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From the President's VUE

The hot days of summer have shortened and been replaced with crisp autumn evenings. The barbecues and beach parties that packed your summer schedule will be a distant memory with the arrival of fall. The time to head back to work and school is here. But your CarClub has planned an exciting and fun filled fall!

ALL ABOARD . . . The train is leaving the station on October 10 at 1:45 p.m. so don't miss it! We are catching a train and traveling in the Hocking Valley. In years past the second week in October has been the best time to view the fall colors of the trees! Remember that **if you are signed up please DO NOT purchase your tickets separately**, as your officers have been able to get a discounted fare of \$10.00 a person! We have to purchase them as a group. Bring your family and your camera and enjoy a relaxing train ride through the fall foliage.

Keep in mind our charity partner, **PC Santa**. At our October meeting we will be presenting a check and the collect computer equipment to Scott Marshall, founder of PC Santa. If you do not have any computer hardware to donate, we will be collecting money to help them purchase the licenses that are needed to legally operate the computers. Remember that they are also looking for **educational and other software and gently used hardware** that could be used to repair donated machines. If anyone has old but usable computers or related equipment collecting dust, let me know and I will arrange to have it picked it up. You can email me at centohiopresident@mail.saturnfans.com or call the hotline at 614-470-3517. The computers will be refurbished and given to people who otherwise could not afford them. It helps in many ways by keeping the hazardous materials in the computers out of landfills, and recycling the machines for others to use! And anything you donate could be deductible from your income taxes (I know I don't want to think about it either but...).

Please remember our monthly meetings on the second Thursday of every month. This month we are at **Saturn North**. Second, there is our ongoing service project at Villa Angela on the third Thursday of the month when we play bingo with the residents. It is also time to start collecting the 2005 calendars for the residents at Villa Angela. You can bring them to a meeting or an event and we will make sure that they get over to the residents! 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!

We have the last **Adopt A Highway** of the year planned on October 16 at 9:30 a.m. It takes a couple of hours and the end result is very satisfying. Please come out and help us clean the highway one last time before ~~winter~~ fall ends! (Let's not think about the "W" word yet!)

Check out the events we have planned in November . . . we are going from trains to planes! We are planning a trip to the **Air Force Museum** in Dayton. If you have not been in a while there are new exhibit halls and more aircraft have been put on display.

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

I would like to welcome the new members that 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

CARCLUB EVENTS

Still in the Rearview Mirror

BINGO was held on September 16th at Villa Angela. Thirty-two residents were in attendance with seven CarClub members conducting the Bingo. **Plan to attend the next BINGO on October 14th at 7:00 p.m.** Villa Angela is located at 5700 Karl Road.

Saturn Day at the Zoo was held on Sunday, September 12th. See separate article for more about this event.

The **overnight trip to Indianapolis**, Indiana was held on 24-26 September 2004. See separate article for more about this event.

Just Ahead Around the Curve

The **Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Fall Foliage train ride** is scheduled for Sunday, October 10th.

- 12:15 p.m. Meet at the Kroger parking lot on Gender Road, off Rte 33 South of Saturn/Southeast
- 1:45 p.m. Arrive at Nelsonville Depot
- 2:30 p.m. Depart Nelsonville on Train
- 4:45 p.m. Return to Nelsonville on Train

After the train ride you have the option to return home or join other CarClub members for supper at a local Restaurant. See the article in the September Monthly Planet for more details, including a map of the Gender Road assembly site.

October 16th – The last **Adopt-A-Highway cleanup** will be conducted. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the shopping area just east of Frank’s Garden Center, 7141 East Broad Street. Lunch will be provided at Max and Erma’s after the cleanup, courtesy of Saturn of Columbus. Wear long pants, long sleeves, and a funny hat (hat optional). Gloves, vests, bags, and “grabber sticks” will be provided by the City of Columbus.

November 4th – Note that **Bingo at Villa Angela** in November will be **on the first Thursday**, November 4th. This is because of a conflict with a Villa Angela event scheduled for our regular third Thursday in November.

Join us on Saturday, November 6th, for a trek to visit the **Air Force Museum**. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the Meijer parking lot on Hilliard-Rome Road, just North of I-70 on the West Side of Columbus. See separate article for more about this event.

Planned Events

December - **Columbus Zoo lights** at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, December 4th and **caroling at Villa Angela** at 6:30 p.m. on December 9th.

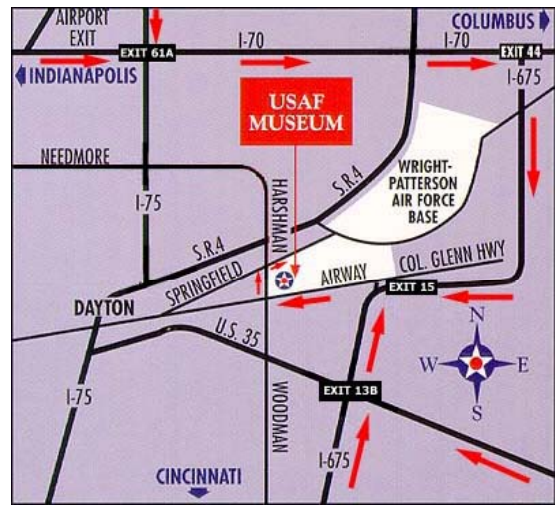
Suggestions for other activities are always welcome, please talk with any CarClub Officer, John Williams or Jim Harrass, or leave a message on the CarClub hotline (614-470-3517).



During the summer months, CarClub members perform a much appreciated community service by cleaning loose debris along this stretch of highway (both sides!) on East Broad Street. (We clean the grassy area, not the actual road.) Behind the photographer and off to the left is Max and Erma’s Restaurant.



Two CarClub members relax after an Adopt-a-Highway effort.



Map to the Air Force Museum. See story on page 6.

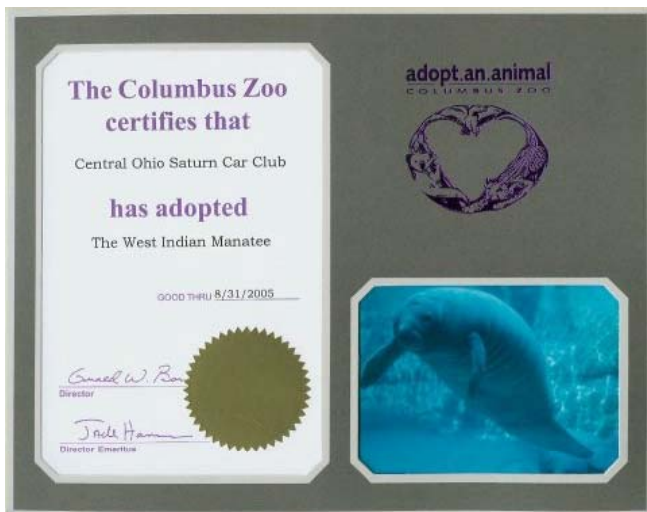
CarClub Adopts Three Zoo Animals

In August, the Central Ohio CarClub adopted three animals at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. This was done in recognition of all of the good things that the Columbus Zoo has done to preserve animals and to allow us all to see them.

The three animals adopted by the CarClub were:

- The West Indian Manatee
- The Green Sea Turtle
- The Powder Blue Tang

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium sent a Certificate for each of the adoptions, which are shown below. One certificate will be presented to each of the three Saturn of Columbus retailers to be displayed at their facilities.



2004 Saturn Day at the Columbus Zoo

Saturn of Columbus held another great Saturn Day at the Zoo. The weather was perfect and the crowd was large.



Jack Hanna stopped by the CarClub booth to greet the members who were on hand (and look for volunteers).

The Charity Partner this year was **Lifeline of Ohio**, which is an independent, non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote and coordinate the donation of human organs and tissue for transplantation. Lifeline of Ohio has been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as the designated organ procurement organization (OPO) serving 40 Ohio counties along with Wood County, West Virginia. Accredited by the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO) and the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB), Lifeline of Ohio provides services to 64 hospitals and the communities they serve through its transplant coordinators, surgical technicians, and other professional staff. Mr. Ron Packard (see photo below) spoke about

Lifeline of Ohio at the meeting in September at the Saturn Southeast facility.



Ron Packard shared information about the goals, needs, and accomplishments of Lifeline of Ohio at the September CarClub meeting.



CarClub President, Lowell Lutman, presented the CarClub's check to Lifeline of Ohio on the stage.

One of the highlights of Saturn Day at the Zoo is Jack Hanna showing some of the animals from the Columbus Zoo. The picture below shows Jack and his assistant showing the crowd a rare reptile.



Once Jack's assistant arrived, he didn't need any volunteers from the CarClub.

If you did not make it to this year's event, you missed a good one. Plan to see us there next September!

Our September Outing to Indy

On Friday, September 24th, the CarClub departed Columbus for its trek to Indianapolis. Everyone arrived safely at the Baymont Inn but at various times due to individual schedules.

It was a beautiful Saturday morning when a caravan of four Saturn Vues headed north to visit the new James Dean Memorial Gallery at Gas City. The Grand Opening of the new James Dean Gallery took place on May 15, 2004.



The CarClub Vues lined up in front of the Gallery.

Many people don't realize that besides being a great actor, James Dean was also a very talented artist. The Memorial Gallery has several pieces of artwork by Dean, including doodles, watercolors, and oil paintings.

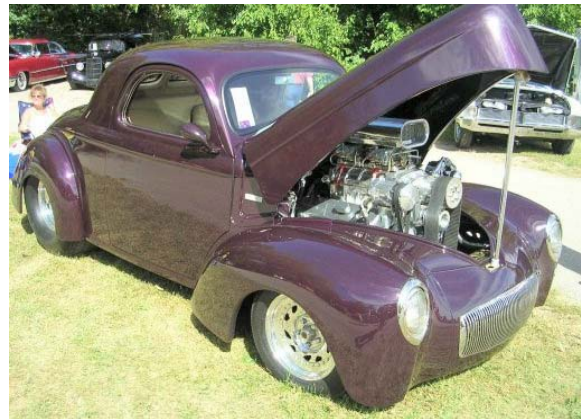
He was also a very talented race car driver. He had won several races in his Porsche, number 130. It was the same one he was driving on September 30, 1955, when he lost his life in a highway accident.

While checking on the activities going on in the area, it was discovered that there were actually two car shows going on in the Gas City area. The Fairmount Museum Days/Remembering James Dean Festival at Playacres Park, in Fairmount, including a car show featuring cars of the James Dean Era. Also in Gas City, the Ducktail Run Road & Custom Show, including a Car competition and swap meet.

Since the Gas City event was closer, CarClub members decided to checkout the Ducktail Run Car Show. The City Park in Gas City was filled to overflowing with old restored cars, Custom cars, Hot Rods, and vendors selling anything and everything related to cars.



There were old cars restored to original condition.



There were old cars, which were restored and converted to "Hot Rods."



There were exotic cars from all eras.

After spending the whole afternoon checking out the cars (and the vendors) and taking a lot of pictures, we headed back to the hotel and a relaxing supper together.

On Sunday, we went to the Indiana Transportation Museum in Noblesville. They feature all types of steam, diesel and electric rail transportation from the first half of the century. We decided that, in preparation for the fall foliage trip, we would go there for a look around. When we arrived, we were asked if we just wanted to look around the museum, or if we wanted to take the trip as well. The trip was to Atlanta for the New Earth Festival. Having no idea what a New Earth Festival was, but thinking that a trip on the train would be fun, we opted for both.

Before leaving on the train, we poked around the museum – actually an old stretch of track featuring several examples of different types of rail cars. We explored an old sleeper, featuring two “rooms” and several “roomettes” where we redefined the word “small”. We also visited a 1950’s style dining car with booths set on an angle to create a wider aisle and a stainless steel kitchen. There were several locomotives and a car used by the Postal Service for mail sorting and delivery. Plus we had

fun climbing about the Caboose to look out the observation turret. But the piece de resistance was discovered by accident. Two members were nosing about an old locomotive, when an employee took them into their restoration area, and gave them a tour of a car built in 1898 as the private rail car for Standard Oil founder Henry Flagler. The car was amazing with its custom woodwork; ornate, hand-carved moldings; Tiffany transoms; copper kitchen; hand-painted ceilings and many more custom touches. This is truly an example of traveling with style and luxury in the early 1900’s. We haven’t gotten all the pictures developed, but we hope to have some in an upcoming issue of the Monthly Planet to give you a glimpse of this past glory.

After that, we boarded the train for the 35-minute ride to Atlanta through the Indiana countryside. The trees had already started to turn and provided a great preview of October’s trip! The New Earth Festival turned out to be a big street fair and craft show. We spent about 2 hours walking and shopping before taking the train back to Noblesville. After a second visit to the Flagler car to take those who didn’t see it the first time, everyone climbed into their Vues and Ions, and headed home – with a list of places we want to visit next time already made out!

November Destination: The United States Air Force Museum

The United States Air Force Museum near Dayton, Ohio is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. The Museum uses both chronological and subjective layouts to tell the exciting story of aviation development from the days of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk to the Space Age. Exhibits include over 300 aircraft and missiles, plus family oriented and historically interesting aeronautical displays. Over one and a half million visitors from around the world come to Ohio each year to tour this unique free attraction.



All exhibits and displays are well identified to permit touring without guides. Photography is encouraged, although flash equipment will be required for most interior pictures. A gift shop, bookstore, model shop and poster shop, operated by the Air Force Museum Foundation, sell aviation-oriented items with profits used to assist the Air Force Museum. A cafe is available for refreshments. Picnic tables are available during the summer months. Sack lunches cannot be accommodated in the Museum building. Handicapped facilities include special parking, an elevator to the second floor, restroom facilities, lowered water fountains and a volume-controlled telephone. Baby strollers, wheelchairs, and a family restroom are available on a limited basis for use inside the Museum building.

Join us on **Saturday, November 6th**, for a 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. The AF Museum is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and **the admission and parking are FREE!**

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
10-Oct-2004	The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Fall Foliage Train Ride	Gender Road Kroger store parking lot, off Rte 33 OR Nelsonville Train Depot	12:15 p.m. 1:45 p.m.
14-Oct-2004	Monthly Meeting / 2005 Officer Nominations	Saturn / North	7:00 p.m.
16-Oct-2004	Adopt-A-Highway	Rte 16 (E. Broad Street) Near Frank's Garden Center	9:30 a.m.
21-Oct-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
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	Monthly Meeting / Caroling	Villa Angela	6:30 p.m.
16-Dec-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.p.

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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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