



CarClub



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Words from the President

HAPPY SPRING!

With the advent of all the **NEW car models** that Saturn has and will continue to introduce, a Saturn Corporate decision was made to make sure visitors to the Autoshow get a more complete understanding of the product.

To facilitate this, a change in how Saturn staffed the Autoshow was made. **Only Saturn employees and Saturn spokespeople** will be allowed to work the show.

This change did not come easily and many within our local partner, Saturn of Columbus and Saturn Corp. expressed the value of Saturn CarClub Members. We understand why the change was made and do agree that this is the best for Saturn and its future. Saturn of Columbus did provide the club with some **free tickets for admission to this year's Columbus Car Show**. If you are interested in going, **please call me or send me an email**.

Depending on the number of responses will determine if this will be in the form of a drawing. This needs to be done ASAP since the show is March 12th through the 20th.

In celebration of the 10th anniversary, Saturn has purchased for the CarClub **a limited number of Zoo Memberships** to share with the members. These memberships will be **at a cost of half of the original price**; if the cost was \$64.00, the membership would cost the member \$32.00. You will be able to select any membership up to the cost of a family membership — \$64.00. Since we have a limited number of memberships available, we will have a drawing. Everyone who is interested will need to let me know either by email, rharrass@sbcglobal.net or by phone, 614-457-5945 before the April meeting, when the drawing will take place.

The tour through the **TV Museum** was very informative and we were all surprised at the large number of TVs that were on exhibit at the Museum. If you haven't been to the Museum it is well worth the trip. The children that were in the group enjoyed learning about the TVs from the 1930s. We had a nice group that attended and everyone enjoyed a leisurely lunch at Max and Erma's following the tour. My thanks to all those who attended.

If you weren't at the February meeting, you missed hearing **two representatives from the Red Cross** give information about the roles of the Red Cross. I don't think anyone realized all the areas that involve the Red Cross. All members did receive oil change coupons also. You never know when those will be passed out.

Our next meeting will be on **March the 10th at Saturn/Southeast** at 7:00 p.m. Since we are very close to spring, we will welcome it in with an **Ice Cream Social**. I hope that many of you will come, participate in the meeting, and enjoy the ice cream and fellowship.

Our event for March is to be a bowling day, Sunday, March 13th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Holiday Lanes. Please read the Events article and get more details. Hope to see you there. If you can't attend the meeting and are expecting to bowl with us, please call the hotline and leave a message. Our Events Officers will know to reserve another lane, if needed.

We do like to hear from you. You are the Club and without you, there isn't a Club.

Becky

CarClub Events

Upcoming

March 10 — Meeting and ice-cream social at Saturn SouthEast.

March 13 — Our CarClub destination: Dust off your bowling ball and join us for a Sunday afternoon bowling. Please see the article for more details!



March 12 to 20 - Columbus International Auto Show.

March 17 — St. Patrick's Day and Bingo at Villa Angela.



April 14 — Meeting at Saturn West.

April 16 — Event TBD.

April 21 — Bingo at Villa Angela.

April 23 — Adopt A Highway. See the article about this important community service project that has earned the CarClub a gold star.

May 8 — Mother's Day.

May 12 — Meeting at Saturn North.

May 14 — Event.

May 19 — Bingo at Villa Angela.

May 30 — Memorial Day.

Last Month's Recap

February 10 - Monthly meeting at Saturn North. We had two speakers from the **Red Cross**. One talked about the Donor Day and the Red Cross' need for blood and plasma. And the other speaker touched on the first aid classes, classes for babysitters, CPR classes in the workplace and the new defibrillators that can be used by anyone.



Brief presentations by featured guests and our CarClub champion keep us involved in the community.

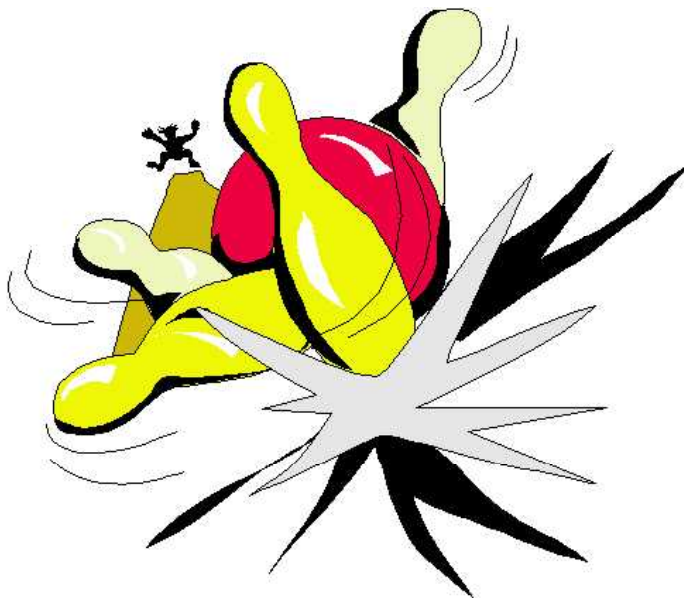


February 12 — Donor Day at Saturn West. Thank you to everyone who rolled up a sleeve and donated a unit! And to the people manning the sign in table and working in the Bloodmobile!

February 17 — Thank you to everyone who came out for bingo at Villa Angela. The residents really enjoy our time together!

February 19 - We spent time at the Early Television Museum and had a nice meal at Max and Erma's.

And now information about upcoming events. . .



Would you like to hang out in an alley and stay out of the gutter?

We are in negotiations with **Holiday Lanes** located at 4589 East Broad St. to bowl there March 13 starting at **2:00 p.m.** We are planning to bowl the games “No Tap,” so if you are able to knock down 9 pins it counts as a strike! All other rules are the same. The bumpers will be in to keep the kids, of all ages, out of the gutters.

The price will be \$10.00 per person. That will include your shoe rental. By bowling “No Tap” we should be able to bowl 3 games in 2 hours. We will be bowling with up to 4 people per lane; if we need we can reserve extra lanes. So please let us know ASAP!

Remember to come out and visit the residents of Villa Angela on March 17 and help with the bingo.

Gearing Up for Adopt-a-Highway



A “heads-up” on our first Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for 2005. It will be held on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 9:30 a.m. Our rain date is Sunday, April 24th, starting at 1:00 p.m.

We have adopted Route 16 (East Broad Street) from the Licking County line two miles westward into Franklin County ever since September 1997. That makes this our eighth year to clean the highway. We became a “Gold Star” group after five years.

What do you as a Central Ohio CarClub member get out of this community service project?

1. The satisfaction of being a part of a very **worthy civic project.**
2. This event counts as **two points** toward active member status and to qualify for the 15% discount for 2006. (Subsequent cleanups count for one point).
3. **Lunch** after the cleanup provided by Saturn of Columbus.

Last year we received upgraded supplies: gloves and litter grabbers, along with the usual trash bags and safety vests. There is less bending down and the cleanup goes a little faster. And, of course, snacks and bottled water are available to help keep us going.

Adopt-A-Highway events will also be held in June, August, and October 2005. Please consider pitching in when this community service activity rolls around.

EXPANDED SCUBAFEST OFFERS MORE FOR EVERYONE

In its 46th year, ScubaFest 2005 is bigger and better than ever for the same price with **more** exhibitors, **new** speakers, and **expanded** workshops. The event, sponsored by the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc. (OCSSDI), will be held **March 11-13, 2005 at the Clarion (formerly Wyndham) Dublin Hotel**, 600 Metro Place North, Dublin, Ohio. At the expanded **free** exhibit held all weekend, the general public can visit **more than 45 exhibitors** and see **over 50 product lines** representing the latest in dive equipment, dive vacations, and dive instruction. If that is not all, all attendees can enter a **raffle for door prizes and bid in a silent auction**, which will include a **gift package from COSI** of items from the *Volcanoes of the Deep Sea* movie.

Several **free** events are **open to the public**. On Friday evening a **special film festival** will be held showcasing the finalists in the *Underwater Images* competition. And anyone aged 10 years old and over will be able to **experience the thrill of breathing underwater** during scheduled dive sessions*. Professional dive instructors will take participants into the pool on scuba equipment during the **free** scuba experience on Saturday and Sunday.

A major highlight of ScubaFest 2005 is the Saturday night banquet, featuring **keynote speaker Joe Wysocki of Optiquatics**, a California-based photography, video, and travel agency. He is presenting *Where in the World?* a multi-media show which takes the audience on a diving adventure from California to more exotic dive locations in the South Pacific.

In addition, seminars and workshops are being held on Saturday and Sunday (seminars cost only \$15 per day or \$25 for both days, workshops range from \$15 to \$180) starting at 10:00 a.m. that are geared to both divers and non-divers. Those who want to learn more about diving before taking the plunge will hear and see exciting presentations on Great Lakes shipwrecks, exotic dive vacations (**new locations** covered include **Alaska, Malaysia, Palau, and Costa Rica**) and more. For the recently certified divers who want to expand their skills, there will be sessions on **cave diving, ice diving, and deep wreck diving**. For the experienced diver, there are **new workshops on digital photography and digital video editing, rebreathers**, and more.



Proceeds from ScubaFest 2005 will benefit the OCSSDI scholarship fund and the Honduras Dental Project. The banquet costs \$40 and an all-inclusive pass for the weekend is \$60. For further details and registering, visit www.scubafest.org.

**Space is limited for each session so pre-registration is strongly recommended by calling 937-428-9836 or info@aquaticrealmscuba.com.*

About OCSSDI: The Ohio Council began in 1959, shortly after the first diving clubs were formed in Ohio. Today, it is one of the oldest scuba diving organizations in the country, older than most certification agencies. The Ohio Council's mission is to provide a unified voice for Ohio's divers in legislative matters. Members consist of 23 scuba clubs and more than 20 dive shops from around the state. For further information, visit www.ocssdi.org.

About the Honduras Dental Project: This nonprofit organization provides free dental health care to underserved communities in Honduras, Central America, to about 500 people annually since 1989. For further information, visit www.hpsh.org.

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If you would like additional information or wish to apply for a Good Neighbor loan, please contact Brenda Davis, Fifth Third Mortgage Relationship Advisor. Call (614) 751-4033.

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
March 10, 2005	Meeting	Saturn SouthEast	7:00 p.m.
March 12 to 20, 2005	Columbus International Auto Show	Convention Center	
March 13, 2005	Event	Holiday Lanes 4589 E. Broad Street	2:00 p.m.
March 17, 2005	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
April 3, 2005	<i>Day Light Saving Time Begins</i>	<i>Remember: set clocks ahead 1</i>	<i>"Spring Ahead"</i>
April 14, 2005	Meeting	Saturn West	7:00 p.m.
April 16, 2005	Event	TBD	TBD
April 21, 2005	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
April 23, 2005	Adopt-A-Highway	Just past Franks Nursery on East Broad Street	9:00 a.m.
May 12, 2005	Meeting	Saturn North	7:00 p.m.
May 19, 2005	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
May 21, 2005	Event	TBD	TBD

*Tentative date June
25 to 28, 2005*

Spring Hill trip

Plant tour on the 27th

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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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Suggestions for activities are always welcome, please talk with any CarClub Officer, but especially Cheryl Lutman, Lowell Lutman, and Steve Whitman (Events Officers), or leave a message on the CarClub hotline (614-470-3517).



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