



**OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA  
2011 NATIONAL MEET RENO, NEVADA**



**AND THE WINNER IS.....See page 8 for details**

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Board members are elected for a one-year period of time at the Annual Banquet Meeting. Officers assume their office beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of the subsequent year in which they are elected.

General Club meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at various locations, but usually at the R. E. Olds Museum in Lansing. Contact Vicki May at the number shown above for more information.

## Guest Editor's message.....

Hello again, I'm back..... Wayne Mason did a great job with the last newsletter and coverage of our Homecoming show. If you would like to see more pictures from Homecoming 2011 check out our website at [www.reolds.org](http://www.reolds.org). (Wayne also takes care of our website)

I would like to thank all of you for the nice comments on the newsletters I have done AND for sending articles. Your input is what makes our newsletter interesting.

- Do you have a vanity plate on your Olds? I have seen a lot of them out there. How about a picture and explanation of why you chose that plate.
- How about an article on your 1<sup>st</sup> Oldsmobile. Look in this issue for Scott Whittaker's story of his first car.

Send newsletter info to Judy Badgley at [djbadgley@gmail.com](mailto:djbadgley@gmail.com)  
or 4631 Doane Hwy., Potterville, MI 48876

The Chapter is still looking for someone to volunteer to be the full-time Editor of the *Rocket Review*. This newsletter is a major resource for staying in touch with our members. Many do not live near enough to attend the monthly meetings. Communication is very important to keeping our Club going. Please volunteer to help. If you don't want to commit to doing ALL of the issues please step up to do maybe a single issue. The newsletters are scheduled to be mailed near the first of January, March, May, July, September, November.

***For additional information contact President Vicki May and tell her you will do an issue and which one you would like to do.***

## President's message.....

The R. E. Olds Chapter has held their annual banquet/elections for several years at the Great Lakes Christian Home dining room at no cost. As a thank you for their kindness, the Chapter is hosting an ice cream social for them. This will be both a car show and ice cream with the Chapter providing the ice cream. Please plan to participate in this fun activity.

**Sunday, September 18, 2011**

**3pm**

**Great Lakes Christian Home**

**2050 S. Washington Rd.**

**Holt, MI**

**Bring your Oldsmobile and maybe even provide a ride for an admiring resident.  
Did I mention ICE CREAM????**

If you have any questions, contact Jan or Tom Hummer at 517-646-6633

Enjoy the journey.....  
Vicki

# NEWSWORTHY CHAPTER "STUFF"

## R. E. Olds Chapter Calendar of Events

Join other Olds friends, attend our Chapter meetings, held the first Tuesday of each month, 7pm at the R. E. Olds Museum in Lansing, Michigan.



### September-

- 11 Beekman Car Show  
2901 Wabash Rd.  
Lansing, MI  
Details on pg. 5
  
- 11 South Church Car Show +  
5250 Cornerstone Dr.  
Lansing, MI  
Details on pg. 5
  
- 16-18 Motor City Rockets &  
R. E. Olds Chapter Outing  
Traverse City, MI  
Contact: Alan Wilcox  
248-848-1378
  
- 18 Ice Cream Social & Vintage  
Car Drive & Ride  
Details on pg. 2
  
- 24 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade  
Chapter Olds Unit  
**Deadline 9-16-11**  
Leslie, MI  
Contact: Jerry Garfield  
248-881-3619
  
- 25 Orphan Car Show  
Oldsmobiles 1963 & older  
Pre-registration suggested  
734-482-5200  
Ypsilanti, MI

### October-

- 1 GM Heritage Center Tour  
Reservations required  
**Deadline 9-16-11**  
\$20 per person  
Contact: Jerry Garfield  
248-881-3619
  
- 29 \***Annual Chapter Banquet** \*  
**Save this date and plan to  
attend this annual fun event.  
Details for reservations will  
be mailed to you.**

## R.E. Olds Merchandise Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**JACKET Specs**- MADE IN USA, 100% NYLON TASLA, ZIPPER FRONT, SET-IN SLEEVES, FLEECE-LINED COLLAR, MAROON COLOR W/ LOGO EMBROIDERED ON BACK. \$80 each.  
Print Name below exactly how you want it to appear on the jacket front.

( ) Check here if you do NOT want your name embroidered on the jacket front.  
Size: check one: \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_ 4X

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Size: check one: \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X  
**Specify color for each size M-maroon W-white**

**NAME BADGE**- The standard name badge has a magnetic attachment, which is not recommended for those who have a pacemaker, so we are offering a pin attachment option at no extra charge. If you want the pin attachment, be sure to specify it on the order form below after each name; otherwise you will receive the magnetic attachment. When ordering, don't forget your spouse, family members and significant other. \$5 each.  
Print Name below exactly how you want it to appear on badge(s).

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Please send order form along with check or money order to:

R.E. Olds Chapter ( ) I will pick up at a meeting or  
Attn: Judy Badgley ( ) Please mail merchandise to me  
4631 Doane Hwy  
Pottsville, MI 48876-8744

**Jacket**- Medium weight- lined (\$80) \_\_\_\_\_  
Add \$5 for 2X, 3X, 4X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Shirt**- (\$25 each) \_\_\_\_\_  
Add \$2 for 2X \_\_\_\_\_  
Add \$3 for 3X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name Badge**- (\$5 each) \_\_\_\_\_  
Add shipping-\$5 per jacket/shirt \_\_\_\_\_  
Add shipping \$1.50 for only name badges \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: R.E. Olds Chapter

Mark your calendar to participate with  
Olds friends

# General Motor's engine oil logo, Dexos 1. GM from Jerry Garfield

If you're thinking about buying a 2011 General Motors vehicle, you'll be getting more than just a new car, crossover, SUV or truck. The oil in your new vehicle's engine will be new as well, meeting a recently unveiled specification called "Dexos™."

Oils that meet the dexos™1 (yes, with a lowercase "d") standard provide some real benefits. However, when it comes time for that first oil change, expect a 25-30 percent cost increase -- which could be about the same as choosing pure synthetic oil.

Further, GM says that if a customer has an engine failure that is traced to oil or lubrication issues, and if the customer does not use Dexos™ 1 oil in their gasoline-powered GM vehicle, that act alone could void the warranty. The same goes for GM vehicles with diesel engines, which use a diesel-specific "Dexos™ 2" oil blend.

## Not Just GM

But let's not be too quick to admonish GM for requiring this new oil or speculate that this is bound to drive away potential customers. The reality is that the cost for an oil change will be going up for everyone. That's because we're in the period for a new-and-improved oil standard, which will eventually be commonplace across the industry.

Superseding the current standard, called "GF-4," will be oils made to the new "GF-5" specs. These are showing up in auto parts stores and oil change shops this Fall. Manufacturers other than GM are expected to begin factory-filling vehicles with GF-5 oils starting with 2012 models.

The new GF-5 performance specification was developed by the International Lubricants Standardization and Approval Committee (ILSAC) with input from automakers, oil refiners, and oil additive manufacturers. Like the GM-specific Dexos™ 1 oil, GF-5 oils deliver better performance but cost more. Expect to pay about 15-20 percent over comparable GF-4 oils.

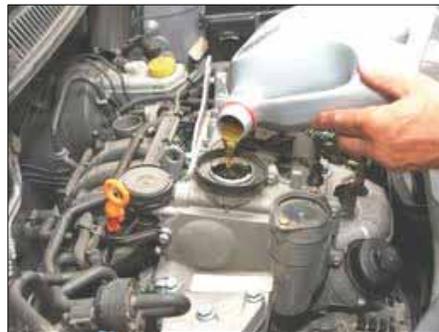
The new GF-5 and GM Dexos™ oils are superior to most non-synthetic oils. The new formulations are also backwards compatible, meaning they will work in engines that have used older oil formulations including enough ZDDP.

## How More Expensive Oils Can Save \$\$\$\$

Dexos and GF-5 oils are more expensive than prior oil formulations because these new oils deliver superior

performance. Oil makers start with higher-quality base oil and add more additives, which make them more expensive. Additives can be as much as 30 percent of a typical quart of oil.

These high-performance oils can pay for themselves, but not how you might think. Many of these oils will advertise the benefit of "higher fuel economy." The claim isn't false because Dexos™ and GF-5 oils do reduce internal engine friction that will improve fuel efficiency. Sadly, the gains will be so small, less than 1%, the average driver won't notice.



The real payback comes from extending the time and mileage between oil changes. Dexos and GF-5 oils allow drivers to drive more miles between oil changes without needing to worry about a loss of lubrication qualities, the buildup of sludge, or damage to sensitive emission control devices. Depending on driving habits, oil changes could extend beyond 10,000 miles.

While that may be heresy compared to the 3,000-mile oil change interval your local shop recommends, it's the new reality of oil change intervals. Thanks to the use of in-vehicle oil life monitoring and these new oil formulations, there's no longer one specific mileage interval to adhere to. In other words, changing your oil every 3,000 miles will likely lead to wasting oil by replacing it before it is actually necessary.

Both Dexos™ 1 and GF-5 oil specifications also offer more comprehensive protection for engines, including the latest generation of turbocharged engines and those that run on ethanol (E85). Turbochargers and E85 each demand specific characteristics from engine oils. Resistance to heat is especially important for turbo engines, while protection against rust is critical for vehicles running on E85. In other words, running the right oil might mean the difference between an engine that lasts hundreds of thousands of miles, and one that doesn't.

The Dexos™ oil also has some unique properties that GM engineers required. One characteristic is better resistance to aeration (the whipping of air bubbles into the oil). Some GM engines with variable camshaft timing use engine oil as a hydraulic fluid to move components within the engine. If air bubbles are in the oil, components actuated by engine oil will not move as they were designed, limiting engine performance.

## ILSAC vs. API vs. GM Dexos™ Classifications

Golden Globes, Emmys, The Academy Awards: Just like the multiple shows that bestow honors upon the entertainment industry, there are multiple organizations that promote oil standards.

This, of course, can completely confuse consumers. But here's some help: Many drivers are aware of the American Petroleum Institute's (API) grading of oils. Their trademarked "star burst" graphic is on most quarts of oil. The graphic advertises that the oil is licensed by the API and shows the grade of oil you're buying. The API is a consumer-directed organization.

The ILSAC, on the other hand, is a trade organization that works primarily with vehicle manufacturers and those who commercially produce engine oil. The API and ILSAC have worked cooperatively for years, and their ratings track on a parallel path.

The API "SM" certification has been the standard since 2005. "SM" is the equivalent of the ILSAC GF-4. To keep up with the new GF-5 specification, the API revised their certification with the new "SN" rating. So SN = GF-5. The official rollout for SN oils begins later this year.

There are many authentic licensed Dexos™ products readily available at retail outlets, service repair shops, quick lube operations, and GM service centers. Dexos™ licensed products are easy to identify. Simply look for the Dexos™ icon on the front label and the 11 digit alphanumeric Dexos™ license number on the back label. Unless an oil package displays these two markings, the engine oil is not an authentic, licensed Dexos™ product and is not recommended for use in GM vehicles. For a list of licensed Dexos™ products, [www.gmdexos.com/licensedbrands.html](http://www.gmdexos.com/licensedbrands.html)

Got that? Here's the bottom line: use the oil recommended for your vehicle and you won't have a problem.

**R. E. OLDS CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE INVITED  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 - 2 SHOWS A GREAT DAY FOR ALL**

Start your day at the Beekman Center charity show. Members Andy & Jill Gilbert are in charge of this great show and hope you will bring your Oldsmobile and enjoy the day. If you have questions, give them a call.



Sunday, September 11, 2011  
9 AM - 4 PM  
Location - Marvin E. Beekman Center  
2901 Wabash Rd., Lansing, MI 48910  
Entry fee \$10 - Spectators Free  
Contact - Jill Gilbert

517-755-5720 or email [jkggilbert@yahoo.com](mailto:jkggilbert@yahoo.com)  
Get more details at [www.carsandbikesforspecialkids.org](http://www.carsandbikesforspecialkids.org)

From Ed Shand.....

If you are tired and hungry after the Beekman car show, come for dinner and a “drive in” car show on Sunday, September 11th from 4:00 PM – 7:00PM. Located a short 9 miles west of the Beekman Center. It’s a family event so you can bring your family (kids or grandkids included). There will be great food, fried chicken, salads and apple pies and cakes, snow cones, cotton candy and kettle corn. There will be rides and activities for the kids during the event. If you wish to stay there is a concert beginning at 6:00PM lasting about an hour. The best part is that the entire event is free. This is not a judging car show and you can come and go as you please. Just have a good time.

September 11, 2011  
4:00 – 7:00 pm  
South Church  
5250 Cornerstone Drive  
Lansing, MI 48917



OK Chapter members, this sounds like a perfect way to spend the day, food, friends and cars. Be sure to use your camera and send pictures for our newsletter. Remember.....

**Sunday, September 11, 2011**  
**Beekman Center 9am-4pm      2901 Wabash Rd., Lansing, MI**  
**South Church 4pm-7pm      5250 Cornerstone Dr., Lansing, MI**

# My First Oldsmobile by Scott Whittaker

I grew up in a family of 7 kids. Nothing was given everything was earned on your own. If you wanted it you earned the money to buy it yourself. As I got older I understood that philosophy a lot better.

When I was 16, I worked at the EDRU Roller skating rink in Holt. After I had saved a few dollars one of my co-workers was selling his 1970 Cutlass S. So I went home and asked my dad to go look at this car with me. Like a typical parent he was tired and did not want to that night. So I countered. I was going anyway and I might be bringing a new car home. That did the trick he reluctantly went with me. He set the rules that we would not make any decisions that night that we would have to talk about it first. Like any good dad he pointed out all its flaws and what I would have to do to keep it safe on the road. Like a typical 16-year-old that went in one ear and out the other. It was my road to independence and freedom. I wasn't concerned too much with the minor flaws. One question my dad asked, was why he wanted to sell the car. He wanted to buy the neighbors 1968 Olds 88. Go figure.

The car was black with gold interior and if I remember correctly it had a vinyl roof. It had been repainted black; it started out life as a gold car. The rear quarters were rusted behind the rear wheels. The engine was a typical 350 rocket it was a strong running engine. The car came with automatic transmission power steering and power brakes. All in all it was a solid car. The interior was a type of cloth fabric that was showing lots of wear. The people I bought it from had put a bottom bench seat cover in it. Which covered all the tears in the seat bottom?

So in March of 1978 I purchased my very first Oldsmobile for the whopping price of \$250.00 dollars, which to a 16 year old that was a lot of money. I had



my independence now. I drove that car for 3 years. Like a typical teenager I ran the wheels off it. I was not real kind to the wheels (burnouts). I did do the maintenance oil changes, brake jobs when needed. Not necessarily exactly when service was due but it was kept up. I also kept it waxed and clean inside.

In February of 1979 about 10:30 at night, I was leaving work at the roller skating rink. A real dark night I headed south on Cedar St. went to move over to the left lane to do my U-turn so I could head home. Unfortunately there was another car coming up on the left side of me. After the crash I looked back at the car I hit and noticed his lights were not on. That was in the day when you had to turn your lights on manually they did not come on automatically. The other car had been driving with no headlights so he received the ticket. The damage was confined to the driver's door. So the next day my buddy and I went to an auto salvage yard and picked up a good door for \$100.00 so I had a black car with a gold door. It stayed that way until I sold the car.

After High school and before my entrance date in the Michigan National Guard I took a three-week road trip to California in my 1970 Cutlass. Quite an undertaking for a 18 year old kid. The trip took me out I-70 toward Denver. I got a speeding ticket in Colorado. Following another car down a long hill the police officer was sitting on the other

side with his radar gun. Busted 25 miles over! He dropped the speed to a point he could let me go with a fine I could mail in, otherwise he would have to escort me to the local judge and pay the fine right there. I visited San Jose, San Francisco, Bakersfield, LA, went to Disneyland while in LA. I came back to Michigan the southern route. Through the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest also visited the 4 corners. A lot of great memories of a carefree life of my youth are associated with this car.

This was one of many road trips this car went on. I was not afraid to hop in it and drive it anywhere. I put about 40,000 miles on it before I sold it for \$200.00

I added my second Oldsmobile, a 1965 Cutlass, in the spring of 1981. I spent a lot of money on that car. I believe I paid \$500.00 for the 65. The color was Ocean Mist; it was a hard top, Holiday coupe with automatic transmission, bucket seats with a console. I drove that car for a couple years until it met its fate to the Michigan curse (salt). I did find another 65 that all the good parts off the 1<sup>st</sup> car went into, including title and registration. My second 65 Cutlass had an untimely meeting with 2 other cars at the same time. My 65 was the meat in a sandwich. I was going through an intersection a lady turned left, in front of me. That was not the killing blow. A Mid 70's Olds 88 hit me from the rear. That was the end of my 65 Cutlass. That happened in 1983. I did not own another Oldsmobile for 15 years. I purchased my 1963 Cutlass Convertible in 1999. Which I still own today. I have added 3 more cars to the Olds stable since then. My latest purchase is a 1965 442, I will leave that story on the new 65 for another day.

It is kind of ironic how that first Olds affected my interest in the Oldsmobile brand. Before I purchased my 1<sup>st</sup> 1970, a car was a car. It did not matter what brand it was. (Except foreign made).

# NATIONAL ANTIQUE OLDSMOBILE CLUB

## Annual Meet in Wheeling, West Virginia \* June 22-25, 2011

Three members of the R. E. Olds Chapter participated in the NAOC National Meet. Hummers trailed their 1933 Olds, Hinemans drove their 1952 and Badgleys drove their 1957. The show was held at the beautiful Oglebay Resort nestled into the hills near Wheeling, WV.

The showfield was different this

year from past NAOC shows because the NAOC expanded their membership to all Oldsmobiles 35 years and older. Nearly 100 Oldsmobiles from Curved Dash to 1976 were on display.

The organizers offered many activities including tours, a barbecue, ladies tea and of course the grand finale awards banquet. It

was a fun show in a beautiful location.

Membership in the NAOC is \$35 annually. Anyone interested in joining the NAOC can get a membership form from the above members or [www.antiqueolds.org](http://www.antiqueolds.org)



## CAR CAPITAL SHOW

### Sponsored by the R. E. Olds Museum

The R. E. Olds Museum held their annual fundraiser car show, Car Capital, July 30, 2011. The show this year was held in the grassy setting of the Adado Riverfront Park just off Cedar St., in Lansing. This was the perfect setting for the show and it was a perfect day. Chapter members Ashley Jones and John Gross were part of organizing this event.

Cars began lining up at the entrance by 9am to be guided to the showfield. As they drove the path to the showfield, a photographer took pictures of each car. These were available later to purchase.

Over 150 cars were on display. Throughout the day music played as everyone took time to look at all of the great cars exhibited.

Several activities were available during the day. Jim Walkinshaw provided rides on his Curved Dash Olds and you could also take a ride

in a 1921 Olds or a 1908 REO, Ransom Olds other automobile. The Riverboat was running on the Grand River and many took advantage of a boat ride, too.

About 11am teams of judges began working their way through the cars. The format was not strict, it was more of a "fun" judging program.

#### Hummer's 1933 Oldsmobile



About 3pm awards were presented to the winners.

Another award that was presented was to the Club with the most vehicles displayed. The R. E. Olds Chapter was in the lead in this category with 18 members cars displayed. At the last minute (literally) we were outnumbered by 1 car.

This is an important car show for the museum as it is a major contributor to their operating funds. You may have read in the OCA newsletter that the Dixie Olds Chapter has issued a challenge for other Chapters to help the museum with their finances. One way to do this is with our support of this show. Mark your 2012 calendar for next year to attend and perhaps we can take home the Club Participation Award as well!

**July 28, 2012**

# 2011 OLDSMOBILE CLUB of AMERICA NATIONALS RENO, NV JULY 27-30

Chapter members Max and Jo Hineman, Ken and Marsha Nicholas and Scott and Sue Whittaker, all attended the meet in Reno this past July. Also attending from our area were Tony and Betty Fabiano. Hinemans and Nicholas' attended via a jet airplane while Whittakers and Fabianos drove the distance in their Oldsmobiles. The information in this article was compiled from what they reported.

The show started on Wednesday and went through the banquet on Saturday night. The weather was wonderful. Hot but dry. The scenery was beautiful with the mountains in the background all around you.

The organized tours were fantastic. Lake Tahoe was just beautiful and the meal served on the tour was fantastic! The tour to Virginia City was very nice and interesting. But the breath taking view on the way up the mountain was something I wish everyone could see. Virginia City was an old mining town back in the mid 1800's and some of the stores still have the original storefronts!

Friday was judging day at the Nationals and someone counted around 230 cars on the showfield.



Among the cars on display was the 1948 Olds Woody formerly owned by the late Dennis Castelee, former R. E. Olds Chapter member. Also 28 vendors were set in the swap meet area.



1913 Oldsmobile Touring on display

Ken and Marsha also went to the National Auto Museum, a must if you are ever in the area! What a beautiful display of one-of-a kind cars.

Of course the highlight of Nicholas' trip was when Ken hit the jackpot on a penny slot machine!! They took a taxi downtown, played a few slots at Circus Circus, Silver Legacy and Harrah's and then went to Cal-Neva and had a \$5.99 prime rib dinner. On the way back to Circus Circus to pick up a taxi to take back, Ken said, "lets just go in here". (The Eldorado.)

Marsha sat down and started playing a machine and saw that the machine next to her was one of those that Ken liked to play so she told him about it. Marsha wasn't winning so she gave him a voucher for \$2.44 and that's what he was playing on when he won! It was his last spin on a 25-cent bid and he hit a bunch of free bonus spins which led up to him completely filling in a box of numbers 1-9. JACKPOT! \$808.10!

The show was a great show and the best part was seeing all of our old friends and meeting new ones! Lots of beautiful cars that we don't see this side of the Mississippi. We had a fun time in Reno.

Scott and Sue are going to provide an article about their trip driving their 1965 442 across the country to Reno. This will appear in a later issue.



# HOMEcomings 2011

Here are a few more winners from Homecoming.....

- All Homecoming registration entries received by May 15, were entered into a drawing for 2) \$100 Fusick Gift certificates. The lucky winners were Clarence Davis of Battle Creek, MI and Don Martin of Lansing, MI.
- The tattoo contest always has some interesting entries. Steve Zaban makes the announcement for anyone with an Olds related tattoo to come forward. Once all of the entries have their tattoo displayed, the audience decides with their applause who the winner is. This year the winning tattoo was a 1953 88 deck lid emblem sported by Rick Cruze from Fort Wayne, IN.
- The "Price-is Right" grocery giveaway game was won by P. T. Williams. This game is won by guessing the cost of the groceries Eva Cooper



- bought and displayed. The guess that won was \$47.93 and the actual cost was 48.02. Obviously won by a good shopper!
- Last but not least was the presentation of the Helen Earley Award. Jim Walkinshaw with the help of Judy Badgley searched the showfield for a car that Helen might have selected. Helen did not always

select the most beautiful car on the lot. Her criteria was to find an Oldsmobile that was well preserved, or that the owner was outstanding by their enjoyment of the car, or just whatever Olds happened to "strike her fancy". This year the award went to Mike Kingsbury of Manchester, MI and his beautiful silvery-blue 1941 2-door coupe.

Several comments were heard about what a beautifully restored car this was.

If you have a story to share about Homecoming, please send it to Judy Badgley at: [djbadgley@gmail.com](mailto:djbadgley@gmail.com) or 4631 Doane Hwy., Pottersville, MI 48876



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS

### September-

- 2 Regent Emard
- 6 Karl Kimball
- 11 Joe Pohl
- 13 Wayne Jacobs
- 14 Mike Ross
- 15 Wayne Mason
- 16 Dwain Hilliard
- 19 Marsha Nicholas
- 22 Terry Friar
- Dennis Weglarz
- Sanford Wolf
- 24 Ruth Ann Galas
- 25 Tom Hummer
- Randy Thayer
- 27 Carol Scholten

- Deborah Shank
- Cheryl Spalding
- 28 Kit Murphy
- David Soulder
- 30 Patrick LeFavre
- Jeff Pregler

### October-

- 1 Dave Lehnen
- 3 David James
- Ellis Nordbeck
- Sheridan Morse
- 5 Scott Bishoff
- 6 Jim Brehm
- 8 Lori Emmons
- 9 Harry Emmons
- Dan Mroczka
- 11 Ashley Jones
- 13 Tom Hacker
- 15 William Babcock
- 16 Jim Lyon
- Ken Nicholas
- 17 Linda Heminger
- 20 Abel Anzuldua
- 23 Jeff Farber

- 26 Lynn Carlton
- Roger Lounds
- 28 Judy Badgley
- Brenda Showen
- 29 Angel LeFevre

## CLASSIFIEDS

Do you have an Oldsmobile or an auto related item for sale that you would like to let our Chapter members know about? Maybe you know of an Oldsmobile for sale.....Send the information to the Editor and it will be included in the newsletter.

**Storage Available-** vehicles, boats, motorhomes, trailers, RV's of any kind. Call Badgley's weekdays at 517-337-0444

## ANOTHER ONE OF OUR SPONSORS.....

### BADGLEY'S GARAGE IN LANSING

Badgley's Garage has been servicing vehicle mechanical needs at the same location since 1947. We are located at 304 S. Clippert St., Lansing, MI. Badgley's Garage was originally owned and operated by Harold and Lois Badgley. Harold's father Ernie also worked there at times. As the years passed all of their three sons worked as mechanics in the garage. Harold and Lois retired in 1981 after 34 years of hard work. Son Doug and his wife Judy purchased the business from them and continued the tradition of service with the help of their two sons Trevor and Calvin. Trevor and Calvin purchased the business when Doug and Judy retired in 2008.



#### FROM TREVOR AND CALVIN.....

We are the fourth generation of mechanics to now own and operate Badgley's Garage. We are working to provide responsible, well-trained, quality workmanship for all your vehicle's mechanical needs. In 2010, we became a NAPA Auto Care Center to further our ability to offer our customers a quality repair and nationwide "Peace of Mind" warranty. We are both American Service Excellence (ASE) and State of Michigan Certified auto mechanics, with the same values of customer service and quality repair that our grandparents started more than 60 years ago and our parents continued. Please call us or stop by, we are at your service.

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[www.badgleysgarage.com](http://www.badgleysgarage.com)

### The results of the "Cash-for-Clunkers" program

**This information was sent to us from Terry Pinkney.**

Have you wondered just how successful the cash-for-clunker program was? We all know it sold a lot of new vehicles and it took a lot of old gas guzzlers off the road but in terms of what it cost us taxpayers, was it worth it? Here is the results compiled by a professor at the University of West Virginia in Morgantown. He calls it clunker math.

Think of it this way. A clunker that travels 12,000 miles a year at 15 mpg uses 800 gallons of fuel. A new vehicle that travels 12,000 miles a



year at 25 miles uses 480 gallons a year. So the average cash-for-clunker transaction will reduce US gasoline consumption by 320 gallons

per year. They claim 700,000 vehicles were sold so that's 224 million gallons saved per year.

That equates to a bit over 5 million barrels of oil. The 5 million barrels is about 5 hours worth of US consumption. More importantly, 5 million barrels of oil at \$70 per barrel costs about \$350 million dollars. So, the government paid \$3 billion of our tax dollars to save \$350 million. We spend \$8.57 for every dollar we saved.

I am told that we can relax in the idea that they will do a great job with our health care.



**R.E. Olds Chapter  
General Session  
Meeting  
June 7, 2011**

President, Vicki May called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 40 present at the meeting. There was one guest Matt Zerrilli the guest speaker for the evening.

**Presidents Report:** Vicki welcomed and thanked the members and guests for attending.

Matt Zerrilli presented information on the Historic Vehicle Association. The association tracks legislation introduced in all states. They are a standalone organization. Membership to the organization is encouraged. Membership is free by signing up with your email address. Check out the website. [www.historicvehicle.com](http://www.historicvehicle.com).

Several members showed special items of interest from their collection.

**Board Meeting Items:** There was no Board meeting and no items to bring forth to the membership.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Chris Heminger reported: There are no new items to bring forth to the membership at this meeting.

**Secretaries Report:** The minutes of the general session meeting for May 2011 meeting were presented to the membership and opened for discussion. Harry Emmons motioned to accept the minutes as read. Mike Ross seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

**Newsletter Report:** Wayne Mason will be completing the next newsletter. It will capture the homecoming show and have many pictures. If you have any articles please send them to Wayne for inclusion in the newsletter.

**Membership Chairman Report:** Don Cooper reported: There are 19 current members that have not renewed their registration. If they do not renew they will be dropped from the membership. Don will make one last contact with those delinquent before their names are dropped.

**OCA Chapter Representative Report:** Eva Cooper reported: No new information to report at this meeting. Compliance Report: The Chapter is still in compliance.

**Old Business:**

- Homecoming: As of June 7th there are 280 show cars registered. We have 53 vendors registered reserving 129 spaces. There are 14 cars for sale and there are 83 planning on attending the Friday evening and 80 for Saturday evening. Shirt stuffing for the Homecoming show will be at Troy Collins house at 6:30pm on Wednesday June 15th. Judy Badgley has two more spots to fill for Homecoming. Registration from 11-2 and directing traffic to the parking area. There should be an article in the

Lansing State Journal mid week next week and in the Sunday paper. The Homecoming wrap up meeting is scheduled for June 22nd at the museum beginning at 6:30pm. The Miller Farms event on Saturday will be open to see the historic buildings. There will be many Oldsmobile advertising films shown. We will be cruising from the show site to Eaton Rapids leaving at 5:00 pm. Miller Farms will have Rib dinners available for a cost of \$10.00 and will also have hot dogs and ice cream available. The Dimondale event will have a live band and discount coupons for participants to use.

**New Business:**

- Beekman Center car show is scheduled for September 11th. Fliers were passed out during the meeting.
- Memorial Day, A special "Thank You" to the Hummers for opening your home for the picnic after the parade on Memorial Day.
- Next Thursday June 16th there is a car show in Westphalia 840 cars are currently registered. The show is downtown Westphalia.
- For the August General Session meeting, Eva will try and schedule Tom Erb who was with the Oldsmobile Racing department to make a presentation to the club. If this date is not available she will try to schedule him for the September/October meeting

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Brehm and supported by Jim Harsant. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted: Ed. Shand, Secretary.

**R.E. Olds Chapter General Session Meeting July 5, 2011**

President, Vicki May called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM.

There were 29 present at the meeting. There were no guests at the meeting.

**Presidents Report:** Vicki welcomed and thanked the members for attending. Judy Badgley will have a presentation for us tonight. We will have a brief meeting and then have the presentation. Vicki expressed how proud she was with the Homecoming show. It was the best yet. Thanks to Coopers and Nicholas' for their leadership and for all that helped. We had many compliments from attendees that it was the best show. The swap meet was disappointed with sales of big items. We have since received calls that people from the show have called vendors for additional items that were for sale.

**Board Meeting Items:** No new information was brought to the General Session meeting.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Chris Heminger reported: We have great team that worked on the Homecoming and we also have great leaders with the Coopers and Nicholas' and they deserve a lot of the credit.

**Secretaries Report:** The minutes of the general session meeting for June 7, 2011 were presented to the membership and opened for discussion. Troy Collins motioned to accept the minutes as read. Wayne Mason seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion.

**Newsletter Report:** Wayne Mason prepared the newsletter and distributed copies to those in attendance. Thank you Wayne for taking on this issue. Vicki showed the issue in color and it will be available online shortly.

**Membership Chairman Report:** Don Cooper reported. 1) We have two new members: Tom Hacker, Coldwater, MI, 1970 Cutlass and Ande Shoe, Burlington, NC 1988 Cutlass Supreme. 2) Eleven members will be dropped from our membership on July 5th for not paying their dues. Ron Adams, Paul Armbrustmacher, Dennis Campbell, Abel Gonzales, Tom Herron, Melanie Masso, Terry McLane, Charles Ostrander, Roger Peterson, Darryl Reece, Tom Remington, Rickie Rethamel, Jeff Tomkins, Bob Zimmerman The number of membership will basically stay the same due to new members enrolling.

**OCA Chapter Representative Report:** Eva Cooper reported: No new information to report.

**Old Business:**

- Homecoming: There were 168 show cars registered at the gate which was 50 more than 2010. There were 130 first time participants at the show. There were 38 that haven't been at a homecoming show for three or more years. The total number of cars at the show was 495. We had 61 vendors pre-registered reserving 143 spaces. On the show day there were an additional 31 vendors registered making a total of 92 vendors registering 185 spaces.

**New Business:**

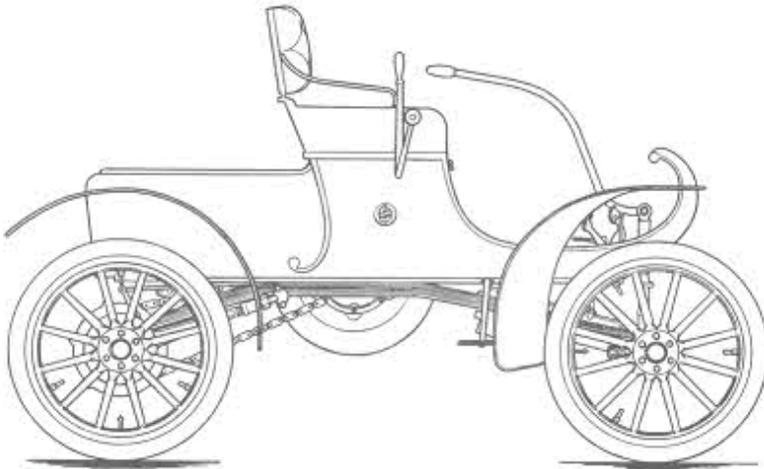
- Mike Ross: 28th street show in Grand Rapids participants need to be there by 9:45.
- Max Hineman NAO in Wheeling WV 70 cars 8 vendors. Most of the cars are completed so there is not much interest
- Judy presented the last July NAO slide show at the Lexington

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Ross and supported by Chris Heminger. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted: Ed. Shand, Secretary.

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