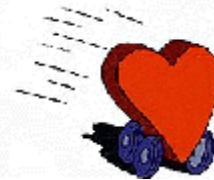




# CarClub



## The Monthly Planet

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub — Chapter 4

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### *Words from the President*

#### Welcome New Members

June was a **record month for new members** as ten individuals and two couples joined the Saturn CarClub:

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| Edith L. Infantino           | Kathleen Rae Helms |
| Michael A. Duncan            | Pauline E. Mowery  |
| Roger Mills                  | Agnes G. Butler    |
| Todd A. Parsons              | Karen Crutcher     |
| Bob Hale                     | Patrick Magee      |
| Dorothy & John Gabriel       |                    |
| Robert & Florence Griesinger |                    |

We welcome all of you and invite you (as well as all our members) to attend some of our meetings and/or events. We try to keep our events diversified enough so that, hopefully, something will appeal to everyone. Remember, attend just six meetings and/or events within a year and you will be considered an “Active” member and receive a 15% discount from Saturn of Columbus on parts, labor, and accessories.

#### Recent Membership Activities

The membership renewals aligned to the new budget year are progressing very well also. Thirty-one members have renewed their memberships through 31 December 2004! **We encourage any members who have received renewal notices and not yet renewed to do so now.** Don't lose your CarClub discount!

The June monthly meeting was held on the 12th at Saturn/Southeast and included an **ice cream social**, which was held inside because of the rain. Everyone had their fill of delicious ice cream and toppings and their spirits were not dampened by the weather.

The **Adopt-A-Highway** scheduled for Saturday the 14th was also rained out and was rescheduled for Saturday, June 28th. Eleven CarClub members cleaned the highway in 2 hours and were treated to lunch courtesy of Saturn of Columbus. Thanks to all who pitched in and thanks to Saturn of Columbus!

**Bingo at Villa Angela** was held on Thursday June 19th. Thirty-five residents really appreciated being able to play Bingo and look forward to our coming back on July 17th.

The real highlight for the month was **the Bicentennial Train ride**. See the article on page 4 for more details.



The Ohio Central engine, which powered the Ohio Bicentennial Train to Dennison and back.

**Be sure to read the Events article** for more information on the events planned for the next few months. There is at least one event, one meeting, and one community service (Bingo) scheduled each month. August is a really full month with the “regular” meeting and events, as well as the next Adopt-A-Highway, and a Saturday afternoon meeting at Saturn/Southeast. Plan ahead and mark your calendars so you won't miss out!

## Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Web Site Posting

Mr. Ron Bensley, from Washington State, made an entry in the Guestbook indicating that he had a **1995 SL with 190,000+ miles** on it. He is interested in communicating with any other Saturn owners who have “high mileage” Saturns. Ron defines “high mileage” as 150,000+ miles. If you fit into that category and would like to contact Ron, please call the Voicemail (614-470-3517), call Al Clapsaddle (614-771-9700), or send an e-mail to Jim Harrass (centohiopresident@mail.saturnfans.com ), and we will tell you how to contact Ron.

## Other News of Note

The **annual CarClub trek to the Saturn Plant** at Spring Hill TN will be on Thursday, October 9th. We will tour the plant on Friday the 10th and then have the Columbus Day holiday weekend to see the sights in the area. Mark your calendars and plan to join the trek.

To help you to get to know the officers of the CarClub, each newsletter has a short “biography” of one of the current officers. In the next article on this page you will find information about our Newsletter Editor, Michael Steve.

## Keeping in Touch

Remember where you can get all of the latest (and historical) information about your CarClub on the Central Ohio CarClub website:

<http://www.centohiocarclub.com>

The CarClub Board would like to know what type of activities you would like to do as a CarClub. You can talk to any Board member, call the CarClub Voice Mail Hotline at 614-470-3517, or send an e-mail to [Saturn@centohiocarclub.com](mailto:Saturn@centohiocarclub.com). We hope each one of you will make the effort to attend as many CarClub events as possible and to let us know what you would like to do as a CarClub.

***Remember that you are the CarClub!***

*Jim*

## Meet Your CarClub Officers

# Newsletter Editor Michael Steve

I was born and raised in southwestern Pennsylvania, and came to Columbus to attend Ohio State University, back when you didn't have to write The in front of it. For a long time I stubbornly pursued a dream of becoming a German teacher, and nearly got a doctorate while I was working part time at Battelle Institute as a translator.

I talked my way into getting into the technical writing and editing section of the publications group there and began learning the trade just as computers were entering the office environment. I had many opportunities to use my language skills, and still occasionally get to translate a patent or report in old technical literature. Over the years I have worked closely with specialists in many fields, and especially like dealing with engineers. No matter what kind of problem you throw at them, they just huddle over it for a bit and then say “We'll find a way to fix it.”

I am easily distracted by two abiding interests: folk music and chess. Where I grew up, it was quite common for a families to meet at someone's house where the men would take over the porch (weather permitting) or the living room and play music on fiddles, accordions, guitars, and the like; the women gathered in the kitchen and discussed child rearing or knitted or did something like that... don't ask me, I was crawling on the floor around the musicians. So, I like Appalachian music and central European music, especially gypsy fiddling. As for chess, I got involved in the organizational aspects once I came to Columbus. I have been a chess volunteer in the schools for several years, and edit and publish a local chess newsletter and the state chess journal, both of which have received awards. I do not publish anything in music yet, but that is bound to change, as my daughter just graduated from Boston Conservatory with an M.A. in violin performance and pedagogy, and is hinting about a need for a guide on preparing for and surviving auditions. She no longer drives, but both sons drive Saturns, as does my wife.

People ask me how I can “work” on newsletters after my regular work, and whether I shouldn't try something completely different. I can only say that it doesn't seem like work to me. I find the CarClub members are quite a friendly and congenial group, and am happy to help with this newsletter.

*Mike*

# CARCLUB EVENTS

## Still in the Rearview Mirror

BINGO was held on June 19th at Villa Angela. At this session there were 35 residents in attendance, with 6 CarClub members and two spouses on hand. Those who attended received a free oil change coupon. Plan to attend out next BINGO on July 17th at 7:00 p.m. We have a good time with the residents. Villa Angela is located at 4700 Karl Road.

## Just Ahead Around the Curve

On July 26th we are planning to go to **Roscoe Village in Coshocton** and to a replica of the Marblehead lighthouse at Lake Erie. When we were on the Bicentennial train on the 21st, we met the family who built the lighthouse in **Warsaw**, not far from Roscoe Village. Both places should be very interesting. We will meet at the Bob Evans in Newark off Rt. 16 at 9:30 a.m. and go from there to Roscoe Village. Later in the afternoon we will go to the lighthouse in Warsaw.

August 23rd is the date for the trip to **Rolling Ridge Ranch**, near Berlin OH. We will be riding a wagon out over 80 acres of woods and pasture and seeing 350 different animals, both domestic and exotic. The cost of the wagon ride is \$12.50/person. For those over 65 and ages 3-12, the cost is \$7.50. The details as to where we meet will be in the next newsletter.

**Saturn Day at the Zoo** will be Sunday the 14th, with most activities scheduled between 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. As a result, we changed the tentative date for the trip to **Old Man's Cave** to September 27th. This will include a walk through the Hocking Hills State Park and a picnic. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Our trip to **Spring Hill** will take place in October. We plan to leave Columbus on Thursday October 9th from the Cracker Barrel on Stringtown Road (exit 100 off I-71, just South of I-270) at 9:00 AM. If you plan to eat breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, you will need to be finished by 9:00 and ready to leave. There are stops about every two hours so the trip doesn't get quite so tiring. Maps and directions will be given out at the Cracker Barrel. The tour through the Saturn plant will take place on Friday October 10th. Children under 6 are not permitted to go through the plant. There will also be other suggestions of activities to enjoy in the Nashville/Spring Hill area.

## On the Horizon

Here is a head's up on things to come. November 15th is the tentative date for a trip to **Newport Aquarium**, south of Cincinnati. December 6th will be the **Holiday Party at Highbanks Metro Park**, from 12:00 noon - 4 p.m. December 11th will be the **Caroling** meeting at **Villa Angela**. December 20th will be the outing to the **Columbus "Zoo Lights."** Mark your calendars!

More details will follow on these outings. Suggestions for other activities are always welcome, please talk with Peggy or Becky, or call the hotline (614-470-3517).

## The Champion's Corner That's What I'm Talking About!

Saturn is BIG on training and recently I attended a one day training class. As this was considered a casual day, I wore my "Central Ohio CarClub" short-sleeve shirt.

We stopped at a local eating establishment about half way to Akron for breakfast. You may know it as McDonald's. While waiting for my order, a person next to me asked what a Saturn CarClub was and where our headquarters were located. About 5 minutes later, he left with our latest Newsletter and loads of information. I hope his food was still warm when he got a chance to eat it! When I arrived at the training, a couple of the attendees from other Saturn Retailers asked similar questions. Naturally, I was glad to talk about our Chapter and how far we have come in the 8 years we have been together. One person asked how we were able to keep the enthusiasm going. I responded that **the members were the ones that kept things moving.**

We'll keep the cards and letters coming. We can only grow and change through YOUR input. **If you have a casual day, put on one of your CarClub shirts and let us know what reaction you get.**

You can address any questions to me at 771-9700 (Saturn/West). I work every day except Wednesday. I am glad to discuss anything with you and can even give you the latest information on Saturn, its products, or any programs in place.

Al Clapsaddle  
Saturn Owner/Sales Consultant/ CarClub Champion.

## BICENTENNIAL TRAIN RIDE

The CarClub highlight for the month of June was the Ohio Bicentennial Train Ride to Dennison Ohio on June 21st. Eleven CarClub members and five family members boarded the train in Newark and departed at 9:30 a.m. for a three-hour ride to the “Big Buckeye Birthday Bash.” Some of the CarClub members and families stopped long enough to get the picture at right just before boarding the train in Newark.



CarClub members and their families ready for a train ride.

The train ride was a real treat, especially for people who had never ridden on a “real” train before. It was also a treat to the many people along the route who stopped to take pictures, wave, and just stand and stare. Some even followed along on the highway in their cars taking pictures and videos of the train. Just outside of Newark, the train passed the very distinctive Longaberger Basket Company headquarters.

Along the way various famous people in Ohio history, such as Annie Oakley, General George Custer (as shown in the picture below), President and Mrs. Garfield, Governor William Dennison and others treated the passengers to living lessons in Ohio history. They roamed up and down the passenger cars and explained to all that would listen how they fit into the history of Ohio and about the history of trains in Ohio and about the history of Dennison and the Dennison Depot.

The Big Buckeye Birthday Bash in Dennison was held around the historic Dennison Depot, which was built in 1873 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Depot was restored and reopened in 1989 in memory of the many railroad employees, travelers, and servicemen and women who passed through its doors. The depot is most famous for its role during World War II, when the railroad played a vital role in the movement of troops. The Salvation Army Servicemen’s Canteen operated 24 hours a



Not trick photography — this is the home of the Longaberger Basket Company.

day, every day, from March 1942 to April 1946. More than 1.3 million GIs received food and friendship from thousands of volunteers from the area – hospitality that earned the town the nickname of “Dreamsville, Ohio.”

There were events going on continuously, including a parade, the worlds biggest candy buckeye, and a buckeye eating contest. The Tuscarawas County bicentennial bell was on display and was rung periodically by designated honorary bell ringers.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable and a very long day. The train pulled in to Newark about 7:45 p.m.



Text and photos submitted by Jim Harass

## Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
10-Jul-03	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / West	7:00 PM
17-Jul-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 PM
26-Jul-03	Roscoe Village / Lighthouse Replica	Coshocton and Warren, OH	9:30 AM*
*meet at Bob Evans, off Rte 16 in Newark			
14-Aug-03	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / North	7:00 PM
16-Aug-03	Adopt-A-Highway	Near Frank's Garden Center	9:00 AM
16-Aug-03	Saturday Meeting for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	Saturn / North	<b>2:00 PM</b>
21-Aug-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 PM
23-Aug-03	Rolling Ridge Ranch	Berlin OH	TBA
11-Sep-03	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / Southeast	7:00 PM
14-Sep-03	Saturn Day at the Zoo	Columbus Zoo	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
18-Sep-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 PM
27-Sep-03	Old Man's Cave	South of Lancaster, Ohio	TBA
2-Oct-03	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / West	7:00 PM
9-10-Oct-03	Annual Spring Hill Saturn Tour	Cracker Barrel at I-71, Exit 100	9:00 AM
16-Oct-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 PM
13-Nov-03	Monthly Meeting	Saturn North	7:00 PM
15-Nov-03	Newport Aquarium	Newport, KY	TBA
20-Nov-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 PM
6-Dec-03	Holiday Party	Highbanks Metro Park	12:00 Noon
11-Dec-03	Monthly Meeting / Caroling	Villa Angela	7:00 PM
18-Dec-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 PM
20-Dec-03	Columbus Zoo Lights	Columbus Zoo	TBA

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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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