



# CarClub



## The Monthly Planet

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### *From the President's VUE*

Welcome to my next to last article as president of the CarClub. If you did not know, November is the month we elect a new board of officers to join with our 2005 president, Becky Harrass, to steer the club for the coming year. If you would like to run for an office, or know of someone that might accept a nomination, please be at the meeting to make your feelings known.

Remember that our monthly meetings are on the second Thursday of every month. This month we are at **Saturn West**. Please plan on staying after the meeting to help put together small holiday gift bags for the children at the shelter. Last month we put together gift bags for the ladies that are staying at the shelter, and it took all of about 10 minutes. So it should not take very long to put the little bags together for the kids.

Our ongoing service project at Villa Angela, when we play bingo with the residents, is normally on the third Thursday of every month, EXCEPT THIS MONTH. **Remember that bingo at Villa Angela has moved for this month only to November 4 at 7:00 p.m.!** For some of the residents, this is the highlight of their month as they cannot wait for us to be there. Some residents would like for us to be there every night! It is also time to start collecting 2005 calendars for the Villa Angela residents. You can bring them to a meeting or an event and we will make sure that they get delivered! They are given out as prizes, and many times pictures from old calendars are cut out and put up for the residents that don't have any room decorations. If you have thought that you might like to help out, please do! It takes so little of your time to give the residents a feeling that someone cares!

I hope to see you at the **Air Force Museum** on November 6. We will meet at the Meijer's on Hilliard Rome Rd. at 9:00 a.m. to head to the museum for the day, or at least part of it. If you haven't visited in a few years, there have been major changes! There are two new hangers housing part of the collection of aircraft and an area dedicated to the Air Force's missile and space programs. You will be able to see more of the aircraft, if for no other reason than there is more room between exhibits. **And you can't beat the admission price . . .**

**it's free!** I hope to get over to the Presidential Hanger to see the collection of Air Force One's on display.

I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped clean "our" stretch of highway this year. I am proud of everyone who volunteers and adopts a stretch of road or water way. They, like us are out in all kinds of weather — this year we were rained on, hailed on, and occasionally the sun shone, but we got it clean. I would also like to thank our retailer for providing lunch after we finish.

In December we are planning a small holiday party instead of our normal meeting. I hope to see everyone at **Saturn SouthEast** at 6:30 p.m. We will have refreshments, holiday music, the debut of our version of a seasonal tale, and small gifts for all of Saturn's good CarClubbers.

Please check the events calendar to see we have planned! And remember that if you have an event suggestion, please let our Events Officers know, by e-mail, tell them at a meeting, or you can call the hot line at 614-470-3517.

I would like to congratulate our CarClub Champion Al "Clap(Grand)Daddy" Clapsaddle and his wife, Diane, on the birth of their **first grandchild**. I think Al has picked out Faith Ann's first Quad Coupe and it will be waiting for her when she turns six months old! I would also like to congratulate the happy parents, Sarah and Alan. I hope the only crying you hear are her grandparents as you head home with your daughter!

Finally, I would like to welcome the new members who have joined us! I hope to see you and everyone else at our monthly meeting or at an upcoming event.

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

*Lowell*

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## CARCLUB EVENTS

### Still in the Rearview Mirror

When BINGO was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Villa Angela, twenty-eight residents were in attendance, with seven CarClub members assisting. A game is conducted until several players have won a prize, which is selected from a large tray. One special game is the Saturn ring. Even if you can't attend, you can still participate by donating fragrances (for men and women), note cards, or something along those lines. Plan to attend the **next BINGO on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. Villa Angela is located at 5700 Karl Road. Note that **Bingo at Villa Angela** in November will be on the **first Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. This change in date is because of a conflict with a Villa Angela event scheduled for our regular third Thursday in November.

The **Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Fall Foliage** train ride was held on **Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**. See separate article for more information and pictures from the same roll (memory stick) as the one below.



**October 16<sup>th</sup>** — The **last Adopt-A-Highway** cleanup for 2004 was conducted with 10 CarClub members participating. The road was cleaned in just less than two hours, in spite of being subjected to rain, sleet, and even hail. The group decided to go to Bob Evans for lunch.

The CarClub would like to **thank Saturn of Columbus for providing lunches** after each of the four Adopt-A-Highway cleanups and to each CarClub member who helped during the year. A total of 19 different CarClub members participated, including 9 members helping once, and 4 dedicated members helping on all four cleanups. Because of the great support of these CarClub members, our 9<sup>th</sup> year of supporting the Adopt-A-Highway program was another great success. Again thank you all.

### Just Ahead Around the Curve

**Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>** — trek to visit the **Air Force Museum**. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Meijer parking lot on **Hilliard-Rome Road**, just North of I-70 on the West Side of Columbus. This event will take most of the day, but you can leave any time. The Air Force Museum closes at 5:00 p.m. There is a snack bar available at the museum or you can take a sack lunch along to eat outside or in your Saturn. See the article in the October *Monthly Planet* for more information about this event.

**Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>** — Monthly meeting and **election of officers for 2005**. See separate article for more information on the officer's positions available.

**Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>** — Saturday meeting at 10:00 a.m. at Saturn/West.

**Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>** — Columbus Zoo lights. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the food court at the **Columbus Zoo**. Dress for the weather and hope that it snows and not rains. The Zoo lights are at there best when it is snowing.

**Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup>** — holiday party at 6:30 p.m. at **Saturn/Southeast**. The Caroling that was scheduled for that date was canceled after a "Straw Poll" at the last meeting indicated little interest in supporting it.

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### Special Guests

We may have **some special guests for our November Meeting**. Those of us who have been Saturn Owners and long time CarClub members know Saturn is **ALWAYS** seeking ways to improve.

Our CarClub has been one of the strongest and most visible in the Country. Our guests (if arrangements can be made) would like to **see us in action**. Call our voice-mail box for updates (614) 470-3517. We should have an answer by the end of business, Monday, November 8th.

I apologize for not giving our more information, but the plans are still being finalized. You will not be disappointed.

Al Clapsaddle  
CarClub Champion

## Our October Outing: Hocking Valley Scenic Railway

On Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> the CarClub met at the Kroger parking lot on Gender Road and a caravan of Saturns departed for Nelsonville. We soon became separated due to the heavy traffic and the road construction on Rte. 33 around Lancaster. All of the Saturns made it successfully to the Nelsonville Train Station, where several more CarClub members met us. In all 17 CarClub members and 17 family/friends participated in the train ride.

After a short wait the train arrived from the earlier run and we all boarded the first car in front of the depot, half of which was reserved for the CarClub.



CarClub members had reserved seats in the first car. It was very long, and sat nice and high off the rails. Not your sporty model.



We settled down for a leisurely trip in a restored commuter car from the old Chicago transit system. Commuter car means no restroom facilities. One nice feature: the seat backs shifted so that you could face the direction of travel.

One of the main purposes of taking the train ride was to see the beautiful fall foliage in southern Ohio. The colors were beginning to come out, but it was definitely before the “peak” color time. The trees that had turned color were very pretty but they were in the minority.



The first signs of autumn colors along the rail route. Signs of the old canal were evident along the railroad bed, as were buildings constructed with “Star” bricks.

The train made a 30-minute stop at the Robbins Crossing Historical Village. This is a special visitor center that serves as a unique lab for students studying Interpretive Services at Hocking College. Costumed students recreated the people and setting of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century Southeastern Ohio community.



Many who visited the village gained a greater appreciation for modern amenities. Substantial gaps between the logs in at least one cabin provided air conditioning. Welcome perhaps in summer, but not in winter.



No electricity, no Singer sewing machine (not even one with a treadle), and don't even think about indoor plumbing. Typical domestic implements for making cloth are shown here: a spinning wheel (center) and loom (back corner).

Several serious photographers (the ones with tripods and light meters) were on the grounds. You always wonder if it is okay to step back into the time they are trying to capture on film. One popular area was the blacksmith's shop. The coals in the forge were glowing, tended by a young woman every bit at home as the ones at left.

After the train ride, several CarClub members gathered at a local restaurant in Nelsonville for food and fellowship before returning to Columbus. Others stopped in Logan or Lancaster. Everyone there said it was a great time and a lot of fun. Look for more train rides in 2005.

Suggestions for other activities are always welcome, please talk with any CarClub Officer, John Williams or Jim Harrass, or leave a message on the CarClub hotline (614-470-3517).

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## New Owners Clinic at Saturn Southeast

At each facility, new owners have the opportunity to attend a clinic where they can see a vehicle like theirs up on a rack, and talk with the technicians who service the cars. At Saturn Southeast, new owners sign in when they arrive and get an envelope with all sorts of information, including a CarClub brochure.

The service technician talked with the new owners about what makes Saturn a different kind of car company, and even went into details about the CarClub activities and member benefits. All the newsletter editor had to do was speak briefly about recent and upcoming activities, and invite participants to attend a meeting.



The best way to get a look at the underside of a vehicle. The service techs do a great job explaining systems and car care

About 17 potential CarClub members were on hand in September, and double that in October. They heard a friendly welcome from the sales manager and a presentation from a representative from Auto Body about taking care of the car's finish for incidents that do not require their attention and service.



The service area is clean and well lit. Pictures taken with normal flash.

Several (actually most) of the new owners on hand took a newsletter, and none objected when the newsletter editor indicated that some of them might appear in a picture in an upcoming newsletter. Here's hoping that the CarClub grows and benefits from the participation of the new owners.



## Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
4-Nov-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
6-Nov-2004	Trek to AF Museum	Meijer Parking Lot Hilliard-Rome Rd @ I-70	9:00 a.m.
11-Nov-2004	Monthly Meeting / Election of 2005 Officers	Saturn / West	7:00 p.m.
13-Nov-2004	Saturday Meeting	Saturn / West	10:00 a.m.
4 Dec-2004	Columbus Zoo Lights	Meet at Columbus Zoo Food Court	6:30 p.m.
9-Dec-2004	Holiday Party	Saturn / Southeast	6:30 p.m.
16-Dec-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:

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

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