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but NOT forgotten”

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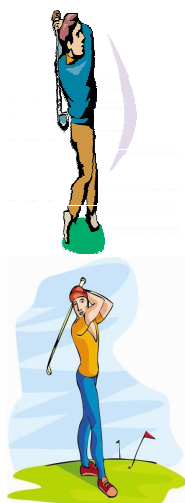
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GM Lansing Salaried Retirees Club
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MISSION STATEMENT

The GM Lansing Salaried Retirees Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing opportunities for fellowship and communication for its members, spouses, and surviving spouses. The volunteer Board of Directors is committed to facilitating channels of communication with GM, the Lansing GM operations, and other GM related organizations with similar objectives.



SUMMER SOCIALS @ ELDORADO

TUESDAY June 02nd 2020 CANCELLED

TUESDAY July 21 9:00 am SHARP Shotgun Start

GOLF, CART & BUFFET \$26.00 BUFFET ONLY \$10.00

50/50 RAFFLE

DOORS OPEN AT 10:00. LUNCH SERVED AROUND NOON

DIRECTIONS: Take S. Cedar thru Holt to College Rd, then South on College Rd 2 miles to Howell Rd, turn right, Eldorado Golf Course is about ½ mile.

DON SOKOLOSKI - Event Chair

RESERVATION FORM IN THIS ISSUE

DETROIT AUTO SHOW BUS TRIP CANCELLED

**TIGERS BALLGAME BUS TRIP FLYER &
RESERVATION FORM IN THIS ISSUE**

GMLSRC Presidents Message April, 2020

Greetings Club Members:

This will be the year that COVID-19 will dictate what and when our activities will be.

AUTO SHOW: CANCELLED.

Golf Outings: June CANCELLED. Still being planned for July 16th. Check future newsletters, or special notices.

Tigers Ballgame: Is scheduled for **Sunday**, August 30th, with Boston. Bus has been reserved and tickets are being held. See flyer in this issue.

Annual Members Meeting: Scheduled for September 22nd. Should happen okay.

GM Heritage Center Trip: Originally thought to be an April event. Obviously, will not occur in April. Remains to be seen if it can happen later in the year.

Membersip Initiative: Last year I attended 4 Car Shows with the intention of making car enthusiasts aware of our club. Set up was a canopy Tent and display. For 2020 these car show events are:

- 1.) The R.E. Olds Chapter, 28th Oldsmobile Homecoming, June 20th, Anacapi Blvd
- 2.) The Cruise-In at Westphalia, Thursday June 18th
- 3.) Car Capital Auto Show July 18th, Capital Ave. Downtown.
- 4.) K of C Car show, September 2020, 5300 Grand River



Noteworthy: The Board of Directors will hold a Virtual Board meeting on May 21st if COVID-19 guidelines prevent us from holding our normal meeting.

Tony Kolp,
Board President

Our club enjoys a relationship with three Dealerships in our Loyal Dealers Program who promote the longevity of our club. They are Shaheen Chevrolet, LaFontaine Buick GMC, and Shaheen Cadillac. **Here are their business cards.**



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FRIENDS WE MISS

DECEMBER 01, 2019 – APRIL 24 2020

If you know of a Club member, or relative, who has passed away within the past year it would be greatly appreciated if you would provide us with their name, age, date of death, and location of employment.

This can be done via the feedback link on our website www.gmlsrc.wixsite.com/gmlsrc

or mail to GMLSRC, P.O. BOX 12255, LANSING, MI 48901-2255. We thank you in advance for your help.

Following is a partial list of deceased that has been compiled since the last Newsletter. While we recognize it is not as complete as we would like, it does reflect upon the many members we do miss.

MEMBER NAME	AGE D-O-D	PLACE OF WORK
ALDRICH, CRICKET	82 02/09/20	WIFE OF JIMMIE E. ALDRICH
BESSONEN, RUEBEN J.	86 01/01/20	BLDG 62 PERSONNEL
BINNS, MARJORIE	89 12/05/19	WIFE OF (DON BINNS)
BOLTON, BEVERLY	81 12/05/19	WIFE OF LEE BOLTON
BOWEN, JOSEPH W.	91 04/05/20	MINN ZONE SALES
DE BAR, VALERIE	77 12/10/19	WIFE OF REX DE BAR
DONLEY, SOPHIE	84 03/20/20	BLDG 70 MTL CNTL
GELLER, RUTH	73 02/19/20	BLDG 40 MFG ENGR
GOULET, JOYCE C.	78 04/06/20	WIFE OF PAUL GOULET
GRETENBERGER SR, JOHN O.	82 03/17/20	GM VP - CADILLAC GEN MGR
GUNN, CARRIE	84 04/19/20	WIFE OF JERRY GUNN
HUMPHREY, GARY P.	80 01/16/20	PLT 5 ENG. ASSY
KAPP, ROBERT A. "BOB"	87 04/22/20	BLDG 40 PROCESS ENGR.
LA PERRIERE, RUTH ANN "BOOTS"	86 01/11/20	WIFE OF PAUL LA PERRIERE
LOEPKE, PETE	80 10/07/19	HUSBAND OF LINDA LOEPKE
MARKLE, DOROTHY	85 12/27/19	WIFE OF ROGER MARKLE
MC LEOD, JANET	87 04/21/20	WIFE OF (DAVE MC LEOD)
MCINTYRE, MARJORIE	94 04/11/20	WIFE OF (JAMES R. MCINTYRE)
PAKSI, EDWARD	90 02/11/20	BLDG 38 MTL. HANDLING
PLATTE, ARMON	79 12/01/19	BROTHER OF BERNIE PLATTE
SCHEURER, JOHN A.	79 01/28/20	BLDG 68 PRODUCT DELIVERY
SPITZER, RICHARD E.	91 04/05/20	LCA BODY MTL CNTL
STEPHENS, GEORGE	92 11/04/19	BLDG 70 PUBLIC RELATIONS
STIRM, WILLIAM D. "BILL"	87 12/ /19	BLDG 70 SALES
SZPARA, WALTER SCOTT	65 12/28/19	SON OF (WALTER SZPARA)
WELCH, JERRY E.	88 01/23/20	BLDG 90 CUTLASS ASY
WEST, JOAN	88 03/27/20	WIFE OF GEORGE WEST
WYSOCKI, "PAT"	77 01/31/20	WIFE OF STAN WYSOCKI

GM LANSING SALARIED RETIREES CLUB

2020 JULY SUMMER SOCIAL RES FORM

TUESDAY, July 21st SCRAMBLE

(Shotgun Start 9:00 a.m. SHARP)

ELDORADO GOLF COURSE

	Golf & Buffet	Buffet Only
Name: _____	\$26.00 _____	\$10.00 _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____ / _____ / _____

Phone No: _____

Guest / Spouse Name: _____	\$26.00 _____	\$10.00 _____
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Others in Your Foursome:

TOTAL \$ _____

_____/_____/_____

(If you have no foursome, we will place you in one.)

Send checks payable to:

GM Lansing Salaried Retirees Club.



**GM LANSING SALARIED RETIREES CLUB
TIGERS BALLGAME BUS TRIP
\$75 includes Ticket - Section 117**

**SUNDAY AUGUST 30th 1:10 PM
VS
BOSTON RED SOX**

**GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN EARLY
ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY JULY 30th**

Contact TONY KOLP for more info

GM LANSING SALARIED RETIREES CLUB

2020 Tigers Ballgame Bus Trip

SUNDAY August 30th 1:10 pm

VS

BOSTON RED SOX

Bus Leaves at 9:30 am SHARP

Name (print): _____ \$75.00

Address: _____
_____ Zip _____

Phone No: (____) _____

Spouse Name (if attending): _____ \$75.00

Guest Name: _____ \$75.00

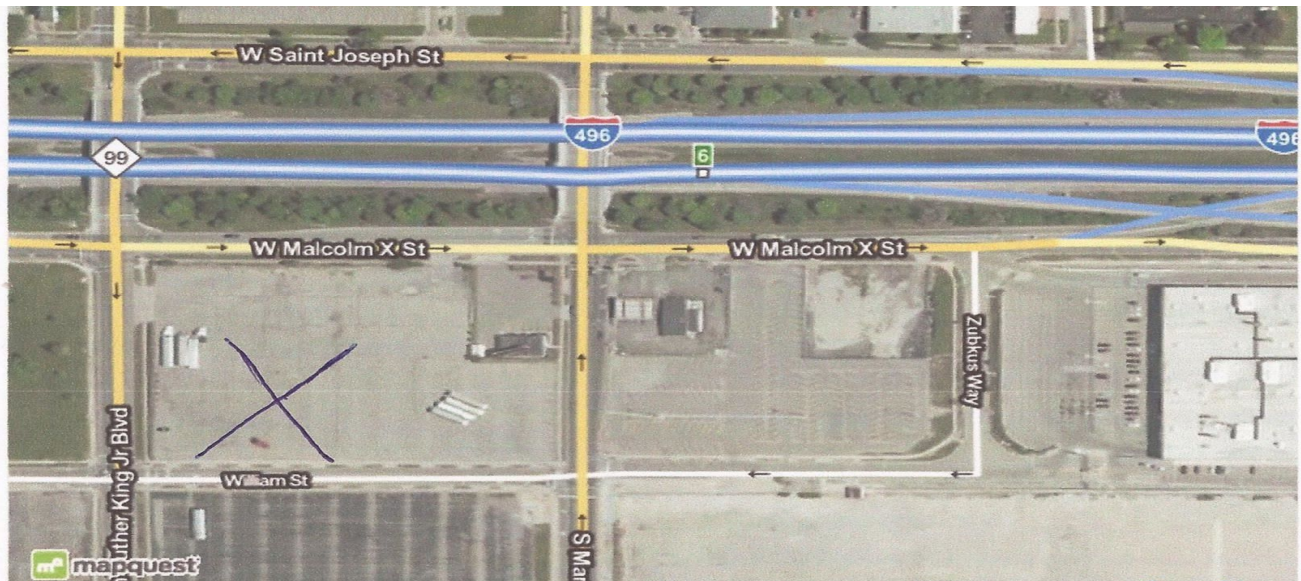
TOTAL \$

Send check payable to : GM Lansing Salaried Retirees Club
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ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 30th.
(Written cancellation must be postmarked by AUGUST 29th for a refund)

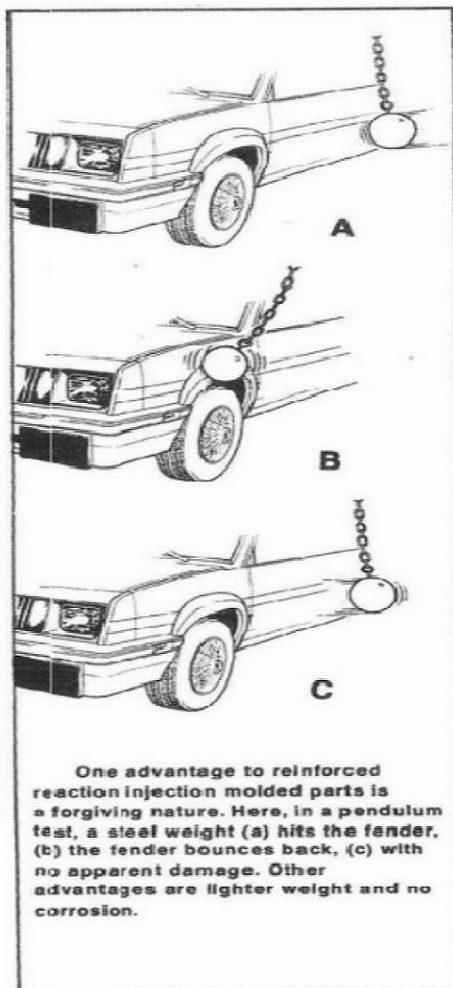
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MLK/MALCOLM X ST PARKING LOT 8-12 PICKUP AREA



GONE....BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

RRIM forgives and it may also give Oldsmobile new business in future



Terry Witt pulls a corrosion and impact-resistant Firenze front fascia off a mold. The production of RRIM parts takes place in Building 78 at the main plant. Four clamps and related pieces of equipment are already installed. Four others are awaiting installation.

A forgiving material used to mold some automotive fenders and fascia may hold one of the keys to Oldsmobile's future.

Reinforced reaction injection molding (RRIM for short) produced a friendly fender last year, and flexing front and rear fascia and fenders for 1982 models. Already projects for future models, including some for other GM divisions, have been given final approval.

And according to Larry Lennon, master mechanic in production engineering, in future model years

more and more RRIM parts are being specified.

Oldsmobile is the only large scale manufacturer of reinforced RIM. Last model year when the division introduced the Sport Omega with flex fenders, Oldsmobile became the first auto company to use the material for production parts.

Due to the pioneering nature of Oldsmobile involvement with RRIM, the division and a few select vendors have done most of the development work in both materials and equipment.

The material is formed from two

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resins reinforced with milled fiberglass. The resins provide the flexing ability and the addition of fiberglass gives the parts integrity and prevents sag and distortion.

Building 78 has been turned into the RRIM production facility. Four clamps and related pieces of equipment used to mold the material are already installed. Four others are awaiting installation and three more are on order.

Nearly 50 employees are working in the RRIM area now.

RRIM parts provide auto designers



The rear fascia of the Firenza is also molded of RRIM. John Kamradt sets the part onto an illuminated stand. The light makes defects easier to see and aids the operator in trimming the part. RRIM is also used for fenders on a special option of the 1982 Omega. In future model years uses are expected to expand.

a number of advantages including light weight, no corrosion and flexing back after minor impacts.

"Paint for RRIM must be flexible. If it weren't the part would flex back after impact but the paint would flake off," Lennon explained.

A flexible acrylic enamel is used, similar to the paint on urethane bumper fillers and soft fascia but very different than that currently used on sheet metal.

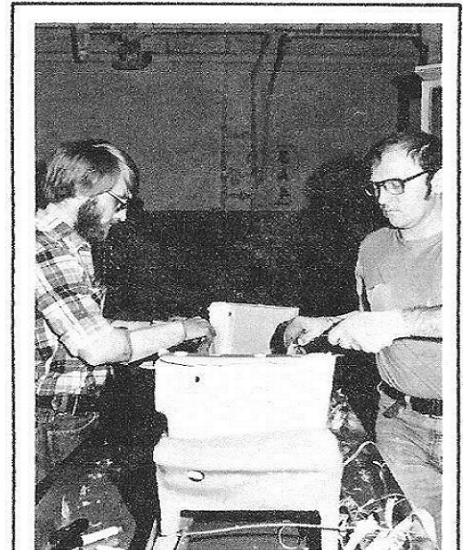
"More and more the auto industry is going to frame integral where body parts are hung on a frame and often it is then that the car is painted. That is not possible with our current RRIM," he added.

"There is a future for RRIM but as always when you're on the leading edge of development you encounter problems that must be resolved," Lennon added. "I think we have to sell our own product. We have to convince engineers and designers to try RRIM."

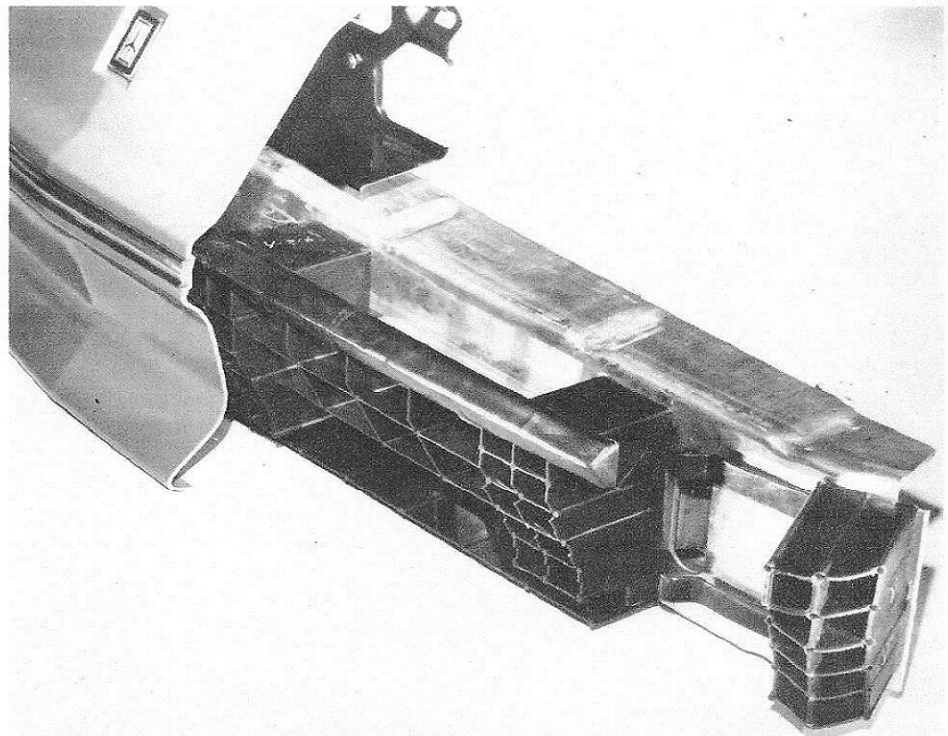
As more new cars, new in the sense they have been designed on clean paper, are developed, Lennon sees the RRIM star rising.

"RRIM becomes more of a possibility when you completely rethink a car. It has definite advantages to designers, to engineers and to the customer," he added.

Lennon is committed to having the problems solved when more designs of the future call for RRIM.



Once off the mold a RRIM part is trimmed to flash by Jim Lytle and Dennis Parker (left to right). Since the two resins harden even further as parts cool, the flash is most easily trimmed immediately after molding.



Oldsmobile's 1982 Firenza becomes the first car in the industry to feature reinforced reaction injection molded (RRIM) fascia. The material was chosen to reduce distortion in the fascia itself. Rather than using shock absorbers on the front bumper, Oldsmobile engineers specified a plastic energy absorber backed by an impact bar.

Here Is This Issue's Featured Dealer.



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MEM# _____ NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

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EMAIL DELIVERY _____ (Yes or No) RET. DATE (mm/yyy) _____

LOCATION _____ DEPT _____

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ADDRESS _____ FROM _____ TO _____

(example 01 TO 04)

CITY/ST/ZIP _____ PHONE() _____

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GM LANSING SALARIED RETIREES CLUB _____ YRS @ \$10

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