



The Monthly Planet

Words from the President

Hi everyone. **Happy New Year!** I hope your Holiday season was enjoyable and that you were able to spend time with your loved ones. As we start our 11th year, I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming meetings and events.

I want to take this time to welcome two new officers to the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Board: **Lois Szudy** to Events and **Doug Dunham** as Safety/Historian. I also want to thank the returning officers for coming back to serve another year.

In 2005 we will continue our community service activities with the **Adopt-A-Highway** program and **Bingo Night at Villa Angela**. We are planning many fun activities this year, starting with the **North American International Auto Show** in Detroit on January 14-16. This should be

a very enjoyable event based on reports from those who attended the show last year.

Plans for future events are ongoing and will be detailed in the *Monthly Planet* newsletter as they are completed.

I want to thank the CarClub for the beautiful poinsettia plant I received following my recent hospital stay.

Please contact me at 614-846-3351 with any questions or concerns about the CarClub. Leave a message with your phone number and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Again I look forward to seeing you at future meetings and events.

John



CarClub members found a lovely tree with numbered gifts underneath at the December meeting/Holiday Potluck.



While the weather outside got nasty, 16 CarClub members and 6 family members had a great party.



Everyone brought delicious food to share and there was a feast fit for a King.

Those of you who missed the December meeting likely realized that it would not be a very good night, weather wise. It started snowing about 5:00 p.m. and by the 6:30 p.m. start time for the party, there was about an inch of snow on the ground. It continued snowing all during the party and by about 8:00 p.m., there was about 2-3 inches of snow on the ground and on the Saturns.

Here's the reason the presents under the tree had numbers on them: Becky had everyone draw a number out of a hat and then gave each person a wrapped gift with the corresponding number on it. The gifts were Saturn CarClub items taken from the CarClub inventory.

Message from the Veep

Greetings and Welcome to 2006! I am Cheryl Lutman, and I will be serving as your Vice-President this year. I'm looking forward to a fun year, and to that end, I'm going to run a Scavenger Hunt. Somewhere, in the State of Ohio, (and yes, this is your first clue), we have hidden a special prize (more details on that to come).

Beginning in February, clues will be released twice a month. One will be somewhere in the Newsletter, and the second will be somewhere on the voicemail. Piece together the clues, and the first person to call the hotline with the correct answer wins the prize! The only stipulations are that you must have a current CarClub membership to claim the prize, and the decision of the Officers is final. If more than one person calls the Hotline with the correct answer, the date/time stamp on the Hotline will determine the winner. See the bottom of the Officers Listing for the Hotline number.

Good luck and happy sleuthing!



CarClub Events

Hi Everyone! Happy New Year!!

Hope to see you at many of our events, the first one being our trip to the **Detroit Auto Show**, January 14-16. Have a good time, drive carefully and, of course, find fun places to eat.

We have rooms reserved at the La Quinta Hotel, 760 Marrison Rd. in Romulus, MI. If you are still interested in going, you need to call 800-531-5900 and use the confirmation number 739 45 100. You might be able to still get our discounted rate of \$71.99 a night for a non smoking room with two queen size bed plus the complimentary breakfast! So if you were thinking about going, time's a wasting! If you are planning on going up on Sunday, please meet at Saturn North by 10:00 a.m., as they will be leaving at 10:30! Remember that Saturn of Columbus has generously offered the use of two Relay's; I think one is full, but there is a second going up. **Please let us know if you are interested in riding in one of the Relays! We will have both only if we have the people to fill them.**

For **IMPORTANT, LAST MINUTE INFORMATION** on the auto show admission rates, see the **FLASH** Announcement under the calendar on page 5!

The February outing will be February 11th to the Franklin Park Conservatory to see the Chocolate Tree and learn about the history of chocolate. I've heard that there is a sweet treat at the end of the tour. We are planning to meet at the Conservatory at 11:00 a.m. and after the tour have a late lunch.

Lois and I will be putting our heads together to plan some fun day trips. Any ideas? Call me at 614-846-3351.

Remember Bingo every third Thursday at Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Road, at 7:00 p.m. Also, don't forget Adopt-A-Highway program starting in April. These count as events and will give you points toward your "Active" membership status which means you receive 15% discount on all parts, labor, and accessories at any of the three Saturn of Columbus facilities.

See you at the meeting January 12th at Saturn/West at 7:00 p.m.

Peggy

January Events

January 12 — Meeting at **Saturn West**.

January 13 to 16 — Trip to Detroit for the North American International Auto Show. Please see the article for the hotel details.

January 19 — Bingo at **Villa Angela**. This is our first community service activity of the new year.

Lowell here, sorry to break in to Peggy's article, but I just wanted to remind you that there is a group heading to Detroit on Saturday! Cheryl and I are planning on driving up on Saturday and you're invited to come with us! Please call me at 614-783-0314 for information on where we plan on meeting. We have room in our Vue if someone would like to ride up with us. Or we might have one of the two Relays Saturn of Columbus has offered to the CarClub. We are planning a day excursion on Sunday and a relaxing evening before walking on Monday!

An interesting note from the North American International Auto Show web site – "*Cobo Center has approximately 700,000 square feet of exhibit space and the NAIAS uses every inch of it and more. The multiple-tiered exhibits bring the total square footage for the show to more than 1 million square feet.*" – No wonder we were tired after walking around the show!

Our February Destination — The Wondrous World of Chocolate at the Franklin Park Conservatory

The Amazing Chocolate Tree Exhibition
November 12, 2005 – February 20, 2006

This imaginative exhibition takes you inside the exciting world of chocolate making – from the roots of the tree to the candy factory. Take an interactive journey through a 20-foot flower dome, a 20-foot cacao pod, and a rainforest with cacao trees that bring life to the history, process, and use of chocolate around the world. The exhibition ends at a life-size chocolate factory that involves you in the entire process of chocolate production. This exciting, enlightening exhibition evokes a sense of wonder for all ages.

As the first stop on a countrywide tour, The Amazing Chocolate Tree was jointly developed among six of the country's major botanical gardens as the first of a series of extraordinary travelling exhibitions. The exhibition will then travel to the five other botanical gardens - Atlanta Botanical Garden, Dallas Arboretum, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park and Phipps Conservatory.

Local lead sponsors include Anthony-Thomas Chocolates, Battelle, The Columbus Foundation, The Columbus Dispatch, and WBNS 10 TV, with major support from AEP Ohio, Cardinal Health, Nationwide Foundation, and Worthington Industries.

HOURS

Tuesday - Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Open holiday Mondays

ADMISSION

\$6.50 for adults

\$5.00 for seniors and students

\$3.50 for children 2-12

Members and children under 2 FREE

A group of 10 or more can get a \$1 discount through the Education office at the Conservatory.



The entrance to the Franklin Park Conservatory is on East Broad Street. On 670, take the Fifth Avenue exit, head west to Nelson Road, turn south and proceed to Broad Street. Head west again, and then left into the park grounds. From I-70 East, take the Main Street exit ramp to Alum Creek Drive, at the light at Main Street turn left, at the light at Nelson Road turn right, then left on Broad Street. From I-70 West, take the Livingston Avenue exit, which puts you on Alum Creek Drive. Head north to Main Street, and follow the directions from there.



Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

| Date | Meeting / Event | Location | Time |
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| January 12 | Meeting and Installation of Officers for 2006 | Saturn West | 7:00 p.m. |
| January 14 – 16 | North American International Auto Show and more | Detroit | TBD |
| January 19 | Bingo | Villa Angela | 7:00 p.m. |
| February 9 | Meeting | Saturn North | 7:00 p.m. |
| February 11 | Chocolate Tree Exhibition | Franklin Park Conservatory | 11:00 a.m. |
| February 16 | Bingo | Villa Angela | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 9 | Meeting | Saturn Southeast | 7:00 p.m. |
| March TBD | Event TBD | TBD | TBD |
| March 16 | Bingo | Villa Angela | 7:00 p.m. |

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Auto Show admission rates changed from those of last year. Ticket prices are: Adult: \$12; Senior Citizen (65 and older): \$6; Children 7-12: \$5; Children 6 and under free with their parent. But **through the efforts of our CarClub Champion**, Al Clapsaddle, members in good standing are getting a **deep discount**, so deep that the price of admission stays in our pockets. That's right. Al has negotiated with the powers that be and we will get **FREE admission to the Auto Show** for each CARCLUB MEMBER. Also each CARCLUB MEMBER will get a **special gift**.

A really big CarClub thanks to Al and Saturn.

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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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Suggestions for activities are always welcome, please talk with any CarClub Officer, but especially Peggy Williams and Lois Szudy (Events Officers), or leave a message on the CarClub hotline (614-470-3517).



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