



## The Monthly Planet

### Words from the President

#### Welcome New Members

Hello and welcome to three new CarClub members who have joined the CarClub since the last newsletter: **Ted and Deb Asakura, Saralyn Bauer, and Mary Ricker.**

We invite you (as well as all of our members) to attend some of 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.

#### September Meeting and Events

The September meeting was held on the 11th at Saturn/Southeast. 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 Will Walker, New Car Sales Manager of Saturn/Southeast.



Will Walker of Saturn/Southeast accepted the 1999 Saturn Homecoming CarClub picture frame from Becky Harrass.

The mini-event for the meeting was a presentation on the Adventures for Wish Kids organization by Bob and Harriann LaMontagne. Adventures for Wish Kids was

Saturn of Columbus’ Charity Partner for 2003 Saturn Day at the Zoo. They gave us an overview of the history and the purpose of their organization. They also told us about several of the kids who they have helped in the past.



Bob LaMontagne explained how the Adventures for Wish Kids started, how it has grown, and what activities are offered.

See the separate article about Saturn Day at the Columbus Zoo (page 3) and the Events Article for more information on what is planned for the rest of the year.

#### Looking Ahead

Remember, the October meeting will be held on the 2nd at Saturn/West at 7:00 p.m. The mini event for the meeting will be **guest speaker from SPS of Dayton.** In 1996 SPS began marketing Saturn high performance parts. Since then, SPS has continued to develop this growing market, and has emerged as the unchallenged leader in the area of Saturn high performance!

## A NOTE SO IMPORTANT IT COMES AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE

The annual CarClub trek to the Saturn Plant at Spring Hill TN, is coming up October 9th, which is our normal October meeting date. Therefore, **the meeting for October will be on the FIRST THURSDAY, October 2nd at Saturn/West.** *This meeting will also include nomination of officers for 2004. Be thinking of whom you would like to nominate to be an officer. If you would like to run for an office, you may nominate yourself.*

### And Now, Back to Regular Importance

The **last Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for the year** will be held on Saturday October 4th. We will meet at the shopping area just east of Frank's Nursery on East Broad Street at 9:00 a.m. Wear appropriate clothing!

### 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

**BINGO** was held on September 18th at Villa Angela. 32 residents were in attendance with 8 CarClub members and one spouse. Plan to attend out next BINGO on October 16th at 7:00 p.m. Villa Angela is located at 5700 Karl Road.

### Just Ahead Around the Curve

These events are so close, they are almost right up on the front bumper. If you want to go on the Springhill tour, you need to make some phone calls fast.

September 27th is the date for the trip to the **Hocking Hills State Park**. This will include a hike to Old Man's Cave and a picnic. Wear comfortable shoes since we will do lots of walking. Since we have had so much rain this year, it should be much prettier than the last time we were there. We will meet in the parking lot at Saturn/Southeast at 9:00 A.M. Bring your own picnic lunch and drinks.

Our **annual trek to Spring Hill** will take place on Thursday October 9th. 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. We plan to stop about every two hours so the trip doesn't get quite so tiring. Maps and directions will be given out at the Cracker Barrel.

In Tennessee we will be staying at the:

BAYMONT INN & SUITES BRENTWOOD  
111 Penn Warren Dr.  
BRENTWOOD, TN 33027  
615-376-4666

The cost will be \$55/night. When you call to reserve a room be sure to tell them that you are with the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub.

The tour through the Saturn plant will take place on Friday October 10th at 1:00 p.m. Children under 6 are not permitted to go through the plant. There will also be other suggestions of activities to enjoy in the Nashville/Brentwood area.

## On the Horizon

Nov. 15th 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 for the return trip you may leave whenever you choose.

### General Admission

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

Dec. 6th 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.

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

Dec. 11th 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. 20th will be the **Columbus “Zoo Lights” outing**.

For those wanting to eat at the Zoo, meet at 5:30 p.m. at the food pavilion. For those not wanting to eat at the Zoo can meet everyone at the food pavilion at 6:00 p.m.



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

Becky Harrass will be happy to hear your ideas for events.

## SATURN DAY AT THE ZOO

On Sunday, September 14th, Saturn of Columbus presented the **13th annual Saturn Day at the Zoo**, which is their special way of saying thanks to all the people in Central Ohio who have purchased Saturns since they opened in 1990.

The weather was ideal and several thousand Saturn customers were treated to a day at the Columbus Zoo, including free parking, free admission, and a free meal, including desert. Arnett Howard’s Creole Funk Band came out of retirement to provide the musical entertainment.

**Adventures for Wish Kids** was the Charity Partner for this year and donations were presented to them by each of the participating organizations, including the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub. The picture below shows Tom Carpenter, President of Saturn of Columbus, and representatives of the participating organizations, including CarClub President **Jim Harrass** and CarClub Vice President, **Lowell Lutman** (second and third from the left).



Saturn CarClub officers Jim Harrass and Lowell Lutman on the stage at the left during presentations of donations for Adventures for Wish Kids.

### Jungle Jack Was Back

Jack Hanna showed several animals, which were a great hit with kids of all ages. In the next picture, Jack and a helper from the Columbus Zoo are showing one of the rare wild cats that are on display at the Columbus Zoo.



Jack Hanna talks about a rare wild cat as a Columbus Zoo helper holds it up for display.

The CarClub had a booth set up and offered a variety of Saturn CarClub merchandize for sale. Shown here sitting in the CarClub booth waiting for customers are Al Clapsaddle (CarClub Champion), Lowell Lutman (current CarClub Vice President and next year's President), Lowell's wife Cheryl (just behind Lowell), Becky Harrass (CarClub Membership Chair), and Jake Herbst (CarClub member). Also standing in the background are John Williams (CarClub Safety/Historian), Peggy Williams (CarClub Treasurer), and Ruth Albert (CarClub Secretary).



The CarClub booth was the place to get Saturn merchandize and information about becoming a CarClub member.

A great time was had by all and Adventures for Wish Kids received a significant donation for their wish kids.

## MEET YOUR CARCLUB OFFICERS

# INTERIM SECRETARY RUTH ALBERT

I guess I got pulled off the sidelines and back into the game in April of this year. I am back as Interim Secretary of the CarClub, having served in the elected position for several years.

I joined the National CarClub when it was first forming, but for some unknown reason, they assigned me to the Columbus, Georgia chapter. I did not want to have to drive all the way down there just for an evening's meeting. Luckily, I kept asking about it when I would bring my car in for service. They finally hooked me up with the right people in 1997, and got me transferred up to Ohio (P.S. – Ask Al Clapsaddle about this if you don't believe me). Within several months, I found myself elected to the Board as Secretary for 1998, then for 2000 and 2001. In 1999 I served as Treasurer.

I am in my 18th year of employment with Augsburg Fortress Publishers, the official publishing house of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at the Distribution Center in Grove City. My current title is Office Coordinator.

My Saturn experience started in 1993 in Mansfield, Ohio. I was nearing the end of the payments on a car from another U.S. manufacturer (unfortunately I discovered later it was built in Japan!), and was looking around for something a little sturdier. While out driving around with my mother, I mentioned the Saturn cars. We were very near to the retailer there, so we stopped in. That pretty little blue green SW1 on the showroom floor caught my eye. After talking trade in, lease vs. purchase, etc., I said I needed to think about it. They made sure I had all the information I needed. Very soon, I was back picking up the car. My 2nd one came about even faster. Two nights before my birthday in 1997, I needed some repair work done on the SW1 and was trying to get everything set up at Saturn North. The next thing I can remember, I was signing off on a brand new SW2 medium red Saturn with everything except fog lamps and a dual CD/tape player unit. I still have this car. It now has over 166,000 miles on it, but is finally feeling "broken in". The sales people at Southeast keep trying to get me to trade the car in, but I am not ready to. Here's to a few hundred thousand more miles on it.

*Ruth*





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