



# CarClub



## The Monthly Planet

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub — Chapter 4

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### *Words from the President*

#### Welcome New Members

Hello and welcome to three new CarClub members who have joined the CarClub since the last newsletter: **Joe Koszalkowski, Roseanne Argento, and Janet Thomas.**

We invite you (as well as all of our members) to attend our meetings and/or events. Remember, attend just six meetings and/or events within a year and you will be considered an “Active” member and receive a 15% discount from Saturn of Columbus.

#### October Meeting and Events

The October meeting was held on the 2nd at Saturn/West. Becky Harrass, CarClub President in 1999, opened the meeting with the presentation of the 1999 Saturn Homecoming CarClub picture frame, including a picture of the 1999 CarClub Officers, to Jerry Sayre, New Car Sales Manager at Saturn/West. Each of the three Saturn of Columbus retailers has now received one of these 1999



Becky Harrass, past CarClub President, presents the 1999 Homecoming CarClub picture frame to Jerry Sayre of Saturn/West.

Homecoming mementos and will be displaying it. Be sure to look for it the next time you are at one of the Saturn of Columbus facilities.

The mini-event was a presentation by John Comeskey, the Chief Executive of SPS, located in Dayton. In 1996 SPS began marketing **Saturn performance** parts. Since then, SPS has continued to lead the growing Saturn high performance market, and has emerged as the unchallenged leader of Saturn high performance! John gave an enthusiastic overview of the types of items SPS has available, and then invited questions from the floor. His presentation was well received and he provided some very interesting ideas for the improvement of both the performance and handling of Saturns. This was a return visit for John, and we thank him for making the trip from Dayton to talk to the CarClub once again.



John Comeskey of SPS, preparing to illustrate the options for improving the road handling of the new Saturn lines.

Also during the October meeting, a collection was taken for the Humane Society of Delaware County. June Carter, the Humane Society representative who spoke to us at the August meeting, indicated that their most pressing need was for cat litter. Since it is very heavy and difficult to carry, she suggested a monetary donation would be a lot easier to manage. At the November meeting, we will provide another opportunity to contribute funds, which will then be given to the Humane Society of Delaware County in the name of the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub.

The CarClub's **eighth trek to tour the Saturn Plant** at Spring Hill TN happened on October 10th. See page four for articles on the Saturn tour and what goes on after the tour!

## Looking Ahead

The **final Saturday meeting of the year** will be held on **November 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Saturn/West**. If you are unable to make it to the regular meetings on second Thursdays, this is your chance to attend a meeting and find out what is going on and what is being planned for the CarClub.

The **November meeting** will be held on **the 13th at Saturn/North at 6:30 p.m.** The mini event for the meeting will be a Fall Festival Supper, which will start at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will **include election of officers for 2004**. Be thinking of whom you would like to elect to be an officer. If you would like to run for an office, you may nominate yourself! See the article on pages 5 and 6 for a description of each of the officer positions. See the events article for more details on the Fall Festival Supper!

Don't forget **Bingo at Villa Angela Care Center** on November 20th. We are soliciting 2004 picture calendars which will be given to the residents at Villa Angela during our caroling on December 11th. If you have any 2004 picture calendars, please bring them to the November meeting or to any of the events between now and the caroling.

Speaking of calendars, don't forget to mark your calendar on the **15th of November for the Newport Aquarium** and on the **6th of December for the Holiday party**. See the events article for details on these events and for information on what else is planned for the rest of the year.

## Keeping in Touch

The CarClub Board would like to hear from you as to what you would like to do. There are many ways to do this. You can talk to any Board member, call the CarClub Voicemail Hotline at 614-470-3517, send an e-mail to the CarClub at [Saturn@centohiocarclub.com](mailto:Saturn@centohiocarclub.com), or submit a suggestion in writing to the suggestion box at any of the regular CarClub meetings.

We hope each one of you will make the effort to attend as many CarClub events as possible and to let us know what you would like to do as a CarClub.

*Remember that you are the CarClub!*

*Jim*

## CARCLUB EVENTS

### Still in the Rearview Mirror

September 27th was the date for the trip to **the Hocking Hills State Park**. The weather did not cooperate and rain forced the cancellation of the hike. Not to be daunted, the CarClub went to **Plan B: lunch at O'Charlies**, where it was nice and warm and dry. Lowell showed us his first attempt at making a Central Ohio Saturn CarClub window decal.

**BINGO** was held on October 16th at **Villa Angela**. We counted 32 residents in attendance, with 8 CarClub members assisting. Plan to attend out next BINGO on November 20th at 7:00 p.m. Villa Angela is located at 5700 Karl Road.

### Just Ahead Around the Curve

We are offering several reasons for you to attend the **November 13th meeting**. Please join us for a special evening of food at 6:30 p.m. at **Saturn/North**. We are having homemade soups and chili, breads, crackers, pie, and hot & cold apple cider. Surely something there will be appealing to you. We call it the Fall Festival Supper Meeting, and are sure it will a lot of fun! The CarClub business meeting and election of officers will commence after the meal.

## On the Horizon

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** is the date for a trip to **Newport Aquarium**, south of Cincinnati. We 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. The museum is open from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. We plan to drive to the Aquarium together, but you may return whenever you choose. Those interested can go out as a group for dinner after visiting the aquarium.

### **Aquarium General Admission**

- \$16 Adults
- \$14 Seniors (65+)
- \$10 Children (ages 3 through 12)
- Children 2 and under are admitted free.

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** will be the **Holiday Party** at the Highbanks Metro Park (Northern Shelter):

10 a.m. – noon. We will decorate the building to give it a festive holiday feeling. Feel free to join in and help get the decorations up.

**Please let Becky or Peggy right away know if you would like to help decorate before or takedown after the party.**

Noon - 4 p.m. Holiday party including food, fun, games, and door prizes.

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** will be the **Caroling Meeting** at Villa Angela at 7:00 p.m. There will be some folks going out to eat after caroling. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** will be the Columbus **“Zoo Lights”** outing. For those wanting to eat at the Zoo, the plan is to meet at the food pavilion at 5:30 p.m. Those who do not want to eat at the Zoo should be at the food pavilion by 6:00 p.m.

Suggestions for other activities are always welcome, please talk with Peggy or Becky, or call the hotline (614-470-3517).

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An old Chinese proverb tells us “Many hands make light work.” With CarClub elections coming up, we could use many hands. Not just for voting, but for filling an office. Check out the description of officer responsibilities on page 6, pick the one that suits your interests, and run for that office. You are the CarClub! Get involved!

## Adopt-A-Highway

The last Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for 2003 was held on Saturday October 4th. This was **our seventh year** to keep the stretch of the East Broad highway clean that runs from the Licking County line to Franks Nursery. The willingness of CarClub members to perform this community service has earned us a Gold Star, and we aim to keep it. After an overnight rain, the weather held off and provided a nice cool and dry day to clean the highway.



As you can see, everyone dressed for the cool weather and Mike Steve played “Cat in the Hat” for us.



After the cleanup a good lunch was enjoyed at the new Max and Erma’s which just opened in the middle of our adopted highway segment. Thank you Saturn of Columbus for providing the lunch!

## SATURN PLANT TOUR 2003

On October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., eight Saturns departed from the Cracker Barrel lot and headed south on I-71 to Spring Hill, TN to rendezvous with an Ion driven by our CarClub Champion, Al Clapsaddle, which departed the previous day. They were joined enroute by a ninth Saturn that got a late start because the member had to work before leaving for Spring Hill.

Fourteen CarClub members were joined by three spouses and two grandchildren on the tour of three buildings that make up the Saturn Plant on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. The weather was very similar to that in 2002, with off and on rain showers.

Many changes were evident to those who have been on the tour before. For example, Saturn is no longer doing the “Lost Foam” injection molding process at Spring Hill.. The engine molding is now subcontracted to another company.

After the tour, CarClub President, Jim Harrass, presented the CarClub’s second “Thanks Saturn” plaque to Nancy Pope, the Saturn Welcome Center Leader. Each plaque has space for six visit dates. The first one was filled up in 2001, and the second one already has two dates filled.

Following our presentation, Nancy presented each person with a Saturn bag with gifts from the Saturn Welcome Center. One “gift” was a complete surprise— a “GM in the Driveway” certificate. This certificate allows you to purchase or lease any GM vehicle (which includes Saturns, of course) at 4% above the GM employee price. This could mean a potential savings of several thousand dollars, depending on the make and model selected. Our thanks to our Champion, Al Clapsaddle (see picture at right), for securing these certificates for the CarClub members.

Everybody had a great time, many are already looking forward to next year’s trek. Plan to join us!

For a glimpse of what happens after the Saturn Plant tour, see the following article written by Lowell Lutman. There should be plenty of discussion and pictures at future meetings.



The Central Ohio Saturn CarClub members lined up their Saturns in the parking lot at the Saturn Plant visitor’s center.



CarClub President Jim Harrass with Nancy Pope, Saturn Welcome Center Leader, who is holding the “Thanks Saturn” plaque (version 2).



Central Ohio CarClub Champion Al Clapsaddle is always coming up with reasons for owning a Saturn. At last count he had identified about 115.

# The Question You Were Afraid to Ask: Is There Anything to Do After Touring the Saturn Plant?

**Saturday Morning.** After making sure everyone had their passports and shots, we loaded up and headed out. We traveled for many miles in great comfort and arrived at The Parthenon in Nashville's Centennial Park. The Parthenon is a full-scale model of the Greek structure with the same name; this Parthenon housed the international art exhibition for the Nashville 1897 Centennial Exposition. The building was built of brick, wooden lathe and plaster and was intended to reflect the city's reputation as the "Athens of the South." The entire structure was rebuilt in the 1920's as a more complete reproduction, both inside and out. On exhibit in the galleries under the main structure is the permanent collection, The Cowan Collection of American Art, and a touring exhibit of animation cells from some classic Disney and Chuck Jones cartoons. In the main structure, the Naos, stands Nashville's sculpture of Athena Parthenos. Athena is 42 feet tall and covered in gold-leaf and painted to resemble the original's gold and ivory plates that were affixed to a wooden frame. If you are in the area and would like to see how the Parthenon may have looked in the 5th century B.C., a trip to Centennial Park should be a must! Just remember, when you are there, to rub the nose of one or both of the lions ... for luck! The lions are part of the massive matched set of bronze doors found at both ends of the Naos.

We ate lunch at Thompson's Station Market and Grill, which was recommended by some of the Saturn team members. The grill is the largest structure in the center of Thompson Station. It is bigger than city hall that is beside it. After lunch we headed to Lynchburg and arrived safely without having to ask directions at any service stations! With all of the fall colors on the hills it was a nice drive. At the parking lot of the distillery, we divided into two groups — one group headed to town to shop and the rest went on the tour of the Jack Daniel's Distillery. The shopping was successful and many bargains were found. The tour group was trying to count their pennies to see if they had enough money to purchase a barrel of "Old Number 7." They were about \$8,975.49 short of the cost of a barrel. Oh well, maybe by next year they can have saved a few more pennies!

Dinner was at Legends in Columbia next to the Richland Inn. Then it was back to the hotel for a good night's sleep.

**Sunday morning.** We said goodbye to the members that were traveling back home. As for the remainder of the group, some went to the Nashville Zoo; others decided to

explore Opry Mills. The zoo is in the middle of rebuilding itself after being closed for a few years. It will be interesting to go back next year and see what additional changes have been made. The Opry Mills bound members hit the mall and started some serious shopping. They made a beeline for Blacklion, and one member reported walking 1/10th of a mile in that store alone! Other stops were made, and still more bargains acquired. After walking through the mall, that group decided to go visit the Opryland Hotel, and explored the wonders of the Delta, the Garden Conservatory, and Cascades. The light and water show was especially nice, although it did prompt a run for the restroom when it was over!

After a good dinner, everyone retired for the evening to get a good night's sleep before driving home.

We would especially like to thank Linda Bargmann for joining our group on Saturday and Sunday. She's a Saturn owner from Maryland who made the trek to surprise her cousin. Those of you who were there Saturday morning would agree that the surprise was successful.

*Lowell Lutman*

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## CarClub Officers Wanted: Enthusiasm Necessary

This information is provided as a voter education service and to inspire a few more good men and women to step forward and serve as CarClub officers.

**President:** The President, as the chief executive officer of the Saturn CarClub, provides active management of the CarClub. The President presides over the General meetings of the CarClub, meetings of the Board of Officers, and sees that all orders and resolutions are carried out. The President may perform other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the CarClub Board of Officers. The President also acts as the liaison between the CarClub members and the Sponsoring Retailer's Champion.

*Note that this position is already filled for the coming year.*

**Vice President:** The Vice President acts under the direction of the President and, in the absence or disability of the President, performs the duties and exercise the powers of the President. The Vice President may also perform other duties and exercise other powers that may be prescribed by the Board of Officers. Vice Presidents are chosen as the “heir apparent” to the President, providing for an orderly transition and continuity from one year to the next.

**Secretary:** The secretary keeps, or causes to be kept, the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Officers, committees, and General Membership. The Secretary also performs other duties that may be prescribed by the President or the Board of Officers. The person chosen must love details as well as be a good note taker.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer acts under the direction of, and is accountable to, the Board of Officers. The Treasurer must keep accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements and oversee the disbursement of the funds of the CarClub. He or she provides an account of all transactions by the CarClub and of the financial condition of the CarClub to the President and the Board of Officers at its regular meetings, at general membership meetings, or when the Board of Officers so requires. The Treasurer deposits, or cause to be deposited, all moneys and other property in the name of the CarClub in depositories designated by the Board of Officers.

**Events Chair(s):** The person(s) responsible for planning and making sure the special events happen. Knowledge of interesting, informative and fun participation opportunities in the area helps greatly. Regular participation in past CarClub activities also provides first-hand knowledge of what types of events the CarClub members are most interested in supporting. This office may be held by more than one person as co-chairs. In the past, several husband-wife teams have served as events chairs.

**Historian / Safety Officer:** The person who keeps track of CarClub meetings and events, saves mementos, and perhaps keeps a scrapbook — maybe even a video scrapbook. This person also works closely with the Events Chair(s) to make certain all events and activities are planned and carried out in a safe and responsible manner.

**Membership:** The person who keeps all information on our local CarClub members up to date. Provides new members a “welcome” letter and membership card. Provides the newsletter editor with the mailing and e-mailing lists for the CarClub newsletter distribution. Tracks members’ participation toward “active member” status.

**Newsletter Editor:** The person who serves as the CarClub Chapter “Crier” by getting the word out to our local members and retailers and other Chapters through publication of the monthly CarClub Newsletter. Edits and assembles articles submitted for publication by CarClub Officers and members for conformance with CarClub and Saturn Corporation policies and direction. Distributes the newsletter by regular mail, e-mail, and hand carrying to the Saturn Retailers.

**Call to Serve:** The Saturn CarClub of Central Ohio needs people who are enthusiastic and willing to put in that extra effort to try to improve the CarClub and make it a fun organization that people want to participate in. It is required that officers be active members who have shown their willingness to support CarClub activities in the past and have experienced the various activities of the CarClub first-hand by being a member for at least one year by the time they take office.

At the November meeting election of new officers for 2004 will be held. The President for 2004 will be Lowell Lutman. Nominations for club officers were opened at the October meeting, and additional nominations will be accepted prior to the election. If you are interested in serving as an officer, you may nominate yourself. Plan to attend the November meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> at Saturn/North and help select the officers who will lead the CarClub in 2004.



Photo from the October meeting at Saturn/West. There is definitely CarClub officer material here.

## Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
8-Nov-03	Saturday Meeting for 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	Saturn / West	10:00 a.m.
13-Nov-03	Fall Festival Supper / Monthly Meeting Election of Officers	Saturn / North	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
15-Nov-03	Newport Aquarium	Cracker Barrel, I-71, Exit 100	9:00 a.m.
20-Nov-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
6-Dec-03	Decorate for Holiday Party	Highbanks Northern Shelter	10 a.m. - 12 Noon
6-Dec-03	Holiday Party	Highbanks Northern Shelter	12 Noon – 4 p.m.
11-Dec-03	Monthly Meeting / Caroling	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
18-Dec-03	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
20-Dec-03	Columbus Zoo Lights	Columbus Zoo Food Pavilion	6:00 p.m.
8-Jan-2004	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / Southeast	7:00 p.m.
15-Jan-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.

### 2003 CarClub Officers

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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:  
[centohioeditor@mail.saturnfans.com](mailto:centohioeditor@mail.saturnfans.com)



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