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# Newsletter

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### SEASON'S GREETINGS

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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.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING/LUNCHEON

The meal, this time, was back to its usual best, and the speaker, Liz Rojewski, Program Engineering Manager for Autonomous vehicles, was very knowledgeable and informative. This was another very successful and enjoyable annual meeting. Our 50/50 Raffle worth \$77 was won by Gary Boszak.

Thanks to all that attended.

Bob Benezette, Event Chair

### **TENATIVE 2020 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

JUNE 02nd GOLF OUTING  
JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> DETROIT AUTO SHOW  
JULY 21<sup>st</sup> GOLF OUTING  
AUG XX TIGERS BALL GAME  
SEPT 22nd ANNUAL MEETING

### **HERITAGE CENTER TOUR**

PLANS FOR A BUS TRIP ARE UNDERWAY  
WITH MORE TO FOLLOW LATER.  
COSTS WILL BE \$20 FOR THE BUS & \$10  
FOR THE TOUR



### **AUTO SHOW BUS TRIP**

**MOVED TO JUNE BUT STILL**

**BUS \$20**

**SHOW TICKETS @ BOX OFFICE**

**\$7 - \$14**

**More inside this Newsletter**

# GMLSC Presidents Message December, 2019

## Greetings Club Members:

It has been a busy year for your Board of Directors. First you will notice that we are addressing our club as: GMLSC, i.e., GM Lansing Social Club. You may remember that we amended the club bylaws to include both salaried and hourly **Retirees**, as well as GM **Working** salaried and hourly. These changes were proposed at our Annual Business Meeting September 2018 and approved. It will take 2 or 3 years to see if this will attract new members. We continue to lose approximately 50 Memberships per year. Membership is currently approximately 485. The above changes may necessitate that some of our activities take place on weekends,

### Car Shows:

As you will recall, I had attended 3 Car shows with a canopy tent displaying club information. I attended a fourth Car Show on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This show was held at the Knights of Columbus headquarters. 65 cars were entered, turnout was very good. While I did not sign anyone up, I did get interest from several visitors. Car shows are an excellent activity to find potential members. See pictures inside this Newsletter.

### Annual Business Meeting:

Meeting took place on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> with 45 members in attendance. This was one of the best yet. GM supplied a speaker, Liz Rojewski, who spoke of GM's joint activity with **(Cruise Inc)** on the Autonomous Car activity.

### R.E.Olds Transportation Museum:

The Museum is an excellent extension of our history of Oldsmobile. I would encourage our members to join the Museum, Membership is \$25 per year, Family is \$35.

The museum also has a website: [www.reoldsmuseum.org](http://www.reoldsmuseum.org)

### Looking Forward:

We are planning on a bus trip to the GM Heritage Center in the Detroit Area in April. Estimate cost to be Bus Fare at \$20 plus \$10 entrance fee. The Heritage Center has a large collection of GM Car history. Watch the April Newsletter for details.

There will be two golf outings, dates are 1<sup>st</sup> week of June and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July.

The Detroit Car Show will be in June, we will plan a Bus Trip.

Tiger Ball game this year will be in August, Sunday is currently the choice, time 1pm, Sunday Ball games are 2<sup>nd</sup> KC, 16<sup>th</sup> Texas Rangers, and 30<sup>th</sup> Red Sox, Ticket price is still not determined, I am favoring the 30<sup>th</sup>.

We the Board, wish all our Members a Very Happy Holiday time, and Success in the coming year.

**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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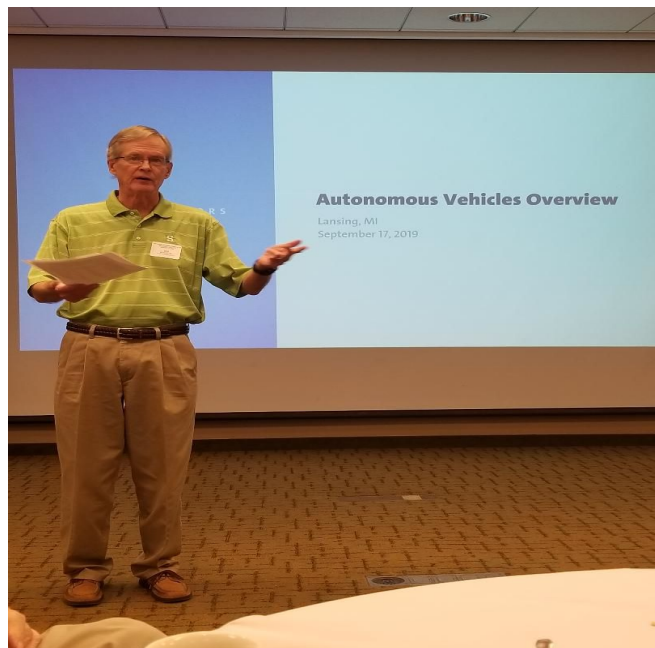
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## 2019 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING PICTURES



Guest speaker Liz Rojewski, Program Engineering Manager for Autonomous vehicles



Bob Benezette Event Chair



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## 2019 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING PICTURES

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**HERE'S A PICTURE OF TONY KOLP AND HIS CLUB  
CANOPY SETUP @ THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
HEADQUARTERS ANNUAL CAR SHOW**

**DECEASED MEMBERS LIST SINCE LAST DECEMBER  
NEWSLETTER**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>D-O-D</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>RETDAT</b>	<b>PLACE OF WORK</b>	
(ANDREW R.)	ACOU	D 19-05/04	93	06/1986	OLDS. PLT. 5	GMPT ENG. PLT
(DUANE T. "TOM")	AKRIGHT	D 18-12/21	86	08/1986	OLDS. BLDG. 70	MTL. CNTL.
(BEVERLY J.)	BECKER	D 19-09/27	97	01/1988	OLDS. BLDG. 70	SALES
(THOMAS B.)	BLANKENSHIP	D 19-01/23	93	09/1977	OLDS. BLDG. 66	EXP. ENGR.
(TOM)	CANNARILE	D 18-12/12	73	04/2001	OLDS. PLT. 3	TRAFFIC
(DON)	CLINGERSMITH	D 19-01/27	82	09/1991	OLDS. BLDG. 66	ENGINEERING
(ROBERT E. "BOB")	CORNELL	D 19-07/01	98	08/1980	OLDS. BLDG. 66	ENGINEERING
(BOB)	CRIST	D 19-10/21	79	04/1992	OLDS. BLDG. 70	QUAL & PURCH
(JIM)	DEWITT	D 19-03/10	80	04/2006	OLDS. BLDG. 66	ENGINEERING
(F.I. "SAM")	DONOHUE	D 19-06/06	92	12/1984	OLDS. BLDG. 62	PERSONNEL
(CARROL W.)	ELY	D 19-04/15	93	09/1980	OLDS. BLDG. 66	ENGINEERING
(WALTER F. "WALT")	FRIES	D 19-01/05	100	04/1985	OLDS. BLDG. 70	CUST. SVC.
(RONALD)	JACKSON	D 19-09/20	81	05/1987	LCA BODY	PLT. ENGR.
(ROBERT C. "BOB")	JOSLYN	D 19-11/11	89	07/1986	OLDS. LANSING	PLT. SECURITY
(R. JAY)	KUSSMAUL	D 19-03/30	87	09/1987	OLDS. BLDG. 70	DISB. ANALYSIS
(OTTO T. "PHIL")	LATOR	D 19-04/03	91	05/1982	LCA BODY	FINAL ASSY
(DARLENE M.)	MC CLOW	D 19-04/10	92	03/1982	LCA BODY	SEC QUL CTL DIR
(PHILLIP "PHIL")	MC KESSY	D 19-10/21	74	08/2000	OLDS. BLDG. 66	VEH. TIMING
(RUSSELL L.)	MORDEN	D 19-03/10	96	04/1982	OLDS. BLDG. 66	ENGINEERING
(DENNIS J.)	NELSON	D 19-05/17	88	05/1988	OLDS. BLDG. 64	RELIABILITY
(RICHARD M. "DICK")	PARKER	D 19-09/08	87	01/1989	OLDS. PLT. 3	LAB.
(MARVIN)	SANDBORN	D 19-01/16	83	09/1991	OLDS. BLDG. 28	POWERTRAIN
(RICHARD "DICK")	SHERMAN	D 19-04/30	83	09/1994	OLDS. PLT. 3	QLTY. MTLs.
(ROBERT H.)	SMETHURST	D 19-05/22	83	06/1992	OLDS. BLDG. 70	MARKETING MGR.
(THOMAS G.)	SMITH	D 19-04/26	91	09/1987	OLDS. BLDG. 70	DIR SALES A & D
(PETE)	SNOEYINK	D 19-11/18	88	01/1988	OLDS. LANSING	BOC/SATURN PGM
(DOUG)	STRAIT	D 19-11/08	89	07/1988	OLDS. BLDG. 70	EDS DATA PROC
(FREDERICK A.)	TALLMADGE	D 19-06/01	95	09/1980	OLDS. BLDG. 66	DIV BUYER
(KEITH L.)	TAYLOR	D 19-05/19	84	03/1995	OLDS. BLDG. 70	EDS DATA PROC
(RICHARD F. "DICK")	WEDLEY	D 19-06/11	86	11/1987	OLDS. BLDG. 70	MTL. CNTL.
(HAROLD R.)	WEINMAN	D 18-12/17	101	10/1978	OLDS. BLDG. 70	SERVICE
(MELVIN D. "MEL")	WELHUSEN	D 19-01/16	72	08/1998	OLDS. BLDG. 64	PROD. ENGR.
(GEORGE J.)	WILSON	D 18-12/30	84	07/1986	OLDS. LANSING	QLTY. CNTL.
(ROBERT B.)	YOUNG	D 19-07/12	89	01/1989	OLDS. LANSING	BOC
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>AVG AGE</b>		

## **FRIENDS WE MISS**

**JULY 30, 2019 – NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

If you know of a salaried retiree 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.com/gmlsrc](http://www.gmlsrc.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.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	<b>PLACE OF WORK</b>
BECKER, BEVERLY	97 09/27/19	BLDG 70 SALES
BLONDE, JAMES	89 11/15/19	HUSBAND OF MARTHA BLONDE
CLINTON, MARY	85 11/13/19	WIFE OF (WENDELL CLINTON)
CRIST, BOB	79 10/21/19	BLDG 70 QUAL & PURCH
GALKA, GEORGEGETTE	96 09/01/19	WIFE OF (TED GALKA)
GOGARN, PAULINE	102 08/16/19	WIFE OF (BOB GOGARN)
HAAN, RICK	41 09/14/19	SON OF DICK HAAN
JACKSON, RONALD "RON"	81 09/20/19	LCA BODY ENGR
JANETZKE, BARRY	67 11/28/19	SON OF (REINHOLD JANETZKE)
JOSLYN, ROBERT C. "BOB"	89 11/11/19	OLDS PLT SECURITY
MC KESSY, PHILIP "PHIL"	74 10/21/19	BLDG 66 VEH. TIMING
MC KESSY, SYLVIA	97 10/17/19	MOTHER OF (PHIL MC KESSY)
PARKER, RICHARD M. "DICK"	87 9/08/19	PLT 3 LAB
SNOEYINK, PETE	88 11/18/19	BLDG 32 "C" CHASSIS ASM-SUPV
STOREY, MIRRIAM	71 08/21/19	WIFE OF DARL STOREY

## **NEW/RETURNING FRIENDS WE WELCOME**

**JULY 30, 2019 – NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

<b>MEMBER NAME</b>	<b>RETDAT</b>	<b>JOINED</b>	<b>WORK PLACE</b>
RON & CINDY ADAMS-GRAND LEDGE	06/1990	09/21	LCA BODY TRIM

## **E ditor's Page.....**

### **EVENT SCHEDULE CHANGES**

#### **JUNE SUMMER OUTING**

As indicated on the front page, the **June Summer Outing** will be on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the first Tuesday in June, moving from the second Tuesday of the month. This change is necessary to allow for more time between this outing and the newly scheduled Detroit Auto Show in the same month.

***MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER***

#### **DETROIT AUTO SHOW**

As also indicated on the front page, the **Auto Show has moved to June**. We are planning on going the week of **June 14<sup>th</sup>**. We've usually gone on Tuesday of that week. That would be **June 16<sup>th</sup>**.

***MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.***

#### **DETROIT TIGERS BALLGAME**

As also indicated on the front page, the **Detroit Tigers Ballgame** has moved to the August timeframe, possible a weekend.

This will allow more people the chance to see a game and help "Fill the bus".

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# GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.....

## Out of the Past

by  
Helen Earley

### The car that had everything

One of the cars the R.E. Olds Museum hopes to have on display when the museum formally opens within the next year is a 1937 Oldsmobile two-door touring sedan now housed in the division's Exhibit & Display department.

The vehicle was advertised as "The car that has everything." The riding qualities of the Oldsmobile Eight, with its knee-action wheels and dual ride stabilizers, were at that time the last word in comfort. The body had the new Unisteel Turret Top by Fisher. Some of the other accessories were bumpers, bumper guards, spare tire and tube, metal spring covers.

The interiors of the 1937 Oldsmobiles were roomy and extremely attractive. A choice of attractive tweed cloth or rich mohair upholstery was optional on the Six, while on the Eight you had the selection of a boucle cloth in tan, grey or a fine taupe mohair.

The instrument panel had an unique new lighting treatment. The hardware was artistic chromium with an attractive chevron design etching. The turret top featured no-draft ventilation, solid steel welded construction, increased passenger room, double adjustable front seat, a spacious luggage compartment and safety glass throughout. The grilles for the Six and Eight were totally different in design so each car had its own distinctive and different appeal.

Oldsmobile ads termed the 1937 Olds "Beautiful, luxuriously comfortable, thoroughly dependable, economical and thrilling in performance." Hood lines, hood louvers, front and rear body contours, front and rear fenders, and wheels

were all redesigned to produce an exterior appearance that was new, distinctive and harmonized with the grille of each car.

The unisteel turret top body was just what its name implied — one structure of steel — top, bottom, sides — welded into a solid steel unit. Overhead was a one-piece steel turret top, arched and crowned for greater strength and braced with steel crossbows. Under foot was a seamless solid steel floor with grooved indentations, also for increased strength. In front, steel pillars were welded to the steel cowl and the seamless steel top. The center pillar was made of two steel sections welded together and in turn, welded to the steel under-body structure at the bottom and to the side roof rail at the top.

All body panels, stamped from tough drawn steel, were welded to steel floor, steel roof and steel cowl. The new doors were so rigidly constructed and so securely attached that each door would support the weight of a 250-pound man without any distortion whatsoever.

A novel front seat adjustment causing the rear of the front seat cushion to be raised and the seat back to be tipped forward in one movement was a new feature on the 1937 Olds. Another important comfort feature was unobstructed floors, front and rear, with maximum foot room. The parking brake lever was mounted under the dash on the left side readily accessible to the driver.

Fisher Body's ventilation system provided adequate ventilation without drafts and could be individually controlled by both front and rear passengers.

Wheelbase for the Six was 117"; on the Eight — 124". The Six was powered by a 95 h.p. engine while the Eight delivered 110 h.p. Price for the Six cylinder two-door touring sedan was \$765.00; with Eight cylinders, the car cost \$865.00.

Total 1937 Olds production was 79,830.



Oldsmobile's 1937 two-door touring sedan . . . "The Car That Has Everything."