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Save the Dates!

- DUES FOR 2012 ARE OVERDUE. \$15 check to club box or use PayPal on website.
- Sun, Jan 15—Regular Club meeting at Kilroys in VA
- Sun, Feb 12—Regular Club meeting at Branded 72 in MD
- Sun, Mar 11—Regular Club meeting at Kilroys in VA

The Rocket Review Quarterly Holiday Leftover Edition

Happy New Year from the Capitol City Rockets. Inside check out some great fall events, as well as some “leftovers” from 2011 that didn’t make earlier issues. Right, Ron Smith, Allen Swim, and Jeff Neischel’s 70-72 Cutlasses look freshly serviced during our White Post Restorations tour.



President Joe Padavano’s New Year’s Message

I hope all CCR members and their families had a happy holiday season. Thanks to Denny Keys for hosting the CCR holiday party at his home in December. Now that Costo has bathing suits for sale (I am NOT making this up), it’s time to start thinking about the coming automotive season. After all, the first local swap meet of the year (the AACA meet on March 10th at the Howard County Fairgrounds) is only two months away! Cruise nights start in March and the CCR Dust-Off will be here before you know it.

Many people use the winter downtime to get their collector cars back in shape or to work on the next project. That’s tough if you don’t have a heated garage, but the recent unseasonably warm weather certainly helps. I’ve even seen

a number of convertibles driving top-down in the last week or so. These folks are definitely having fun with their automobiles!

Winter is also the time to catch up on on-line forums. There are a number of Oldsmobile-specific forums as well as more general ones. These forums are a great way to meet people with similar interests, find out technical info about your car, and buy or sell parts. I’ll caution you that it is very easy to spend way too much time participating, however. A few sites that I like to frequent are www.classicoldsmobile.com, www.442.com, www.hotrodders.com, forums.aaca.org, and www.oldspower.com. If you’ve not visited these sites before, spend a few minutes to check them out.

This is also the time that we start planning our club events for the coming year. We had several events last year that were well attended and quite successful. I’d like to send my belated thanks to Cory Correll, who singlehandedly puts together the All-GM meet in August. Last summer’s meet was another great success and Cory deserves the lion’s share of the credit for making it happen, especially with his neck surgery last year. The trip to White Post in November was also a great success and a lot of fun. Photos are elsewhere in this issue. It was enlightening to see the effects of the economy on what has been traditionally a high-end restoration shop. Where previously White Post had limited its business to six-figure total restorations, they have now started accepting
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*The Rocket Review
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**Keeping the Legend
Alive**



The Capitol City Rockets—Who We Are

The Capitol City Rockets is the Suburban Maryland, DC, Northern Virginia chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America. The Capitol City Rockets originated in 1989, and is currently operating in its 23rd year. We split monthly meetings (currently) between Kilroy's Bar and Grille off the Braddock Road exit of 495 in Northern VA and Branded 72 BBQ in Rockville, with one peer judged show co-hosted each year with the Metro Buick Club. The club currently consists of 47 members, 28 from Virginia, 14 from Maryland, 3 in Florida, and 1 each from DC and West Virginia. A membership form is located in the back of this newsletter. One need not own an Oldsmobile to join, and dues remain \$15 dollars per year, payable by November the 1st, either by check or using the PayPal button on our Hemmings.com website. Current membership in the Oldsmobile Club of America is a requirement of CCR membership, as we are required to submit club rosters to OCA for yearly insurance coverage for our events.

President's Message—Continued

partial restorations and smaller jobs just to keep the shop filled. I'm glad to see that they've adapted to the times.

On a final note, CCR dues for 2012 were due last November. This money is necessary to fund club events, so please renew if you haven't already. Your three payment options are in person at the next club meeting (Jan 15 at Kilroy's), by mail, or on-line using PayPal. The PayPal link on the CCR website (<http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/capitolcityrockets/index.htm>) is working again and has been used by several members already. The website is also a great place to get the dates for the 2012 meetings and events, back issues of the newsletter, and to see photos of club members' cars and prior club events. If your car isn't on the website, send digi-

tal photos to me and I'll get them uploaded. Best wishes for the new year and I hope to see you at the January meeting.
Joe Padavano

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Editor's Hershey Mini-

Report My friend Steve and I spent a gorgeous Thursday at Fall Hershey in October. I got a great deal on an Olds dealer flag, pole, and stand, as well as a few other "necessary" items. Steve visited with a Pontiac friend of his who is going to help him work on his 1931 Pontiac 6. Here are a few unique Oldsmobiles that we saw in the always awesome car corral. Other Olds for sale were a nice Ralleye 350, '83 H/O for \$7K & a beautiful '72 Pace Car.



This 1937 Olds could have been yours in the Hershey Car Corral this fall for \$8,500. It came with a "ton of spare parts," ran, and drove.



This 1908 REO Runabout 1 cylinder was restored in the 1950's and recently rebuilt. It was for sale for \$29,900 at Fall Hershey.

Sedona, AZ by Pink Jeep Tours—Scott Phillips



A spring trip to Arizona put us on the road through Oak Creek Canyon up to Sedona.

For our tenth anniversary this past year, I planned a trip to Scottsdale, Arizona for my wife and I. She had never been to the Southwest before and as our anniversary falls in early April, I figured it'd be a welcome respite from the cool spring here.

Having lived in Paradise Valley (northeast suburb of Phoenix) for a year in the early 90's, I had made the trek up to Sedona a few times—it's about a 2 hour ride up into the mountains, and there's a winding road up and out of Sedona that leads you to Flagstaff and onto the Grand Canyon.



The view from the highway—one word—spectacular. If you've never done it, you must go.

While the ride up from Phoenix is pretty much empty desert, it was a brisk sunny day (you don't get much else in the spring there!) as we rode up to Sedona from the Scottsdale Resort where we stayed for our 4 day weekend. (A quick aside—I booked the car rental, the hotel, the flight,

and the Pink Jeep Tour through Expedia as a package, and did it for an incredibly reasonable, hugely discounted amount.)

When you finally exit towards Sedona, the ride into the small, artsy town is surrounded by incredible vistas such as those you see here are worth the trip alone. As I mentioned, I booked the Pink Jeep Tour through Expedia. You can book private or small group, two or four hour, or day tours into the canyons surrounding Sedona.

We booked a 4 hour tour starting at 10 am, as I figured since we had limited time that we could see a lot of Sedona on the tour and then we'd head into Prescott for dinner. Our driver was a 9 year veteran of the company (which apparently is sort of an anomaly as he said he said the driving is hard on the body), who was very

knowledgeable about the area and the Jeep itself. The ride took us into the mountains to some stunning views as he pointed out geological formations and plant and animal life.

Of course, I was sort of fascinated by the Jeep. A lot of the trail was steep inclines and declines, over boulders and slippery slopes, and all kinds of potholes and divots. The driver said they keep a strict maintenance schedule on the highly modified Pink Jeeps—they are outfitted with the latest in off road lift kits, shocks and springs, but even at the slow operating speeds they still incur frequent damage.

An unexpected feature are the custom-made Mickey Thompsons. As you can see, the tire company gets some free advertising on the Jeep itself. This is a new partnership and our driver was very complimentary of the tires. He said the tires take a beating with the additional passenger weight and the rough roads and the Mickeys really hold up. Overall, it was a great trip, and I highly recommend the Pink Jeep Tour.



The Pink Jeep Tour takes a small group into the far reaches of the canyons of the Coconino National Forest. It's a rough ride!



The road sign said "Vehicle Damage is Possible." It's so common Pink Jeep contracts custom Mickey Thompson tires.



The Broken Arrow "Road" in the Coconino National Forest is co-managed by Pink Jeep Tours. It was a great part of our 10th anniversary trip to Arizona.

Aug Nostalgia Drag & Show @ Old Dominion Speedway



Jeff Neischel and Scott Phillips attended the “50 Years of Cars and Stars Volume 4 Reunion, Drag Race, and Car Show” at Old Dominion Speedway back on August 21. We ran into Bob Connors and a few other Olds owners as well.



The tough “Virginia Twister” funny car was on display in the pit area before running the 1/8th mile ODS track later in the day. The drags began at noon at the Manassas, VA strip and continued until it rained later in the day.

The car show is held in the interior of the oval track, which is a lot of fun as you get to drive the track in and out of parking for the show. They usually draw over 200 cars for the show, and there are some great hot rods there.



This 70's Cutlass, named “Precision Guess Work” was the most clearly Olds-powered, Olds bodied drag car we saw.



There were some great “stock shifter” class cars to look at in the drag races as well, including this plain jane Chevy with 409 badging and steelies.

CCR Had Nice Presence at Oct Rockville Show



James Wulmuther brought out his beginning of the modern V-8 era 1949 Futuramic 88. The long contour ending in the headlamps and the narrowly sculpted rear fenders with skirts gleamed in gray paint.



CCR “regulars” Marvin Jackson (‘78 98 Regency), Steve White (‘53 Super 88 sedan) and Cory Correll (‘66 Toronado) parked together up on the hill in the Capitol City Rockets sponsored Oldsmobile area of the Rockville Civic Center grounds.

The featured class this year at Rockville was the racing class. Pictured right is CCR treasurer Ken Quincy’s racing buddy Ken Fultz’s 2004 Protoform 3 Formula V racer. The cars are based on the old Volkswagen Beetle, including the air cooled 1200 cc flat 4 engine. It’s a tube frame chassis with fiberglass body wrapped around about 1000 lbs. and 62 HP.



This beautiful 1966 Ninety-Eight convertible was part of our Oldsmobile presence at the Rockville show. It was owned by Ron and Julie Siegrist of Towson, MD, and apparently was spared from a fire recently.



This is John Bassler’s extremely nice 1970 442 convertible. As you can see, this was one cleanly restored car.

Nov White Post Restorations Tour—Ron White



This was the first car we saw as we entered the shop, a one off Ford Model A racer from the early days.



This Vette represents a new trend at White Post, it was in for various minor repairs, not a restoration.



Quite an unusual restoration in a back bay at White Post, a military truck being taken back bolt by bolt to original equipment.

On November 6th, our club was given a tour of White Post Restorations in White Post, VA. The weather was beautiful. Our day started with lunch at Frontier Barbeque in White Post. We had 10 cars and 15 people in attendance.

Our tour guide was William (Billy) Raymond Thompson IV, the great grandson of the shop's founder. He is the fourth generation owner, along with his father, who goes simply by "WR".

White Post Restoration began business in 1940 as a two-man repair shop, repairing farm machinery and local cars. Today, they are a premier

restoration facility that is world renowned.

They currently have 14 employees and the space indoors for 60 vehicles. There were approximately 15 vehicles in various stages of restoration in the shop during our visit. The cars were ranging from a early Ford Model A race car to a mid 80's BMW. Billy shared the history of each vehicle they were working on. It made the tour very interesting. There were plenty of questions for Billy, which he happily answered. Areas of the tour included: body shop, paint area, interior area, and machine shop.

We even saw a storage building with "parts" cars and a large collection of antique bicycles.

The facility does complete brake system component restoration on calipers, master cylinders, boosters, and wheel cylinders. Complete frame off, nut & bolt restoration or partial restoration and mechanical work are available.

It was a great event with a good turnout that was enjoyed by all.

Editor's Note: Thanks, Ronnie, for setting up the tour and being such a great host!



The front of White Post Restorations, in business over 70 years in the little village of White Post, VA, named for a white marble marker from Colonial times.

Sun, Nov 6th White Post Restorations Tour



Our tour began with a great lunch at family owned Frontier BBQ on Route 340 just past White Post, VA



We had a nice cruise out from our Leesburg meeting spot on a crisp, sunny day to meet up with the Smiths.



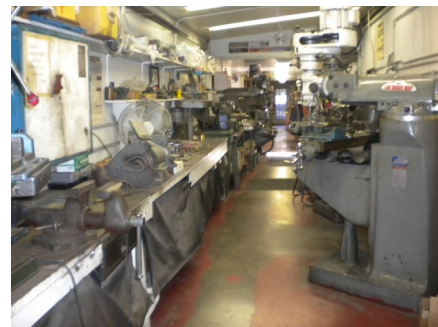
Our WPR tour guide was Billy Thompson, who is answering Jim McCormack's question as other CCR listen.



Joe Padavano checks out some of the scores of automotive memorabilia that surround the restorations in progress.



This is 1/5 1956 Chrysler limos being restored for a customer in the Middle East. Only about 150 were made.



Members drooled over the machine shop, with pretty much anything anyone would need to fabricate or restore.



Billy said he was just plain tired of doing the body work and painting doors like these for all those limos!



This awesome Hudson with custom top was originally restored at WPR and was back in for some carb & trim work



We ended the tour in the rear garage, where this Lincoln Continental with suicide doors awaits being shipped out

2012 Capitol City Rockets Calendar/Treasurer's Report



Capitol City Rockets Tentative 2012 Calendar:

- Sun, Jan 15, 1:30 pm—regular meeting at Kilroy's in VA
- Sun, Feb 12, 1:30 pm—regular meeting at Branded 72 in MD
- Sun, Mar 11, 1:30 pm—regular meeting at Kilroy's in VA
- Sat, Apr 14, 12-4 pm—annual Spring Dust Off Cruise @ STAR Buick GMC in Leesburg
- Sun, May 20, 1:30 pm—regular meeting at Branded 72 in MD
- Sun, June 10, 1:30 pm—regular meeting at Kilroy's in VA
- Sun, July 15, 1:30 pm—regular meeting at Branded 72 in MD
- Sat, Aug 11, 9 am—3 pm—All GM Show at Montgomery College in Rockville, MD

TENTATIVE CCR CALENDAR

- Sun, Sept 9, 1:30 pm—regular meeting at Kilroy's in VA
- Sun, Oct 14, 1:30 pm—regular meeting at Branded 72 in MD
- Sun, Nov 11, 1:30 pm—regular meeting at Kilroy's in VA
- Dec holiday party TBD

Want to know more about local car cruises and upcoming shows? Check out www.capitalcruisin.com (Click on our logo and it will take you to our newly updated Hemmings.com website.)

Treasurer's Report—Ken Quincy

CCR Treasurer's Report as of 1-7-12

Balance 12-5-11: \$3127.92

Income:

Dues: \$165.00

Total Income \$165.00

Expenses:

2012 All GM Show Awards: \$68.44*

Postage: \$39.28

VA Corporation Registration: \$25.00

Dec bank charge: \$2.00

Total Expenses: \$134.72

Balance as of 1-7-12: \$3,158.20

* Purchased future show antique gas pump models

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Classified ads are free to chapter members. We take cars, parts, services, anything. Submit your typed or printed ad to the Chapter PO box, marking it ATTN: ROCKET REVIEW, or simply email the editor at sphillips16@msn.com. You may run your ad for up to 3 issues at a time. Ads must be resubmitted for reprinting after that time, and please let Scott know if you wish to discontinue the classified ad due to sale of the parts or car.

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- **Misc 1970-72 Cutlass/442 parts**, incl. core supports, 455 engines, etc. Contact Mark Levine at marklevine@thepromotouch.com or Owen Griesemer at 240-357-5696, email ogriesemer@comcast.net
- **Lionel Trains**—Early to mid-50's Lionel train set for sale. Freight station, cattle stockyard, water tower, operating signal bridge, twin diesel locomotives and many cars, etc, most in original boxes. Would like to sell as a complete set. Contact Paul and Robin Okerblom at 410-726-3411.
- **1970 Opel GT 1900**—original owner with title, bill of sale, and manuals. 48 kilometers on car (car spent some time in Germany in 70's). Always garaged. Very original, rust free vehicle. Runs well, driven regularly. Has 1972 Opel Manta 1.9 liter in it, original engine goes with sale, along w/ OEM caps and trim rings. Original 4 speed. New wiring, nice repaint to factory metallic blue (white interior). Original GM tag beneath rear window. Keep this rare survivor in the GM family. \$10,500 obo. Owner lives 2 doors down from Scott Phillips. Contact Scott at 703-858-5752 or sphillips16@msn.com if interested.



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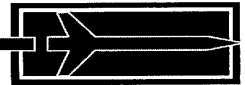
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