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Capitol City Rockets—Olds Club of America  
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## *The Rocket Review Quarterly* *Spring Edition 2020*



Pretty great lineup of club member GM's at the March meeting at Hard Times Café in Rockville. We had great 'winter' weather for both the Feb and Mar meetings. Future club gatherings are on hold as we practice social distancing in the wake of Corona virus taking hold in our area.

### Save the Dates!

- **Sat, April 18, Spring Dust Off, 3-6 pm—CANCELED.** Stay tuned for a club cruise once we are in the clear for get togethers.
- **May meeting, tentatively scheduled for May 3rd—CANCELED.**
- **Sun, June 14—Regular Club meeting at Killroy's, 12:30 pm.**

### *Vice President's Message—Cory Correll*



Just a short update from your V.P. I can't tell you anything you don't already hear on the news daily. As of today, looks like many of our 2020 events are cancelled, except maybe some of our fall events. Our annual August All-GM show never received

approval from Montgomery College, even though I applied in early February. Normally at this time I'm finishing up flyers, postcards & advertising. As of now the college is closed through the summer. The only national clubs that seem at this time not to have canceled their National events are the Pontiac Oakland and the Oldsmobile Club of America. Thus far, the OCA Zone Meet, which is to take place in Morgantown, PA the weekend of August 20-22 is still on. Maybe things will get suddenly better in several months, we shall see. Stay well!

—Cory

## Capitol City Rockets Info

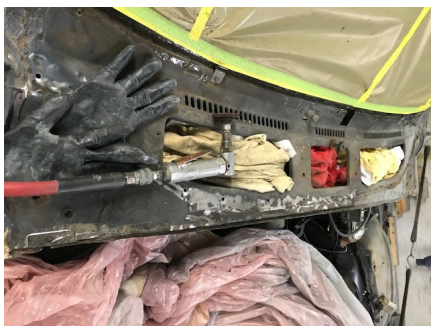
*The Capitol City Rockets is the Suburban Maryland, DC, and Northern Virginia chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America. The Capitol City Rockets originated in 1989, and is currently operating in its 31st year. We split monthly meetings between Kilroy's Bar and Grille off the Braddock Road exit of 495 in Northern VA and the Hard Times Café in Rockville, MD, with one peer judged show co-hosted each year with the Metro Buick Club. The club currently consists of over 50 members, from Virginia, Maryland, Florida, and even 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 rosters to OCA for yearly insurance coverage for our events.*

(Below, Left) Rest in Peace, long time CCR member Steve White. Steve passed away on March 5th. Folks in the club knew his impeccably restored 1953 Super 88 Sedan (Below Right). Steve once told me that growing up in the 1950's in Modesto, CA, he had a Studebaker he thought was pretty great, and pulled up to race a 'Rocket Olds,' and got his doors blown off! He thought to himself, "I've got to get one of those," and so he did. Steve enjoyed cars period. As his obituary said, "Anyone who knew Steve knew he had an enthusiastic love of cars. Racing them, working on them, going to car shows and events, and collecting them...This circle of 'car' people was always growing and he cared deeply for many of them." We often saw Steve with his wife Judy by his side at our events, and he will be remembered fondly by the Capitol City Rockets.





## *1969 Olds F-85 Sports Coupe Body Work and Paint*



The cowl area can sometimes be a nemesis on this model. As you can tell here and to the right, this 50 year old cleaned up nicely.



We were concerned about damage under the rear bumper as well, but just found surface rust.



It was interesting how the initial sanding brought the original blue to the surface—again, solid panels.



An area we addressed with welded patch panels were the heel of the front fenders.



We wanted to preserve the original front fenders, and so this is what one looked like post patch.



A lot of these cars have the quarters replaced. Ours just needed dents and dings removed, and...



Some work beneath the body line on both sides about 6" behind the rear wheel needed a welded patch



We were really pleased about how the doors fit—a Fusick hinge repair kit and the sag was gone.

Holden and Carter Phillips, at ages 16 and 17 the youngest CCR members, loaded up their co-owned '69 F-85 Sports Coupe to get its body work and paint done at a shop near Indiana, PA in mid-January. We are hoping for a spring return.



Pictures by Holden Phillips



## *'69 F-85 Sports Coupe 'Mud Wasp' Paint & Body*



One of the “must haves” requested by the Phillips boys (along with hood stripes) was a rear wing. Here, we are using the chassis manual specs to align it.



Any area that was unpainted got Metal Ready and POR15 treatment, you can see here on the underside of the hood and inside the fenders.

While visiting the shop where the '69 is currently quarantined, I got a full look at the potential that it possessed as it was the first time I'd seen it look so clean. I fell in love with the car all over again when my dad put the spoiler on it, making it that much harder to leave it for another two months. I am very excited to see it with a clean paint job on it, gleaming in the sun. Also while at the shop we put a lot of work into the (previously damaged) front driver-side fender, twisting, bending, and welding it so that it would fit cleanly and so the lines would be straight and sharp, making me appreciate the finished product even more.



A preview of the DuPont original Trophy Blue on the trunk jamba. We matched it to the OEM spare tire, and it looked good, but you never know until it goes on. It's pretty, for sure.



By Holden Phillips

Carter, to left, is carefully restoring emblems using Fusick 'Olds Red.' Holden, to right, is polishing headlight trim in between helping with panel alignment.





## Winter Club Meetings and 2020 Odds and Ends



I've been looking QuickJacks for years. I have a 20x20 suburban garage with normal electrical. Pretty simple assembly and works great with my low ceiling. 2 height settings with lock mechanism makes it safe.



Cool pic of Guy Steven's '68 442 as we exited the February meeting at Kilroy's. We had a big crowd and it was a great day to get the Olds out.

We had some amazing weather this winter on club meeting days (remember when it was 'okay' to gather with other people?). I wanted to take a minute to tout the QuickJack I finally purchased. I bought mine when Costco advertised it for \$999 back in December. (Lists for \$1199 this month in "Online Only" catalog.) It basically consists of two heavy, long scissor platforms with small wheels on one end for moving them about. Doable, but not super easy. Hydraulic fluid lines run from an electric pump to raise/lower the 2 lock system to a max height of 26" and hold up to 5000 lbs. Line assembly required. Hard, moveable rubber blocks protect your frame.



Lock cylinders, like these from the doors of our '69, are stamped with a code for re-keying. Ours also needed a little lube, and now turn freely. Joe P owns the key cutting tools.



One owner, 40K mile purchase in '96 in Utah, here's an earlier pic of Owen's FB Espirit, which he's transformed into a Formula 455. Muncie Wide Ratio 422 and 12 bolt 3:55 Posi round out the drive train.



Scott Phillips, Editor



Owen Greisemer's '72 Firebird at March meeting. 400 stroked to 467 ci, 455HO heads, intake, and exhaust, Ram Air, 4 speed, Black w/Burgundy interior. Wow.

## 2020 Capitol City Rockets Treasurer's Report/Events



Ken Quincy's  
Corner—CCR  
Treasury Report

### CCR FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF 2-8-2020

Balance as of 1-11-2020 \$2,832.18

#### Income

Dues \$ 60.00

Total Income \$ 60.00

#### Expenses

Bank Service Charge 2.00

Total Expenses \$ 2.00

Balance as of 2-9-2020 \$ 2,890.18

No change as of the March statement.

### Proposed Club Calendar/Shows 2020

(all meeting times 12:30 pm)

**Apr 18** - Dust-Off - Canceled.

**May 3** - Hard Times - Canceled.

**Jun 14** - Kilroys (Tentative)

**Jul 12** - Hard Times (Tentative)

**Aug 8** - All-GM Show - Note that this is the weekend after OCA Nationals and two weeks before the proposed Zone Meet in PA. (ON HOLD CURRENTLY)

**Aug 20-22**—OCA Zone Meet—Morgantown, PA. See draft flyer in this issue.

**Sep 13** - Kilroys

**Oct 11** - Hard Times

**Nov 8** - Kilroys (Tentative, pending other event)

**Dec 13** - Holiday Lunch (Tentative)

#### Other dates to keep in mind:

**“Spring” Carlisle** - Rescheduled to May 27-31.

**OCA Nationals** - Jul 28-Aug 2

**Fall Carlisle** - Sep 29-Oct 4

**Rockville Show** - Oct 17



# CCR Classifieds

## CLASSIFIEDS :

- ♦ 1968 455 engine with "C" heads; \$450; 1971 455 engine with matching Turbo 400 trans, \$750; restored set of four 14x7 SS II wheels with bolt-on center caps, no trim rings, \$325. Contact **Owen Griesemer, 240-357-5696.**

## From Mike Stillwell:

- ♦ **NOS Items:** Driver side, side view mirror. I was told it was a 65 A-body, but it looks like it is 66 full size mirror. In original box with all instructions. Group # 10.185 – Part # 1#230277 (not sure if the part number is as written or just 230277, I don't have a parts book to identify) \$175
- ♦ **NEW REPRODUCTION ITEMS:** AAC carpet set for 1965 Cutlass/442 floor shift automatic 2 door dark blue in color \$105 - current Y1 price \$159

Package Tray PSA64DBL dark blue\* \$30 - current Y1 price \$46

\* Not same shade dark blue as Olds Cutlass interior

Headliner with covered sail panels white basket weave \$85 - current Y1 price \$135

All above items are new, never installed Year One restoration parts just opened the boxes to take pictures.

- ♦ **USED ITEMS:** Used cut out auto trans floor hump \$50. - Good for converting column shift to floor shift; Floor shift steering column, \$100
- ♦ 1966 Olds Tri-bar wire wheel covers – Better than driver condition, \$175
- ♦ 1970 Cutlass/442 sport mirrors, not perfect, \$200

Shipping is extra on all items and the package tray box will require oversized shipping cost. The carpet box might have a heavy weight charge added also. Pictures available upon request Contact: **fleetsuper @msn.com** All prices are negotiable, best reasonable offers considered. Other '65 Cutlass/442 parts available, send me a list

- ♦ **2014 Stehl Tow Tow Dolley:** Great condition. Garaged. New Hitch, great tires and ramps. New wiring harness. Towed my car to Bristol, TN Nationals on it. \$700 or best offer. Contact **Scott Phillips at philips16@msn.com** or call **571-233-5193.**



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*THE CAPITOL CITY ROCKETS is a chartered chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America, Lansing, MI. Chapter dues are \$15.00 per year. Current OCA membership is required.*

### Chapter Officials

*President.....Joe Padavano  
Vice-President.....Cory Correll  
Treasurer.....Ken Quincy  
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Newsletter Editor.....Scott Phillips  
.....spbillips16@msn.com*

### Chapter Advisors

*Toronado.....Ask Ken Quincy or Cory Correll  
1961-63 A-Body.....Scott Phillips  
1964-65 A-Body.....Mike Stilwell  
1968-72 A-Body.....Joe Padavano  
1973-77 A-Body.....Gary Sutherlin  
1978-80 A-Body.....Michael Coxen, Joe Padavano*

*Performance V8 Tech Dick Miller Racing, (901) 794-2834  
dmracing1@aol.com*

### Bevan Allen Memorial Service Award Recipient

*2000: Denney Keys  
2001: Michael Coxen  
2002: Mike Stilwell  
2003: Dick Brown  
2004: Cory Correll  
2005: Scott Phillips  
2006: Mike "Hitch" Stilwell  
2010: Joe Padavano  
2013: Gary Sutherlin  
2014: Mike Scott and Margaret Straubinger*

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**CAPITOL CITY ROCKETS**

**CHAPTER OF THE OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF  
AMERICA**

→ **NEW**

→ **RENEWAL**

**OCA #** \_\_\_\_\_ **OCA EXP. DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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**LIST OLDSMOBILES CURRENTLY OWNED:**

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### SEND NEW MEMBERSHIPS TO:

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**ATTN: NEW MEMBERS**

**P.O. Box 4244**

**ASHBURN, VA 20148**

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**CCR RENEWALS**

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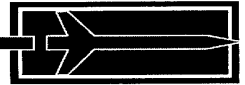
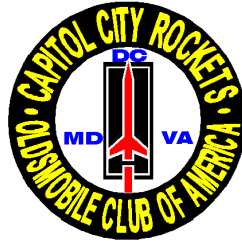
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