



CarClub



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The Sky's The Limit

Greetings and welcome to 2007! My name is Cheryl Lutman and I'm your duly elected President. For those of you who don't know me, I drive a 2005 ION Quad Coupe (which is my 4th Saturn), and I'm married to that really tall guy, who drives a 2003 VUE (his second). I bought my first Saturn in 1992, my husband bought his in 1994, and we've not looked back. I work for a financial planning firm, just finished earning my professional certification, and in my spare time (which I don't have a lot of!), I like to read, do counted cross-stitch, scrapbook, play the piano and shop.

Well, enough about me. I'd like to start by **thanking John Williams and his team of 2006 officers** for the fine job they did last year. I'd also like to thank and introduce your 2007 officers: Ruth Albert – Vice President; Becky Harrass – Secretary; Jim Harrass – Treasurer; Lowell Lutman – Membership; Doug Dunham – Safety/Historian; Al Clapsaddle – Champion; and our events team of Lois Szudy and Sharon Leonard. I know Lois and Sharon are hard at work planning some exciting things for us in 2007, so I hope you'll come join us!

Although I'm sure they'll have more in their events article, I want to encourage everyone to join us for our trip to Detroit in January. Although I'm not a huge car fan, I have to admit being very impressed by the North American International Auto Show. There are vehicles and manufacturers that will never make it to Columbus. So, if you want to look at **the unusual, the exotic, the "oh my, what were they thinking,"** then Detroit is place to be! We will also be going back to the Henry Ford Museum. Remember that if you went with us last August, your combo ticket is still good. If you can't go, let us know, and we may be able to find someone to buy your ticket. Plus, there will be a **trip to the mall**. I can't go anywhere

without a trip to the mall, so I might as well bring anyone else who wants to come with me. Anyway, our trips are always a lot of fun, and we do more than just car stuff, so I hope you can join us.

We'll be continuing our **quarterly charity partners** this year. We'll take collections at our three meetings, then give those donations to the charity we've selected. Although the officers will make the decision on the charity, we're always interested in our member's suggestions. Our only real criteria are they have to be local (or the local arm of a national organization), with the bulk of the money staying in Central Ohio. I'm sure we don't know about every organization out there, so I hope if you have a group that you support, you'll let us know! Remember, too, the CarClub matches 100% of your donations, to \$100. So please, we hope if you can give, you will.

We'll also be continuing our **monthly bingo nights at Villa Angela Care Center**. It's always on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00. Villa Angela is located on Karl Road, between Morse Road and 161. The games usually last about an hour and a half, and it's a great way to brighten someone's day!

We also have some new surprises up our sleeves, so stay tuned to this space for more details. I'm also always open to your ideas and suggestions, so please make sure to talk to me or one of the other officers at any meeting, call our hotline, or send us an e-mail. We're only here because of you, so remember, **you're not just in the club, you are the club**.

Cheryl

November Photos



CarClub members visited the engine before taking the train ride.



The chilly temperatures discouraged the riders from trying the outdoor car. Maybe some other time.



Above, view inside the passenger car. Below, it was nice and cozy inside Clark's Dining Room, Jacksontown, after the train ride.



Correction: In the last issue, new member Bill Smith was incorrectly listed as John Smith. Sorry about that!



December Photos



Chilly temperatures did not discourage these CarClub members from taking a field trip to the zoo to see the holiday displays.



An extensive model train layout drew a lot of interest from CarClub members.



Above, holiday decorations; below food and condiments for the Holiday Potluck at the December meeting at Saturn Southeast.



Outgoing CarClub President John Williams, Peggy Williams (Events) and Jim Harrass (Membership) go over the last items of CarClub business in 2006 before the feast.

A little interior decorating led to the arrangement of the tables into a horseshoe shape and brought everyone together to celebrate.



The winner of the raffled Sky umbrella was Mike Steve, Monthly Planet editor, who found it very handy the following rainy weekend.

January Events

January 12 - 15 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Weekend) – **Trip to the Detroit Auto Show** and area attractions.

A group will leave on Friday from Saturn North (time to be determined) and come back on Tuesday morning (but you can go for any length of time). We will visit the Henry Ford Museum on Saturday or Sunday.

Details on prices were in the last newsletter. Peggy has reserved rooms 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. The rooms are reserved under Central Ohio Saturn Car Club. Please use these reservation numbers:

404155704	3 doubles
404155705	1 double; 2 king
404155706	2 king

The CarClub basically reserved 4 doubles and 4 kings. You can cancel up to 6 pm on night of arrival!

Details for the February outing that is being planned will be announced at the January meeting.

Lois & Sharon

Concept Cars to See in Detroit.

Worldwide Production (15)	
2007 BMW 3 Series Convertible	2008 Lexus IS-F
2008 Cadillac CTS	2008 Porsche Cayenne, Turbo, S
Changfeng Liebao	2008 Mitsubishi Lancer
2008 Chevrolet Malibu	2008 Nissan Rogue
Chrysler	2007 Toyota Tundra
Dodge (4)	CrewMax
2007 Hyundai Veracruz	
Worldwide Concept (11)	
Changfeng Liebao	Kia Kue
Chevrolet	Mazda
Chrysler Nassau	Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution
Ford	Prototype
Honda Accord Coupe	Mitsubishi
Jeep Trailhawk	Volvo
North American Production (2)	
2007 MINI Cooper, Cooper S	2008 Mercedes-Benz GL320
	CDI Concepts at N

Lowell



That Ain't Shabby That's the Way You Do It... You Get Your Picture on a Magazine

Cheryl and Lowell went to the Strawberry Festival in London, Ohio, and the Ohio Cobra Club had a cruise-in that same weekend. To raise funds for charity (this year it was Cystic Fibrosis), they sell rides. It's about an 8th of a mile down a closed off street, with one of those "Your speed is..." signs at the end.

Cheryl bought a ride in the morning, and got up to 85. In the afternoon, she bought a second ride. When the driver asked her if she'd ever ridden in a Cobra before, she told him yes, and he asked how fast she had gone. She thinks he took it as a personal challenge, because they hit 93.

In November, Lowell was in Kroger's picking up a prescription. While he was waiting for the pharmacist, he was looking at the magazines on the rack. There was a magazine devoted to Cobras with a write-up of the London show. And there, in a picture at the bottom of the front cover, hair blowing every which way, was our CarClub president. Lowell recognized the shot right away, because he had taken a similar one as a spectator.

Cheryl notes: "Not only did I get the ride of my life, but I got my picture on the cover of a national magazine!"

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
January 11	Meeting	Saturn West	7:00 p.m.
January 12 - 15	Detroit Auto Show and related excursions	Detroit and Vicinity	Leave Friday from Saturn North at 11:00 a.m.
	Henry Ford Museum		Sunday
	North American International Auto Show		Monday
January 18	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
February 8	Meeting	Saturn North	7:00 p.m.
February 15	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
March 8	Meeting	Saturn Southeast	7:00 p.m.
March 15	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
August 13 through 19	Detroit Summer Road Trip Cruise-In (Saturday)	Watch this space	

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



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