



# CarClub



## The Monthly Planet

Central Ohio Saturn CarClub — Chapter 4

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### *From the President's VUE*

Welcome to the dog days of September! When the weather is so hot that all you want to do is sit inside your air conditioned Saturn and not go out, all we can hope is that fall and cooler weather will soon be upon us! If the weather this month is anything like last month, it will not be the dog days of September but the “cool cat” days of September.

Remember **Saturn Day at the Columbus Zoo is Sunday September 12**. I hope that everyone can make it! Saturn of Columbus has asked me to remind you that if you are a member of the zoo family, please use your membership card to enter the zoo. **Also this month we are heading to Indianapolis for the weekend**. If you want to travel over in a group, there will be a group leaving from the Meijers on Hilliard-Rome Road at 2:00 p.m. on the 24th (check out the handy map on page 6). We will be staying at the Baymont Inn located on Post Road. Please let John Williams know by September 12 if you are staying at the Baymont, as he has rooms that are being held under his name for the CarClub so we can get the special room rate of \$69.99 per night. On Saturday we plan to tour the new **James Dean Memorial Gallery** in Gas City. The James Dean Gallery first opened in 1988 in Dean's hometown of Fairmount, Indiana. Please read the separate article for more information on the gallery and our trip. We are planning other activities for Saturday evening and on Sunday. If you have been to Indy and always thought, “I really wish we had taken the time to see...”, this is your chance! Let your events chairmen know what you wished you had visited and we may add it in on Sunday.

In October plan on being with us as we **catch a train and travel 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! If we are able to reserve 20 places on the train we can receive a discounted fare of \$10.00 a person! 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 the September we will be collecting money to help them purchase the licenses that are needed to legally operate the computers. 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 up. You can email me at [centohiopresident@mail.saturnfans.com](mailto:centohiopresident@mail.saturnfans.com) or call the hotline at 614-470-3517. We will be giving everything to PC Santa at our October meeting. 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...)

If you missed traveling with us to **Rolling Ridge Ranch** you missed a fun time. Granted it was cooler and the animals were not as hungry as last year, but it is still amazing to see the variety of animals and the fact that you can reach out and feed animals **like Texas longhorn cattle, Viet Nam water buffalo, or a bison** all without leaving Ohio! And this year, yaks have been added to the park. Also the animals were fruitful and multiplied; there were lots of babies! See the article and pictures from the ranch.

Please remember our monthly meetings on **the second Thursday of every month**. This month we are at Saturn SouthEast. 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!

Please check the events calendar to see what we have planned! And remember that if you have an event suggestion, please let our Events Chairmen know by e-mail or 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 ... your are not in the CarClub, you ARE the CarClub!**

*Lowell*

## CARCLUB EVENTS

### Still in the Rearview Mirror

The **Third CarClub Adopt-A-Highway** cleanup of 2004 was held on Saturday, August 14th. Eight CarClub members and one spouse were able to get our stretch of East Broad Street “spick and span” in 2 hours. We then enjoyed a great lunch at Max and Erma’s, compliments of Saturn of Columbus. Thank you to all who participated and thank you to Saturn of Columbus for the lunch. The next and final Adopt-A-Highway cleanup will be on October 16th.

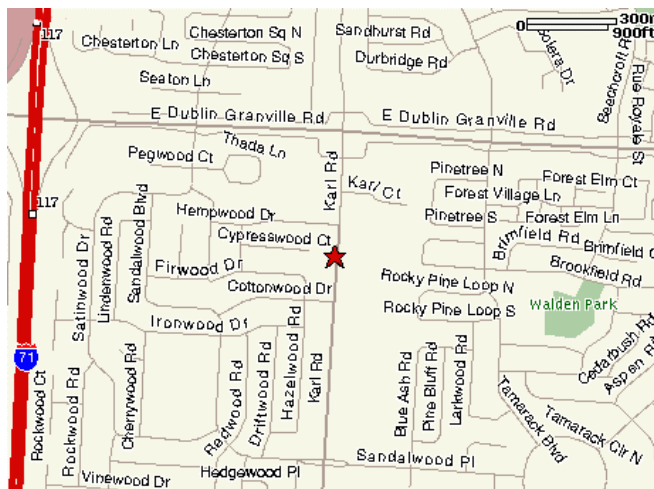


The team (and photographer Jim Harrass) all ready for the August Adopt-A-Highway cleanup effort.

The third quarter Saturday meeting was also held on August 14th at Saturn/Southeast at 2:00 p.m. This is a great way to get caught up on what the CarClub is doing for those who cannot make it to the regular monthly meetings on Thursday evenings. **The fourth quarter Saturday meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 13th at Saturn/West.**

BINGO was held on August 19th at Villa Angela. Twenty-six residents were in attendance with eight CarClub members conducting the Bingo. Plan to attend **the next BINGO on September 16th at 7:00 p.m.** Villa Angela is

located at 5700 Karl Road. See the map below.



Villa Angela is located between Morse Road and 161.

On Saturday, August 21st, the CarClub headed for the Amish country and a visit to the **Rolling Ridge Ranch**. CarClub and family members participated and had a great time. It was fun seeing all of the new additions since we were there last. They have added yaks and lots of babies. We saw baby pot belly pigs, Russian wild boars, Longhorn cattle, Wafflo, bunnies and ducklings!



A little duckling safe and sound in the hands of the Central Ohio Saturn CarClub president, Lowell Lutman.

## Just Ahead Around the Curve

A reminder that **Saturn Day at the Zoo** will be held on **Sunday, September 12th**. All Saturn owners should have received an invitation in the mail, which will get you into the Zoo and lunch for up to four family members. The CarClub will have a booth to provide information about the CarClub, including what the CarClub does and how to join. Please sign up to work a shift greeting your fellow Saturn owners and telling them about the advantages of joining the CarClub.

The **overnight trip to Indianapolis** Indiana is set for **24-26 September 2004**. We will leave for Indy on Friday, September 24th at 2:00 p.m. from the Meijer parking lot on Hilliard-Rome Road, just north of I-70 on the West Side of Columbus. We will be staying at the Baymont Inn on Post Road at I-70 on the East Side of Indianapolis. Rooms have been set aside for the CarClub for Friday and Saturday nights. Please call John Williams (614-846-3351) to reserve a room. The rate is \$69.99/night.

We plan to visit the **James Dean Gallery** on Saturday. See the separate article for more information on the gallery. Some of the other attractions we are considering visiting are the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art, the Indianapolis Zoo, Conner Prairie (a recreation of a frontier village), and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Auto Museum. Information and brochures will be available on Friday night for the group to decide what

to see and when to go. It should be a very good trip with the opportunity to see many very interesting attractions in the Indianapolis area. Plan to join us.

The **Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Fall Foliage train ride is scheduled for Sunday, October 10th**. See separate article under Destinations for more details. This event should provide some fine (and safe) opportunities for picture taking.

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 is FREE! Look for more information in the October Newsletter.

NOTE: The planned tour of the Honda plant has been postponed until next year. Honda has suspended plant tours for the present time, but indicated that they might start again after the first of January 2005.

## Planned Events with No Date

A possible CarClub event as the holiday season approaches (yes, it's coming) is a meal and a movie at one of the mall complexes. 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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## Our September and October Destinations

### Indianapolis, James Dean Gallery

The **James Dean Memorial Gallery** was established in 1988 in the actor's hometown and final resting place of Fairmount, Indiana. The seven-room exhibit was the private collection of James Dean archivist David Loehr, who began collecting in 1974, and has since amassed the world's largest collection of Dean Memorabilia.

After fifteen successful years in its original location, the exhibit moved to a new facility eight miles north of Fairmount, on I-69 near Gas City, Indiana. The Grand Opening of the new James Dean Gallery took place on May 15, 2004. Housing the world's largest James Dean exhibit, the Gallery features a six-room interpretive display that chronicles Dean's life growing up in rural Indiana, his rapid rise to stardom on the big screen, his untimely and tragic death and his subsequent rise in becoming an American icon. The Gallery also features a

thirty-five seat theater that showcases rare James Dean television appearances and early screen tests. A research library is available that houses numerous books, articles, photos and archival files containing historical documents concerning the life and career of the famous actor.

The new state-of-the-art building incorporates Art Deco design elements from the 1930's Golden Age of Hollywood. Boasting over 7,000 square feet, the facility houses the collection of Dean archivist and researcher David Loehr, known appropriately as the "Dean of Deanabilia." "The growth of the collection and the increase in Dean's popularity in recent years required that we relocate to a larger, more accessible location, which will ensure the long-term



preservation of the artifacts for the education and enjoyment of generations to come,” says Loehr.



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.

A popular photo of actor James Dean.

As you tour the exhibit, you'll see several dozen original movie posters in over twenty different languages from around the world which show the actor's international impact. There are hundreds of books and magazines dedicated to Dean dating from the mid-fifties to the present, also from many different countries.

There are showcases full of tribute and novelty items that have been produced since the 50s, such as souvenir plates, mugs, ceramic busts, puzzles, gum cards, scarves, and much more.

The archive and library have been used by several authors and film makers working on documentaries, and include over 1,000 photographs, hundreds of books and magazines, and file cabinets full of clippings and information regarding James Dean from birth to death and beyond.

The James Dean Memorial Gallery gives visitors an opportunity to view many of the items that have helped to keep the memory of this famous Indiana native alive.

James Dean Memorial Gallery  
6508 E. Museum Blvd  
Gas City, IN 46933

This destination is just off of Interstate I-69, exit 59.

## Hocking Valley Scenic Railway

NOTE: The following information is from the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway web site. For more info check out: <http://www.hvsr.com>

Founded in 1972, the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway is a non-profit, volunteer-operated organization dedicated to the preservation, restoration and operation of historic railroad equipment for the education and entertainment of the general public. It operates a route between Nelsonville and Logan that was once a part of the original Hocking Valley Railway's Athens Branch. When the Hocking Valley was eventually merged into the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in 1930, the Athens Branch slowly became "dead weight" to the expanding C&O. The HVSR purchased the current route in 1985.



The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway offers diesel-powered rides through the beautiful, rolling hills of Southeastern Ohio aboard vintage equipment. The coaches used were built in 1927 for commuter service around Chicago and the primary diesel locomotive used was built back in October of 1952.

The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway operates regularly scheduled trains on weekends only, except for Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. During those times, the Monday of the holiday weekend also has two regularly scheduled trains like any other Saturday or Sunday. If it rains or snows, the trains still run, so don't let adverse weather stop you from riding the HVSR. Additionally, regularly scheduled weekend trains feature a thirty-minute stop at Robbins Crossing, a recreated 1850s-era pioneer village on the campus of Hocking College.

## Details of Sunday, October 10th CarClub Trip

- 12:15 p.m. Leave from the Kroger parking lot on Gender Road, off Rte 33 just 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.*

\* Nelsonville Depot (shown below) is located at the intersection of U.S. Route 33 and Hocking Parkway (Fulton Street), behind the Rocky Boots Outlet in Nelsonville. Ample parking is provided.



## HVSR FARE SCHEDULE

Regular	\$14.00
Senior (60 and older)	\$12.00
Children (3 and under)	FREE

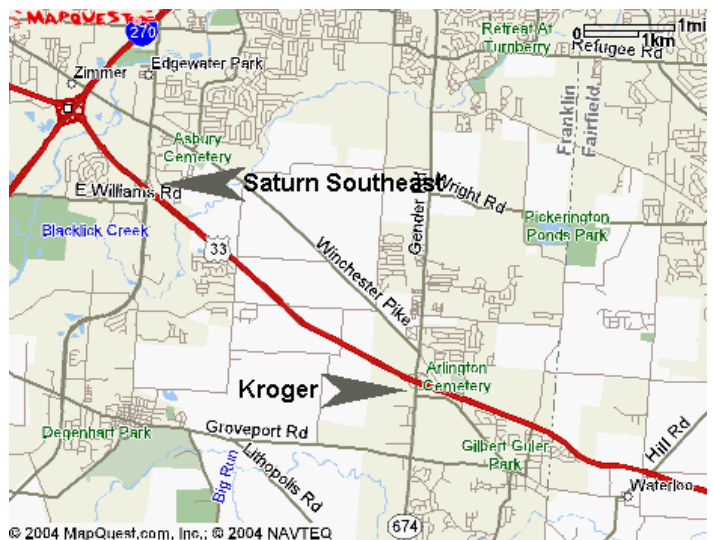
**NOTE:** If we get a **group of 20 or more**, the discounted fare is \$10.00 each. Children under 3 are free! We need to have a final count by October 1<sup>st</sup> so we can make the reservations. So please plan to attend and sign up at a meeting or call Jim Harrass @ 614-457-5945 or John Williams @ 614-846-3351 to let us know you're coming. Keep the map at the right handy so you will be able to find the meet up with the group that is driving down to Nelsonville together.

Note: Schedules are adhered to as closely as possible, but the railway reserves the right to alter schedules, substitute coaches and/or motive power as operating conditions demand. Passenger(s) assume all risk of death, injury, loss or damage to the passenger(s) person or property, whether due to negligence or otherwise, and neither the passenger nor any other person whatsoever shall have any right or claim against the issuing Company, its servants or agents in respect to or arising from any such death, loss or damage.

Depot, gift shop, and ticket sales open two hours prior to the first scheduled departure of the day. Credit cards (Visa and MasterCard) are accepted for ticket and gift shop sales

Please be aware of the following:

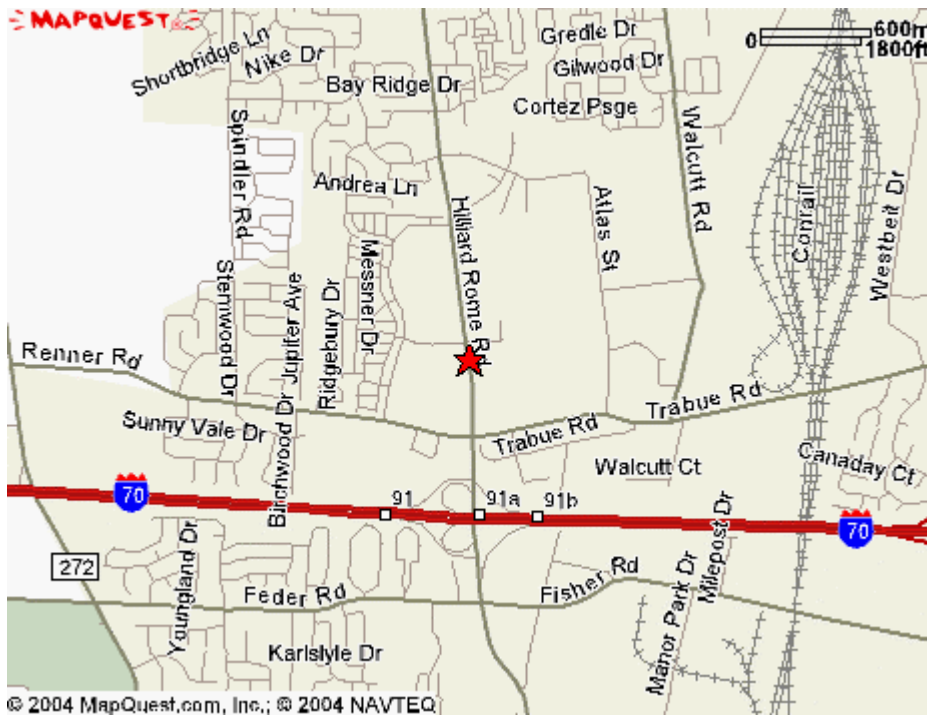
- Individual seats are *not* assigned.
- *No* restroom on train.
- *No* air-conditioning on coaches.
- Food and non-alcoholic drinks permitted on ride but *not* served. *Please no glass bottles.*
- Smoking *not* permitted on *any* part of train, either moving or stopped.
- Only certified guide or service dogs accompanying passengers with disabilities are permitted on train. *No* other animals permitted.
- This is vintage equipment and therefore *not* easily wheelchair accessible.



CarClub members will meet in the parking lot serving the Kroger at Gender Road just off Route 33 at noon on Sunday, October 13, before heading to Nelsonville for a tour on the Hocking Valley Scenic Train Railway.



You know who you might just run into at Saturn Day at the Zoo...



CarClub members who are making the weekend trip to Indianapolis will assemble at the Meijer parking lot on Hilliard-Rome Road.

## Central Ohio Saturn CarClub Activities Calendar

Date	Meeting / Event	Location	Time
9-Sep-2004	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / Southeast	7:00 p.m.
12-Sep-2004	Saturn Day at the Zoo	Columbus Zoo	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
16-Sep-2004	Bingo	Villa Angela	7:00 p.m.
24-26 Sep-2004	Trek to Indianapolis IN	Meijer Parking Lot Hilliard-Rome Rd @ I-70	2:00 p.m.
10-Oct-2004	The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Fall Foliage Train Ride	Gender Road Kroger store parking lot, off Rte 33 <b>OR</b> Nelsonville Train Depot	12:15 p.m. 1:45 p.m.
14-Oct-2004	Monthly Meeting	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.
6-Nov-2004	Trek to AF Museum	Meijer Parking Lot Hilliard-Rome Rd @ I-70	9:00 a.m.
11-Nov-2004	Monthly Meeting	Saturn / West	7:00 p.m.
13-Nov-2004	Saturday Meeting	Saturn / West	10:00 a.m.
18-Nov-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.

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