



# Rocket Capsule

## President's Note

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Hello everyone. I hope your summer is going well and you are having fun attending summer car shows and cruises. By the time you read this, we will be starting into early fall. As I write this article, we are having a week of 90+ degree days, this first week in September. Our normal or average high for the first week of September is 81 degrees. So we are enjoying an extra 10 degrees plus heat and high humidity.

Our August meeting at the Isle of Capri Casino and Hotel in Bettendorf, Iowa was a good time with a good turnout. We had a pleasant surprise of Susan Horsfall and her friend and co-worker grace us with their presence at the meeting. We really enjoyed seeing her getting out and enjoying the day with us. We had 19 people show up and enjoy the Calypso Buffet. I am 100% sure no one went away hungry.



After the meal, we toured the Isle Casino Hotel grounds and were shown where our show lot would be, which is on the east side of the North Tower Hotel Building. Everyone that makes a hotel reservation early in this 8 story building will get an east facing room that will look out over the show field. The North Tower building just finished receiving a complete room upgrade within this past year and the rooms are very nice.

The South Tower will be attached to the new casino building that is being built on the north and west side of the South Tower and south of the North Tower (basically between the two hotel buildings) which will be completed by spring 2016. This will be a nice building addition so that you do not have to be a River Boat gambler anymore. Best of all, this is all connected by sky walks just in case the weather was rainy, cold, blizzard, or all the above, which it will not be.



The OCI Members also got to see the banquet room and bar/lounge area outside the banquet room. In review, great rooms, great room view, trailer parking just past

the show field on the Casino grounds, and a new casino building. I don't think we could do any better.

Moving on to our September OCI Meeting at the **Pizza Ranch (4954 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Urbandale, Iowa)** which is being held in their meeting room, then lunch at Pizza Ranch and onto the Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge after lunch, will be a fun day. Please remember to bring you ID, as a photo ID is required to get onto the Camp Dodge Grounds. **The Gold Star Museum (7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Camp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa, Phone: 515-252-4531)** has been in our local Des Moines news this week, (Sept 1<sup>st</sup> through Sept 5<sup>th</sup>) in connection with the signing and recognition of the end of World War II. There were a number of events going on at the Gold Star Museum in Johnston, Iowa in recognition of veterans and events along with the official signing of the Japanese surrender on the USS Missouri. Of course, many older people and veterans remember the end of WWII as V-J Day, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1945.

One thing on the agenda for the September meeting is finalizing the OCI Christmas Party. Preliminary ground work for finding a location and date was done by Jan Nolting. Based on that location information supplied to the OCI Board, a date and location has been preliminary picked. The finalization of the Christmas Party location will be completed at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting all with the remaining items such as gift exchange, gifts by the OCI or not.

Steve Mestad  
OCI President

## *Car Collector Chronicles 08-15*

Be sure to check out the August, 2015 edition of "Car Collector Chronicles", published by Dave Yaros. It includes a nice article written about the 2015 Oldsmobile Nationals entitled, "They Came to Milwaukee". That article is followed by "Here Comes da' Judge", which is another good read about judging at the Nationals. The link to this publication is: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/273163001/Car-Collector-Chronicles-08-15>.

At the very bottom of the CCC newsletter, there is a tiny link called "More photos may be found here". Click on that link for a ton of photos from the Nationals. If you look hard enough, you may find a photo of our beloved President and his daughter Holly.



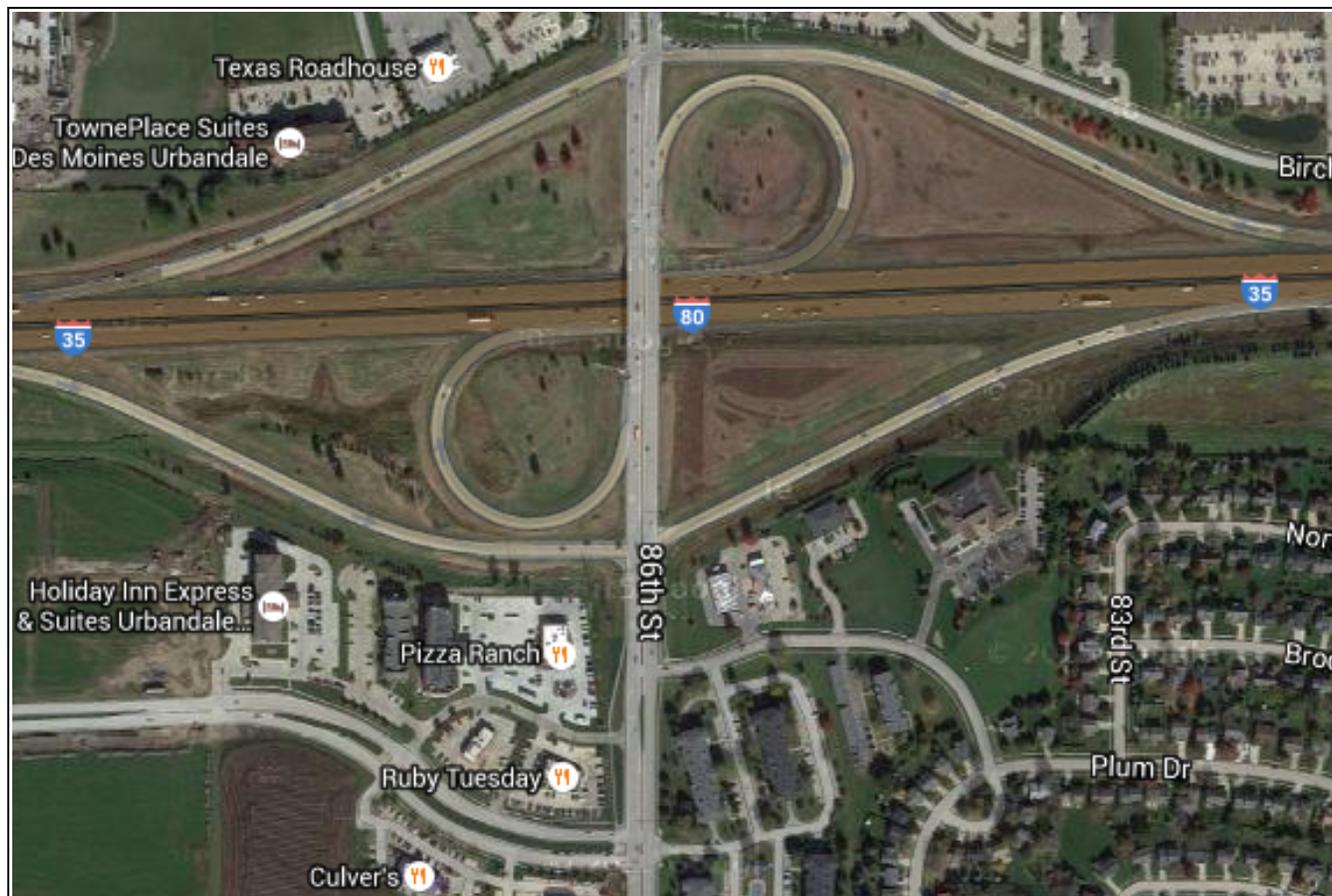
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## *Upcoming Meetings*

**September 26** - 11 am at the Pizza Ranch, 4954 86th Street, just south of I-80 and I-35, Urbandale, Iowa. Afterwards, we will tour the Iowa Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa.



# Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2015

Meeting held at the Isle of Capri Hotel and Casino in Bettendorf, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 1:25 pm by President Steve Mestad with 18 members and one guest in attendance. Present were Vice President Gary Knutson and Secretary Robert Stebbins.

- Robert Thompson made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes as written in the August newsletter, with a second by Gary Knutson. The motion passed unanimously.
- Steve Mestad gave the Treasurer's report: the Club is solvent. Gary Knutson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, with a second by Steve Duffy. The motion passed unanimously.

## Business

- Steve Mestad said he plans for this to be an abbreviated meeting so that we can tour the facilities. He hopes that everyone will pass on what they see and learn to others that couldn't be here.
- The September meeting will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. We will meet at the Pizza Ranch in Urbandale, which is just south of the 86<sup>th</sup> Street exit along Interstate 35/80. Afterwards, we will tour the Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge in Johnston.
- Lori Mestad talked about the Christmas party in November. We need to decide where to hold the party this year; possibly the Amana Colonies. Jan Nolting will check on meal options, prices, dates, and restaurant options.
- Peggy Dykes brought information about attractions in the Quad Cities area including the I-80 Trucking Museum, Channel Cat, Celebration Belle, and LeClaire, Iowa. Please take some brochures to distribute. Steve Mestad will send a packet of brochures to the Archway, Illinois, and Nebraska clubs. Information has already been sent to Wisconsin and Minnesota.
- Gary Gleason updated everyone on the 2016 Quad States. Gary and Jerry Dykes are the Co-Chairs for the show. Committees include:
  - Head Judge and Swap Meet Chair - Lynn Clark
  - Registration - Gary
  - Awards Banquet Co-Chairs - Jan Nolting and Vickie Stoltenberg
  - T-shirts and Trophies - Kenny and Connie Mizaur
  - Show Photographer - open
  - Security - Steve Duffy
  - Sponsorship/Advertisers - open
  - Parking - open
  - Tours - open
  - Transportation:
    - Channel Cat water taxi can serve many transportation needs.
    - We may hold an event Friday night on the Celebration Belle. The cost for a boat ride with a meal and dancing at the group rate would be just over \$46 per person. The cost with transportation from the hotel to the boat would be approximately \$55 per person. We could rent a school bus at a cost of \$285 for the day. It may be possible to get a cheaper rate for just a few hours.
- Ron Nolting made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Kenny Mizaur. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Stebbins

# Salute to Heroes

Hello OCA Chapters,

I hope this note is finding you all well. We are past another Nationals and it was a great success! I truly enjoyed meeting many of you in Wisconsin.

The reason that I am writing the OCA Chapters is for a special issue of the Journey with Olds that I am planning for May of 2016. While that is quite a bit in the future, I am hoping that with ample time, you can assist me.

The May issue will focus on Oldsmobiles and the Veterans who own them. The title for the issue will be: "A Salute to Heroes: Veterans & Their Oldsmobiles."

You may be wondering how the OCA Chapters can help...

I am asking that all of our OCA Chapters send me a list of those in their clubs that are Veterans or active duty service men and women. Along with their names, I would also like their rank and branch of the military and Oldsmobile/s that they own. It is my goal to capture as many of our heroes as possible. Your lists will be published in the May issue, by Chapter, for a very special thank you to the men and women who have served our country.

Please note: if you have a Veteran that does not wish to be listed that is absolutely OK, or if you have a Veteran that would like to be listed, but in name only... that is just fine too!

The OCA honors our member's privacy and is simply wanting to acknowledge and thank those who have, or are serving, in the Journey with Olds. Also, if you have a Veteran that is a Chapter member but not a member of the OCA, please include them!

You may be wondering why this issue... why such a big thank you...

My grandfather, uncle and father-in-law all served this country. I know the importance of their time and sacrifice. I feel that Veterans should be thanked and acknowledged and I hope you can all help me to do so in our club's magazine.

I will need the Chapter lists no later than March 2016. A simple word document is just fine, but please make sure to specify your chapter at the top of the list. Attached to this newsletter is a simple spreadsheet you are welcome to use as well.

If you, or one of your Chapter members have any questions about the May "Salute to Heroes" issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Thank you for your help, and thank you for all that your Chapters do for our great hobby!

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# Events Calendar

**September 18-19, 2015** - Fall 2015 Auto Parts Swap Meet, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa. Always the third weekend in September. Entire 3 block grass area north of the race track. For more information call 515-961-2800 or 515-249-1161 or visit [www.desmoinesautopartsswapmeet.com](http://www.desmoinesautopartsswapmeet.com).

**New! September 18-20, 2015** - River to River Retro Road Trip, Davenport to Council Bluffs on historic US Route 6, America's longest highway! No interstates, no chain restaurants, just Mom & Pops and two lane blacktop. Join us in Davenport on **September 17<sup>th</sup>** for a special Cruise the Ones event. For more information contact David Darby at [usroute6iowa@gmail.com](mailto:usroute6iowa@gmail.com) or 563-499-8211, find us on Facebook, or visit [www.usroute6iowa.org](http://www.usroute6iowa.org).

**September 19, and October 3, 2015** - Rollin' in the Oldies 2015 Summer Cruise-Ins, NorthPark Mall parking lot, 320 West Kimberly, Davenport, Iowa. 5:00 pm until over. Hosted by The River Valley Classics Car Club. 50/50 drawings, door prizes, 50-60's music, food, and fun. All 50/50 proceeds go to charities. October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a collection for Toys for Tots. For more information contact Jerry Dykes at 563-505-7788 or Danny Rabe at 563-570-3257.

**September 19, 2015** - 24<sup>th</sup> Annual All Chevy Car Show, Bob Brown Chevrolet, 3600 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Urbandale, Iowa. Open to all Chevy's and Chevy powered vehicles. Free entry, lunch, and dash plaque for the first 100 participants. Registration: 9:00 am to 11:00 am, participant lunch: 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, judging: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, awards: 3:45 pm. For more information call 515-278-7800.

**September 19-20, 2015** - Iowa All Breeds Jeep Show & 4x4 Event, Story County Fairgrounds, Nevada, Iowa. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. All Jeeps, military vehicles, Broncos, Scouts, K5s, Land Rovers, Toyota Land Cruisers & FJs, Unimogs, expedition, and safari vehicles welcome. Driving skills course, swap meet, retail vendors, RTI ramp, teeter totter, drawings/door prizes, kids activities, and RC cars course/demo. For more information call Larry at 515-708-0080 or email at [iacdc@hotmail.com](mailto:iacdc@hotmail.com) or visit [www.iowajeepshow.com](http://www.iowajeepshow.com).

**September 27, 2015** - 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Henry Gregor Felson Tribute, Valley Junction, West Des Moines, Iowa. All makes and models welcome. Pre-register online at [www.henrygregorfelsontribute.org](http://www.henrygregorfelsontribute.org) for \$20. \$25 registration day of show. Proceeds support scholarships for DMACC's automotive program. For more information email [hotrodholly@rocketmail.com](mailto:hotrodholly@rocketmail.com).

**October 11, 2015** - St. Thomas Aquinas 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show and Sock Hop, 1000 Des Moines Street, Webster City, Iowa. Car Show: 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Sock Hop Dance: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The winner gets a trophy and \$150, second place gets a trophy and \$100, and third place will get \$50. Winners announced at 5:30 pm. Also, the first 20 people who sign up will get a free gift bag! Donation/registration is \$5.00 per vehicle. For more information contact Samantha Hurt at [s.a.hurt@hotmail.com](mailto:s.a.hurt@hotmail.com).

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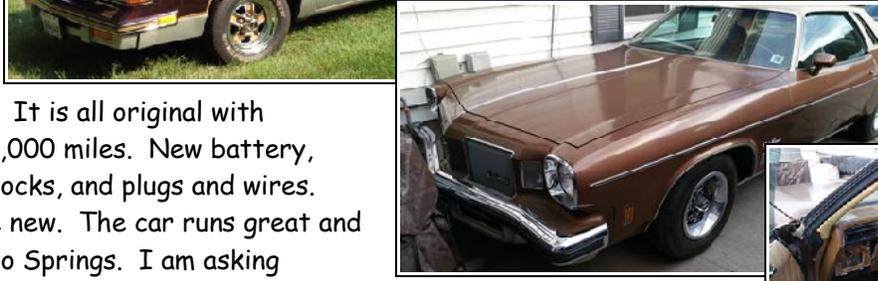
# Rockets & Parts

OCI members are allowed to place classified ads in the newsletter free of charge. Send your listing(s) to Robert Thompson or Robert Stebbins for inclusion in the newsletter. Please try to limit the size of your listing to 100 words or less per item. The editors reserve the right to edit all items for clarity and space.

**New!** **FOR SALE** - 1987 Olds Cutlass 442 T-top with under 40,000 miles. Power windows, locks, and seat. Owned by a retired Oldsmobile service manager. Very nice car with recent quality repaint by dealer body shop. No rust or body damage ever.  
Make offer.  
Contact Greg at 515-897-9663. (09/15)



**New!** **FOR SALE** - 1974 Olds Cutlass Supreme. It is all original with approximately 75,000 miles. New battery, front and rear shocks, and plugs and wires. The tires are like new. The car runs great and is located in Idaho Springs. I am asking \$6,000 or best offer. Call John Hager at 303-567-2097. (09/15)



**FOR SALE** - Estate car collection of Donald Saxton:

- 1977 Olds Cutlass Supreme Brougham, 2 door hardtop, 32,600 original miles, green with green interior. It is equipped with power steering, power brakes, power windows, air conditioning, etc. Beautiful car. Asking price \$10,000.
- 1975 Buick Le Sabre Convertible, around 46,000 miles. White with beige interior. Started to restore as engine and transmission are out of the car. Body is rough and needs some work. Asking price \$5,000.
- 1966 Buick Le Sabre Custom 400 series, 2 door hardtop, 63,000 original miles, maroon with black interior. It is equipped with bucket seats, power steering, power brakes, electric antenna, etc. Asking price \$9,250.
- 1951 Chevy Deluxe 2 door Sport Coupe. Original black exterior and original interior. Sheet metal is straight. Has not been started in several years. Good restoration project. Asking price \$4,500.
- 1951 Chevy Deluxe 2 door Fleetline. Original maroon exterior and original interior. Sheet metal is straight. Has not been started in several years. Great restoration project. Asking price \$4,500.
- 1951 Chevy Deluxe 4 door Fleetline Sedan parts car. Car is complete. Asking price is \$1,250.
- 1951 Chevy Deluxe 4 door Sedan parts car. Car is complete. Asking price is \$1,250.
- 1950 Buick Special Sedanette, 2 door. Original green paint and original interior. Motor and transmission is out of vehicle and apart. Sheet metal is straight. Excellent restoration project. I also have an identical complete parts car that would go with this vehicle. Asking price for both cars is \$6,000.



- 1926 Model T Coupe. Green body with black fenders. Vehicle was restored but starter and radiator was pulled off to be rebuilt. Very nice parade car. Asking price \$8,500.

Contact Bob Saxton at bobbersax@aol.com. (08/15)

**FOR SALE** - 1969 Oldsmobile Ninety Eight Convertible. V-8 455 engine. It has never been put on the market before now. Original owner, I have all paperwork including the original window sticker. 66,700 miles. Excellent condition.



Arizona car. Brand new tires. Air horns. Runs and drives great. \$29,998. Contact Jim at 602-524-6584. (08/15)



**FOR SALE** - 1936 Olds. I bought this car in Michigan in 2003 and drove it to Chicago at 50 mph. It's more an antique than refurbished with original interior which could use work. I bought it because it's almost exactly the same car my parents had when I was a kid. I have the insurance records for all the owners. I am the 8<sup>th</sup>. It's been in my garage the entire time. It's a black two door flat 6. Paint is good with some chips. No rust except the running board where the rubber came off. I'm asking \$6,500. I hope when you see it you fall in love as did I. The best way to contact me between July 8 and August 1 is via email; Chuck at chucksgood11@gmail.com. (08/15)



**FOR SALE** - 1986 Cutlass Supreme Brougham. 86,000 miles, T-Tops, full chrome rims, power steering, windows, door locks, 6-way power bench seat, V-6, shift on the column, dark blue with blue velour interior. 2<sup>nd</sup> owner. A/C needs charging. The O-rings may need to be changed out and recharged. Extra dash trim parts, emblems, and service manual to go with as the car was repainted 20 years ago. \$10,000 obo. Selling due to age. Contact Darcell Adams at 319-351-7415 or 319-430-3033. (08/15)

**FOR SALE** - 1988 Lincoln 4 door. 60,000 miles. Silver and tope color, gray interior. \$5,000 obo. Selling due to age. Contact Darcell Adams at 319-351-7415 or 319-430-3033. (08/15)

**WANTED** - I have a strange request and hope someone can help my wife and I. In 1956, we got married and owned a '51 Olds Rocket 88. 2 door with the post, not a hardtop, and was gray in color. I do believe it was a '51, but could have been a '50 or '52. My request is I would love to find a car like this that my wife and I could stand beside for a picture for our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, which is in April of 2016. We could travel many miles for this. We live in Mitchell, South Dakota now, but we got married in Eagle Lake, Minnesota, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1956 just before I left to ship out to France for 30 months. My wife joined me a few months later and left our '51 olds for my younger brother to use who lived in Fairbault, Minnesota and suppose he either sold it or junked it, we have no idea. I would really appreciate any help you might be able to help with. Any color close to a gray car would work. Main thing is that year and model and year area. Thanking you in advance for any help you might have to help me with. Lawrence (Larry) Griffith at 605-770-4936. Leave message if no answer, I will return your call. (05/15)