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The Sky's The Limit

Welcome to the Holiday Season! I hope you all had a safe and happy Thanksgiving, whether you traveled or stayed home. And, as you decorate your tree, put up your lights, and do your baking, I hope you'll make space in your busy calendars for the last two CarClub events of the year.

The first is our annual trip to the Columbus Zoo for **Wildlight Wonderland**. Join us in the food court at 6:00 p.m. on December 1st if you want to eat, or 7:00 p.m. if you just want to walk with us. Remember to **dress appropriately for the weather!** I also want to thank Saturn of Columbus for providing some free admission tickets for our members. We had a tremendous response, but I believe everyone who needed a ticket received one.

We'll round the year out with our traditional **Christmas potluck** at our meeting at Saturn/SouthEast on **December 13th**. This starts at 6:30, and rumor has it the last of the oil change coupons will also be there! The Club will provide the main course, and we're asking everyone to bring something to share. See the Events article for more details.

I hope those of you who joined us for our movie outing in November had as good a time as I did. We saw "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium," and enjoyed being waited on in the theatre. Although we only had popcorn and drinks, we placed our order from our seats, and it was brought to us by a friendly and efficient wait staff. Those who ordered some of the other menu items also said it was excellent. If you're looking to try something new, **we highly recommend the Movie Tavern in Hilliard!**

Check out our poll and **vote for the zoo animal you'd like us to adopt**. We'll adopt three, and the top vote-getters will win. In the event of a tie, we'll draw from a hat. You can call the hotline with your choice, tell us at a meeting or vote in the online poll at the Yahoo group. See the list elsewhere in the newsletter. You can vote up until December 13th, and we'll announce the winners at the meeting.

Our **charity partner** for the fourth quarter is **Toys for Tots**. Every year, Auto Body collects new, unwrapped toys for local children, and we've decided to help them out. We'll collect either money or new toys and donate them to the effort to make Christmas brighter for some central Ohio kids.

Plans are already under way for our trip to Detroit for the **International Auto Show**. We'll be staying at the LaQuinta in Warren, MI again. Plus, when we were in Detroit for the Woodward Dream Cruise, we met a guy who works for the GM Heritage Center. We asked if they gave tours, and he thought only car clubs could arrange that. Well, we're a car club, so he gave us some contact information, and we'll see what we can do to arrange a tour. For those of you not familiar with the Heritage Center, it's **where GM keeps all their concept cars**, and at least one of each production model. Although only about 200 cars are available at any time, it's still a fascinating place to go. We'll keep you posted on the details as we get them!

I would like to thank all the Officers who served with me this year for all their hard work and dedication. And to you, our members, without whom we wouldn't exist, I'd like to just remind you that **you're not just IN the Club, you ARE the Club**. We wish you all the merriest of holiday seasons, and we'll look forward to seeing you in 2008!

Cheryl

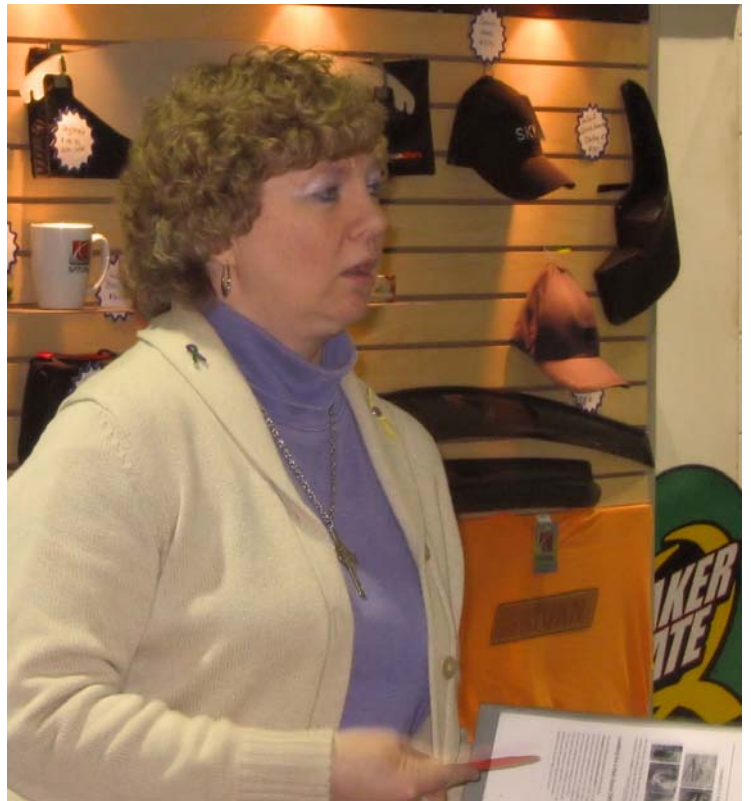
Pictures from the November Meeting



CarClub members discussed the list of zoo animals before making their choices for adoption for the year 2008.



CarClub President Cheryl Lutman encouraged members to consider serving as an officer in 2008.



Ruth Albert will serve as CarClub President after a busy year of activities as Vice President.

December Events

Holiday Party at Saturn Southeast

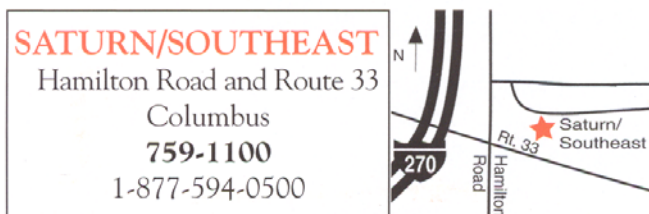


Come one, come all! On **Thursday December 13**, in place of our normal CarClub meeting, we will be celebrating the season with a Holiday Party (Potluck) at Saturn Southeast at 6:30 pm.

The CarClub will provide the meat and beverages. Members need to bring their own plates, utensils, and at least one dish to share. We ask that if your last name begins with these letters that you bring:

- A - H salad
- I - P veggies
- Q - Z dessert

Please also bring \$1.00 per person to offset the cost for the meat and drinks. Family members are invited to join us for our annual holiday party! Let's hope for wonderful weather – No Snow allowed!



Bingo

On **December 20** join us for Bingo at Villa Angela at 7:00 pm. Please come and celebrate the season with the residents of Villa Angela. They appreciate visitors so much and love playing BINGO!

Looking Ahead:

January 18 - 21 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Weekend) – Trip to the Detroit Auto Show and area attractions.

We will leave on Friday from Saturn North (time to be determined) and plan on coming back on Tuesday morning (but you can go for any length of time).



The Detroit Auto Show is fantastic – a great opportunity to see all the new cars. If you have never gone, we highly recommend it! If you have gone in the past, you know how much fun it can be! For more information, you can go to their website at: <http://www.naias.com/>. The costs for the auto show are as follows:

- Adult: \$12
- Senior Citizen (65 and older): \$6
- Children 7-12: \$6
- Children 6 and under free with their parent

We will be staying at the La Quinta at 30900 Van Dyke in Warren, MI. You can call for reservations to 1-800-531-5900 or 586-574-0550. It is highly recommended that you make your reservations prior to December 31st as the costs for rooms will be going up on January 1st. You should be able to get AAA, AARP or Sam's Club discounted prices for the rooms.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Lois & Sharon

Animals for Adoption in 2008 from the Columbus Zoo



The animals we are selecting for adoption from the Columbus Zoo include (top row) Cheetah, Asian Elephant, Koala, Black Rhino, Manatee, (bottom row): American Bald Eagle, Drill, Chuckwalla, Sea Turtle, and American Black Bear. The voting continues at the meeting, and results will be announced at the Holiday Party.

Where can you find

Acura, Aston Martin, Audi, Bentley, BMW, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, Ferrari, Ford, GEM - Global Electric Motorcars, GMC, Honda, Hummer, Hyundai, Infiniti, Jaguar, Jeep, Kia, Lamborghini, Land Rover, Lexus, Lincoln, Maserati, Maybach, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mercury, MINI, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Pontiac, Rolls-Royce, Saab, Saturn, Scion, Smart, Subaru, Suzuki, Toyota, Volkswagen, Volvo and ZXAUTO China (Hebei Zhongxing) without traveling around the world? In Detroit at the North American International Auto Show. There will be



700,000 plus square foot of showroom set up in Cobo Hall! Join the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub on our trip to Detroit for the show. There will be people going up on Friday, January 18 and there may be others going up on Saturday or Sunday. We are planning on going to the show Monday – that is the Martin Luther King Holiday – January 21. We are staying at the La Quinta, 30900 Van Dyke Ave., Warren, MI., 48093 their phone number is 586-574-0550. If you think you might be interested in going but need until after the first of the year to schedule your time off, go ahead and call and get a room reserved now! We have been told that the rates are going UP January 1, 2008. We are still in negotiations with the GM Heritage Center to arrange a tour date and time. We always have a great time in Detroit and the show is an amazing place to look at the concept cars that never are shown at the Columbus Auto Show.

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
December 1	Holiday Lights	Columbus Zoo	6:00 p.m.
December 13	Holiday Party	Saturn Southeast	6:30 p.m.
December 30	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
January 10	Regular Meeting	Saturn West	7:00 p.m.
January 17	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
January 18 – 20	International Auto Show	Detroit	weekend

2008 Activities To Be Announced

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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.

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