



CarClub



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From the President's VUE

As I sit and look back over what is the first half of my year as your CarClub president, we have had lots of fun and excitement! We have been to the Hocking Hills, Camp Lazarus, Franklin Park Conservatory, The Columbus Zoo, helped with bingo at Villa Angela, picked up "our" stretch of highway, held meetings at all of Saturn of Columbus' retail locations, gave out free oil change coupons, had speakers for many diverse organizations, met many new Saturn owners while taking part in the New Owners Workshops, helped out our local retailer with the Donor Day, Columbus Auto Show and the Cycling Safari, and found time to travel to Spring Hill for a tour of the plant. And if you are tired just thinking about all the things we have done . . . watch out! The rest of the year will be just as exciting and fun filled.

To start off . . . I would like to thank everyone that came out and helped with Adopt-A-Highway. It was a cold and rainy day but we were able to successfully get the highway cleaned! I would also like to thank Scott Marshall of PC Santa for coming in and talking with us. I hope that we can help out his organization. I know that I have some computer hardware that I'm going to get to him. If anyone else has an old but usable computers collecting dust, let me or another officer know. We will get everything to PC Santa. The computers will be refurbished and given to people who otherwise could not afford them. It is actually helping in many ways as it keeps the hazardous materials in the computers out of landfills and it recycles the machines making them available for others to use!

I would like to thank everyone who came to Nashville with us! I think that everyone had a great time. We had lots of side trips and shopping excursions. We spent Sunday at Opry Mills shopping and took a cruise on The General Jackson sternwheeler on the Cumberland River. It was a nice way to break up the marathon shopping adventure. We have discovered another new place to dine. In Opry Mills there is a restaurant called the Aquarium, which is a cross between the Newport Aquarium and a nice seafood restaurant. There is a 200,000 gallon center aquarium with 100 species of tropical fish swimming in it.

The tank is floor to ceiling with smaller tanks in the entrance and the passage way into the dining room. We walked off our dinner by exploring the Opryland Resort. Between the changes that have taken place in Cascades and the proposed day spa that is being added next year the hotel never fails to amaze everyone that goes there. We spent the next day in Lynchburg. Some took the tour and others headed into town to shop! Ask the tour takers about the things that they saw like making charcoal and the still running. And the crew that went shopping can tell you about their purchases. We also went to Spring Hill! I would like thank Charlie of Saturnfans.com and Nick and Beth from Memphis for coming in just to go on the tour with us. We toured the plant where your VUE and Ion are built and the SL was built. We saw Inspiration Point, the spot that every Spring Hill built Saturn passes through on its way to our local retailer! The weather was great except on Tuesday when we were driving to the plant, it rained! Well, it looks like our CarClub can't get a break . . . we are always touring the plant on a rainy day. Of course this time, the only rain we had was on the way to Spring Hill and by the time we were at the Welcome Center it had stopped. We saw some of the new styling on the 2005 Saturns as we were driving through the area. Then all too soon we were heading back to Columbus, or at least some were; others used the rest of the week to travel to other locations and see other sites in the Tennessee area.

This month we have a picnic / meeting on July 8th and will be traveling to the Summer Festival on the 10th. And remember bingo at Villa Angela on July 15th . We will be raffling off the painting by one of the residents, Gordon Groby, at the picnic. All of the money collected will go toward paying for prizes for the winners of the bingo games at Villa Angela. The painting is in the style of Bob Ross who had a television program on WOSU-TV for many years. Chances are \$1.00 each and the drawing will be held at Highbanks Park. Please see the articles for more detailed information on these events.

Please check the events calendar to see we have planned! And remember that if you have an event suggestion, please let our Events Chairmen know, by e-mail, tell them at a meeting, or you can call the hot line at 614-470-3517.

I would like to welcome the new members that have joined us! I hope to see you and everyone else at Highbanks Metro Park, the Northern Shelter, July 8 at 6:30 p.m., or at an upcoming event.

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

Lowell

CARCLUB EVENTS

Still in the Rearview Mirror

On June 22nd, the CarClub took its ninth tour of the Saturn Plant in Spring Hill Tennessee. See the article later in the newsletter for more information and pictures.

BINGO was held on June 17th at Villa Angela. Thirty residents were in attendance with ten CarClub members conducting the Bingo.

To raise money to purchase Bingo prizes, the CarClub is holding a **raffle for the oil painting pictured below**, which was painted by a resident of Villa Angela, Gordon Groby. The raffle was started at the May meeting and will continue until the July Meeting/Picnic, when the winning ticket will be pulled. Purchase as many tickets as you want at \$1 each. The picture is 24" wide by 18" high and would look good on any wall.



Tickets for the raffle of this picture will be sold up until the July meeting/picnic .

Plan to attend the next **BINGO** on July 15th at 7:00 p.m. Villa Angela is located at 5700 Karl Road.

Just Ahead Around the Curve

8 July 2004 – Picnic at Highbanks Metro park. Our July meeting will be combined with a picnic at the Northern Reservable Shelter at the Highbanks Metro Park. Plan to bring a salad or desert to share. The CarClub will provide the meat (steaks courtesy of Saturn of Columbus), drinks, plates, utensils, and cups. We will be asking for a donation of \$1 per person to help defray the cost of renting the shelter. Plan to come at 6:30 p.m. to get the food and tables set up. We will eat at 7:00 p.m..

Very Important — Please call Becky at 614-457-5945 to let her **know how many people in your family will be coming** so she can get the right number of steaks. **REMEMBER: NO CALL = NO STEAK!!**

A GREAT BIG CarClub THANK YOU to Saturn of Columbus for providing the meat for the picnic.

10 July 2004 – Summer Harvest Festival. See separate article for details.

The next **CarClub Adopt-A-Highway cleanup** will be on Saturday, August 14th starting at 9:30 a.m. Our rain date is Sunday, August 15th, starting at 1:00 p.m.

The next **Saturday meeting** will be held on August 14th at Saturn/Southeast at 2:00 p.m. You can **earn two active member points and get a free lunch** by attending both the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup and the Saturday meeting at Saturn/Southeast.

The **overnight trip to Indianapolis, Indiana** is tentatively set for 24-26 September 2004. More information later.

Planned Events with No Date

- Car Museum (either in Canton or Dayton or Cleveland)
- Tour of Honda plant (probably in the late fall)
- Amish farm tour
- Bean dinner at Bob Evans Farms in Rio Grande

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

CarClub Tour of the Saturn Plant at Spring Hill

Our **ninth** Annual trip to Spring Hill Tennessee took place in June this year with the plant tour on Tuesday, June 22. (Note: This was erroneously reported in the June 2004 Monthly Planet as the eighth trip. When we arrived at the plant and went to update the plaque, it was discovered that this trip was actually the ninth visit. We stand corrected!)

Some members traveled on Saturday and some on Sunday. We all met at the Baymont Inn & Suites, Brentwood, TN, just off of I-65 south of Nashville.

The kids made good use of the pool and everyone met over breakfast, provided by the Baymont Inn, to make plans for the day's activities. The traditional trek to tour Jack Daniels was held on Monday. Other members went to the Children's Science Museum or to the Norman Rockwell sculpture exhibit. All activities were considered well worth while by those attending them.



Some of the group in front of the entrance pillar to Jack Daniels.

The tour through the Saturn plant took place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday June 22nd. Twelve CarClub members were joined by five family members and several "special guests" for the tour.



The Spring Hill plant is a very special place for CarClub members and their families.

The guests (shown below) included Charlie Eickmeyer, the creator of the SaturnFans website "Saturnalia" and Beth and Nick Koonce from Memphis TN, who came to Columbus in early June 2004 for a SaturnFans gathering.



Special guests Charlie Eickmeyer, Beth Koonce, and Nick Koonce.

We all enjoyed seeing the plant again and even the rain held off this year.

CarClub August Event

Rolling Ridge Ranch

On August 21st, the CarClub will again be taking off for Holmes County, one of the Amish areas of Ohio. The destination is the Rolling Ridge Ranch, which is located just North of the towns of Berlin and Walnut Creek, which is East of Millersburg Ohio.

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Kroger parking lot at 5991 Sunbury Road, located North of Route 161 (East of I-270 on the East side). We will be taking Route 62 to Millersburg and then on to the ranch. You can also meet us at the Ranch at 11:00 a.m. Bring the kids or just yourselves, your camera, and join us for a good time. (The pictures in this article were taken on the CarClub trip last August)

The Rolling Ridge Ranch is a very worth while experience, especially for kids of all ages who like to see animals. You get to experience a close-up encounter with many animals, which you may have only seen in pictures or at a distance in the zoo. In addition to the safari, there is also a petting zoo, which has many smaller animals for the kids to pet, very similar to the one at the Columbus Zoo. There are also some exotic birds and smaller animals in cages. It also has a picnic area, a playground, and a small gift store.

We will be riding a wagon (like the one pictured below) out over 80 acres of woods and pasture. The cost of the wagon ride is \$12.50/person. If 15 join the group, the cost will be \$5.50/person. For senior citizens and kids ages 3-12, the cost is \$7.50.



A farm wagon takes CarClub members around the Rolling Ridge Ranch.

A wagon pulled by two horses takes visitors to the animals on a safari of about a mile and a half, with many stops to feed animals (350 different kinds of animals, both domestic and exotic) through 80 acres of natural woods and gently sloping pasturelands. It takes about 90 minutes to complete the tour.

Animals of all sorts, from six different continents, are eager to be fed with the feed provided by the driver. The animals are very tame only seem to be interested in the food you have to give them. They allow you to pet them, feel their fur and horns, and get lots of very close-up pictures!

The kids really enjoy seeing and touching the animals, as you can see by this picture of a youngster touching a buffalo's head. Their fur is very course and sort of feels like steel wool.



As long as he gets a nice pat on the head, a buffalo does not worry about having a bad hair day. Of course, the food is good, too.

If you get the chance, it is well worth your time visit the Rolling Ridge Ranch. So mark your calendars and plan to join the CarClub on Saturday, July 21st.

Editor note: This is a great outing for taking pictures!

File Photos from Rolling Ridge...



Here Lowell and Cheryl Lutman are feeding two different animals out of the containers provided.



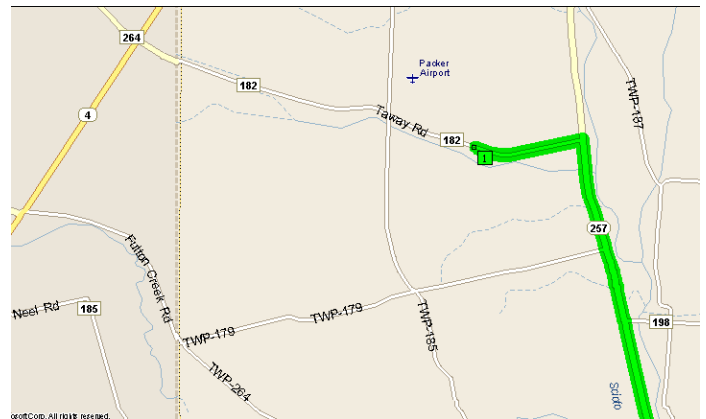
Jimetta Herbst feeds another animal at Rolling Ridge Ranch.

Another Photo from the 2004 Trip to Tennessee...

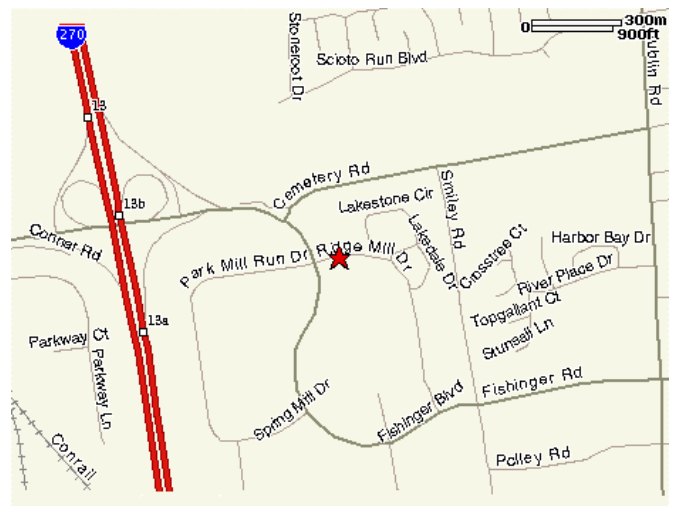


The lineup of Columbus Saturns in the Visitor's Center parking lot at the Spring Hill facility.

Maps to the Summer Harvest Festival



August Regular Meeting Location is Saturn West



Can't make it on August 12 at 7:00 p.m.? Try the Saturday meeting at Saturn Southeast at 2:00 p.m.

A Reminder About the Summer Harvest Festival

The Delaware County Antique Farm Machinery Association is sponsoring a Summer Harvest Festival on Saturday July 10th and Sunday July 11th. The show runs from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

The CarClub will be attending the Festival on Saturday, July 10th. You can meet us at the Festival site or caravan with other CarClub members from the Meijer store parking lot on Route 23, North of Saturn/North (8870 Columbus Pike). We will meet at 8:45 a.m. and leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. It is about a 45-minute drive to the Festival site from there. If you drive directly to the site, be sure to find us at the event to sign-in.

The show will be held at the Ottawa Bota Farm, 7585 Taway Road, near Radnor Ohio, located between Marion and Marysville, between State Routes 4 and 257, Northwest of Delaware. Two maps to the Festival site are reprinted on page 5.

The show will feature antique farm equipment on display, including tractors, engines, tillage equipment, planters, harvesters, mills, and hay equipment. Percheron and Halflinger draft horses will be displaying their "horsepower." There will also be blacksmith demonstrations and horse-drawn hayrides. The site includes a museum of old agricultural primitives and several food concessions.

There will demonstrations of how wheat goes from the field to flour. Field activities include grain binding, reaping, and shock building starting at 10 a.m. in the morning. At noon there will be a demonstration of loose hay to the haymow in the barnyard.

Starting at 1 p.m., there will be field demonstrations of threshing, a stationary baler, horse-powered hay press, stone gristmill, and a horse-powered ground hog thresher.

PC Santa Charity: What, Why and How?

I'm Scott Marshall, the new Santa in town. Unlike most Santa's you've heard of, I work all year round giving computers to families. I'm sure that you have an email address, or a favorite website you like to visit. Do you realize that you've become part of a global network? By reading a website, or exchanging email, you've joined with the rest of the world! You can read websites from all over the world. You can exchange email with anyone! Forget about the nasty emails and the popups. You are connected! My 62-year-old mother has trouble getting around, but she can order Christmas presents for her grandsons without leaving her home or her desktop.

However, there is a group of people in our society that are not able to reap the benefits of the Internet. They are unable to get the skills that a lot of kids are taking for granted. They don't have access to the incredible information that we can causally browse for. They can't even apply for work online because they don't have an email address. The question is, what can be done about it.

There is another problem. Warehouses are filling up with older technology. The government is one of the greatest buyers of hardware. But it doesn't have an official plan of recycling its hardware. Corporations are constantly upgrading and replacing computer hardware. What do you do with all that hardware? You really can't throw it away. A computer monitor can contain up to 8 pounds of lead. The EPA requires expensive disposal of these monitors. The EPA is very concerned about the growing problem of disposing technology with high contents of toxins. Frankly, I'm glad that they're concerned.

So why not combine the problems in to a single solution. Why not collect the older hardware, fix it up and give it to families who couldn't afford a PC? It's all about taking what's there and giving it a new use.

What can you do? A lot! If you would like to volunteer, we are happy to have the help. If you have an old computer collecting dust, we'd be glad to take it. If you would like to help us with purchasing licenses, 5 dollars would cover the cost of an entire machine!

I wish to hear from you. Tell me what you think.

Scott Marshall

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Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
8-Jul-2004	Monthly Meeting / Picnic	Highbanks Metro Park Northern Shelter	6:30 p.m.
10-Jul-2004	Summer Harvest Festival	Meijer-Rte 23	8:45 a.m.
15-Jul-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
12-Aug-2004	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / West Rte 16 (E. Broad Street)	7:00 p.m.
14-Aug-2004	Adopt-A-Highway	Near Frank's Garden Center	9:30 a.m.
14-Aug-2004	Saturday Meeting	Saturn / Southeast	2:00 p.m.
19-Aug-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
21-Aug-2004	Rolling Ridge Ranch	Kroger, 5991 Sunbury Rd or at Rolling Ridge Ranch	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
9-Sep-2004	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / Southeast	7:00 p.m.
12-Sept-2004	Saturn Day at the Zoo	Columbus Zoo	All Day
16-Sep-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
24-26 Sep-2004	Trek to Indianapolis, IN	TBD	TBD

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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.

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