



CarClub



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Just Around The Corner!

Welcome to 2009! Your Officers are hard at work planning exciting activities for the year ahead. We plan on a mix of local events and day trips, and try to pick things that are appropriate for all members of the family. As always, please remember that all members of your family are welcome at any event! Our events also tend to include eating somewhere (usually trying somewhere new!), so be sure to watch this space for upcoming events, and mark your calendars accordingly.

North American International Auto Show

The first event of the new year, is the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. It will be held at the COBO Center at One Washington Blvd in Detroit. A group from the CarClub will be traveling up again on Saturday, January 17th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday weekend) for this fantastic AUTO SHOW. Our plans are to go to the Henry Ford Museum on Sunday, and then visit the Auto Show on Monday.

We will leave from Saturn North (time to be determined) and plan on coming back 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. In fact, you will see cars in Detroit that don't come to Columbus. Want to see how the "other half" drives? Visit the Maybach display. Want to see the really fast cars? Consider Porsche or Lamborghini. Want to pick out your "dream car"? Every manufacturer will be there, so look to your heart's content. Want to see the future of the automobile? Check out the

concept cars, or look downstairs at what the truly innovative folks are doing. 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. You should be able to get AAA, AARP or Sam's Club discounted prices for the rooms. Note that we will utilize the shuttle from the Detroit Zoo to avoid the downtown traffic and parking issues. If, however, you need to leave directly after visiting the show, we suggest you reserve a spot in one of the nearby parking garages. The website, www.naias.com, will have the appropriate links.

Bingo

The next Bingo at Villa Angela Care Center, 5770 Karl Road, will be Thursday, January 22nd, starting at 7:00. The residents sure do look forward to us coming, so we hope to see you there. Note that we are looking for a couple of folks to help coordinate the monthly bingo games. If you'd be interested in taking on this service activity, please let us know by calling the Hotline or sending us an e-mail.

National Donor Day

Once again, Saturn West will host the bloodmobile for National Donor Day. It will be on February 7th. As in years past, we are looking for volunteers to work either a morning or an afternoon shift, signing in the donors. If you can help, please let us know! You will receive a point for working. If you can't work, but would like to give blood, please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543, or visit their website, www.givelife.org to schedule your time. You will receive a point for donating. Giving blood is relatively painless, fairly quick, and almost anyone over 18 is eligible. Please, help the Red Cross help others by giving blood.

New Owner's Clinics

As most of you know, Saturn of Columbus holds regular clinics to introduce new owners to their new

Saturns. They graciously allow the CarClub to speak briefly about our group and about the benefits of joining. If you would be interested in presenting the CarClub information at a clinic, please let us know, and we will get you everything you need. Upcoming dates are:

January 6th – West
January 21st – SouthEast
February 5th – North
February 17th – West
March 4th – SouthEast

Call the Hotline, visit our Yahoo group, or use the e-mail addresses located elsewhere in the newsletter to let us know what you would like to see us do in 2009!

Becky Harrass, Events Coordinator

Where in the Universe Is Your Saturn????

A New Feature! Send us your photo of you and your Saturn on vacation! Give us a tip, a hint, or just a quick memory and we'll include it here.



To start us off, here's a "blast from my past"! In 1992, I took my then brand new, first generation SL1 on a road trip to Tennessee with my best friend. Of course, we had to stop at all sorts of interesting places, including this craft store in southern Kentucky. That car survived a wild ride down a two lane concrete road, that became a 2 lane gravel road, that became a one lane mud road. After a thorough wash, it was as good as new!

The VUE from the Top!

Happy New Year!

As the New Year starts it is tradition to make resolutions to improve ourselves in the coming months. As your Saturn CarClub President it falls to me to set the direction of the Car Club for the coming year.

First, I would like to thank the past years' officers for their service and dedication in supporting the CarClub and doing a superb job. I have big shoes to fill!

Please keep our friends John and Peggy Williams in your prayers for Peggy's continued recovery. I know this has been a difficult road and they still have a way to go. We wish them only the best for the coming year.

So, on with the business at hand.

I have been a member of the car club for about 4 years. I enjoy the membership this club offers for Saturn owners. I even worked for Saturn of Columbus at one time. I have collected and restored several old cars over the years. As a car collector, I understand the passion owners have for a particular Brand, or Model of a car. I share your passion for the Saturn brand. I believe in the coming years that these autos will be as collectable as an old Studebaker or a Rambler. Because of their style and construction they will be considered a benchmark of automobiles in the years to come. I also feel that the members of this club should enjoy their vehicles and the fellowship of all the club members. I feel that our mission for this year is to expand the club membership, expand our fellowship and spread the word that the club exists. If we as a club wish to continue, we as a club need to promote ourselves. The club needs members to help spread the word of the club. The club needs members to attend all the new owners clinics and share the passion we have for the club. The members need to all share in building this club up. The club needs as many of the members as possible to attend meetings. If the second Thursday of the month does not work, let us know and we can move the meetings to a day and time that more of us can attend. If there is an event you feel we should attend together, let us know. If you feel there is an event the club should assist in let us know. There is a Hot Line number given for all the members to use to contact the officers of the club. Or, you can email the club officers. Please use these contacts to let us know what YOU would like the club to be. YOU are the club. We as officers are just your caretakers for the year. Get involved, Get motivated, and let's have a fun year.

See our new section WHERE IN THE UNIVERSE IS YOUR SATURN? Email photos of you or your family on vacation, at a family reunion or other event where you took your Saturn. Give us a story about what happened there. Did you have a child born in a Saturn? Did you drive a Saturn on a first date? Have you piled 30 people into your Saturn? Or, do you have a coveted picture of Lowell Lutman sitting in his first Saturn? (Want to know more about Lowell and his Saturn? Come and ask Lowell or Cheryl at the next meeting.) Let us know. Get the story to Cheryl Lutman, and look for it in a future issue.

Have a Saturn car or part for sale? Let Cheryl know and we will put it in a future issue.

Have an idea for an article? Let us know. If we all work together we can make the club larger, better and make new friends at the same time. I look forward to a prosperous new year for the club. Come join us.

Steve Whitman, President

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
January 8th	Regular Meeting	Saturn West	7:00 p.m.
January 17-19	Henry Ford Museum/North American International Auto Show	Detroit, MI	All Day
January 22nd	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
February 7 th	National Donor Day	Saturn West	10:00 – 4:00
February 12	Regular Meeting	Saturn North	7:00 p.m.

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CarClub Hotline

Need information about the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub meetings or activities?

**Call our hotline
(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 Websites

<http://www.centohiocarclub.com/>
<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/centohiosaturncarclub>

News and Notes

Just a few reminders: The Oil Change coupons with Cheryl Lutman's signature are valid through December 31, 2008. After that, they will no longer be honored.

Membership renewal notices went out the first week of December for those expiring in December. Make sure to send in your renewal today! Check the mailing label for your expiration date. Didn't get your notice? Send us an e-mail or call the Hotline, and we'll get the information to you.

And remember, Saturn's Red Tag Event runs through January 5th. See your Sales Consultant for more information. Don't have one currently? Contact Al Clapsaddle at Saturn West – 771-9700.



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