



# CarClub



## The Monthly Planet

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### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE

**Underground Railroad** in Cincinnati on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will plan on meeting at the Cracker Barrel on Stringtown Road (exit 100 on I-71) at 9:00 a.m. If you want to come for breakfast meet at 8:00 a.m. to be ready to leave at 9 a.m. Car pooling is an option for anyone would prefer rather than driving themselves.

#### **The Underground Railroad**

During the 1800s, estimates suggest that more than 100,000 enslaved people sought freedom through the Underground Railroad. It wasn't a real railroad with tracks and trains. The Underground Railroad was a term used to describe the secret routes enslaved men, women and children took to gain their freedom. This clandestine network had several branches and extended all the way from the deep South and Texas to states and territories where slavery had been prohibited. Since slave owners were allowed to retrieve their slaves even in free states, many of those fleeing kept moving until they reached Canada or Mexico, two nations that had abolished slavery.

Those who escaped often obtained help and protection from free Blacks, whites, Native Americans -- and other slaves -- who acted as conductors and provided food and shelter along the way. This 19th century freedom movement challenged the way Americans viewed slavery and freedom. And its lessons of courage, cooperation and perseverance resonate today.

#### ***National Underground Railroad Freedom Center***

*50 East Freedom Way*

*Cincinnati, Ohio 45202*

*Telephone: 513.333.7500 or 877.648.4838*

*The Freedom Center is handicap accessible, call 513.333.7504 for details*

#### **Ticket Prices**

- \$12 general admission
- \$10 seniors (60+), students & teachers with ID
- \$8 for children 6-12
- children under six are FREE
- Active Duty Military and Guard/Reserve personnel and families get in free

Same day passes are sold at the Freedom Center until 4:00 p.m. (passes not available by telephone). Audio tours, one for adults and another child-friendly, are available free of charge with paid admission.

#### **Directions and Parking Information**

Going South from Columbus, Exit I-71 on the left side onto E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street toward Downtown and Riverfront. Go about 7/10 miles and turn left onto Walnut Street. Go about 1/10 mile and turn right onto E Freedom Drive (This is located between the Great American Ball Park and Paul Brown Stadiums).

These directions provided are for The Central Riverfront Parking Garage, which is located directly below the Freedom Center building (Please note: there is a \$4.50 daily rate, cash only). We hope that many of you can join us for our trip into the past.

**Adopt-A-Highway** on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. See separate article for details.

## BINGO

Come join us for Bingo on June 19<sup>th</sup> at Villa Angela. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. The residents love to have you there for fellowship and help when needed. Peggy Williams is now at the Villa and hopefully will be able to join us.

## JULY EVENT

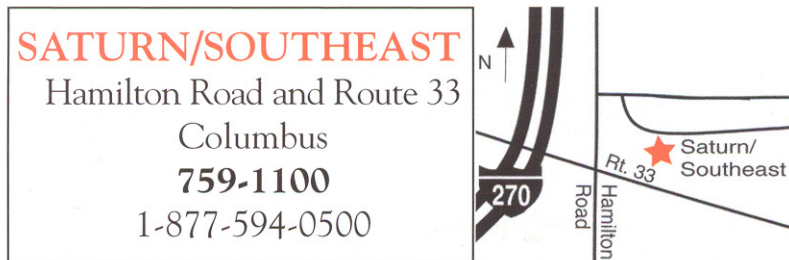
July 26<sup>th</sup> With making the trip to Cincinnati in June, we are planning to stay close to home for our July activity. How about some great ribs!

**The Columbus Jazz and Rib Fest** is being held in downtown Columbus on July 26<sup>th</sup>. There are crafts, games, music and great food! Join us at 1:00 p.m. at Broad & High in front of the State House. Admission is free and parking is also, if you can find an open parking meter. Mark your calendar for great fun!

Please let us know if you have ideas for activities.

John and Becky

The June meeting will be at Saturn/Southeast at 7:00 p.m.



## **A Few Thoughts from the CarClub President**

With this issue of the Monthly Planet, you will realize that this message is not on the cover any more. I am asking the CarClub Events Directors to take over that highly valuable space to get the word out on upcoming events.

June is here, and with it, all the children are out of school. They are usually not thinking about their safety during the first few days of summer break, so it is up to us to keep them safe. Slow down and help a child live this summer. Other areas to slow down are in construction zones (yes, I know, I don't like them either), and when there is an emergency vehicle of any sorts, be it a tow truck, a police officer, a fire engine, or ambulance. Please slow down and move over to give them space to do their work. We have already had one tragic death too many from such circumstances in recent months.

Speaking of living, many people live with cancer and its effects on their lives and the lives of their loved ones. Our charity partner for this quarter has been the Susan G. Komen Fund for the Cure. We hope to have a speaker from this organization at our next General Meeting at Saturn Southeast on June 12. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please consider pledging to those who are walking in a Race for the Cure event near you. Also, you can find further information through the American Cancer Society's web site, as well as sign up for their regular e-mail updates. They will keep you up to date on all the news from the ACS. I started receiving their newsletters because of the "Smoke Free Ohio" campaign. I have lost two aunts to cancer, one because of smoking.

Living with the gasoline prices is another matter. If you have noticed that we are not going as far away this year for our monthly activity outside of the General Meeting, you are right. We have been staying a little closer to home to ease the cost of these activities, especially for those with families. Our upcoming trips away from Central Ohio include Cincinnati (Underground Rail Road Museum – a National Parks site), and, the ever popular Woodward Dream Cruise in Detroit. No, this is not a cruise on a ship, but a cruise-in of cars on Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

One of the alternatives to gasoline is electric (battery) powered cars. Saturn had the EV-1 for a while. Some of us were lucky enough to get a test drive during a trip to Spring Hill, Tennessee, a few years back. At an upcoming meeting (date yet to be determined), a special guest will make an appearance with his new / old Saturn. This person, a co-worker of mine, has taken one of the SL models (this was the first model made by Saturn), removed the gasoline engine, and is installing an electrical battery powered engine. This is not recommended for most people to try to do. He has done many years of electrical design work and knows what he is doing. Stay tuned for when this special event will occur.

We continue to keep Peggy Williams in our thoughts. She is making progress, but will still be away for a while longer. Please also keep her husband, John, in your thoughts as well.

That's it for now. See you at a meeting soon.

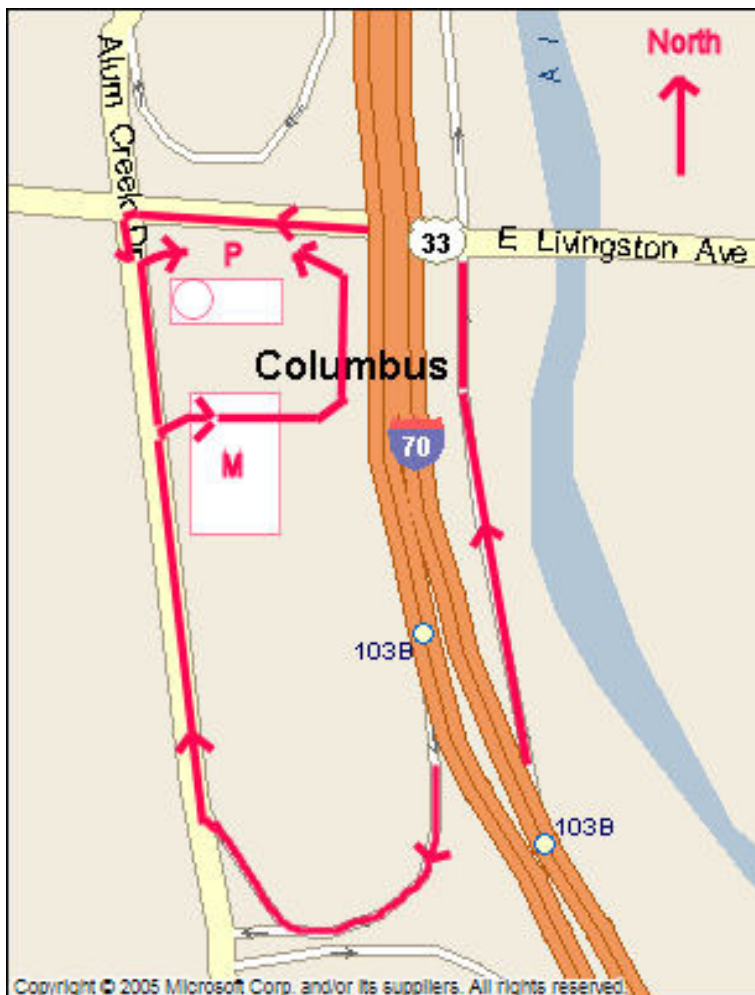


*You're not just in the club, you **are** the club!*

## Adopt-A-Highway – June 2008

Our second Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) cleanup of 2008 will be held on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 AM. We will again be cleaning the area on Livingston Avenue at Alum Creek Drive and I-70. Safety will be the highest priority because of all of the traffic volume in the area. The areas we will be cleaning are grassy and could also be somewhat damp and/or muddy following rains, so dress accordingly.

On the map below, the red "P" is the parking area where we will meet. It is on North side of the white building with the circular red roof (formerly Buckeye Chicken - which is closed), which is just North of McDonalds (red M on the map).



Directions to the AAH Cleanup Site

Coming from West on I-70, take Exit 103B, (Alum Creek Dr / Livingston Ave). Turn right on Alum Creek Drive northbound. Turn right into parking area (red P on map) or turn right into McDonalds, drive to the rear, turn left and then second left to parking area, P

Coming from East on I-70, take Exit 103B, (Livingston Ave). Turn left onto Livingston Avenue. Go to stop light and turn left onto Alum Creek Drive (Southbound). Make an immediate left turn into parking area (red P on map). Note that the black pickup truck in the picture below is turning left from westbound on Livingston Avenue to southbound on Alum Creek Drive.



The place we will meet is on the left side of the picture above, between the white building with the red circular roof and Livingston Avenue.

As has been the custom at our AAH events, we will again go out to lunch after the cleanup. There are several good restaurants about 1 mile North of the AAH area in Bexley. As in the past, Saturn of Columbus has agreed to pay for our meals. Participants will earn one (1) activity point toward Active Member Status.

We encourage all CarClub members to join us on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Remember, the more CarClub members that participate, the less each CarClub member has to cleanup! And yes, there is such a thing as a free lunch!

## Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
June 12	Regular Meeting	Saturn Southeast	7:00 p.m.
June 14	Adopt-A-Highway	See article in this issue	10:00 a.m.
June 19	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:30 p.m.
June 28	Underground Railroad	Cincinnati	9:00 a.m..
July 10	Regular Meeting	Saturn West	7:00 p.m.
July 17	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:30 p.m.
July 26	Columbus Jazz and Rib Fest	See events article in this issue	1:00 p.m.

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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.

### CarClub Website

<http://www.centohiocarclub.com/>



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