

THE MONTHLY PLANET

CENTRAL OHIO SATURN CARCLUB
CHAPTER 4



June, 2009

Just Around The Corner!

JUNE—PLENTY TO DO!!!

June 11th is our monthly meeting at Saturn SouthEast. The CarClub will be having a family picnic in the picnic area outside Saturn. Please be sure to bring your family for a fun evening! The CarClub will provide the meat and buns, and we would ask that you pay \$1/person to cover that cost. We would also like for those coming to bring a dish to share. Those with the last name beginning with letters A - H bring a Salad, I - P Chips, relishes, condiments, Q - Z Deserts. Please bring your own table service. We hope for good weather and a fun evening!

June 13th is our next Adopt-An-Area cleanup. Meet at 10:00 at the Livingston/ Alum Creek intersection. Our cleanup should only take about an hour and a half, then we'll head over to The Rusty Bucket for lunch. Our thanks, as always, to Saturn of Columbus for that lunch! The areas we will be cleaning will be grassy and could also be wet or muddy, so dress accordingly. Sturdy shoes and appropriate outerwear are a must. The City of Columbus provides us with gloves, Safety Vests, "Litter Grabbers", and garbage bags.

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).

Our parking area is on the North side of the white building with the circular red which is just North of McDonalds (red "M" on the map).

June 18th will be our next Bingo at Villa Angela at 7:00. The residents enjoyed having us back for the May Bingo, and it was good to be back. Thanks to everyone that turned out to make our first Bingo a big success! Remember, if you have jewelry, perfume or cologne you received and it wasn't to your liking, bring it to Bingo,



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to a meeting or an event, and we can use it for prizes for the residents. They also like the puzzle books you can buy at the Dollar Tree. We sure do appreciate everyone's support, and our special thanks to Barb Altenburg for getting us running again!

On **June 27th**, we are planning a day trip to Chillicothe. We will tour the Adena Mansion, and also visit the Hopewell Culture National Historic Park. We would ask everyone to meet at the rest stop just before you get to South Bloomfield, on Rt. 23, at 10:00.

Adena was the 2,000-acre estate of Thomas Worthington, sixth governor of Ohio and one of the state's first United States Senators. The mansion, completed in 1806 - 1807, has been restored to look much as it did when the Worthington family lived there, including many original Worthington family furnishings. The house is one of only three houses designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe still standing in the U.S. Latrobe is considered the first professional American architect and served as architect of the US capitol under President Thomas Jefferson.

The present Hopewell Culture National Historical Park evolved in part from the former Mound City Group National Monument. The national monument was established by a proclamation signed by President Warren G. Harding in 1923 to preserve prehistoric mounds of "great historic and scientific interest." In 1980 Congress expanded the monument by adding a portion of the nearby Hopeton Earthworks and authorized the investigation of other regional archeological sites to determine their suitability for preservation. The National Park Service recommended four additional sites. Hopewell Culture National Historical Park was thus established in 1992 by a law that renamed Mound City Group National Monument, expanding boundaries at Hopeton Earthworks, and included High Bank Works, Hopewell Mound Group, and Seip Earthworks. The park protects the prehistoric remains of a dynamic social and ceremonial phenomenon that flourished in the woodlands of eastern North America between 200 B.C. and A.D. 500. The term Hopewell describes a broad network of economic, political, and spiritual beliefs and practices among different Native American groups. The

culture is characterized by the construction of enclosures made of earthen walls, often built in geometric patterns and mounds of various shapes. The culture is known for a network of contacts with other groups, which stretched from the Atlantic coast to the Rocky Mountains. This network brought materials such as mica, shark's teeth, obsidian, copper, and shells to Ohio.

While the Hopewell Culture Museum is free, fees to tour the Adena Mansion are

OHS Members	FREE
Adults	\$8.00
Children 6 -12	\$4.00
Children 5 & under	FREE

In between the Mansion and the Museum, we will find somewhere for lunch. This promises to be a fun, and educational day, and we hope you can join us!

JULY

The vote will be taken for the event for July at the June meeting. For consideration are:

Clippers game	New Nationwide Stadium Columbus
Air Force Museum	Dayton
Rolling Ridge Ranch	Millersburg
Tecumseh	Chillicothe

Please come and cast your vote or call on the hotline and give your choice of events listed or others you would like to suggest.

The July meeting will take place on the 2nd Thursday as usual, for July that would be the 9th. The location has not been finalized so please read the July Monthly Planet to learn the location of the meeting, or call the hotline for the update.

As always, please let us know if you have any suggestions or ideas for events!

Becky Harrass

Blood Drive!

Please join Saturn of Columbus and the American Red Cross by giving blood this summer. In exchange for about an hour of your time and a pint of your blood, you can enter to win great prizes, including a one-year lease on the Saturn vehicle of your choice! Other prizes include \$100 gas gift cards.

You must attend a blood drive

between June 1st and August 31st. Final drawings will be held at Saturn Day at the Zoo on September 13th.

For more information, or to schedule your donation, contact the American

Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, or visit them on line at www.bloodsaveslives.org.

Good luck!

“BY DONATING, NOT ONLY WILL YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SAVE A LIFE AND PREVENT BLOOD SHORTAGES, YOU MIGHT ALSO BE FILLING UP YOUR GAS TANK FOR FREE OR DRIVING AWAY IN A NEW CAR!”

The VUE From The Top

It's hard to believe that it's JUNE! Half of the year is gone already! I hope all of you had a safe and wonderful Memorial Day weekend. Spending time with friends and family is the rule of the day now that summer is now here. Your CarClub is no exception. We've had larger turnouts at all of our recent events. This is GREAT! New members are joining our group and Bingo is going again. I can't thank all of you enough for your participation at our events and input for our events selections. Let's keep it going! It

appears we are going to try and go to a Clippers game in August at the new Huntington Park. Please email Becky or contact her if you are interested in going so we can get a head count. If enough are interested we can get a group rate and seating. If a particular date works well please let her know also. It will be a weekend game.

We STILL NEED a candidate for VICE PRESIDENT!

If you have been a member for a year you are eligible to be our Vice President. This important position

will move up to President next year. I can tell you that I spend about an hour a month in addition to attending the meetings in this position. It is also not mandatory as Vice President to attend all the meetings as long as either the President or Vice President can. I personally would love to see someone who has not been our President before fill the position. SO, if you can do this, please contact an officer and let us know.

Steve Whitman

Champions

O I feel like Christmas is coming!
r I know that there will be a
n Special Present under the Tree
e but not sure what it will be. It
r will be something that I can use
for a LONG time. Simply put,
we are going to witness the
Rebirth of Saturn.

I want to continue my family's string of Saturn Purchases. We have had at least one Saturn from EVERY model year since 1993. With the announcements and the suitors, I WILL be able

to continue my Saturn Purchases.

What can you do? Come in and Test Drive our Great Product Line and see where we have come. Tell your friends, family and neighbors about YOUR experiences. Remember we still have the referral program which entitles you to a \$75.00 Certificate for any service, merchandise, parts or Vehicle purchases, PLUS the chance to win the \$2,500 Cruise. If you are a "Raving Fan" the rewards are even better!

Our customers have always been the backbone of Saturn, and Saturn

CarClub members have been the MOST loyal. Let's help our economy and ourselves by Purchasing a NEW Saturn; TODAY. New car purchases will get a Tax break from the President. Ask for details!

Stop by and visit your Sales Consultant or if you don't currently have one, see me at Saturn/West.

I SAY! I SAY! I SAY! Saturn!!!!

Al Clapsaddle

<http://www.saturnwest-alclapsaddle.com>

Saturn's Future

This ran in *The Columbus Dispatch* on May 27, 2009. We thought our members would be interested in Tom's perspectives.

With all the talk of bailouts and possible bankruptcy, one of General Motors' most notable initiatives has been stuck in limbo. Saturn, launched in 1990 to compete with the affordable small cars of Toyota and Honda, soon will be sold or spun off. GM might announce its decision Monday, when it will submit the latest version of its restructuring plan, and probably will disclose plans for Saab and Hummer as well as Saturn.

His dealerships illustrate some of the assets that Saturn would bring to potential new owners. As the exclusive Saturn dealer for the region, Carpenter owns enviable suburban locations: the flagship lot on the North Side, plus dealerships in Hilliard and Groveport. He has a dedicated customer base and has shown a commitment to marketing, even at times when the automaker's product assortment has been thin.

Carpenter hopes GM's upcoming announcement about the future of the brand will point the way to stability after months of uncertainty. "This limbo status is not the place to be," he said.

"WE PLAN TO BE AROUND," SAID TOM CARPENTER, CO-OWNER OF SATURN OF COLUMBUS. "WE'RE NOT GOING TO FOLD THE TENTS."

Like most car dealers, he is selling fewer vehicles this year:

274 new ones through April; that's down more than 30 percent from the same period last year, according to Autoviewonline.com. Still, he is reluctant to criticize GM, even though the automaker has given him a steady stream of bad news.

Saturn dealers have reason to be optimistic, said David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich. He views the dealers as the brand's strongest attribute, with generally strong locations. "It's a very strong retail-distribution chain," he said.

Among the possible buyers is Roger Penske, the owner of a racing team and several other automotive businesses. Other suitors might include a Chinese automaker and private-equity firms, Cole said.

Saturn was launched with the slogan: "A different kind of car company." The brand had new approaches to body design, engine construction and labor relations, all centered on a new plant in Tennessee that became the focal point of the Saturn mystique. Unfortunately for GM, this approach didn't meet the company's financial goals. "They never made money with the way it was structured," Carpenter said.

Over time, the initial assortment of small and midsize cars was replaced by larger, more expensive vehicles. The brand's top seller, the Vue, is a sport-utility vehicle, and the top-selling sedan, the Aura, aims for a higher price point than anything in the early lineup. The vehicles are no longer made in a Saturn-exclusive plant. Instead, they share space with other GM brands that are often almost identical. For example, the Sky roadster is almost the same as the Pontiac Solstice. A sale of Saturn would take away business from the GM plants, harming GM's profitability at a difficult time, Cole said. He is critical of the process that is leading GM to rush to sell Saturn and other brands. He thinks the move is being pushed by the government leaders overseeing the auto bailout. "You've got some people who don't know a lot making some decisions that may not be very wise," he said about the government involvement.

In the unlikely event that GM can't find a buyer, the company has said it will stop making Saturn vehicles at the end of this year. Whatever happens, Carpenter plans to be here selling Saturn vehicles. He wants customers to know that Saturn will not go away. He is continuing to advertise and continuing his company's long-term endorsement deal with Jack Hanna of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

"We're not sitting back and waiting," he said.

Where In The Universe Is Your Saturn???



My Saturn recently had several adventures on a trip to Lake Erie. It took the Car Ferry from Marblehead to Kelley's Island, it visited the Marblehead Lighthouse, and it spent time in Lakeside.

Where has your Saturn been? Take a picture of your car on your adventure, and send it in to us! Include a note or a tip, and let everyone else in the Club know about a great destination!

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Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
June 11 th	Regular Meeting/Picnic	Saturn SouthEast	7:00 p.m.
June 13 th	Adopt-An-Area	Livingston and Alum Creek	10:00 a.m.
June 18th	Bingo	Villa Angela Care Center	7:00 p.m.
June 27th	Adena Mansion/ Hopewell Culture Museum	Chillicothe South Bloomfield Rest Area	10:00 a.m.
July 9 th	Regular Meeting	TBD	6:30 p.m.
July 11 th – 12 th	Arthritis Foundation Cruise In	Dublin, OH	All Day
July Event	Member Chosen	Don't Forget To Vote!!	TBD
August 8 th	Adopt-An-Area	Livingston and Alum Creek	10:00 a.m.
August 15 th	Woodward Dream Cruise	Detroit, MI	All Day
August 22 nd	Cruise the 'Ville 2009	Whetstone Park, Clintonville	All Day
October 10th	Adopt-An-Area	Livingston and Alum Creek	10:00 a.m.

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