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Rockets Invade the Nashville SuperSpeedway! As part of the Olds Club of America National Show this July 6-10, members could opt to take laps on the (nearby to the host hotels) Nashville SuperSpeedway where the Ally 400 is run. Cars were segregated by year spans, led by a pace car, and got to fly around the track a few laps. More updates from the OCA Nationals are inside this issue.

Save the Dates!

- **Sat, Aug 13th - Annual All GM Show. Visit www.capitolcityrockets.com to register.**
- **Sun, Sept 11th— 12:30 pm MD Meeting, location TBD**
- **Sun, Oct 9th— 11:00 am Meeting @ Eagle Ridge MS**
- **November Meeting TBD based on Annual trip to White Post Restorations**

All GM Show Preview—Cory Correll, VP

We want to invite everyone & their friends to this August 13th All-GM Show featuring the GM Class of 1968 vehicles on the dash plaques, awards, and tee shirts. Some of us old-timers remember the new '68 models when they debuted in the fall of 1967 with an all new Cutlass & Corvette body style. Back in the day it was a big deal every fall to spy the new models being trucked into the dealerships.



We have great food and vintage music and vehicles that always surprise us as we never know who is going to bring what. Eagle Ridge Middle School will be open with air conditioned restrooms and a cooling center in the cafeteria, as well as food trucks during the day, and the Eagle Ridge PTA sponsoring breakfast. The lot has good shade, and last year worked out just great. For two decades we were using a venue in Rockville, MD and now have moved south. We hope to see as many from Virginia and surrounding areas as possible. It's a fun car party (we give trucks awards too) so come on out! Rain or shine!

Cory
Show Chair

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 33rd year. We split monthly meetings between Eagle Ridge Middle School in Ashburn, VA and various sites in Rockville, with one peer judged show co-hosted each year with the Metro Buick Club. The club currently consists of over 60+ members from Virginia, Maryland, DC, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Florida, and West Virginia. A membership form is located in the back of this newsletter. One need not own an Oldsmobile to join, and dues are \$20 dollars per year, payable each year, either by check or using the PayPal button on our 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 event insurance coverage.

Editor's Note: (Post) Pandemic school leadership has been tough on me! I skipped a Spring issue, and surely missed some pictures, requests, or events. Please feel free to email me any and all things of interest to you as members. I tried to capture as much of this past 6 months club activity as I could. My sincere apologies! —**Scott**

OCA Nats Notes 2022

July 9th General Meeting of Members:

- ◆ A **Richmond/VA Beach** area club being proposed.
- ◆ **Treasurers Report:** OCA has taken over event planning for the National meets to save money. Revenues dropped last year after website updates were not going out for dues reminders, and they have caught up with that this winter. Lost 30k the past two years, but with dues increased and followed up, they are only about 1k behind this year. Need about 200k a year to run the club, we've been taking in about 170k. OCA currently has a bit over 4400 members.
- ◆ They are always seeking **new members**. New—a Red sticker on JWO to remind you to renew. 48K people follow the Facebook group, and OCA wants to pursue membership through that. The issue is that people feel like since they belong to the Facebook group, they are in the OCA, which is not accurate. They want to give the local clubs a few free memberships to distribute through OCA.
- ◆ **Ideas:** Print out applications and put in cars at local shows. Market through small model year FB groups. Work in progress class for those that don't want to show because their car isn't finished. Notify local media about show to cross promote. Post to YouTube channel. Visit Site forums.
- **2023 National Show :** No decision yet. Northeast show is likely - Dayton, Erie, Buffalo, or Indy in play.

Panoramic from the August 2021 All GM Show below.



White Post Restorations Tour—Ronnie Smith

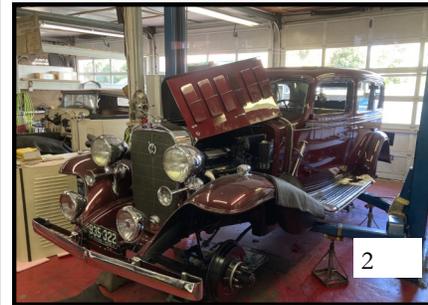
Our annual tour of White Post Restorations resumed this year, our 11th year after missing last year. The club met on November 13th, first at Mission BBQ in Winchester for lunch, followed by the short drive to WPR in White Post. Only 2 Oldsmobiles made it, with rain in the first half of the day probably keeping some cars in their garages. 8 members and 4 guests were in attendance. This was the smallest group we've had for this event, but a good size for the tour so everyone could hear our guide, Billy Thompson IV. WPR has been in business since 1940. They started out repairing farm machinery, then branched out to the car restoration business. They are known around the world as a leading car restoration facility. They also perform restoration services for brake components, including wheel cylinders, master cylinders, boosters, valves, and also relined brake shoes.

Currently there are 18 cars in the shop. Some are here for minor repairs to get them back on the road, others for a full ground up concourse restoration if requested. Business has been very good for car restoration during Covid. Cars include a 1955 Cadillac convertible (1) and a 1932 Cadillac 370 B V12 (2), both owned by the Crown Prince of Bahrain. The Prince usually has at least two cars from his collection undergoing full restoration here at WPR, and when they are completed he sends two more. The 55 was waiting for its fifth top to arrive. The previous four did not fit correctly for a concourse level finish.

For the Ford, Lincoln, Mercury fans there was a 1964 Galaxy 500XL, a 1966 Cyclone Comet(3), and a 1972 Lincoln Continental 2dr convertible, 1/74 (4). They were custom built by a company owned by a former Ford employee. Foreign cars included a 1971 Jaguar and a 1970 Lamborghini Espada (5), both owned by a collector of V12 powered cars. Also in the shop was a 1970 Mercedes 280SL, 1967 VW Beetle, and a 1964 Porsche 356. The 356 was undergoing a concourse restoration for a Porsche collector in Arizona. The car was in the spray booth where it had just had its paint color sanded to a final grit of 5000 and awaiting final polish.

Other cars included a 1932 Cadillac convertible owned by a local TV meteorologist from the DC area, a locally owned 1963 Cadillac station wagon with an Olds Vista Cruiser roof that was special ordered "coach built" by the Rockefeller family, and it is believed to be the only one left of 4 made. A "numbers matching" 1956 Corvette was brought in for a ground up restoration. Once it was disassembled it was found to have a 1958 frame and rear axle along with some incorrect engine parts, which WPR located and installed. For "drivable repairs," a rare 1929 Chrysler "75" Roadster convertible, which was sold new in Argentina, featuring a right hand drive setup built in England, was brought in by the original owner's son. A 1967 Corvette convertible was here for a new paint job, and a recently completed 1954 Chevy was awaiting pickup by the owner. The newest car in the shop was a 2005 Morgan in for some brake work and minor repairs. The oldest car was an 1918 Kline Kar, the only one left in the world, originally built in Richmond. The Kline Motor Car Company started in York, PA, and moved to Richmond in 1912. It is owned by the Virginia Museum of History & Culture. Currently four new fenders are being fabricated for it. You can see the hand made plywood buck in the photos to hand form the new fenders. The museum sent it to WPR for completion. The car does not need to run when finished, as it will be a museum piece.

We finished the tour by looking at all the cars waiting in their storage building for space to open up in the shop. Currently the storage building is full. One car waiting on a full restoration was a 1963 Split Window Corvette, still owned by the retired Navy pilot who purchased it. If you are interested in coming this year, our annual tour usually takes place in early November. Happy Motoring!



CCR Tour of White Post Restorations—



This 1963 Cadillac was coach built by GM for the Rockefeller family and is believed to be the only one left of 4 made.



Billy Thompson IV led the smaller tour this past year, here checking out a '64 Ford Galaxie 500 XL.



1929 Chrysler 75 Roadster Convertible was sold new in Argentina, is right hand drive, and was brought in by the original owner's son.



This 1971 Jaguar has been in since last year and is on it's way to being done.



The "numbers matching" '56 Corvette, dual carb setup and black paint over white coves.



This 1956 Porsche 356 was in from Arizona for a complete concourse restoration. Final polishing awaits!



1967 VW Beetle convertible, proving that yes, even originally moderately priced cars get restored at WPR.



You can see here the plywood buck being used to handform fenders for the 1918 Kline Car.



This '63 Split window was waiting with several others in a packed barn for a full restoration.

It was a much smaller turn out than we've had in the past for our return to White Post, but it turned out to be a great day, especially for those that made it. Club members are pictured in front of Terry Rose's '68 442. That's Ronnie, who lives nearby and arranges the tour each year, far right.



Pictures/article by Ronnie Smith

CCR Spring Dust Off/ Spring Carlisle Highlights



Here's Terry Rose's really nice '68 442 he brought out to the Sunday morning Leesburg Cars and Coffee.



Bud Woltz brought his kids and this 1987 442 he's been working on all the way from Gettysburg!



We had a nice lineup of 68-72 A Bodies, and Bud's '87 finished the line off.



A pretty good showing by club members for a chilly day, 9 altogether if recollection serves.



Hoods were up on Guy's 455, my 250, and Jeff's 350 power plants, demonstrating Olds variety.



This '71 442 convertible with Ram Air and 4 speed 1/183 built was on the auction floor at Spring Carlisle.



We love the live auction at Carlisle, a much more reasonable/smaller Barrett Jackson. Above was advertised as a 2 owner '53 88.



You see some great and unusual cars for sale. Above a '77 Hatchback Omega, 6 cyl auto with the original tent for the hatchback!



There were a lot of Oldsmobiles for sale, including this very nice 1964 Dynamic 88 sporting a new convertible top.

Here's the line of CCR member cars at the Spring Dust Off. Though this day was cold and windy, it's become a reliable cruise to see great cars, Sunday mornings 9-11 am at the Leesburg Public House, which provides a food truck



Pictures/captions by Scott Phillips

Hagerstown, Winchester, Sully Show Highlights



The April 30th Saturday Night Hagerstown Mall cruise was packed, as you can tell from the background of this 1984 Hurst Olds.



The Blue Gray and Delaware Valley Olds clubs have a pretty strong group of Rallye 350's, and this one was out for an early spring run to Hagerstown.

Late spring and early summer saw some prime cruising and show events for the members of the Capitol City Rockets. At top you'll notice a few nice Olds from the Hagerstown Mall Cruise. It is held in Hagerstown, MD behind the mall every Saturday night. We headed up there as a group on April 30th, and there were over 400 cars in attendance. When the weather is good, it's a great cruise as it is right in the corner between 81 and 70, and so cars from several states come down. Unfortunately, the Fairfax City show in early May got rained out, but a few of us headed out to Winchester, VA to the 540 Car Show at the BackSeat Bar and Grille – food was great, parking was insane—but great cars that we don't usually see that often. The Sully Father's Day show in Chantilly, VA was back this year and drew over 390 cars. Weather was perfect and there were great cars in attendance.



When the parking lot had finally begun to thin out at the 540 Car Show in Winchester, Guy Steven's '68 442 and our cars got in.



Jim McCormack showed his 1969 Cutlass Convertible at the Sully Historical Site Show this past Father's Day. You can see the original Sully house in the background.



One of the more interesting Oldsmobiles at the show was this 1960 Super 88 Sedan, shown by Steve Jancich out of Herndon, VA.

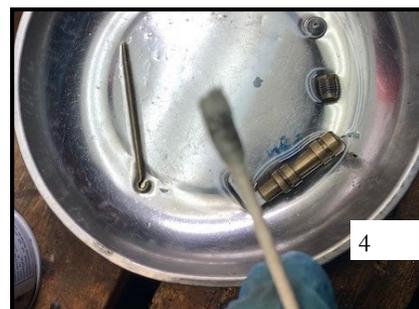
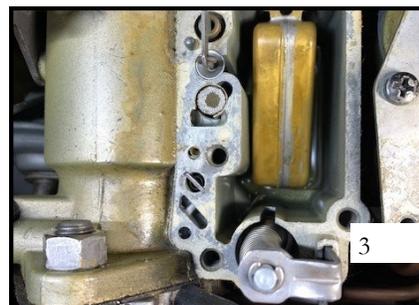
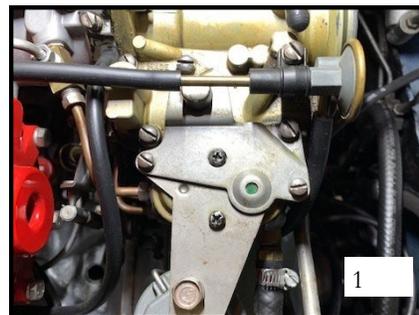
62-63 Single Barrel SideDraft Rochester Rebuild

A Jetfire Trial and Error Performance Conversion

When I had my new valve guides installed in my heads on the 1962 “Jetfire” 215 turbocharged V-8 in 2017, (I had originally rebuilt the entire motor in 2009 at NVCC), I decided to have a “refresh” done on the turbo, carb, and methanol injection systems that mount to the unique Jetfire intake. Unfortunately, while the post-rebuild performance of the car in the mid-range was vastly improved by the installation of a more “turbo friendly” custom ground Crower cam and the renewed parts, it always had a “tip in” hesitation that I couldn’t seem to cure. This made it slower off the line than I’d like and frankly, was pretty hard on the clutch.

After consulting with a few key Jetfire friends at the 2021 OCA Nationals in TN, and especially with Eric Jensen, whose ’62 Jetfire was recently featured on *Jay Leno’s Garage* on YouTube (the video has almost a million views and is terrific), I decided to combine my ’62 Rochester with some components of the ’63 update to see if I could even it out, and do a partial rebuild at the same time. I figure that while this is a Rochester unique to the Jetfire model, and it’s a single barrel, some of what I’m going to point out here will apply across 2 and 4 barrel set ups as well.

What you’re looking at in Photo 1 to the right is the sidedraft carburetor—it’s the gold lid to the top of the picture, and you can see how it orients to the red turbo to the left edge and the meth injection unit in silver to its front. Photo 2 illustrates the slight difference in the 63 lid (to left) and the 62—centered is a riser on the left that limits puddling of fuel on the 63 model. Photo 3 is an inside shot of the float, and to the very top center is the power piston and needle that centers in the single jet for this single barrel carb. Photo 4 shows needle (to left), power piston (bottom right) and jet (the threaded part to the right), and the little silver centering cup that keeps the needle in the jet. The jet on the ’63 is slightly larger than the ’62, again providing a little more fuel under load. The needle, if I recall, is also altered slightly in the ’63. I put the QTip there purposely to show how dirty the parts got, especially the power piston, which when it gets stuck due to ethanol residue or a too rich condition, robs you of power. There is a little spring that fits inside the power piston that is not shown. **Tip**—the jet is brass and soft, and you don’t want to score the walls where the power piston slides up and down when removing it. I modified a screwdriver just for this purpose (see Photo 6). Photo 5 shows the new gasket in place, and my finger on the power piston to ensure the spring action is freed up now that it is clean. Photo 7, unfortunately is where I am stuck currently—the hesitation is gone, but it’s now getting too much fuel and fouling the plugs (and the slow idle system), so stay tuned as I sort that out... - Rocket On, Scott



OCA Nats Part 2 in Nashville Area 2022



Some local fare was on the menu the first night in Murfreesboro, TN after the 10.5 hour drive from NoVA.



Swap meet Wed morning was well stocked. Ken Prowell scored a hood for his '66 Cutlass, I got an antenna, this 69 HO was for sale.



They always ask for volunteers at the National events, so I opted to supervise trailer parking Wed afternoon before...



The Small Mountain Distillery tour (still pictured) included moonshine tasting, scenery, and a great meal.



Thursday was Track Day at Nashville SuperSpeedway. The Pace Car led each group around the track.



Friday is Judging Day and pictured is the Street Stock Class. Tough competition!



After judging on Friday, the night event was The Grand Ole Opry show in Nashville, which is a treat!



The '57 Club had the hallway show all week. This modified 88 was a show stopper. Unreal.



Best of the best—1965 Starfire 4 speed Convertible—1/12 dealer equipped models and perfect resto.

This was the 5th time under OCA judging for our "Jetfire" Sports Convertible. It won Best in Class for Street Stock for the first time, and was one of four convertibles featured at the banquet. Pretty cool. 5 CCR members came—Ken P and I, Marvin Jackson, Marcus Thompson, and Ivory Newton.



OCA Nats Report by Scott Phillips

2022 Capitol City Rockets Treasurer's Report/Events



**Ken Quincy's
Corner—CCR
Treasury Report**

Balance as of 5-7-2022 \$2,824.97

Income:

Dues \$ 31.05

Expenses:

2022 GM Show materials \$ 929.00

Balance as of 6-11-2022 \$1,927.02

Income:

Dues \$ 30.00

GM show registrations 135.00

Total Income \$165.00

Expenses:

2022 GM Show awards, etc \$ 1160.00

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Total Expenses \$1162.00

Balance as of 7-14-2022 \$ 930.02

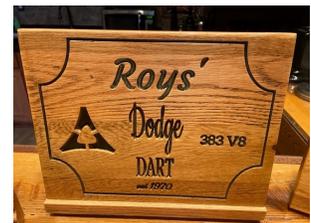
NOTE: Club Dues Were Voted in July '22 to be increased to \$20 per year from \$15.

Club Calendar 2022

- ◆ Saturday, Aug 13—Annual All GM Show, 9– 2 pm, Eagle Ridge Middle School, Ashburn, VA. Pre-registration \$15, Day of \$20. Register at www.CapitolCityRockets.com That's our new website.
- ◆ Sun, Sept 11—12:30 pm—Regular Meeting at MD location TBD
- ◆ Sun, Oct 9—11:00 am—Regular Meeting at Eagle Ridge Middle, Ashburn, VA
- ◆ Sat, Oct 15—11-3:30 pm—Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, Rockville, MD Civic Center park. We will sponsor an Oldsmobile section of this terrific show.
- ◆ Saturday, Nov 5—Tentative Date for Annual Tour of White Post Restorations in White Post, VA.
- ◆ Sat, Dec 3—Tentative date for Annual Holiday Gathering location To Be Determined.

CLASSIFIEDS :

- ◆ **Custom Car Signs/Desk Plaques.** Customized with your name and car information. Order now to be ready and delivered to the All Gm Car Show. \$25 to \$100. **Contact Mike Horton for details** Mikehorton2139@gmail.com 703-625-3118



- ◆ I have 4 **OEM 15x7 SSIII Olds cutlass/442 wheels** (gold) with original chrome center "442" center caps with Goodyear Eagle GTIII tires with usable tread left. Came off a 1987 Cutlass 442. Anyone interested to text/call Brian Miller at 703-509-0559. Below is a photo I found online of what I have. \$750 OBO.



CCR Classifieds

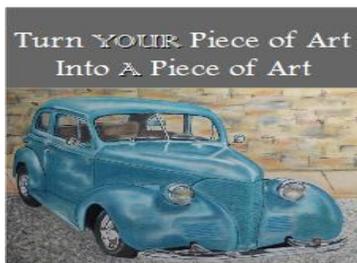
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CLASSIFIEDS : (cont)

- ◆ 1978 Cutlass Salon I am its only owner since 1978. It has 122,000 miles, 260 V-8, auto trans, AC, power brakes, rallye suspension and a self installed Jensen radio-cassette! Original paint. Needs a new headliner, one spilt in driver seat about 2 inches, and a small rust spot inside the front driver wheel well, brakes may need adjustment and needs a new donut spare tire. Asking 8K or best offer. Contact **John Gray**
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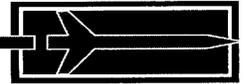
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