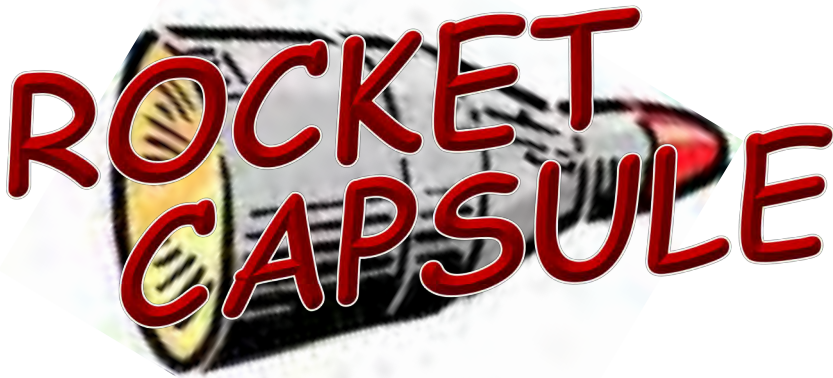




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President's Note

Members of the Best Car Club Ever,

I hope you are all surviving the heat. My "summer job" has me working outside every day. The heat has been a struggle for me, at times. I must be getting old.

I hope some of you have been able to enjoy your Oldsmobiles this summer. I finally got mine back on the road to go racing at Eddyville on a Saturday night and to drive the first leg of the Hot Rod Power Tour on Sunday of the same weekend.

I won the first round of racing only to be eliminated in the second by a slow reaction time. Oh well, I still had fun.

The hot Sunday drive caused a persistent brake problem to suddenly become much more obvious and problematic. Further inspection at home revealed rear drum rotors that were machined off-center, causing a pulsation. Today, I ordered a rear disc brake kit to replace the drums. Hopefully, that will take care of the brake issue. Also, the air conditioning went out as soon as I reached Newton that Sunday, and my windshield developed a crack during the drive. Needless to say, my car is back on the jack stands after only one weekend of fun. It's always something with our old cars, isn't it?

You may notice the absence of meeting minutes in this newsletter. That is because we lacked enough members at the June meeting to constitute a quorum. Therefore, we did not hold an official meeting. Julie and I enjoyed lunch and a winery tour with Ken and Connie Mizaur and John Montgomery. It was a beautiful day for a drive!

Please make an effort to attend the August meeting. We do have some Club business that requires a membership vote.

Julie and I have scheduled our August meeting at Lake Iowa Park, which is located between Interstate 80 and Millersburg. If you will be traveling on the interstate, the exit for the park (Exit 211) is approximately nine miles east of the Williamsburg exit. If you're not sure where Williamsburg is located, ask your wife; I'm sure she knows where to find the outlet mall. This park seems to be almost halfway between Des Moines and the Quad Cities.

If you are planning to attend the picnic, please RSVP to Julie and I by August 11th so we know how much food to order. I believe we will be ordering from Hickory Park Restaurant in Ames.



See you soon!
Robert Stebbins



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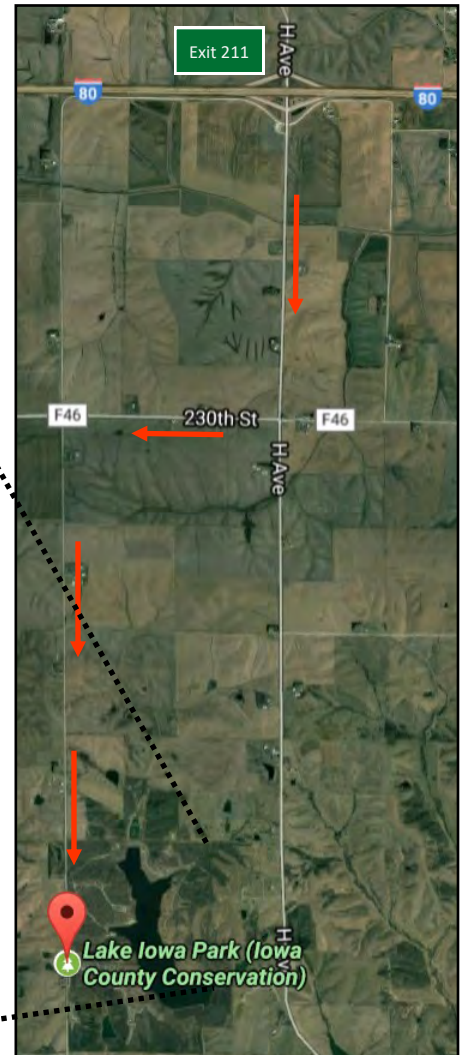
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Upcoming Meetings

August 19—11:00 am at Lake Iowa Park, Shelter No. 2. Directions to Lake Iowa Park: 1) Take Exit 211 off of Interstate 80, 2) Head south towards Millersburg, 3) Follow the brown Lake Iowa Park signs (at the four way stop, 230th Street, turn west then go until the next available left which will be G Avenue; the park is about 3 miles on the east side of the road). 4) Follow the Oldsmobile meeting signs to Shelter No. 2. The shelter is close to a large section of open shoreline; great for fishing with a group. Electricity, pressurized water, and a restroom are all available at the shelter site. All the roads are believed to be paved.

We will hold our meeting at 11:00 am, followed by a picnic lunch. Lunch will be provided to current OCI members at no cost. **Please RSVP by August 11th.**

November—Holiday meeting.



Events Calendar

August 4 and October 6, 2017—Friday Night Live, 927 6th Street, Boone, Iowa. 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm—dinner and tour at the Boone History Center (fee), 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm—beer garden and car show roll-in (sponsored by the Tall Corn Car Club), 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm—concert (rock music in August and October). Free to attend and participate! For more information visit www.facebook.com/fortestudiosevents or contact Forte Studios at battle@fortestudios.us or 515-309-1524.

August 5, 2017—360 Nationals Show & Shine 2017, National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum, 1 Sprint Capital Place (Highway 14), Knoxville, Iowa. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Free entry. Each vehicle registered receives two free tickets to tour the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum. All vehicle makes and models welcome. Drawings at 11:00 am, noon, 1:00 pm, and 2:00 pm for National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum Second Floor passes to the night's races. Winners will watch the night's races from the second floor air-conditioned viewing room. For more information contact Ron at 641-842-4015 or 641-218-0245 or rmsurgeon@hotmail.com.

August 11 and September 8—Northern Lights Center Classic Car Roll-In, corner of Wheeler Street and Grand Avenue, Ames, Iowa. 2nd Friday (May through September), 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All cars welcome. The event will be cancelled if it rains. For more information contact Ron at 402-681-7361 or ronaldvansteen_burg@yahoo.com.

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!

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.

August 19, 2017—4th Street Classic Car Show & Cruise, Fourth Street Historic District, between Virginia and Iowa Streets, Sioux City, Iowa. Show off your car and cruise the Sioux City loop, or just come on down and enjoy the view. We'll have live music and great food to enjoy at this family friendly event. Entry to the public is free. Visit Facebook (www.facebook.com/events/118840828677679/) for more information.

August 22, September 26, and October 24, 2017—Iowa Falls Hy-Vee Cruise Nights, 632 South Oak Street, Iowa Falls, Iowa. 4th Tuesday of every month (April through October), 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Events include car show, grill outs, and entertainment. For more information contact Bob at 641-640-0062 or Jim at 319-290-4117.

NEW
August 25, 2017—Classic Car Nights, Burger King, 2170 East 1st Street, Grimes, Iowa. 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Cool cars and food deals!

August 27, 2017—17th Annual Cruise to the Carousel Car Show, Heritage Carousel, Union Park, East 9th and Thompson, Des Moines, Iowa. Presented by the Rollin Relics Car Club (club members not in competition). Rain or shine. Registration—9:00 am to noon, voting—noon to 1:30 pm, awards—2:30 pm. Pre-registration \$15 until August 13th, day of show registration \$20. All pre-registered cars will be entered into a special \$100 drawing! Food, door prizes, auction, dash plaques to first 150 cars, and 50/50 drawings. Top 25 in each class (stock and modified), plus 10 special awards. Proceeds to benefit the Heritage Foundation. For more information contact Wendell Saunders at 515-988-6902, Cindy Covalt at 515-265-7197, or Ron Patten at 515-210-4027.

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 hy-

draulics, 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. Hosted by the Iowa Street Rod Association. Registration 8:00 am to noon. Fee \$15. Awards at 3:00 pm. Open to all makes/models/years. 20 awards in custom class, 20 awards in stock/original class, 2 awards in custom motorcycle, and 2 awards in stock motorcycle. 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 2, 2017—Norwalk's 2nd Annual Rod & Custom Car Show, Fellowship Community Church, 225 North Avenue, Norwalk, Iowa. This event is open to all ages and public. No admission is required, but we will have a donation collection if you are inclined to give. For information contact fccnorwalkcarshow@gmail.com.

September 3, 2017—Car Show, Madrid, Iowa. Registration form available soon. For more information visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MadridYearlyLaborDayCelebration/.

September 3-4, 2017—21st Annual Labor Day Cruise and Car Show, Iowa Falls, Iowa. Sunday afternoon cruise: gather 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the Fareway parking lot on Oak Street for a 70-90 mile cruise to "The Mill" (meal is on your own). When everyone is finished eating, we will cruise back to Iowa Falls together. Monday car show (rain or shine): registration 7:30 am to 11:00 am, awards at 2:30 pm. All proceeds going to local charities. Pre-register by August 15th for \$15 to be entered into a \$50 cash drawing, day of show registration \$20. Dash plaques for the first 250 entries. Door prizes and 40 category trophies. For more information visit www.sceniccitycarshow.com or call 641-373-1202 or 641-648-3362.

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. 8:00 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.

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NEW!

FOR SALE—1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass convertible. Yellow in color. Asking \$16,000. For more information contact AJ Johnson at Ajohnson@urbandale.org. (07/17)

NEW!

WANTED— A friend has just purchased a 1970 Cutlass convertible barn find



that has been a one owner and in unbelievable shape. He would like to get a Holmes Oldsmobile script for the trunk lid. If anybody out there has such, please contact me, Dennis Ruffridge at ruffda01@gmail.com. (07/17)

NEW!

FOR SALE—I have a couple of Oldsmobile 98 diesel sedans that I would like to go to an Olds person with interest in making one show and shine vehicle from the pair. I hate to send them to heaven. Contact Bob Watts at 515-989-0935, 515-822-3038 (cell), or bobldg@msn.com. (07/17)

NEW!

WANTED—1961 Oldsmobile Cutlass F-85 2-door body in fixable condition. I do not need an engine or transmission, and the interior is not that important as I have an interior shop. Just a body to start with. Please contact John Vetter at 515-231-3031 or jve37671@aol.com. (07/17)

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)

New Members

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

Jeff and Penny Boeckenstedt - Earlville, Iowa
1969 Cutlass Convertible