



CarClub



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Words from the President

Happy St. Patrick's Day! As we get closer to Spring, it's time to start thinking about our annual overnight trip. For the past 10 years we have traveled to **Spring Hill** to tour the Saturn plant and the Nashville area. With the **uncertainly of tour availability**, we are thinking of making a change this year. Instead of Spring Hill we are considering Detroit.

Saturn has offered to have some activities for us if we come to Detroit, and some of our members who visited the auto show back in January found many interesting locations to visit. We discussed this change at the February meeting and had a very good response to the suggested change. We will have another discussion at the March meeting; if there are no major objections, we can start making plans for a trip to Detroit this summer. **Let us know what you think** about changing our annual trip.



At the February meeting, members heard about the recent trip to the Detroit Auto Show.

The March meeting will be our last chance to collect for our first quarter charity, the Capital Area Humane Society. The money collected at our first three meetings will be matched, up to two hundred dollars, by the club and donated to the Society.

A representative from the **Capital Area Humane Society** will be our guest at the March 9th meeting. The mini-event will include a presentation on their activities and information on how we can help them. It should be an interesting evening.

We will select a new charity for our second quarter collections. If you have a suggestion, please talk to one of the Car Club officers.

Our trip to the **Franklin Park Conservatory** went very well. Everyone enjoyed touring the many different sections of the Conservatory and lunch at the Old Bag of Nails afterward.

Our next event will be on March 19th at the **Quaker Steak and Lube** followed by a movie at the nearby **Rave Motion Picture Theater**. We need a count of how many plan to attend this event so that we can notify the restaurant. If you have not signed up please do so at the March meeting, or call the CarClub voicemail at 614-470-3517 and leave your name, phone number and the number of people attending with you.

Peggy and Lois are busy making plans for this year's events; please watch the events article for details on future activities. Remember that our first **Adopt-a-Highway** community service event is **April 22**. Jim will be looking for members to help with this cleanup. Also remember Bingo at **Villa Angela** on the 16th at 7:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you at a future meeting or event.

John

February Photos



CarClub Champion Al Clapsaddle spoke about the American Red Cross and Saturn National Donor Day. Each pint of blood saves three lives. Since 1998, over 1,700 Saturn community donor drives have collected over 116,000 units of blood.



CarClub members were updated on events under consideration as well as the regularly scheduled community service activities: Adopt-A-Highway and Bingo at Villa Angela. They were also advised to seriously consider getting a map for the Scavenger Hunt. The mini-event led by CarClub President John Williams was a valentine puzzle.

... from the Membership Chair

The Central Ohio Saturn CarClub is the largest and most active Saturn CarClub in the country. Last year we had a total of 44 meeting and events that offered activity points. There were 12 regularly scheduled monthly meetings rotated among the three Saturn of Columbus facilities, 12 regularly scheduled monthly Bingo sessions at Villa Angela, and 12 monthly events. We also had 4 Adopt-A-Highway cleanups (regularly scheduled), and 4 special events. All members of the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub receive a **5%** discount on all parts, labor, and accessories from Saturn of Columbus, and this newsletter, without doing anything beyond paying membership dues. Active Members do a little more and receive a little more.

What is an “Active Member” you ask? Active Members are members who have earned at least **six activity points** for participating in CarClub **meetings and/or events** during the year. Attending one meeting or activity earns you one point. You can actually earn the **six points** required in only five outings because the first Adopt-A-Highway cleanup in April counts as two points. This is because the highway cleanup area gets much dirtier during the six-month interval from the last cleanup in October. The two points are offered to encourage more members to participate and make the work lighter for everyone. On National Donor Day, CarClub members had another opportunity to earn two points. One point was available for assisting at Saturn West in the blood drive and one was available for donating blood, the gift of life.

What are the advantages of becoming an Active Member? Active Members receive a **15%** discount on all parts, labor, and accessories from Saturn of Columbus. CarClub members who earned at least six points during 2005 are Active Members for all of 2006, and are now earning points to have Active Member status for 2007.

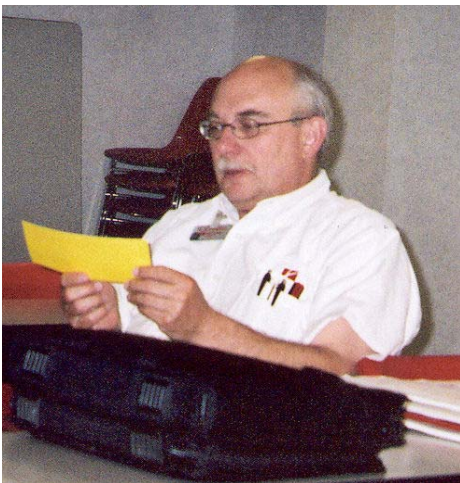
Remember that it takes **six points** to earn the Active Member status. If you attended some meetings and/or

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events in 2005, but did not have the six points required for Active Member Status, you could still become an Active Member in 2006. This is the way it works. Suppose you attended two meetings and two events in 2005. That gives you four points. In 2006 you attend another meeting and another event for two points. That two points plus the four points from 2005 would give you the required **six points** for Active Member status for the rest of 2006. As soon as that happens, the Membership Chairperson will send you a new membership card, which designates you an “Active Member” and makes you eligible to receive the **15%** discount from Saturn of Columbus. If, however, you do not attend any more meetings or events in 2006, when you renew your membership for 2007, it will be based on the points earned in 2006 and your status reverts to that of regular member with the **5%** discount. But don’t forget, you could achieve Active Member status for the rest of the year once you earn four more points, because you have carried two points over from 2006.

By attending meetings and events you **may** also get some “**freebies**” from the CarClub or Saturn of Columbus, such as a free oil change coupon. Remember, only paid-up members qualify for these “**freebies**,” so make sure you’re up to date. See you at the March meeting.

Jim



CarClub Champion Al Clapsaddle holds a free oil change coupon, one of the “freebies” that can turn up announced at a meeting or an event. You can’t miss that distinctive bright yellow.

CarClub Events

We want to thank all of you who went to **Franklin Park Conservatory** and on to lunch at **Old Bag of Nails**. We had a great turnout and hope you all had an enjoyable time.

We also want to give a big thank those who participated in the **Saturn Donor Day** event; a bigger thank you goes to those who were able to give the gift of life.



On National Donor Day, Saturn West hosted the American Red Cross Bloodmobile, and CarClub members assisted both outdoors and indoors.



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March Events

March 9 – Meeting at **Saturn Southeast** at 7:00 p.m.

March 16 – Bingo at **Villa Angela** at 7:00 p.m.

March 19 – Late lunch at **Quaker Steak and Lube** (8500 Lyra Drive) at 2:00 p.m. That's just off Polaris Parkway at the interchange with 71 N. Then it's on to the movies in the Polaris area. Quaker Steak and Lube is a fun place to meet and eat — car themed, of course!

Please let one of the officers know if you are coming and how many will be with you. You can sign up at the March meeting or call the Hotline at 614-470-3517 by Monday March 13th so we can all sit together as a club.

April Events

April 22 – Our first **Adopt-A-Highway** service. You can earn two points toward Active Member status on this Saturday morning event.

Our April destination is the **Stan Hywett Hall and Gardens** in Akron on **Sunday, April 23**. We will form a caravan at noon at the rest stop south of the Route 36/37 exit on I-71 north.

Stan Hywett Hall is located at 714 N Portage Path. It is a Tudor Revival Manor house featuring 65 rooms filled with art treasures from around the world. There is an audio tour of the landscaped grounds, which include a fully restored English garden, a lagoon and scenic vistas.

Admission is \$10.00 for adults
\$6.00 for children 6 to 12
under 6, free with an adult.

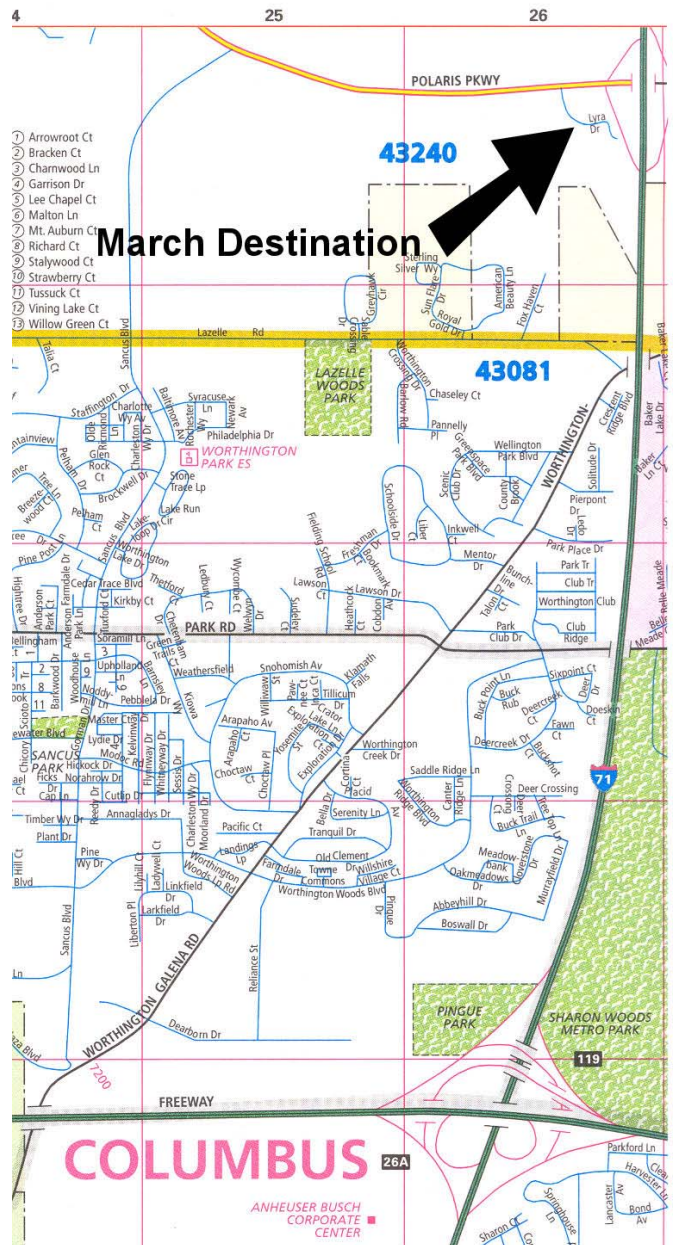
On the Horizon

Upcoming events with no firm dates:

- May: Family picnic, details in next newsletter.
- June: Annual summer trek, more later.
- Train excursion in the fall.
- Day in Amish country.

And don't for **Bingo** at **Villa Angela** the third Thursday each month!

Peggy & Lois



Maps are quite handy if you don't have to fold them. This extract is actually from a coil bound Street Finder. It is out of date, so you won't find all of the recent developments on it. But the exit ramp off I-71 to Polaris and the location of Lyra Drive (top right) are pretty clear if you decide to go to the Steak and Lube / movie excursion. But it won't be of much help on the Scavenger Hunt because it doesn't show Route 23. Once you find it, you should head toward Toledo.

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
March 9	Meeting	Saturn Southeast	7:00 p.m.
March 16	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
March 19	Lunch and a Movie	Quaker Steak and Lube / Polaris	2:00 p.m.
April 13	Meeting	Saturn West	7:00 p.m.
April 20	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
April 22	Adopt-A-Highway	The lot on the east of Max and Irma's on East Broad Street	9:30 a.m.
April 23	Stan Hywett Hall and Gardens, Akron	Meet at Rest Area on I-71 near Delaware	12:00 p.m.
May 11	Meeting	Saturn West	7:00 p.m.
May 18	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
TBD	Family Picnic	Watch for Details	TBD

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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 Peggy Williams and Lois Szudy (Events Officers), or leave a message on the CarClub hotline (614-470-3517).



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Don't get lost; use a map!

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