



CarClub



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The sky's the limit

May is here, but you would not know it by the weather. Who would have thought that we could have snow flurries just days before the new month began? At our last meeting we talked about ways to care for our cars now that winter is, hopefully, over with. Maybe we had better keep the scraper handy just in case we get one or two more frosty mornings.

We had a small but energetic group of people turn out for the new section of Adopt-A-Highway on a rather cool and windy Saturday, April 12. Yes, they had a lot of trash to pick up, and were still at it just before noon. You might want to ask them just how many bags of trash they picked up in that short space. I know it looked a lot cleaner when I went through that area just before noon that day.

For those who got the message, we did not do our regular Bingo at the Villa Angela Care Center this past month. Hopefully we will get back on track in May. There was another activity going on that night, so the residents probably did not realize that they were missing the Bingo games. I wonder if any of them will mention it when the group goes this month.

Another small and hardy group went on the Wildflower hike at the Blacklick Woods Metro Park on East Livingston Avenue in Reynoldsburg on Saturday April 26. The park naturalist, with two Metro Park volunteers, showed us around one rather small area, following one of the trails. In just the picnic area, before entering the woods, eight wildflowers were found to be growing. Along the trail, we got to see quite a variety of plants, including some that were termed “coming attractions”, or, in other words, plants that would be in bloom later this spring or summer. There were also plants that had already bloomed this spring. One plant that I knew of but had never seen was the Jack-in-the Pulpit. It was a surprise to see that it is actually a green flower.

I did surprise everyone when I pulled in at the park. I was not in my Ion. I was driving a Ford Focus, having been hit in the back by another vehicle while on my way home from work the previous Friday. Auto Body Collision and Glass on East Broad Street still has my car as I write this article. I do hope to have it back soon. I was fortunate in that the police were already on the scene for other reasons and saw the accident occur.

There has been a change in what we hoped to do in May for an activity outside of the General Meeting at Saturn North. Please see the Events article for that change. We always enjoy that type of activity, no matter where we have it. Becky Harrass and John Williams are getting some really great activities scheduled. As always, if you have suggestions, please let us know. It is appreciated.

For our second quarter charity partner, we will be giving a donation to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. This organization supports research on breast cancer. I know all too well from family and friends that cancer research can make the difference between life and death. I have lost two of my aunts to cancer, and several friends as well.

Also coming on the horizon is the trip to Detroit for the Woodward Dream Cruise. If you have not been, ask any of those who have gone what it is like and what to expect. I think we all hope that gasoline prices come down quite a bit more before that trip.

That's it for now. See you at a meeting soon.

*You're not just in the club, you **are** the club!*

Events:

May Events:

Bingo:

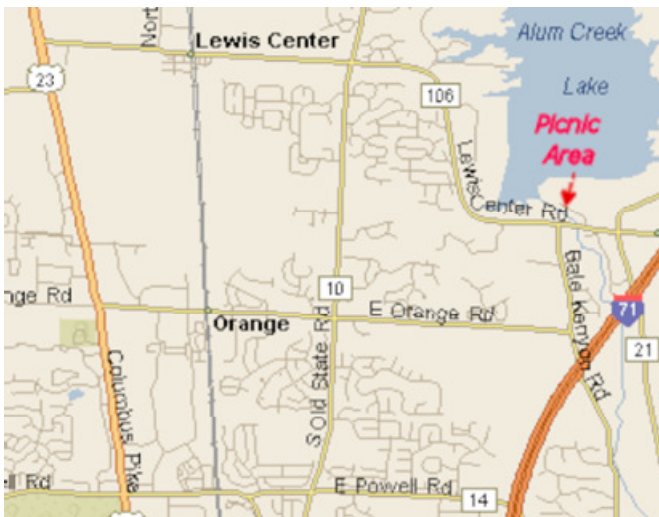
We are tentatively planning to have Bingo on May 15th at Villa Angela starting at 7:00 p.m. As with last month, please check before coming since the arrangements are still being completed. You can give Becky a call at 457-5945, to verify. The residents look forward to our coming so we will try to continue with Bingo if at all possible.

Picnic:

Saturday, May 31st, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Because of Mother's Day and the Cincinnati Reds playing at home, the May event has been changed. We will be having a picnic at **Alum Creek State Park at Area Below Dam Recreation Area**. The CarClub will supply the meat and buns. We would request that you bring your own table service, drink, and dish to pass.

Those with last names beginning with A-H, please bring a dessert, I-P, bring a salad, and P-Z bring a vegetable. We will ask a donation of \$1/person to cover the cost of the meat. There is a big covered shelter there and a nice area for activities.



Directions: Go North on Rt. 23, turn right on E Orange Road. When E Orange Road dead ends at Bale Kenyon Road, turn left. When Bale Kenyon Road dead ends into Lewis Center Road, turn right. You will see the Dam on your left and you will see signs that direct you to the **Area Below Dam Recreation Area**. It is a left turn shortly after turning onto Lewis Center Road.

From Columbus using I-71, go north to the Polaris Exit (Exit 121). Exit to the right on Polaris Parkway, heading east. Turn left on Worthington Road. Then, turn left on Africa Road. You will be able to see the dam at Lewis Center and Africa Roads. Turn left on to Lewis Center Road and then a right turn into the **Area Below Dam Recreation Area**.

June Event:

Underground Railroad Museum in Cincinnati on Saturday June 28th. The cost is \$12.00/person. We will plan on meeting at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant on Stringtown Road (Grove City Exit 100 off of I-71) at 9:00 a.m. If you want to come for breakfast meet at 8:00 a.m. to be ready to leave at 9 a.m. Car-pooling is an option if anyone would prefer, rather than driving separately.

The reviews on the museum Underground Railroad Museum have been outstanding so write the date on your calendar and plan to join us.

We are still trying to get information about the many festivals over OHIO. Hopefully, we can plan to visit one of those that aren't too far away in the month of July.

We do appreciate your input and like to hear what you would like to do. This is your club and we would like everyone to enjoy it.

John and Becky

If you missed the April's meeting you missed:



BIRTHDAY CAKE!!!!

Happy Birthday to John and Jim

Pictures from our walk with the
Naturalist in Blacklick Metro Park
April 26th



Waiting for the hike to start – members Ruth, Lowell, Lois, Cheryl and Becky with future members Karisa and Daniel



Pretty flowers! We could look and photograph but not take – that way the flowers will be there for many years and everyone can enjoy them!



We are changing to a new type of reward. The new **Complimentary Service Certificates** are now being given out. Those who were at the February General Meeting got the first look at them and heard about the new Service Certificates. Here is how they will work.

First of all, we received fewer of these than we did the Oil Change Coupons, but it will still be up to the President of the CarClub to decide when they are given out. The new Service Certificates are good for a lot more than the Oil Change Coupons were. These \$25.00 (twenty five dollar) Service Certificates can be used toward vehicle maintenance, repairs, accessories, rentals, or vehicle sales. This is good for use on Saturn vehicles only. (The CarClub officers are looking for ways that our non-Saturn owner members can be rewarded.)

Only one Service Certificate at a time can be used, with the exception of the purchase of a vehicle. The expiration dates are firm. Once the Service Certificate expires, it is not good for anything.

There is no cash value to the Service Certificates. If your total purchase adds up to less than \$25.00, you will not receive the balance back in cash. This is clearly stated on the new Service Certificate.

The new Service Certificates cannot be combined with the regular CarClub discount of 5% or 15%. You must choose which of them you want to use. As an example – if you are getting service done, use either the Service Certificate to get \$25.00 taken off your service invoice, or use your CarClub discount. If you are using the Service Certificate, please give the Service Advisor the Service Certificate when you first check in.

If you are using the Service Certificate to purchase accessories, or a vehicle rental, present the Service Certificate to the Cashiers. If you are purchasing a vehicle, this is the only time you may use more than one Service Certificate. Present them to your Sales Consultant ahead of time so they are aware you are using them.

The Service Certificates may be used with coupons issued only by Saturn of Columbus. These are the ones that come in the brochures from Saturn of Columbus. Should you encounter difficulties using the new Service Certificates, please let our Champion, Al Clapsaddle, know.

Keep this page for your reference!!



Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

| Date | Meeting / Event | Location | Time |
|----------------|--|---|---|
| May 8 | Regular Meeting | Saturn North | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 15 | Bingo | Villa Angela (tentative) | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 31 | Picnic | Alum Creek Park (please see the article for more information!) | 2:00 p.m. |
| June 12 | Regular Meeting | Saturn SouthEast | 7:00 p.m. |
| June 14 | Adopt-A-Highway | New Location and time Alum Creek And Livingston | 10:00 a.m. |
| June 19 | Bingo | Villa Angela (tentative) | 7:00 p.m. |
| June 28 | The Underground Railroad Museum | Meet at Cracker Barrel | 8:00 a.m. for breakfast or 9:00 a.m. to head |
| July 10 | Regular Meeting | Saturn West | 7:00 p.m. |

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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.

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<http://www.centohiocarclub.com/>



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