the tentative date for a trip to **Newport Aquarium**, south of Cincinnati. Dec. 6th will be the **Holiday Party at Highbanks**: Decorating—10 a.m. – Noon. We will decorate the building to give it a festive Holiday feeling. Party—Noon - 4 p.m. At this time we will have food, fun, games, and door prizes.

Dec. 11th will be **the Caroling meeting** at Villa Angela. Dec. 20th will be **the Columbus "Zoo Lights" outing**. More details will follow on these outings. Suggestions for other activities are always welcome, please talk with Peggy or Becky, or call the hotline (614-470-3517).

## THE CARCLUB VISITS ROSCOE AND THE RANDES

On July 26th, the Central Ohio CarClub again met in Newark and followed the Ohio Bicentennial Train route as far as Coshocton, Ohio. This time we drove our Saturns to **historic Roscoe Village**. Some of the CarClub members and families stopped long enough to get this picture as we arrived at the Visitor Center.



In the early 1800s, Roscoe Village prospered as a port on the Ohio and Erie Canal. Canal boats traveled through Roscoe carrying goods to Ohio settlers and transporting furs and foodstuffs to northern and southern ports. What stands today as the Old Warehouse Restaurant was the center of commerce as goods were unloaded, stored or sold through the mill store. The development of the railroads and the devastation that resulted from the flood of 1913 signaled the end of prosperity for Roscoe Village.

Beautiful landscaping and flowers are found all around the Village. In the photo below, some CarClub members pose in front of a flowerbed made up of live flowers. If you look carefully, you will see the bed is designed in the shape and colors of the Ohio flag.



One of the unique highlights of Roscoe Village is the opportunity to ride on a real canal boat on a portion of the old Ohio and Erie Canal, which originally ran from the Ohio River to Lake Erie. The picture below shows the “helmsperson” steering the canal boat as several CarClub members look on.



Our next destination was **Randles Lighthouse**, so from Roscoe Village the CarClub caravan headed up US Route 36 to Warsaw, Ohio. On the Ohio Bicentennial train ride back in June, several CarClub members talked to Clova Randles, who told us all about the lighthouse that her husband had built for her. She gave us a picture of it and invited us to come and see it. It sounded like it would be a fun excursion.

Shortly after Denver and Clova were married, they were at Lake Erie admiring the lighthouse at Marblehead when Denver told her that he would build her a lighthouse like the one they were looking at. Clova said “Yah, sure.”

After many years of effort and toil, Denver delivered on his promise and the result is shown at the right. Denver built the lighthouse without any plans or blueprints and it has become a landmark in the Warsaw area. If you are driving through the Warsaw area you will not accidentally stumble on the Randles lighthouse as it is located on their property about 3.5 miles from Warsaw, including about 2 miles of gravel roads. If you really want to see their lighthouse, just ask anyone in Warsaw and they will tell you how to find it.



When we arrived, Denver was finishing up some painting and Clova welcomed us with open arms. She spent about two hours telling us all about the lighthouse, how it got built, how there have been two weddings at the top of the lighthouse, and how Longaberger brings over busloads of people to visit the lighthouse. They even had to build a separate parking area for the buses to park so they would not block the very narrow rural road.

The Central Ohio Saturn CarClub thanks Denver and Clova for their warm hospitality, inviting us into their home, and taking the time to show us their lighthouse and the lighthouse decorations that adorn their home. It was truly a memorable experience that all of us will remember for the rest of our lives.

After leaving Warsaw, we drove to Bellville, Ohio and enjoyed supper together at an Amish restaurant. It was a very long but a very enjoyable day. One we will long remember.

## Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
14-Aug-03	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / North	7:00 p.m.
16-Aug-03	Adopt-A-Highway	Near Frank's Garden Center	9:00 a.m.
16-Aug-03	Saturday Meeting for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	Saturn / North	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
21-Aug-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
23-Aug-03	Rolling Ridge Ranch	Berlin OH	9:00 a.m.
11-Sep-03	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / Southeast	7:00 p.m.
14-Sep-03	Saturn Day at the Zoo	Columbus Zoo	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
18-Sep-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
27-Sep-03	Old Man's Cave	SW of Logan, Ohio	TBA
2-Oct-03	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / West	7:00 p.m.
4-Oct-03	Adopt-A-Highway	Near Frank's Garden Center	9:00 a.m.
9-10-Oct-03	Annual Spring Hill Saturn Tour	Cracker Barrel, I-71, Exit 100	9:00 a.m.
16-Oct-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
8-Nov-03	Saturday Meeting for 4th Quarter	Saturn / West	10:00 a.m.
13-Nov-03	Monthly Meeting	Saturn North	7:00 p.m.
15-Nov-03	Newport Aquarium	Newport, KY	TBA
20-Nov-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
6-Dec-03	Holiday Party	Highbanks Metro Park	12:00 Noon
11-Dec-03	Monthly Meeting / Caroling	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
18-Dec-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
20-Dec-03	Columbus Zoo Lights	Columbus Zoo	TBA

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### CarClub Hotline

Need information about the Central Ohio CarClub meetings or activities?

**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:  
centohioeditor@mail.saturnfans.com



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