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President's Note

Members of the Best Car Club Ever,

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to everyone! I hope the luck o' the Irish is with you!

In addition to the Facebook account started by Jerry Dykes in preparation for the 2016 Quad States, I have recently created a Twitter account for the OCI. Be sure to like and follow both accounts. Our Facebook account is @OldsmobileClubofIowa and Twitter is @OldsClubofIowa.

If you are a current/retired police officer, fire fighter, or EMT, don't forget to submit your information to the Journey With Olds editor (Shannon Olson). This installment will be themed, "Salute to Heroes: 1st Responders & Their Oldsmobiles". Attached is a simple sheet that you may use to list your information if you are a first Responder. Please send your completed sheets directly to Shannon Olson (olsonrsa@gmail.com). In order for you to be included in the May JWO, Shannon must have your information no later than March 27th .

Keep your fingers crossed for nice weather for our next meeting on April 30th. Please note, April 30th is a Sunday and we will meet at 1:15 pm, after lunch. Remember that every registration for the show includes two free lunches! The Iowa Street Rod and Custom Association only asks 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. Julie and I have already registered! A registration form is attached. If the weather is nice, I plan to be there at 9:00 am. If you get thirsty, come see me; I will have a cooler of cold drinks. Also, please bring a folding chair or two for the meeting.

I am helping my brother-in-law with his 1970 Chevelle SS again this weekend. I think we may be able to start the engine tomorrow or Saturday. It has been a lot of work to get to this point. My brother-in-law is switching from an old school 454 and TH400 transmission (not original to the car, for you purists) to a custom built 489 with fuel injection. The transmission will be an electronically controlled 4L60E. Going from a non-computer car to one where the engine, transmission, fuel injection, ignition, fuel pump, and dual electric fans are all wired together has been a challenge. My brother-in-law relies on me for running the wires and soldering it all together. Each new component has its own set of instructions; none of which exactly match the setup in this car. Needless to say, we have done our fair share of head scratching during this process. I hope and pray that everything is connected correctly and works as it should. I should know in the next couple of days.

See you soon!

Robert Stebbins

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Upcoming Meetings

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 in eastern and/or southeastern Iowa. More details to come!



Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2017

Oldsmobile Club of Iowa Membership Meeting Minutes.

The Membership Meeting was held at the County Junction Restaurant, Dyersville, IA

Meeting was called to order @ 12:03 PM by President Robert Stebbins with 13 members present.

Secretary's report was given Secretary Lori Mestad. Ron Nolting made a motion to approve the November 2016 Meeting Minutes, which was second by Ken Mizaur to approve the report. Motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Lynn Clark. Steve Mestad made a motion, with Vicki Stoltenberg as second to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

The OCI's final payment of our five year commitment to the REO's Museum is due this year and will be sent in by Treasurer Lynn Clark. Vicki Stoltenberg made a motion, with Julie Stebbins as second, to send in the payment and have the Lifetime Membership be awarded to Lynn Clark's name. Motion passed unanimously.

Lori Mestad made a motion, with John Montgomery as second, to renew the Certificate of Deposit that is coming due with the current value of the maturing certificate of deposit. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Stebbins talked about the Oldsmobile Club of Iowa table he had set-up at the Wild Wade's show. A number of people stopped by and talked with Robert about the OCI. Robert had one new member sign up at the show. Robert will do up a few promotional items for next year's show.

The OCI website needed some emergency maintenance done. Jeff Fleming has it back up and running. PayPal will be removed from the website.

Jeff Fleming contacted Robert Stebbins about the OCI partnering with the Aviation Heritage Museum at the Ankeny, IA Airport to put on another "Wings and Wheels Show". Aviation Heritage Museum would like to have the show on May 20, 2017. After much discussion, it was decided that three months prior to the show was not enough time to pull together this show. The OCI would be interested in doing this in 2018, if the planning starts at least six months in advance. Lynn Clark made a motion, with Ron Nolting as second, for Robert Stebbins to report back to Jeff Fleming our interest in doing this show in 2018 and not in May 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Lynn Clark was contacted by President Jerry Wilson of the Oldsmobile Club of America. The OCA is looking at having an indoor National Car Show site for 2019. The OCA wanted to know if the OCI would be interest in partnering with them on the 2019 Nationals. Ron Nolting made a motion, with Vicki Stolenberg as second that the OCI respectfully declines this offer. Motion passed unanimously.

The next OCI meeting will be April 30, 2017 at the Iowa Street Rod's Spring Fling Car Show in Nevada, IA. We will have an OCI Club meeting at 1:15 pm. Meeting place at the car show will be determined that day, depending on weather.

Robert Stebbins reported that the Hot Rod Power Tour will be stopping in Newton, IA at the Iowa Speedway on June 11, 2017.

Lynn Clark made a motion, with Ron Nolting as second to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed a very nice lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Mestad

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 directly to Shannon Olson (olsonrsa@gmail.com). In order for you to be included in the May JWO, Shannon must have your information no later than March 27th .

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

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Events Calendar

- 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!
- 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.
- 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 vintageorquefest.com.
- 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).
- 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.badboymustangclub.com.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- June 17, 2017**—Oldsmobile Homecoming, Auto-Owners Insurance, 6101 Anacabri 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".
- 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.
- 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/.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Rockets & Parts

NEW!

FOR SALE—1967 Oldsmobile Delmont 88 Convertible. Recently acquired in California; believed to have spent it's time in New Mexico and California. Belonged to Colonel Robert Ray Scott, a highly decorated Air Force pilot and graduate of North High School in Des Moines. For more information Contact Dave Hall at 661-714-3460. (03/17)

NEW!

WANTED—Set of wheels for a 1983 Hurst/Oldsmobile Cutlass. Good shape. Contact Tony Robbins via Facebook or send a message through Robert Stebbins (stebbins@huxcomm.net). (03/17)

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)