

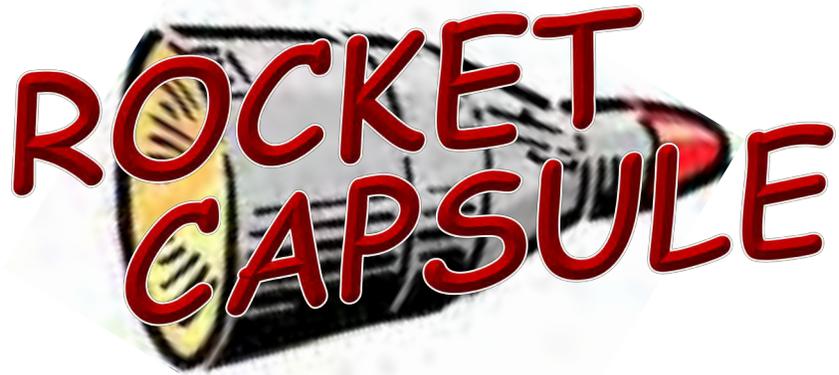


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President's Note

Members of the Best Car Club Ever,

I believe spring is finally here! I have begun the joyous ritual of mowing the lawn every few days from now until November. If I spend an average of six hours a week mowing for 28 weeks, that equals 168 hours or seven days! I could think of so many other things I could do with an extra week of time. If you can't tell, I don't like mowing the lawn. I don't mind the work, I just wish it didn't need to be done so often.

Although, I was shivering like crazy this past Sunday morning turkey hunting while frost formed on my gun barrel. So, perhaps winter isn't completely behind us. I think I may turn the furnace back on later today.

If anyone would like to volunteer to write an article about the Oldsmobile Club of Iowa for the August, 2017 edition of Journey with Olds themed "Meet Our Chapters", please let me know soon. If no one comes forward in the next couple of weeks, I will attempt to assemble the information. Who can tell what I may write about all of you. Hee hee.

The registration form for the 2017 Quad States has been released and is enclosed with this newsletter. I contacted Head Judge Daniel Curtis about Class 5, and he believes it should be listed as "1977-2004 Full Size". Having a separate class for only 2004 full size cars confused me, just for a moment. However, I am in favor of a separate class for Final 500 cars, but that is a subject for another time.

The meteorologists seem to be predicting rain for this Sunday. Hopefully, they are wrong, or perhaps the rain will end early in the morning and give way to a beautiful day for a car show. Don't forget to bring a desert to share and a folding chair. We will attempt to hold our meeting rain or shine, so be sure to dress for the weather.

I found this "Law of Common Sense" on the internet. I think it could apply to many life situations.

See you soon!
Robert Stebbins

IT'S THE LAW OF
COMMON SENSE



IF TOO MANY PEOPLE ENJOY
THE FREE RIDE... AND NOT
ENOUGH PEOPLE HELP PULL,
THE WAGON ISN'T GOING
ANYWHERE! ★★

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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!



Special Editions of JWO

JWO Editor, Shannon Olson, has informed me of two upcoming issues of Journey with Olds that will require Chapter participation. You have likely already received the May issue of JWO themed, "Salute to Heroes: 1st Responders & Their Oldsmobiles".

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 (Robert) know ASAP.

Thanks for your participation,
Robert Stebbins and Shannon Olson



Tip of the month: Be careful where you park!

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Events Calendar

- 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 vintagetorquefest.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.badboyzmustangclub.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 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!
- 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.

NEW

June 3, 2017—Collector cars, memorabilia, parts, & more at auction, East Young Street, Warrensburg, Missouri. Hosted by VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC. Liquidation of the Happy Days Dream Cars. Due to health concerns, John Meyer and his wife will be closing the business and having an auction and grand closing celebration. They want everyone to come and bid and buy a part of their business. Onsite along with online bidding. Visit www.vanderbrinkauctions.com for more information.

NEW

June 15-17, 2017—28th Annual Red Power Round Up, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa. Hosted by the International Harvester Collectors Club Iowa Chapter 5. Featuring the 56 series tractors. An annual celebration for people from all around the world to gather to see the history of International Harvester and agriculture-related memorabilia. Along with an impressive selection of tractors, engines, trucks, and equipment, attendees can also browse exhibits which include household appliances, milking equipment, and toy collections. The event will be fun for the whole family; join us for an auction, parade, quilt show, children's activities, tours, and a variety of entertainment including musical acts from across the region. For more information visit www.ihccia.net or www.catchdesmoines.com/rpru2017.

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 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".

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

- 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)
- 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)