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From the President's VUE

I would like to thank everyone who came to the first meeting of 2004! It was a little snowy but I hope that everyone had fun. To let you know what you missed ... oil change coupons were passed out to everyone who attended. Look for the coupons to be passed out again at a meeting in April, May, or June!

Our Events chairman, John Williams, gave us a run down on some event ideas for this year, so please see his article for the list of ideas and let us know what YOU want to do. I was able to show images from the Detroit Auto Show of Saturn's new vehicles, the **Rally**, which will be in production in 2005 and the concept car called **Curve**. One picture is shown below, and another appears later in this issue along with a report.

The Curve looks like it's waiting for caped superhero at the Detroit Auto Show. Photo taken by Robin Glowacki.



Our first Sunday event was a success! We had a wonderful time at Fuddrucker's. We spent most of the time talking about the **Detroit Car Show** and the Rally and Curve. We that went to the Marcus Theater and saw The Last Samurai starring Tom Cruise.

In February, look forward to our meeting at Saturn West on the 12th. We will have a **guest from the Red Cross** at the meeting. Our first **Saturday meeting** will be held on the 14th, also at Saturn West. To add to the excitement, Saturn of Columbus will be holding their **annual Donor Day** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Saturn West and we can help them and the Red Cross! There are still available times to sign up and help the Red Cross process blood donors, or if you can donate blood. If you can be there, **you could earn up to three points!** One for attending the meeting, one for helping to sign in donors and one for donating blood! In one day you could be half way toward your six points and the 15% discount it entitles you to. Also, remember bingo at **Villa Angela** on the 19th and our next event on the 28th, the **Maple Sugar Festival** at Camp Lazarus. See the article for details.

In March, we have the **2004 Columbus International AutoShow**. If you are interested in helping, you can check on line to see the available time slots on our website at www.centohiocarclub.com; then contact the CarClub Champion, Al Clapsaddle, by email or phone at Saturn West 614-771-9700 to sign up. The monthly meeting will be at **Saturn SouthEast** March 11th and bingo will be the 18th at **Villa Angela**. I hope to see you!

Remember... you are not in the CarClub, you ARE the CarClub!

Lowell

CARCLUB EVENTS

Still in the Rearview Mirror

At our first meeting of the new year, held at Saturn Southeast, the immediate past president Jim Harrass was presented with a token of the CarClub's appreciation. It cannot have been a surprise, as this is a tradition in the club. Still, Lowell bestowed the plaque with all due seriousness, and Jim accepted it with evident pleasure.



BINGO was held on January 15th at Villa Angela. 26 residents were in attendance with 10 CarClub members. Plan to attend the next BINGO on February 19th at 7:00 p.m. Villa Angela is located at 5700 Karl Road.

Just Ahead Around the Curve

14 February 2004 – **Saturday Meeting** at Saturn/West, 10:00 a.m. Guest speaker from the Red Cross about blood donation.

14 February 2004 – **Saturn/Red Cross Blood Drive** at Saturn/West, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m. Work as a volunteer 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., or donate blood. Active member points can be earned for each.

28 February 2004 – **Maple Sugar Festival** at Camp Lazarus, 10:00 a.m. See separate article for more info.

13-21 March 2004 – **Columbus International Auto Show**. The CarClub will again be supporting Saturn of Columbus during the entire Auto Show. The shifts available are posted on the CarClub web site at: <http://www.centohiocarclub.com/pg000008.html>. See the AutoShow article for more information.

On the Horizon (No Date Yet)

The following are events that have been suggested at the officer's meeting and the general meeting of the membership. As details are worked out, that information will be made available at the meetings and in the newsletter.

- Overnight trip to Indy
- Spring Hill (earlier in the year; Spring Hill model changeover is in June for the Vue and August for the Ion)
- Rolling Ridge Ranch
- Train ride (Turtle Creek & Lebanon Railway)
- Car Museum (either in Canton or Dayton or Cleveland)
- Halfway to Christmas Party in June or July
- Car rally
- Tour of Honda plant
- Amish farm tour
- Bean dinner at Bob Evans Farms in Rio Grande

Because of the extra planning that is involved in some CarClub events, sign-up sheets are circulated to get an idea of participation levels and help ensure everything runs smoothly. Sometimes, volunteer help is needed. Don't be shy!

Suggestions for other activities are always welcome, please talk with any CarClub Officer, John Williams or Jim Harrass, or call the hotline (614-470-3517).

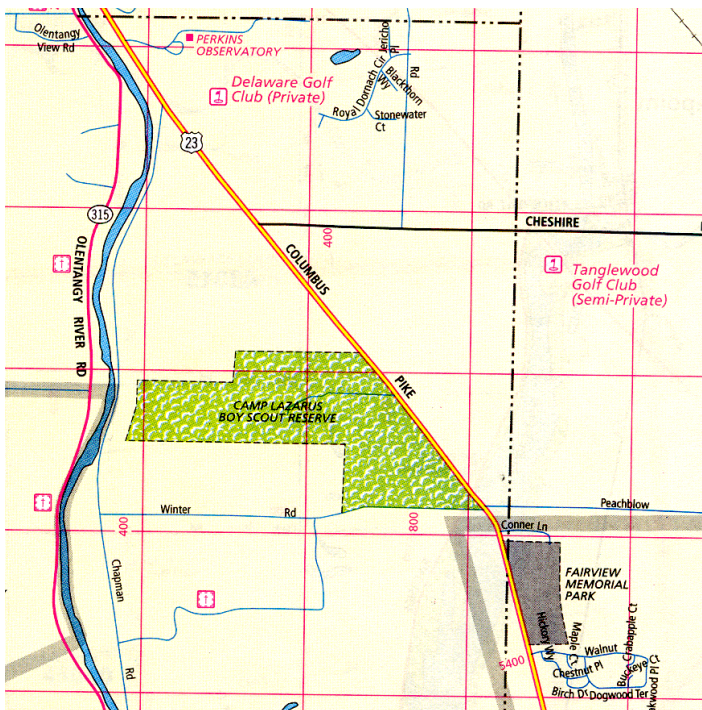


John Williams, Events Coordinator. Photo taken by M. Steve before Peggy Williams had a chance to get John to fix his officer's tag.

MAPLE SUGAR FESTIVAL

Ohio's Simon Kenton Council of the Boy Scouts of America will hold its **19th annual Maple Sugar Festival** on the last Saturday in February and the first Saturday in March at Camp Lazarus.

Preparations by staffers require months of work, but the rewards could hardly be sweeter. At the council's 250-acre Camp Lazarus, on Route 23 north of Columbus, up to 300 mature maple trees are marked for early January tapping. Firewood is stacked for the cooking process that reduces huge vats of sap to a few gallons of pure maple syrup. A full cord of wood is burned in boiling down 600 gallons of sap into syrup. But those same 600 gallons, boiled under different weather conditions, will result in varying amounts of syrup. Ideal "sugar weather," with temperatures below freezing at night and not much above 45 in the daytime, will produce as much as 85 gallons of syrup; in warmer weather, the result can be as few as 15 gallons.



Location of Camp Lazarus.

Attendees also witness the exacting art of tapping trees and drawing sap. A tree is usually about 40 years old and must be at least 10 inches in diameter. Holes less than a half inch in diameter are drilled 3 inches deep into the trunk and fitted with a metal spout or "spile." A covered bucket is attached to collect the sap.

The festival is a great way to introduce people to Camp Lazarus and also serves as a major fundraiser. Each participant is asked for a \$1 donation and all-you-can-eat pancakes, with fresh maple syrup, are available for \$5.

The CarClub will meet at Camp Lazarus on Saturday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m. See you there!

Current GM / OnStar Promotion

Before and after the January CarClub meeting, several members took a shot at winning a new Saturn as part of the GM OnStar promotion. GM has put 1000 cars and trucks in the promotion. The pictures below show the L300 at Saturn Southeast that was On-Star equipped. Judging by the lack of whoops and hollers after hearing the OnStar "operator" announce the results, no CarClub member won that day.



OnStar promotion vehicle, L300 with gold trim.



Detroit Auto Show Report

By Kim Dunham
and Robin Glowacki

The 2004 North American International Auto Show held at Cobo Center in downtown Detroit, MI was spectacular. The ability to have all of the auto manufacturers gathered in one location was truly amazing. From concept and customized, to revealing this year's new model releases, car enthusiasts were left in anticipation. Across the board the concept cars were very innovative in design. Many showcased improvements on road-awareness and safety, as well as accessibility.

There was also a common theme among the major manufacturers of going back to the classic look and style that we've all grown to love.



Overall the trip to the Motor City was educational, impressive, and lots of fun. If the opportunity to go arises, we highly recommend snagging it.

Photographs of Saturn's concept car, Curve, appearing in this newsletter were taken by Robin Glowacki.

National Donor Day

On Saturday February 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., our CarClub will be assisting Saturn of Columbus and Saturn Corp., for the seventh Annual National Donor Day, at Saturn/West.

We need **6 to 8 volunteers** and as many who can to donate blood. The volunteers will work either 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The duties for the volunteers will be:

- Registering the potential donors
- Distributing and collecting donor forms
- Providing refreshments
- Assisting the donors after they donate.

Volunteering will count toward your Active Member status. Both volunteering and donating will count as an activity. What a quick way to achieve or maintain active member status.

Call our Hotline to volunteer or to donate.

2004 Columbus International Autoshow

This year's AutoShow will start on **Saturday, March 13th** and run through **Sunday, March 21st**.

We need 50 volunteers. We are accepting names **NOW**. You can call our CarClub Champion, Al Clapsaddle, at 771-9700 or register at our CarClub meeting, on February 12th at Saturn/West. If you call the Hotline, your request will not be accepted. We need to control requests and you **MUST** follow the directions to be selected.

Each volunteer will receive money for parking and admittance to the Autoshow. Volunteers will also get a year's pass to the Columbus Zoo. Note: There are some restrictions, which will be explained at the CarClub meeting, in February.

Also, this year, each time you volunteer, it will count as a point toward your Active Membership Status.

This event allows you time to get to know our **NEW** Saturn products a little better. You can also see them up close.

The information packages for the workers will be passed out on March 11th at Saturn/SouthEast. If you have **ANY** questions regarding the Autoshow, please contact Al Clapsaddle at 771-9700.

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
12-Feb-2004	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / West	7:00 p.m.
14-Feb-2004	First 2004 Saturday Meeting	Saturn / West	10:00 a.m.
14-Feb-2004	Saturn/Red Cross Blood Drive	Saturn / West	10:00 a.m. – 4:00
19-Feb-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
28-Feb-2004	Maple Sugar Festival	Camp Lazarus	10:00 a.m.
11-Mar-2004	Monthly Meeting / Auto Show Prep	Saturn / Southeast	7:00 p.m.
13-21 Mar 2004	Columbus International Auto Show	Convention Center	Various
18-Mar-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
27-Mar-2004	Blooms and Butterflies	Franklin Park Conservatory	10:00 a.m.
8-Apr-2004	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / North	7:00 p.m.
15-Apr-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
17-Apr-2004	Wildflowers & Waterfalls Hike	Ash Cave	10:00 a.m.
17-Apr-2004	Artisan Mall	Logan Ohio	12:30 p.m.
1-May-2004	Saturn Cycling Safari	Columbus Zoo	TBA
2-May-2004	Behind the Scenes-Diving	Columbus Zoo/Aquarium	1:00 p.m.
13-May-2004	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / North	7:00 p.m.
20-May-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.

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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:
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