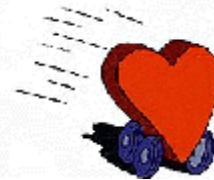




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From the President's VUE

Welcome to May . . .

Do you even remember the ice and cold of January? How soon we forget the white blanket that covered the ground now that the flowers are up and we can spend more time with the windows down. With the advent of warmer weather and longer daylight hours, your officers have started planning many events to take advantage of this season. Please check the events calendar to see what 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.

In upcoming events . . . **we are going to Spring Hill next month!** Yes, it is sooner than in years past. In the past few years we have been down in October, 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 have side trips and shopping excursions planned to while away the time until the tour, or you can explore the Nashville area on your own.

A group is 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 on 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 May 20**. If you have any prizes you would like to donate, you can bring

them to the meeting on the 13th at Saturn West or the quarterly Saturday meeting at Saturn North on the 15th.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the \$75.00 that we, as a CarClub, donated to the Worthington Youth Service Council's **Bikes for the Needy** program! Also thanks to everyone who came out for the **first Adopt-A-Highway** . . . the litterbug had been out as we worked for 3½ hours picking up our stretch of Rt. 16! Everybody really earned their two points!

We are having an ice cream social in conjunction with the **May 13th meeting at Saturn West**. Just to remind you, oil change coupons have not yet been handed out for this quarter. Be at the **May 13th meeting** to see if I hand them out there, or maybe it will be at the **meeting in June at Saturn SouthEast!**

I would like to welcome the new members that joined us! I hope to see you at a meeting or event.

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

Lowell



CarClub June Destination: Saturn Welcome Center.

CARCLUB EVENTS

Still in the Rearview Mirror

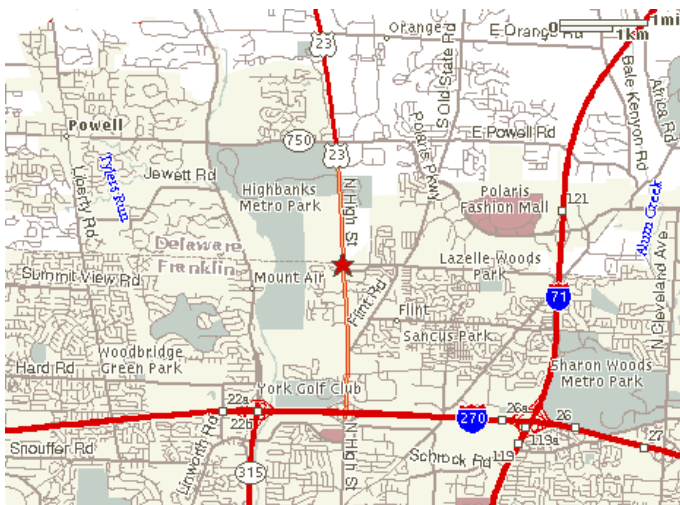
BINGO was held on April 15th at Villa Angela. Twenty-six residents were in attendance, and six CarClub members and one spouse conducted the Bingo. Plan to attend the **next BINGO on May 20th at 7:00 p.m.** Villa Angela is located at 5700 Karl Road

On Saturday, April 17th CarClub members went on a **Wildflowers and Waterfalls Hike** at Ash Cave. See pictures on page 4, courtesy of Jim and Becky Harrass.

Just Ahead Around the Curve

23 May 2004 – Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Train Ride and 22 June 2004 – Tour of the Saturn Plant at Spring Hill Tennessee. See separate articles for more information.

8 July 2004 – Picnic at Highbanks Metro Park. We are combining our July meeting 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, drinks, plates, utensils, and cups. Plan to come at 6:30 p.m. to get the food and tables set up. We will eat at 7:00 p.m. The park is just north of Saturn North. See the map below.



Planned Events with No Date

- Half way to Christmas Party
- Overnight trip to Indy
- Rolling Ridge Ranch

- 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

Suggestions for other 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).

CarClub Trek to Spring Hill

Our **Eighth Annual trip to Spring Hill, Tennessee** will take place in June this year. The plant tour starts on Tuesday, June 22, at 10:00 a.m. The CarClub members who are planning to leave Columbus on Saturday, June 19th, will be leaving from the **Cracker Barrel on Stringtown Road** (exit 100 off I-71, just South of I-270) at 9:00 a.m. If you plan to eat breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, you will need to be finished by 9:00 a.m. and ready to leave. We make stops about every two hours so the trip doesn't get quite so tiring. Maps and directions will be given out at the Cracker Barrel.

Others are leaving on Sunday and Monday. If you 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, 111 Penn Warren Dr., BRENTWOOD, TN 33027. The phone number is (615) 376-4666. Several CarClub members have made their reservation already and we have set aside additional rooms in the name of the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub. The cost will be \$60/night. They have a pool. When you call to reserve a room be sure to tell them that you are with the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub.

The tour of the Saturn plant will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 22nd. Please note that **children under age 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. Plan to join us for a really fun and informative event.

CarClub May Event

Hocking Valley Scenic Railway

NOTE: The following information is from the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway web site. For more information check out: <http://www.hvsr.com/>

Founded in 1972, the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway is a non-profit, volunteer-operated organization dedicated to the preservation, restoration and operation of historic railroad equipment for the education and entertainment of the general public. It currently operates a route between Nelsonville and Logan that was once a part of the original Hocking Valley Railway's Athens Branch. The Hocking Valley was eventually merged into the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in 1930, with the Athens Branch slowly becoming "dead weight" to the ever-expanding C&O. Thus the HVSR purchased the current route in 1985.

The HVSR offers diesel-powered rides through the beautiful, rolling hills of Southeastern Ohio aboard vintage equipment. The coaches used were built in 1927 for commuter service around Chicago and the primary diesel locomotive used was built back in October of 1952.

The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway operates regularly scheduled trains on weekends only, except for Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. During those times, the Monday of the holiday weekend also has two regularly scheduled trains like any other Saturday or Sunday. If it rains or snows, the trains still run, so don't let adverse weather stop you from riding the HVSR. **Additionally, regularly scheduled weekend trains feature a thirty-minute stop at Robbins Crossing, a recreated 1850s-era pioneer village on the campus of Hocking College.**

Info About the Logan 22-mile Roundtrip plus Robbins Crossing:

Nelsonville Depot Departure 2:30 p.m.

	FARES
Adults	\$14.00
Senior Citizens	\$11.00
Children (Ages 3-12)	\$9.00
Children under Age 3	FREE

Train returns to the Nelsonville Depot at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Note: Schedules are adhered to as closely as possible, but the railway reserves the right to alter schedules, substitute coaches and/or motive power as operating conditions demand. Passenger(s) assume all risk of death, injury, loss or damage to the passenger(s) person or property, whether due to negligence or otherwise, and neither the passenger nor any other person whatsoever shall have any right or claim against the issuing Company, its servants or agents in respect to or arising from any such death, loss or damage.

Depot, gift shop, and ticket sales open two hours prior to the first scheduled departure of the day. Credit cards (Visa and MasterCard) are accepted for ticket and gift shop sales.

Please be aware of the following:

- Reservations are not required.
- Individual seats are not assigned.
- No restrooms on train.
- No air-conditioning on coaches.
- Food and non-alcoholic drinks permitted on ride but not served.
- Smoking not permitted on any part of train, either moving or stopped.
- Only certified guide or service dogs accompanying passengers with disabilities are permitted on train. No other animals permitted.
- This is vintage equipment and therefore not easily wheelchair accessible.

Details of Sunday, May 23rd CarClub Trip:

12:15 p.m.	Meet at Saturn/Southeast
12:30 p.m.	Depart Saturn/Southeast
2:00 p.m.	Arrive at Nelsonville Depot*
2:30 p.m.	Depart Nelsonville on Train
4:45 p.m.	Return to Nelsonville on Train

We are still mulling an option to return home or join other CarClub members for supper at an area Restaurant.

- * Located at the intersection of U.S. Route 33 and Hocking Parkway (Fulton Street), behind the Rocky Boots Outlet in Nelsonville. **Maps will be available at Saturn/Southeast before departure.**

CarClub Event at Ash Cave



Above: The orientation session with a Park Ranger. At right, CarClub members pose for a picture at the main trail sign.

Adopt-a-Highway: One of Our Continuing Commitments



Good shoes, gloves, safety vests, bug repellent, sunscreen, and trashbags were the order of the day.

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
13-May-2004	Monthly Meeting/Ice Cream Social	Saturn / West	7:00 p.m.
15-May-2004	Saturday Meeting	Saturn / North	10:00 a.m.
20-May-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
23-May-2004 (Sunday)	Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Train Ride	Saturn / Southeast Nelsonville	12:15 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
10-June-2004	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / Southeast Rte 16 (E. Broad Street)	7:00 p.m.
12-June-2004	Adopt-A-Highway	Near Frank's Garden Center	9:30 a.m.
17-June-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
22-June-2004	Tour of Saturn Plant	Spring Hill TN	10:00 a.m.
8-July-2004	Monthly Meeting / Picnic	Highbanks Metro Park Northern Shelter	6:30 p.m.
15-July-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.

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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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