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Capitol City Rockets —Oldsmobile Club of America  
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## The Rocket Review Quarterly Spring Edition 2025



The Capitol City Rockets gathered for the first time this Spring at our annual Spring Dust Off Cruise. This year we rotated to Maryland to the Burtonsville 'Church of the Holy Donut' Cars and Coffee. Pictures and Description are inside. Weather was pretty good, and we had a healthy lineup of Olds power and style!

### President's Message—Joe Padavano

#### Save the Dates!

- ♦ Sun, May 4—Regular Meeting in MD (tentative)
- ♦ Sun, June 8—Regular Meeting in VA, Eagle Ridge
- ♦ Sun, July 13—Regular Meeting in VA, Eagle Ridge
- ♦ Sat, Aug 9-All GM Show @ Eagle Ridge, Ashburn, VA, 9-2 pm

I'm writing this just before our Dust-Off, so I hope many of you take the chance to get your cars out and start enjoying the season. There have already been a few shows and cruises this year and there are a number coming up, so get the cars tuned up and out on the road. Several members of the club are planning on running Hot Rod Power Tour again this year, starting in Indianapolis and ending up at Norwalk, OH. Also again this year the end on Friday is only a few hours from Oldsmobile Homecoming in Lansing on Saturday and we're looking forward to doing that again. OCA Nationals are in Bowling Green, KY this year, which was the first stop on Power Tour last year, and the Beech Bend race track is a beautiful venue for what promises to be another fun Oldsmobile

drag race session. And of course our All-GM show will take place again this August.

Speaking of OCA, the club is in better shape financially than it has been in a while. The last three years were net positive for the club, which bodes well for the future. This is despite increased costs for postage, insurance, and publishing the newsletter. Kudos to the club leadership for this.

Our club exists to serve you, the membership. Please let us know how we can better do that. Membership is up over the last few years to what I think is a historically high number. Thanks to Jeff Neischel for his hard work at that and at the club website. The All-GM Show has been thriving at the Eagle Ridge Middle School location and thanks to the work securing sponsorship, we have done quite well over the last couple of years. Club treasury is also at an all-time high.



## *President Padavano's Spring Update ( Cont.)*

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Feel free to contact any of the club officers, either through email or by phone, and tell us how we can make the club better for you. Do you have ideas or suggestions for events? Would a different time or location for meetings be more convenient? Is there some other club benefit that you'd like to see? Our club is geographically diverse, and we try to accommodate that by scheduling meetings and events on both sides of the beltway. Please let us know how we can improve that. Suggestions are certainly welcome; volunteered labor is even better.

I'd like to congratulate Scott Phillips for once again winning an *Old Cars Weekly Golden Quill Award* for this newsletter. This time it was an Exemplary award:

*On occasion, specialty and regional publications make significant progress in content, design and scope, thus raising the level of interest in their segments of the collector car field. These publications admirably represent the hobby and deserve special recognition as innovative beacons in their fields.*

Well done, Scott. Thanks for the hard work.

Keep taking care of those older vehicles, but drive them and enjoy them. The worst thing you can do to a car is to NOT drive it. Be safe, have fun, and I'm looking forward to seeing the members and their cars at our 2025 club functions and meetings. Spring Carlisle is only a week away. If you make it, stop by WA12-WA15 and say "Hi". Note that those are the same spaces we have every Spring, formerly called NA12-NA15, just inside Gate 3. Only the space names have been changed to protect the guilty! - Joe Padavano



Vintage Peterson Museum pics of Joe's old orange 442 (L) The dual quad-powered 442 in '83 at Super Run, Las Vegas (photos were run in '85 issue of *Car Craft*)





## *St M's New Year's Cruise to Tilghman Island, MD*



Historic Tilghman Island Bridge crosses Knapps Narrows. Built in 1934, is MD's only heel trunion rolling lift bridge with overhead counterweights.



The New Year's Cruise from the St. Michael's Motor Museum leads here to Black Walnut Point. About 40 cars paraded down to the tip of this arm in the bay.

The St. Michaels, MD Motor Museum (see Fall issue of *Rocket Review Quarterly*) holds an annual New Year's "cruise to the point" to Black Walnut Cove, about 13 miles south to the tip of Tilghman Island. It's kind of a parade route, and people along it watch and wave as the cars go by. They do a New Year's toast, check out each other's cars, take some pictures, and then head back to the Museum for a pot luck lunch. This year the Motor Museum was especially thankful as between the fall show and this event they had raised the necessary funds to purchase an old gas station on the main drag near the museum, which will be used to educate high school kids in auto restoration.



My brother in law's house is about a mile down the road on Tilghman. You can see the whitecaps in the background that kept spraying the cars. It was cold and windy!



This fine chocolate 1979 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am was in my rear view for 13 miles and drew a lot of attention.



Nice pair of Chevys made the cruise. This clean '69 Camaro and second gen Corvair were both largely restored stock models.



## Washington Auto Show Visit, February 2025



In case you didn't recall, Old Man Winter hit us hard in late Jan/early Feb, as cold & snow rang in 2025.



The Cadillac Club again had a WAS presence. A gorgeous '59 was in a lower level local club display.



One of our personal favorites was the Buick Wildcat EV concept. "New expressive face of Buick."



Carter Phillips, now 21, liked the new Corvette. A lot (as you can tell from that big smile). Week night visit meant light traffic.



A feature area was an electric bike test drive. The Phillips boys did some racing and left fairly impressed with the speed and stability of these models.

The 2025 Washington Auto Show at the DC Convention Center ran from January 31—February 9th. While not as large as in previous years, it still is worth a few hours to see the new models and displays from local clubs. We have gone several times over the years, especially when my sons were in school, we would skip an afternoon and go. This year, the time frame surrounded my birthday, so my oldest was in town from Pittsburgh and we made the trip in on a Thursday evening. I have to say that despite a crowded Metro ride, it's a great time of day to go—the crowds had thinned for the evening, and we were free to roam. There was a big focus this year on Electric Vehicles, pretty much every manufacturer was rolling out theirs—Chevy's Silverado EV truck is below left, while their newest conventionally powered Suburban is below right. Both sweet!



Pictures/article by Scott Phillips,  
CCR Editor





## Winter '69 Suspension and '62 Console Projects



Score! This is an NOS Jetfire Turbo gauge I bought this winter. 'Economy' = Vacuum, 'Power' = Boost!



Backside of the gauge reveals a vacuum line, gauge & alcohol tank empty lights, and power wiring.



'62 'Jetfire' 4 speed console w/gauge and vacuum line installed. 60's GM Jewellery...



Odd angle on these next two images, but you can see how nicely the metal of the front suspension cleaned up on



our '69 F-85. I am continually amazed by the condition of this original Oklahoma chassis.



With a little elbow grease, the rear floorboard just in front of the gas tank. It doesn't even need paint!



Not so good. Discovered an old mouse house in the rear of the rocker. Drain is now open and clear!



A find on cleaning the frame rails was this factory grease mark "1482," so it got left "as is."



Two final parts of the project—repainting the faded gray inner fenders and installing new inner fender-well control arm seals with staples.

To the right is a view of the front suspension after cleaning and POR 15 products. Not too shabby. You may note the use of the QuickJack portable lift in the pictures. With rubber blocks, it gives you about 28 inches of lift off the floor. For those of you with low ceiling garages, like me, it's an invaluable, safe tool that stores relatively easily to the side when not in use. Cost is anywhere from \$1750-2250 based on lb rating.





## CCR Spring Dust Off—April 13th



This fine 1973 sported immaculate black paint, clean sorted and correct engine, black vinyl top, and parchment bench seat interior. Sharp!



Mark Levine brought out this untouched superb '72 Cutlass convertible. Viking Blue with white top and interior, 350.



Toby Turpin is pointing out his '24 Subaru Crosstrek Wilderness. He offroads on his tree farm, where his 330K mile '96 LSS can't go!



Guy Stevens' '68 442 & Scott Phillips' '62 road dogged it. Guy had a coolant leak. Scott had a brief non-start issue related to the wiring of an old neutral safety switch!



Parked next to the '73 was this super nice early 70's Pontiac Trans Am. It had the 455 H.O. optioned engine and was one of the nicer cars at Burtonsville.

Each spring in April, the Capitol City Rockets join a Cars and Coffee or cruise. On April 13th, rescheduled from the previous day due to weather, we joined the Burtonsville, MD 'Church of the Holy Donut' cruise-in. It's held from roughly 9-11 am each Sunday near the Greene Turtle/Roy Rogers, and while this Sunday's turnout was rather light (it was a little chilly, but got sunny), regulars attest to it being one of the largest in the area on Sunday mornings. Here's a few pictures of CCR—we had a nice turn out of cars and members. A highlight was Owen Griesemer's latest acquisition, this one owner 1972 Post Sport Coupe 442, with green vinyl top, stripe, and interior.





## *Secretary's Report—Jeff Neischel*

Secretary Notes, Nov '24

Jeff Neischel

Team CCR,

Our club has grown since my last update, and now sits at 66 total members. Going to shows, cruises, swap meets and just talking cars with people you meet is what generates interest and connects us.

The club's website is slowly becoming a place where people searching for Oldsmobile information or assistance can go to. It's the first web site I've built, and while not the flashiest, I keep adding functionality to make it a useful tool for tracking meetings/ events, paying dues and registering for our ALL-GM SHOW, keeping past issues of the award-winning *Rocket Review* newsletter, merch and CCR member's car pics. Speaking of the website, I have a cool drone video from our August show at Eagle Ridge Middle School that I'm trying to upload. Thank you to Amir for the video!

You can connect to CCR several ways

The Interweb: [capitolcityrockets.com](http://capitolcityrockets.com)

X/Twitter: [twitter.com/capitol\\_rockets](https://twitter.com/capitol_rockets)

Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/182528611830267](https://facebook.com/groups/182528611830267)

Happy Holidays and see you at White Post in November and the Luncheon in December!

### Capitol City Rockets – By the Numbers

CCR by State - 8 total

Virginia (41, 62%)

Maryland (16, 24%)

DC (4, 6%)

Florida, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania & West Virginia (1, 2%)



CCR by Year - 22 total (from 1949 to 1996)

1970 (9, 14%)

1972 (7, 11%)

1968 (6, 10%)

1971 (6, 10%)

1964 (5, 8%)

CCR by Model - 32 total

442 hardtop (7, 11%)

Cutlass Supreme hardtop (7, 11%)

Cutlass Supreme convertible (5, 8%)

442 Convertible (4, 7%)

Cutlass (4, 6%)

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## 2025 Capitol City Rockets Treasurer's Report/Events



Ken Quincy's  
Corner—CCR  
Treasurer Report

Balance as of 1-16-25: \$5,164.20

Income: \$60 (Dues)

Expenses: \$1000 (Donation to ERMS PTA)

\$600 (Donation to Academies of Loudoun Auto Program)

Total Expenses: \$1600

Balance as of 2-9-25: \$3624.20

Income: \$20 (Dues)

Expenses: 0

Balance as of 3-14-25: \$3644.20

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

- \* Capitol City Rockets—club Facebook Group.
- \* @capitol\_rockets—club X Page.
- \* www.CapitolCityRockets.com club website.

### Club Calendar 2025

- ♦ Sun, Apr 13—Spring Dust Off Cruise, Burtonsville, MD Greene Turtle/Roy Rogers, 9-11 am.
- ♦ Sat, May 17—Fairfax Antique Car Show, 10-3 pm @ City Hall. Pre-reg \$10, DOS \$15.
- ♦ Sun, June 8—Show Planning meeting at Eagle Ridge MS in Ashburn, VA, 11 am
- ♦ Fri-Sat, June 13-14, 2025—Olds Homecoming Show in Lansing, MI. Cruise Night Fri, Show Sat.
- ♦ Sun, July 13—Regular Club Meeting at Eagle Ridge MS in Ashburn, VA, 11 am
- ♦ July 16-19, 2025—OCA National Meet in Bowling Green, KY. Holiday Inn University is host hotel
- ♦ Sat, Aug 8—All GM Show at Eagle Ridge MS in Ashburn, VA, 9-2 pm
- ♦ Sun, Sept 14—Regular Club Meeting in MD
- ♦ Sat, Oct 18—Rockville, MD Antique and Classic Car Show, Rockville Civic Center Grounds, 11-3:30 pm, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. Registration opens July 7th.
- ♦ Nov—stay tuned for info regarding annual tour of White Post Restorations, White Post, VA.

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- ◇ **Garage Space for Rent**—\$125 month in Burkittsville, MD. Contact Owen Greisemer if interested 240-357-5696
- ◇ **Selling Off '65 Cutlass/442 Parts other Olds & GM parts** (Buick & Pontiac-'65 Catalina parts) Doors, (post & hardtop) - some fenders - possible hoods and trunk lids - trim pieces Full list coming out via email. Send me list of needs. Mike Stillwell [Fleetsuper@msn.com](mailto:Fleetsuper@msn.com) 703-599-6713 (texts are fine).

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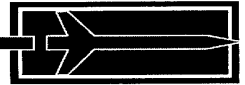
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