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Words from the President

Hello to everyone,

When I look out the window today, I question what month this is? The calendar tells me it's the end of April, but I see **SNOW!** We all know it will be warm again soon.

Our trip to Dayton to visit SunWatch Indian Village was very informative. **We had our own guide** and we were able to gain a lot of information concerning the Indians in that village. They give many tours for school children throughout the year. It was well worth the trip.



CarClub members had a personal tour guide at SunWatch.

As you will note, our first scheduled **Adopt-a-Highway** community service was snowed out. We will try again on the 7th of May and hope it doesn't snow. In May it shouldn't get as hot as later in the summer — one good reason to come out and help in May. We do have grabbers for those who would like to use them. They are a big help for anyone who has trouble bending. Oh yes, you also get a **free lunch after we are finished and 2 activity points.** You receive 2 points only for the first Adopt-a-Highway event. There after, its one point for Adopt-a-Highway.

Our May 12th meeting will be a **picnic at Highbanks** on Route 23, just north of Saturn North. The club will supply the meat for grilling and the soft drinks. We would like to ask everyone to bring a covered dish to share and plates and tableware for you own use. We would also like to ask everyone to donate \$1.00/person to help defray the cost of the shelter. Remember the **TIME IS 6:30 INSTEAD OF 7:00.** I need to know how many to plan for, so if you haven't signed up, please call me by Tuesday, May 10. The number is 614-457-5945. Then come and join us for a good time and good food.

The date for our **trip to the Wilds** has also changed. We will be going **May 14th.** If you have never gone or haven't gone for several years, it's a lot of fun, especially if you like animals. Lowell has more about the Wilds in another article. This was an event requested by many of those who responded to the questionnaire. We hope to see **YOU** there.

Remember our Bingo night at Villa Angela is the **3rd Thursday night of the month.** We had nine CarClub members join us for the April Bingo. The residents love to talk with you even if they don't need help playing Bingo.

The plans are pretty firm for the trip to Spring Hill on June 25th. The manufacturing plant tour is scheduled for the 27th. Lowell also has information about the motel in his article. We would like to have a large number of members take the trip this year. It is possible that this may be our last opportunity. Remember that you can always contact me if you have any questions.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please give me a call or send me an email. We like to hear from you. You are the Club!

Becky

CarClub Events

Upcoming

May 7 — Revised date for our first **Adopt-A-Highway**. We rescheduled because of the snowy and cold weather on April 23.

May 8 — Mother's Day.

May 12 — **Meeting and cookout** at Highbanks Metro Park at the Northern Shelter at 6:30 p.m. Please see the article on Our May Meeting for more information.

May 14 — We are going on a safari without leaving Ohio. Join us for an outdoor adventure at **The Wilds**. It should present some great opportunities for all the photographers in the CarClub. Please see the accompanying article.

May 19 — Bingo at **Villa Angela**. Come out and visit with the residents of Villa Angela and help with the bingo. Also we will always accept donations that can be used as bingo prizes!

June 9 — **Regular meeting** at **Saturn SouthEast**.

June 11 — **Adopt-A-Highway**.

June 16 — Bingo at **Villa Angela**.

June 19 — Father's Day.

June 25 — Half way to Christmas, but even more important: **Our tenth annual trip to Spring Hill, TN** to tour the plant where the ION and VUE are built. Please see the article for more details.

July 14 — **Meeting** at **Saturn West**.

July 16 — Event TBD.

July 21 — Bingo at **Villa Angela**.

Last Month's Recap

April 14 — Meeting at Saturn West. Thank you to **Keep Columbus Beautiful** for the speaker and the information about the programs that are available to residents who want to help Keep Columbus Beautiful.

April 16 — Trip to **SunWatch Indian Village and Archaeological Park**, where we had a tour of the area given by a volunteer. We would like to thank Jim for the insight to what life was like 800 years ago!

April 21 — Thank you to everyone who came out for bingo at **Villa Angela**. The residents really enjoy our time together!

April 23 — ~~Our first Adopt A Highway of the new year.~~ This community service project was rescheduled due to snow!

Our May Meeting

On May 12 we will meet at **Highbanks Metro Park** on State Route 23 North. It is just a little north of the Saturn North facility. **REMEMBER! We are starting at 6:30 p.m.!** For the cookout part of the evening's festivities, your CarClub will be supplying the meat, buns, and pop. So call Becky and let her know you are coming. Her number is 614-457-5945. We ask that you bring your own table service and a covered dish to share. We will cook hamburgers, hot dogs, and bratwurst on the grill. To keep everyone from bringing potato chips, we have suggested a scheme to make sure we have a variety of good food.

Our suggestion: if your last name is between:

A to I please bring a salad

J to R please bring a vegetable

S to Z please bring a dessert.

An exception would be if you have a specialty that we have raved over in the past . . . please bring that!

To offset the cost of renting the shelter, we are asking for a **\$1.00 per person donation**. With your donation you will get a ticket to be entered in the raffle.

Our May Destination — The Wilds

For our trip to The Wilds on May 14, our caravan will be leaving the rest area on Interstate 70 just past the exit to Buckeye Lake at **9:15 a.m.!** Please let us know if you will be meeting us at the rest area or at the Wilds. The following is information on the destination from the web site www.thewilds.org.

Who We Are

Today, more and more people are aware of environmental issues. Local media as well as national publications have heightened the public's awareness, pushing issues and their concerns to the forefront. As we become more informed, we realize we do not have to travel to Africa or Asia to find evidence of diminishing habitat and animal populations. Because of the impact in everyone's own backyard, it's not hard to find people who care—individuals and groups working to protect our habitat and wildlife for future generations.

But at even with heightened awareness of environmental challenges, making changes can seem like a daunting task. Today we are facing urgent needs and tough questions that require reflective, collaborative and inspired approaches.

What are the dynamics needed for finding these inspired approaches?

Effective solutions start with strong leadership in scientific study and research, and individual empowerment through creative education. At the Wilds, we are working every day to advance conservation through these philosophies. The early results of our own work indicate there is good reason for hope.

The Wilds History

Originally conceived as a private-public partnership involving the Ohio Departments of Natural Resources and Development, the Ohio zoological parks, and the private sector, the Wilds formally incorporated in 1986 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit under the name The International Center for the Preservation of Wild Animals, Inc. (ICPWA). That same year ICPWA received a gift of 9,154 acres of land from the Central Ohio Coal Company, a subsidiary of American Electric Power Company. The next few years were spent planning the development of the site, enlisting fundraising support from both the private and public sectors, and building a staff.

In 1987, a long-range master development plan was adopted. The Ohio General Assembly also approved its first allocation of \$400,000 in capital funding in its inaugural year. As the state funds were to be matched by

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