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President's Note

Members of the Best Car Club Ever,

I bet you all are busy getting your cars tuned up and ready to roll. Spring will be here soon! I have been helping my brother-in-law work on his 1970 Chevelle SS. It's getting a brand new fuel injected big block and 4L60E transmission. I believe he told me it made around 550 horsepower on the engine dyno. It's going to be a nice setup. The only problem is my 350 Olds seems a little inadequate, now. There may be a 455 in my car's future; I can't let that Chevy outrun an Olds, can I?

I set up a booth for the OCI at Wild Wade's Swap Meet last month. I had a nice time visiting with folks, including the president of the Pontiac Club, Chuck Wenthold. I was able to meet Frank McGlynn from DeWitt, who recently joined the Club. Aaron Baltes stopped by for a chat; you may remember Aaron and his 1984 Hurst/Olds pro-touring car that won best of class in the modifieds at last year's Quad States show. I passed out several membership applications for people to fill out and mail to us later, but one person was so eager to join that he filled out his application and paid me on the spot! I believe that makes James Schwingendorf of West Des Moines our newest member.

I hope you can all make it to this weekend's meeting in Dyersville. I know it will be a long drive for some of us, but it sounds like the weather will be just lovely! Vickie Stoltenberg has told me the farm toy store will indeed be open this Saturday, in case you would like to stop in. Thanks again to Vickie for making the arrangements for this Saturday's meeting. Please remember, we are meeting at noon.

Our April meeting will be on the 30th at 1:15 pm. Please note, April 30th is a Sunday. The Iowa Street Rod and Custom Association has been kind enough to welcome us to their 20th Annual Spring Fling (show and shine) in Nevada, Iowa. Every registration for the show includes two free lunches! They only ask that everyone bring a dessert to share. I encourage everyone to pre-register so the ISRA folks have a head count for the meal as early as possible.

Show registration is 9:00 am to noon. Lunch will be served at noon in the park pavilion. The building is enclosed with heating and air conditioning. The ISRA will conduct their meeting at 1:00 in the pavilion. We will hold our meeting at 1:15 pm. Please bring a folding chair or two for the meeting; if it's nice weather, we will meet outside. If it's a sunny day, I will set up a green canopy for us to sit under. If it's raining, we may be able to gather on the covered outdoor patio of the pavilion.

See you soon!

Robert Stebbins

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Upcoming Meetings

February 18—Valentine meeting, 12:00 noon, Country Junction Restaurant, 913 15th Avenue SE, Dyersville, Iowa (located at the Junction of Highway 20 and Highway 136). Restaurant phone numbers: 563-875-7055 or 800-598-9466. Restaurant website: countryjunctionrestaurant.com. After the meeting and lunch, if interested, you may want to visit the following attractions on your own: Plaza Antique Mall, Basilica of St. Francis Xavier Church, Farm Toy Store, and/or Park Farm Winery. For more details, please see the attached meeting flier.



April 30—1:15 pm at the Iowa Street Rod and Custom Association's 20th Annual Spring Fling (show and shine), 1543 Fawcett Parkway, Nevada, Iowa (right off Highway 30 at Exit 158). Show registration is 9:00 am to noon. \$10 for pre-registration (registration form is attached to this newsletter), \$15 day of show. Two meals included with each registration! Lunch will be served at noon. Please bring a dessert to share. If you are bringing a car, please check in at the show's registration table, park your car, and have lunch. We will hold our meeting at 1:15 pm. If you're not bringing a car, please come to the meeting at 1:15 pm, then hang out and browse the show cars at your leisure. Of course, you can always register for the show without a car and still take part in the meal. Please bring a folding chair or two for the meeting; if it's nice weather, we will meet outside. Please refer to the events calendar or registration form for more show details.

June—Driving tour of wineries. More details to come!

Special Editions of JWO

JWO Editor, Shannon Olson, has informed me of two upcoming issues of Journey with Olds that will require Chapter participation.

The first is planned for May, 2017 and will be similar to the "Salute to Heroes" issue that saluted our military veterans last year. This installment will be themed, "Salute to Heroes: 1st Responders & Their Oldsmobiles" and will feature member articles from those who are current/retired police officers, fire fighters, and EMTs.

Just as with the first "Salute to Heroes," Shannon needs a list of 1st responders from each Chapter. Attached is a simple sheet that you may use to list your information if you are a 1st Responder. Please send your completed sheets to me (Robert Stebbins), or email me (stebbins@huxcomm.net) with the information, by March 15th. I will assemble the information from all OCI 1st responders into one list and send it to Shannon in time to be included in the May JWO.

As with the first "Salute to Heroes," if any member is a 1st responder, but does not want to share all of their information, that is not a problem. However, Shannon would still like their first and last names and if they were a police officer, fire fighter, or EMT.

Also, 1st responders are not required to be a member of the OCA to be included. If they are an OCI member, they should be included on the chapter list. Shannon's goal is to honor as many Oldsmobile enthusiasts as possible who have served our communities.

The second issue that will require Chapter involvement is slated for August, 2017. This issue will be themed "Meet Our Chapters". The Oldsmobile Club of America has amazing Chapters. Shannon wants the rest of the hobby to get know them (us)! Each club will be given their own full page to highlight photos, history, and information about their Chapter.

Shannon is hoping that this issue, which will come out right after the National Meet, will help Chapters gain new members, as well as spread the word about the perks of becoming a member in each club. Keep in mind that this issue will also make it to all OCA Roadshows! This means many potential new members will have the opportunity to read all about the OCI.

This second issue will require the OCI to choose someone to submit a write up on the Chapter, as well as photos and any other information that you would like to have included. All information for "Meet Our Chapters" is due to Shannon no later than Thursday, June 27. If anyone would like to volunteer to write an article about the OCI, please let me know.

While Chapter participation is, of course, not mandatory in either of these issues, Shannon hopes that all Chapters take this opportunity to honor their own 1st Responders, as well as show our hobby/membership the wonderful events, history, and people that make up each of our clubs.

Thanks for your participation,
Robert Stebbins and Shannon Olson

New Member

The following extra cool person recently joined the OCI. Welcome to the Club!

James Schwingendorf - West Des Moines, Iowa
1970 Cutlass Sport Coupe

Events Calendar

NEW

February 19, 2017—26th Annual Buick Oldsmobile Pontiac Cadillac Swap Meet & Car Corral, Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 South Randall Road, Saint Charles, Illinois. Sponsored by the Illinois Valley Olds Club, the Chicagoland Chapter of the Buick Club of America, and the Pontiac Oakland Club of Illinois. 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Public donation \$6. Food available from vendors on site. For more information contact Bob Zielinski at 630-865-4349 or rzielinski6@comcast.net, Bob Bezingue at 630-294-3050 or robertbez@earthlink.net, or visit www.bopcswap.com.

NEW

February 25-26, 2017—48th Annual Rod & Custom Car Show, Monticello Berndes Center, 766 North Maple Street, Monticello, Iowa. Saturday—11:00 am to 10:00 pm, Sunday—8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5, children 12 and under free with paid adult. Bring a canned food item to benefit Four Oaks and get a dollar off admission. Meet "Barney Fife" impersonator David Browning, and Sonny Shroyer (Enos) and Rick Hurst (Cletus) from "The Dukes of Hazzard". For more information call 319-465-5119 or visit www.rodandcustomcarshow.com.

NEW

February 26, 2017—35th Annual Original Sioux City Rodders & Racers Swap Meet, Marina Inn Center, South Sioux City, Nebraska. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Silent auction items. Proceeds from the silent auction go to The Sioux City Cosmopolitan Club "The Club That Fights Diabetes". For more information call 712-898-2943 or 712-239-6199.

March 30–April 1, 2017—Mecum: Gone Farmin' Spring Classic Tractor Auction, Mississippi Valley Fair Center, 2815 West Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa. Show program to be released February 10 at 5:00 pm. Preview March 30 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, March 31—Tractors begin at 9:00 am, April 1—Tractors begin at 9:00 am, signs and farm relics to follow tractors (approximately 3:00 pm). One day ticket is \$10 per person, children 12 and younger are free. For more information visit www.mecum.com/auctions/.

April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, and October 14, 2017—Karl Performance hosts Cars and Coffee the second Saturday of each month from 7:00 am to 10:00 am from April through October at their facility at 5927 NE Industry Drive, Des Moines, Iowa. Karl Performance provides free donuts and coffee to attendees and opens the shop for the public to check out their 66,000 square foot facility. On these days, Karl Performance offers a Dyno Special to the first 6 people that sign up. The special is 3 pulls for \$75 and the spots are first come first serve. All makes and models welcome! To start your weekend off right with great cars, great people, and great food, make sure to stop out to Karl Performance for Cars and Coffee!

NEW

April 29, 2017—Central Iowa Expo BBQ & Cruise, 1827 217th Street, Boone, Iowa (junction of Highways 30 & 17, between Boone and Ames). Car show registration 9:00 to noon, awards at 3:00 pm. Entry \$15 per car. For more information call John Vetter at 515-231-3031, email jve37671@aol.com, or visit www.centraliowabbq.com.

NEW

April 30, 2017—Iowa Street Rod and Custom Association 20th Annual Spring Fling, 1543 Fawcett Parkway, Nevada, Iowa (right off Highway 30). Show and shine open to all vehicles and clubs. Registration 9:00 am to noon. \$10 for pre-registration, \$15 day of show. Two meals included with each registration! Bring a dessert to share. Dash plaques for first 100, music provided by a DJ, NSRA safety inspections, and 50/50 drawing. For more information contact John Vetter at 515-231-3031 or email jve37671@aol.com.

May 5-6, 2017—Vintage Torque Fest 2017, Fairgrounds, 14569 Old Highway Road, Dubuque, Iowa. This is a fundraiser designed to help families that have children with congenital heart defects. Not the typical car show! This is a festival that brings together people from around the country that have a passion for keeping the traditions of the past alive. This means keeping the music, cars, clothes, and art alive. It is a festival that brings hot rods from around the country, artists from around the world, vendors from east and west coasts, and bands that have toured the world several times over into one location. \$20 Weekend Pass available until January 7, \$25 Weekend Pass available from January 8 - April 25, Advance Weekend Passes will not be sold after April 25. \$30 Weekend Pass Day of Show, \$15 Friday Day of Show Entry includes admission to Chain Racing, \$20 Saturday Day of Show Entry includes admission to ALL track activity. Last Day To Pre Register is April 25th. All Gate Proceeds Benefit Helping Hannah's Heart Foundation. For more information visit vintagetorquefest.com.

NEW!

May 7, 2017—33rd Annual Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet and Cars for Sale Corral, Fairgrounds Parking Lot, 700 North Maple Street, Monticello, Iowa. 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. Special park and show area for rods, rats, muscles, cruisers, antiques, classics, and motorcycles. General Admission \$5 (children 12 and under free with paid adult).

NEW!

May 7, 2017—BBMC All Makes All Models Car Show, Sugar Shack, 100 8th Street SE, Altoona, Iowa. 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Early registration by April 30th for \$15, \$20 registration at the door, group rates available on site for 10 cars or more. Pick up registration online. Benefitting Ronald McDonald House and VA of Des Moines. For more information call Mike at 515-402-6325, Chris at 515-314-6411, or visit www.badboyzmustangclub.com.

UPDATED!

May 13, 2017—Iowa Street Rod and Custom Association's Mother's Day Cruise to the Amanas. Ames/Boone: Meet at Kmart parking lot - 8:30 am, Des Moines/Monroe: Meet at the North Casey's in Monroe - 9:30 am, Knoxville: Meet at Hall of Fame - 9:00 am. All groups meet at Newton Casey's (3104 1st Avenue East). Follow Old Highway 6 to Amanas for lunch, shopping, and give-aways. Special gifts for the ladies on the cruise. For more information visit www.myisra.org.

NEW!

May 18, June 17, July 20, August 17, September 21, 2017—Classic Car and Antique Tractor Roll-In, Wayne Larson Collision Specialists, 2017 East Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa. 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For more information visit waynelarsoncollision.com.

NEW!

May 20, 2017—5th Annual Spring Dust Off Top 30 Car Show, Unique Classics on 65, 14954 Aberdeen Street NE, Ham Lake, Minnesota. Hosted by the Minnesota Oldsmobile Club. All makes welcome. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Show cars \$7.00. Dash plaques for the first 200 cars. Participant voting for the top 30 cars plus best in show award. Raffle for door prizes. Food and drink (including alcohol) available. A portion of the proceeds will benefit a local charity called "Cars for Neighbors". For information contact Dan at 763-753-6291, 612-210-3747, or oldsparts@comcast.net.

May 20, 2017—Concrete Cruizers Charity Car Show, Pete Crivaro City Park, SE 14th & Railroad Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Registration 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, awards at 3:00 pm. \$20 Pre-Register by May 13th gets you an event t-shirt, dash plaques, and goodie bag; after May 13th and day of show \$20 and NO GOOD-IES. For more information call Concrete Cruizers Car Club at 515-360-8257 or call Laura Hammonds at 515-343-4658. Visit concretecruizers.com/Our_Show.php for a show flier and registration form.

NEW!

May 21, 2017—Cornerstone Community Cu Cool Car Show, Cornerstone Community Credit Union, 414 61st Street, Des Moines, Iowa. 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Proceeds to help send local families to the Shriner's Hospital. Entertainment provided and food and brews available for purchase. For more information call Cari Warwick at 515-274-2343 or email cwilson@cornerstonecreditunion.com.

NEW!

June 16, 2017—Small Town, Big Engines Cruise (in conjunction with the Oldsmobile Homecoming), downtown Dimondale, Michigan on Bridge Street, between Washington and Quincy. The Dimondale Business Association hopes you'll join them for an evening of eating, toe-tapping, and car-gazing. Come enjoy dinner specials, music in the street, and classic cars as Dimondale puts on the ritz! A police escorted caravan leaves from 1403 South Creyts Road, Lansing. The fun runs from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. After the car show, join us for the outdoor movie at dusk. For more information visit www.dimondale.org.

NEW!

June 17, 2017—Oldsmobile Homecoming, Auto-Owners Insurance, 6101 Anacapri Boulevard, Lansing, Michigan (new location). Hosted by the R.E. Olds Chapter. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. World's largest all Oldsmobile show! Celebrating 50th anniversary of all 1967 Oldsmobiles. Special awards, dash plaques, and auction. Open to all models of Oldsmobile. Car show registration until May 20: \$15.00; after May 20: \$20.00. Swap Meet registration until May 20: \$20.00; after May 20: \$35.00. Cars for sale (must be driven) registration until May 20: \$20.00; after May 20: \$25.00. For more information contact Judy Badgley at 517-645-7438 or djbadgley@gmail.com, Bruce Powelson at 517-548-2793, 517-331-3560 (evenings), or bbuffp@att.net, or visit www.reolds.org or Facebook "Oldsmobile Homecoming".

NEW!

June 17, 2017—Night at the Museum (in conjunction with the Oldsmobile Homecoming), R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing, Michigan. The R.E. Olds Transportation Museum invites you to join them following Homecoming from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Admission is \$5 and includes ice cream! For more information call 517-372-0529, email autos@reoldsmuseum.org, or stop by the Museum tent during Homecoming.

NEW

July 18-23, 2017—2017 Oldsmobile National Meet, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hosted jointly by the Oldsmobile Club of America and the Oldsmobile Club of New Mexico. Albuquerque has a rich history and many local attractions. For those who arrive early or leave late, there are many unique things to see and do. For more information please refer to the contact information on the registration form, which may be found at www.oldsmobileclub.org/news-events/2016-nationals/.

NEW

July 19, 2017—Car & Bike Show, Marion County Fair, Knoxville, Iowa. 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Free registration. Gates open at 4:00 pm. Open to all makes and models. Trophies for top 25 entries plus specialty awards. 50/50 drawing and dash plaques. For more information contact Ron at 641-842-4015 or rmsurgeon@hotmail.com.

NEW

August 30, 2017—Car Show, Grace Church Fall Family Festival, 4200 East 25th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm—arrive, register, and park cars, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm—voting and food, 7:45 pm—awards, and 8:00 pm—head home. Open to all makes, models, and years. No registration fee. Free food and soda. Gift bag for each car (until 5:30 pm). No burnouts, dragging, exhaust flames, use of loud stereos or hydraulics, rollerblades, bikes, skateboards, or scooters. No alcohol (this is a family/neighborhood event). For more information contact Pastor Greg Long at 515-265-0199 or glong@gracehome.com, or Richard Larsen at 515-210-4852.

NEW

September 2, 2017—16th Annual All American Weekend Car and Bike Show, downtown Boone, Iowa. Registration 8:00 am to noon. Fee \$15. Awards at 3:00 pm. Open to all makes/models/years. Free root beer floats by Fareway and Boone Valley Brewery while they last. 50/50 drawing and poker walk. For more information contact John Vetter at 515-231-3031 or email jve37671@aol.com.

NEW

September 9, 2017 (tentative)—12th Annual Classic and Custom Car Show, Bob Brown Buick-GMC, 1405 SE Oralabor Road, Ankeny, Iowa. Hosted by the Pontiac Club of Iowa. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. All proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Association. For more information contact Chuck Wenthold at 515-386-2901 or wenthold@netins.net.

NEW

September 10, 2017—Des Moines Concours d'Elegance, John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park, downtown Des Moines, Iowa. The Concours will present an invitation-only exhibition of more than 100 vintage and classic motor vehicles, selected to celebrate the fine art, design evolution, and amazing innovations of motor vehicles through the years, as well as the talented designers and engineers who created them. Fifteen classes of sculpted machines from classics to cycles to exotics on display around the sculpture park. For more information visit www.desmoinesconcours.com.

NEW

September 15-17, 2017—2017 Quad States 37th Annual Car Show & Swap, Kahler Apache Hotel, 1517 16th Street SW, Rochester, Minnesota. Hosted by the Minnesota Oldsmobile Club. Room rate: \$111.00/night plus tax for 2 queen beds or 1 king. Complimentary deluxe hot breakfast, free high speed wireless internet access in entire hotel, indoor pool, whirlpool, and fitness center, "Wildwood Sports Bar & Grill" serving lunch and dinner with complete bar, and outdoor patio. Call 800-552-7224 for room reservations. Show registration form coming soon. For more information visit www.mnoldsclub.org.

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Rockets & Parts

NEW!

WANTED—1935 Olds Sport Coupe. Please contact Merle Shawd at 515-438-2000 or mks@minburncomm.net. (02/17)

WANTED—Hood for a 1961 F85. Any help locating one would be great. Contact Dan Cook at 319-981-0120 or dan@cookfarms.net. (01/17)



FOR SALE—1964 Olds Cutlass Convertible.

Ford T-Bird red with black top and interior. 330 ci with 3/4 factory cam, four speed, power top, power steering, Cragger rims, and power brakes (disc brakes added to front). Body off restoration by Lloyds Low Rides. Engine, transmission, and rear end built by John Day. Driven 1,000 miles since rebuild. Some extra parts, catalogs, service manual, and original wire wheel covers available.



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