



CarClub



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From the President's VUE

Welcome to June . . .

Ah summer time . . . cook outs, family vacations, graduations, weddings and family reunions, all the things that make summer fun. Heat, time spent traveling and the rising gas prices, all reasons to thank both the CarClub and our local retailer. While we will not be able to help pay for your gas or make the trip shorter or cool you off, your Saturn can! **Your CarClub is here to help** with things like free oil change coupons and events that will help you earn Active status and the 15% discount off of service performed at any Saturn of Columbus location! And since your Saturn is one of the best vehicles in terms of fuel economy, you are really saving some money every time you don't have to fill up the tank.

I would like to thank Laurel Sheppard for letting us tour **behind the scenes at Discovery Reef!** I feel that this was one of the most successful events for the CarClub! Seeing the tank from on top gives a whole different perspective on the size both of the tank and the fish in the tank. I would also like to thank the members that came out on what was a cold and damp day!

This is the month . . . we are going heading to Spring Hill! We will be in the plant where your Vue, Ion or SL was constructed. We will also see **Inspiration Point**, the spot that every Spring Hill built Saturn passes through on its way to our local retailer! Yes, the trip is sooner than in years past. In the past few years we have been down in the fall, or as we have jokingly called it, the rainy season! (The folks at the Welcome Center say they know who to call to end a drought!)

The free **plant tour is on June 22** and we would love to have you join us! We will have lots of side trips and shopping excursions planned to while away the time until the tour, or you can explore the Nashville area on your own. There will be a group heading out on June 19,

meeting at the Cracker Barrel at Exit 100 on I-71 and leaving about 9:00 a.m. You are invited to travel down with us — we try to stay together, have planned stops every two hours to make sure no one gets lost or has a problem. If you would like to come down of Sunday or Monday that's ok too. We are hoping for dry and warm weather. Please check out the article from our Events Chairmen about the special deal we have negotiated with the hotel and the information on making your hotel reservations.

Remember bingo at Villa Angela on June 17th. We also are **raffling off a painting** by one of the residents, Gordon Groby. It is painted in the style of Bob Ross, who had a television program on WOSU-TV for many years. Chances are \$1.00 each and all of the proceeds will go to purchase the prizes that are used during bingo! **The drawing will be at the July meeting / picnic at Highbanks.**

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.

If you missed the meeting at Saturn West, you missed out on **ice cream** and **oil change coupons**. You have two more chances to get a coupon at a meeting and I will be handing them out at an event in the near future!

I would like to welcome the new members joined us! I hope to see you and everyone else at Saturn SouthEast on June 10 or at an upcoming event.

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

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CARCLUB EVENTS

Still in the Rearview Mirror

On May 2nd, twenty CarClub members and family attended a “behind the scenes” tour of the Columbus Aquarium at the Columbus Zoo. See separate article for more information and pictures.

BINGO was held on May 20th at Villa Angela. Twenty-four 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 continues 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.



This oil painting is one of several that Gordon Groby completed during his stay at Villa Angela.

Plan to attend the next **BINGO** on June 17th at 7:00 p.m. Villa Angela is located at 5700 Karl Road.

Just Ahead Around the Curve

The next CarClub **Adopt-A-Highway cleanup** will be on Saturday, June 12th starting at 9:30 a.m. Our rain date is Sunday, June 13th, starting at 1:00 p.m. We meet at Route 16 (East Broad Street) at the shopping area just east of Frank’s Garden Center. This is the western end of our adopted stretch of highway.

We will have a **signup list at the June meeting** for the volunteers for the cleanup. If the weather is not suitable to cleanup on Saturday, we will call everyone who has signed up to let them know that we are going to the rain date. If you don’t sign up, you can still participate just by showing up.

The CarClub offers participants the following: Gloves, “Grabber Sticks”, litterbags, bottled water, snacks, shuttle service (back to your cars), and orange safety vests. We suggest you wear long pants, cap, boots or old shoes that you won’t mind getting wet/muddy. The gloves and “Grabber Sticks” are provided by the City of Columbus, which now has responsibility over our cleanup area. Using the city-provided equipment makes it a lot easier on the back, and also allows us to do a more thorough cleanup.

What do you as a Central Ohio CarClub member get out of this? First of all, the satisfaction of doing a **worthy civic project**. Second, **one point toward active member status** to qualify for the 15% discount, and third, **lunch after the cleanup** provided by Saturn of Columbus. The next two Adopt-A-Highway events in 2004 will be held in August, and October. Details will be provided in newsletters at that time.

22 June 2004 – **Tour of the Saturn Plant at Spring Hill Tennessee**. See separate article for more information.

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.

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

Planned Events with No Date

- Overnight trip to Indy
- Car Museum (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.

Columbus Aquarium Behind the Scenes Tour

On May 2nd, twenty CarClub members and family attended a “behind the scenes” tour of the Columbus Aquarium at the Columbus Zoo. CarClub member Laurel Sheppard is a volunteer diver for the aquarium and arranged the tour, which was held just prior to her dive to feed the fish. It provided a very different view of the aquarium and the guide provided lots of additional information and answered all of our questions.



The Mandatory “CarClub” photo of the Event.



A view of the CarClub members listening to the guide and looking into the top of the aquarium.

Details on Our Trek to Spring Hill

Our *Eighth Annual* trip to Spring Hill Tennessee is just a few days away. The plant tour is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 22. Some CarClub members are leaving Columbus on Saturday, June 19th, from the Cracker Barrel on Stringtown Road (exit 100 off I-71, just South of I-270) at 9:00 a.m. Anyone planning to eat breakfast at the Cracker Barrel will need to be finished by 9:00 a.m. and ready to leave. There are stops about every two hours

We also made a side trip to view the newest member of the Zoo, a male Asian elephant calf, born at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium April 16, 2004 at 3:28 am; weighing in at approximately 280 pounds. This is the first successful Asian elephant birth at the Zoo. Both the calf, and his mother, Phoebe, are healthy and doing well.



Phoebe and her big bundle of joy.



Laurel Sheppard during her dive surrounded by fish waiting to be fed.

so the trip doesn't get quite so tiring. Maps and directions will be given out at the Cracker Barrel.

Other CarClub members are leaving on the following Sunday and Monday. If anyone would like to drive to Spring Hill with another CarClub member, please let us know what day you want to leave and we will work out the details on when and where to meet.

We will be staying at the BAYMONT INN & SUITES BRENTWOOD, located at 111 Penn Warren Dr. in BRENTWOOD, TN 33027. The phone number is 615-376-4666. If you have not made reservations, there may be some rooms left. Our cost will be \$60/night. When you call to reserve a room be sure to tell them that you are with the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub.

The tour through the Saturn plant will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 22nd. Children under 6 are not permitted to go through the plant. Al Clapsaddle is trying to arrange for the CarClub to test drive the new Saturn Relay minivan while we are there. There will also be other suggestions of activities to enjoy in the Nashville/Spring Hill area.

CarClub July Event

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.

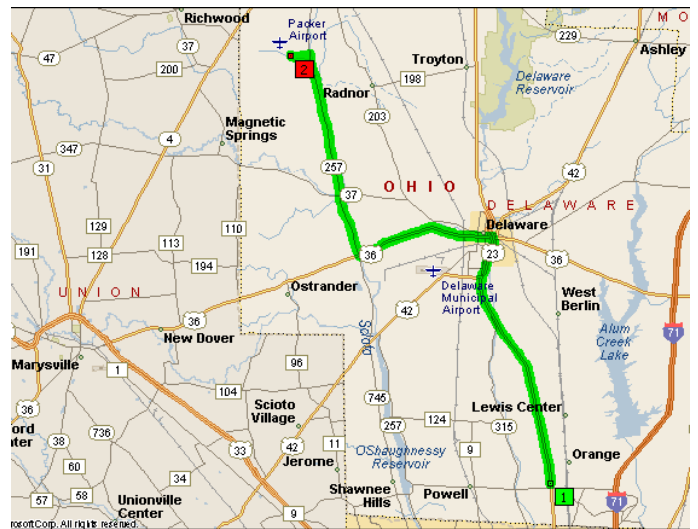
The show will feature antique farm equipment on display, including tractors, engines, tillage equipment, planters, harvesters, mills, and hay equipment. Percheron and Halflinger draft horses will be displaying their “horsepower.” There will also be blacksmith demonstrations and horse-drawn hayrides. 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.

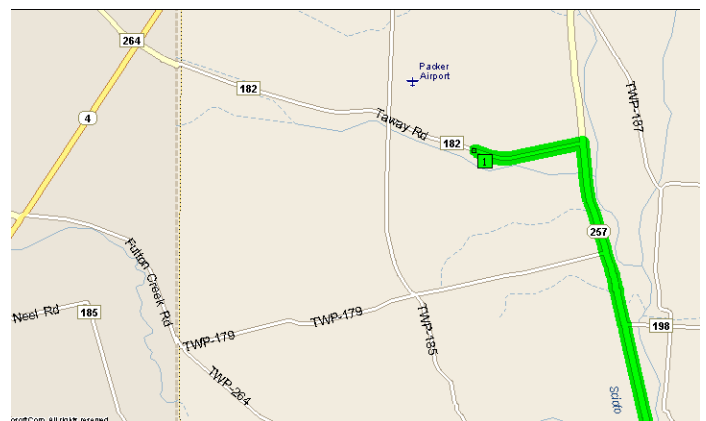
Starting at 1 p.m., there will be field demonstrations of threshing, a stationary baler, horse-powered hay press, stone gristmill, and a horse-powered ground hog thresher.

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. See the maps at the right to get your bearings.

On Saturday, July 10, 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 Summer Harvest Festival is on the Ottawa Bota Farm near Radnor, northwest of Delaware, just off Route 257.



Taway Road is an east-west connector between Route 257 and Route 4. If you don't go with the “caravan” of CarClub members, don't forget to find the Activity Sheet to sign in.

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
10-Jun-2004	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / Southeast Rte 16 (E. Broad Street)	7:00 p.m.
12-Jun-2004	Adopt-A-Highway	Near Frank's Garden Center	9:30 a.m.
17-Jun-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
19-Jun-2004	Everyone who would like to travel to Spring Hill in the first group	Cracker Barrel at Exit 100	9:00 a.m.
22-Jun-2004	Tour of Saturn Plant	Spring Hill TN Highbanks Metro Park	10:00 a.m.
8-Jul-2004	Monthly Meeting / Picnic	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	7:00 p.m.
14-Aug-2004	Adopt-A-Highway	Rte 16 (E. Broad Street)	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	TBD	TBD
12-Sept-2004	Saturn Day at the Zoo	Columbus Zoo	All Day

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

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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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