



CarClub



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The Sky's The Limit

Welcome to August! Time for Family Reunions, cookouts, and also back-to-school. I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer so far. The CarClub has several great events coming up that I hope you will join us for!

Our trip to the Piatt Castles was very interesting. It's another one of those locations that you always hear about in travel articles and think "someday I'll go there" and for whatever reason, someday never comes. Well for a few of us, someday did come, and it was worth the trip! **The houses were lovely, the grounds were gorgeous, and we had a lot of fun** on the self-guided tours. We were also joined by a gentleman visiting from China as part of a library exchange program. It was very interesting to listen to his thoughts on some of the things we saw. When we were done, we decided to go eat and wound up at a restaurant called "**Woody's**" just outside of Dublin. The bar-b-cue was excellent, the desserts delicious, and we highly recommend the restaurant to anyone who happens to be out that way.



This is Max & Erma's early on a Saturday morning, before CarClub members arrive for Adopt-A-Highway.

Adopt-A-Highway is this coming Saturday, August 4th. Meet us at Max & Erma's on East Broad Street at 9:30 a.m. We're usually done in about 90 minutes, then Saturn of Columbus buys everyone lunch (thanks, Saturn!). And please remember to wear **long sleeves, long pants, a hat and sturdy shoes**. Even though it will be warm, we want to keep everyone safe. If you have mosquito and tick repellent, it wouldn't hurt to use that as well.

We're also making plans for our **family picnic coming up on August 9th**. The shelter at Highbanks is great because it can be fully enclosed, so please don't let any threat of inclement weather keep you home. If it does rain, we can close the sides in and everyone can stay dry. **But let's hope for good weather instead!** Please see Lois and Sharon's article for more details about times and what to bring. We'll have some games and prizes as well, so it should be a fun time for all! And please remember that your families are welcome! Just let us know how many to expect so we can buy enough food to go around. Call the hotline, drop us an e-mail, or post a message on the Yahoo group.

And, of course, **our big Detroit trip**. We have a room block at the LaQuinta in Warren, Michigan. We have rooms at our special rate from August 13th – August 19th. However, you can come for whatever part of that week your schedule will allow. Just let us know when you plan to arrive so we can make sure to keep you in the loop with our plans. **The Woodward Dream Cruise is all day Saturday**. We will probably get up early to get to that side of town and find parking. We'll walk along the cruise route for awhile, and see some of the exhibits. Folks can also bring chairs and set up on the side of the road and watch the cars go by. It's just one big street fair, and a lot of fun! Weather permitting, we're planning to go to the **Detroit Zoo** on Thursday and **Greenfield Village** (Henry Ford Museum) on Friday. We went to Greenfield Village last year, spent the entire day and still didn't see and do everything. It's

a great place for both adults and kids, so this is definitely one for the entire family. In addition, we're considering taking **a cruise on the river**, possibly Wednesday afternoon. There are also historic homes and gardens, the **Chrysler Museum** (just wear a Saturn shirt!), the **Lionel Train museum** (although you have to have a reservation), the **Cranbrook Science Museum** and grounds, and lots of other locations to explore, either on your own or with the group. Not to mention the coney island restaurants in downtown and the Greek restaurant up north we found. Plus, in the evenings, there will be card games in the lobby of the hotel. We hope you will make your plans to join us!

September, of course, is **Saturn Day at the Zoo**. Be watching your mailbox for your invitation to this very special event, sponsored by Saturn of Columbus. In October, we're tentatively planning a train trip. November is still in the works, and December will be our annual trek to the **Zoo for Wildlight Wonderlands**. There's a lot coming up, so I hope there will be something you will come and enjoy with us! And, as always, if you have any suggestions or ideas, please call the Hotline, send us an e-mail or speak to an Officer at one of our meetings. **Because remember, you're not just IN the Club, you ARE the club.**

Cheryl



Jim Harrass always makes sure CarClub members have the right equipment for Adopt-A-Highway. Here he shows a grabber that spares your back (works out your wrist, too!)

August Events

Saturday August 4 – Adopt-A-Highway

We had to move this up because of other commitments, and that makes this announcement come close to the event. With the increasing development along our stretch of the highway, there is less work for us. Even those of you who assisted in the first community service of the year will be surprised at the amount of equipment and open ground now visible on the south side of Broad Street. So, come out and help us keep our Gold Star.

Thursday August 9 – Picnic at Highbanks Metro Park, Northern Shelter

Please bring your family and join us for a picnic on August 9th at Highbanks Metro Park at the Northern Shelter. So remember to instead of coming to Saturn North for our regular August meeting, to join us for some wonderful food and an enjoyable time. We hope to eat around 6:30 PM, but since the shelter is reserved from 5:00 – 10:00 pm you come as early as you are able and stay as long as you want. All are welcome, so please bring guests.

The CarClub will be providing the meat, buns, and condiments. The cost for attending is \$1.00 per person, which helps defray the cost of the shelter and the meat. Please bring your own table service and something to share with the group. We ask that if your last name begins with these letters that you bring:

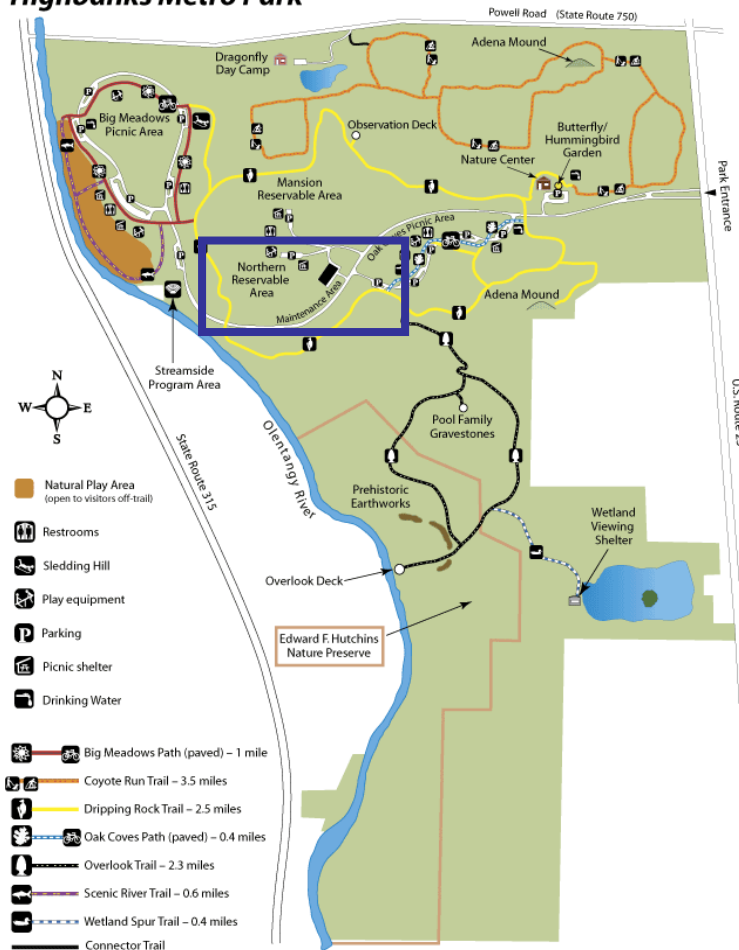
- A – K Beverages** (non-alcoholic please) and the appropriate type of **cups** to drink your beverage
- L – R Salad or Veggie**
- S – Z Desserts**

Don't miss this event — our picnics are always so much fun; it is a great way to get to know your fellow members and their families.

Directions and Map to the Area

From I-270, take U.S. 23 north about 3 miles. Entrance to the park is on the left, just before Powell Road. Northern Reservable Area is the 2nd right hand turn after entering the park. (Map follows on next page.)

Highbanks Metro Park



August 13 – 19 – Visit to Detroit, MI and the Woodward Dream Cruise

Join us in Detroit, Michigan during the week of August 13th to visit area attractions in Detroit and enjoy the Woodward Dream Cruise (a very special car show) on Saturday August 18. Plans are still being made for this memorable trip. Remember, you can go for as many days as you want and see as much of the Detroit area as you wish. Currently the group is planning on going to Greenfield Village (probably on Friday August 17), visiting the Detroit Zoo, taking a boat ride on the Detroit River, and visiting historic homes and gardens in the area.

Please let us know what day you are going to come up. Others may be coming up on the same day and we can make sure that you can meet up and come up together! We will be staying at the La Quinta, 30900 Van Dyke Ave., Warren, MI. 48093. We have a block of room reserved under the name 'Central Ohio Saturn CarClub.

Please call (586) 574-0550 to make your reservation (make sure you mention, 'Central Ohio Saturn CarClub' to get the correct rate). The block is reserved from Monday, August 13 to Sunday, August 19 and the rates are \$65.00 plus tax for a double and \$68.00 plus tax for king - with discount (AARP, AAA or Sam's Club) \$58.50 and \$63.00. You can reserve one day or the entire week!

These are directions that will take you around Detroit and get you to the La Quinta:

- 1: From Saturn North. Continue to follow US-23 N.
- 2: Stay STRAIGHT to go onto OH-15 W.
- 3: Merge onto I-75 N toward TOLEDO (Crossing into MICHIGAN).
- 4: Merge onto I-275 N.
- 5: Merge onto I-696 E.
- 6: Take EXIT 23 toward M-53 / VAN DYKE AVE.
- 7: Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto E 11 MILE RD.
- 8: Turn LEFT onto MI-53 / VAN DYKE AVE.
- 9: End at **30900 Van Dyke Ave** Warren, MI 48093-2187, US

Background on the Woodward Dream Cruise

What: The annual Woodward Dream Cruise is a classic car event that has become famous for the nostalgia of cruisin' the strip back in the 50's and 60's. It is the world's largest one-day celebration of car culture, attracts more than 1 million visitors and more than 40,000 muscle cars, street rods, custom, collector and special interest vehicles. The Dream Cruise is as popular for classic car owners and drivers as it is for the spectators who line the streets from dawn until dusk.

When: Officially, Saturday August 19, 2006 from dawn to dusk. Unofficially, the Cruise starts at 6:30 p.m. on Friday August 18, 2006 with many special activities in host cities listed below.

Where: Woodward Avenue in Oakland County from the Michigan State Fairgrounds on 8 Mile Road up to the Phoenix Center in Pontiac and back down again, the strip is 16 miles long each way. The host cities are Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Berkley, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, and Pontiac.

Cost: Driving in and viewing the event and most entertainment are offered free of charge.

Parking: Spots along Woodward are rented out by the business owners for a fee. Alternatively, you can park at either end of the strip – at the fairgrounds or the Phoenix center – and take the SMART bus line up to any of the cities hosting the event, free of charge.

Bingo at Villa Angela – Thursday August 23 at 7:00 pm.

Play Bingo and with the residents at the Villa Angela Care Center (5700 Karl Rd. between Morse Rd. and 161). What a great way to make this a special time for the residents by having CarClub members come and visit with them. If you can't come and play, please consider donating prizes and/or money to buy them – contact Peggy Williams for more information.

Coming Events

September 9 – Saturn Day at the Zoo

Visit the Zoo on Sunday September 9th where you can participate in all the fun events and enjoy a free lunch. Stop by the Car Club booth and sign in to receive your membership point. We will be having a membership drive at the Zoo, so encourage your friends to come and join our club!

October/November – Still being planned and your help is needed!

We are still trying to decide on events for October and November. One suggestion for October is to travel to Lebanon, OH for the Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad. They are offering a “Pumpkin Patch Express in October that might be fun. Included with the train ride is a visit to an area farm where riders can go through a corn maze, pet farm animals and pick out a pumpkin.

Other ideas are always welcome. Please think of something fun to do in November, and tell us!

December 1 – Columbus Zoo Holiday Lights

The Saturn CarClub is planning to see the holiday lights on Saturday Dec. 1. We will meet at 6 p.m. at the food court (nearest the gorillas) for those who want to eat together, or by 7 p.m., for those who just want to come see the lights. More information will, of course, be available closer to the event. But please put it on your calendar now, so that you can join us for this annual event.

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

Lois & Sharon

OnStar... It's Not Just for Your Emergency

Several weeks ago, I was driving to work when I saw the mini-van in front of me stopping, so I put my brakes on, too. The next sound I heard was a thump, and I saw the mini-van slide across the road. I couldn't see, so I don't know if the car in front of the van stopped short or what, but the van had hit the rear of the car in front. The van pulled off into a driveway, and the car pulled onto the side of the road.

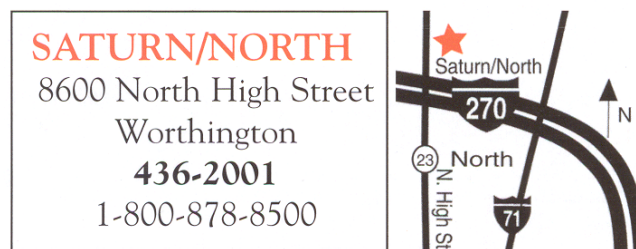
As I got out of my car, a guy got out of his to help. He grabbed his cell phone, but couldn't connect. Someone else got through to 911, but the signal was so poor, they were having trouble explaining the need. I ran back to my car, hit the “Emergency” button for OnStar, and was punched right through. OnStar pinpointed my location, put me through to the appropriate police department, and we got help out to the people in the accident.

I'm glad the accident wasn't more serious, and it's good to know OnStar folks are there when you need them.

Cheryl

Scavenger Hunt #1 Update

We have a winner. Now we are trying to figure out where the prize is. Watch the newsletter for details.



Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
August 4	Adopt-A-Highway followed by lunch at Reynoldsburg Max & Erma's	Assemble at Max & Erma's, 8050 East Broad Street	9:30 a.m. to about noon
August 9	CarClub Picnic	Highbanks Metro Park Northern Shelter	6:00 p.m.
August 13 - 19	Woodward Dream Cruise and Other Attractions	Detroit	All Day Events
August 23	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
September 9	Saturn Day at the Zoo	Columbus Zoo	All Day Event
September 13	Regular CarClub Meeting	Saturn Southeast	7:00 p.m.
September 20	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
October 11	Regular CarClub Meeting	Saturn West	7:00 p.m.
October 18	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
November 8	Regular CarClub Meeting	Saturn North	7:00 p.m.

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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.

CarClub Website

<http://www.centohiocarclub.com/>

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 Lois Szudy and Sharon Leonard (Events Officers), or leave a message on the CarClub hotline (614-470-3517).



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