

It's All About the NUMBERS.....

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The 23rd Hurst/Olds National Meet is over. It was a success, as were all of the previous meets. What makes it a success? Everybody that attended had a really good time. We enjoyed the company of old friends, made new friends and had an outstanding display of Hurst/Olds.

YEAR OF MEET	LOCATION OF MEET	NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN H/OCA	NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS FOR MEET	PERCENT IN ATTENDANCE
1985	Indianapolis, IN	119	41	34
1986	Charlotte, NC	242	21	9
1987	Lansing, MI	302	33	11
1988	Columbus, OH	355	42	12
1989	Indianapolis, IN	422	71	17
1990	Poconos/Hazleton, PA	474	60	13
1991	Springfield, MO	491	45	9
1992	Wisconsin Dells, WI	515	60	12
1993	Englishtown, PA	525	45	9
1994	Indianapolis, IN	550	130	24
1995	Cleveland/Mr. Gasket, OH	514	70	14
1996	Louisville, KY	468	55	12
1997	Lansing, MI	580	94	16
1998	Kansas City, MO / KS	600	65	11
1999	Indianapolis, IN	670	150	22
2000	Morgantown, PA	671	60	9
2001	Sauke Center, MN	702	60	9
2002	Lansing, MI	590	105	18
2003	Bristol/Gatlinburg, TN	585	53	9
2004	Indianapolis, IN	600	135	23
2005	Norwalk, OH	520	56	11
2006	Joliet, IL	546	68	12
2007	Niagara Falls, NY	503	46	9

In the 23 different National Meets we have had 23 different hosts. Some shows have had co-hosts and some members have hosted multiple shows. All in all it figures out to the same **number**. The percent of members that register for the show is always highest at Indy. Indy is always a BIG draw.

Our shows have been held at a number of famous tracks and those that attend have gotten to drive those tracks. How many non-racers can say they have

had the thrill of driving the Indy 500 track, or Charlotte Motor Speedway, the Poconos or even



Bristol? This Club has provided that experience.

We have also driven our cars at a number of prestigious drag strips. Aside from the racing part of the shows, we have had the opportunity to visit some interesting tourist places with people that share a common interest (our H/O's).

INDY, 1985



MAID OF THE MIST, 2007

We have taken boat rides in the Wisconsin Dells and Niagara Falls and toured Churchill Downs. We have toured the Mr. Gasket plant, a NASCAR garage and Hurst Performance. In all of the places we have been there have been 2 common threads, Hurst/Oldsmobiles and good friends.

MR. GASKET, 1995

2008 will mark the 40th birthday of the creation of the



Hurst/Olds. Our National Meet will be held the furthest west we have ever had a meet. Flagstaff, AZ, it is the gateway to the Grand Canyon. Karl Sup and a group of enthusiasts are doing everything they can to make this Meet as “grand” as the canyon itself. There will be cars attending from the western states that many of us have never seen at a show. It is an opportunity for those east of the Mississippi to exercise those H/O’s and perhaps drive a NUMBER of miles. This area is in northern Arizona, in the mountain area and does not get as hot as Phoenix. The dates for the show are June 26-29, 2008. The show is earlier than normal so we can beat the summer heat. There has been talk of a caravan taking a week to get there and driving the Route 66 historical highway. There have been others talking of having a

transporter bring several cars to the show. Whether you fly in or drive in, you should plan now to attend this show. Let’s show our hosts we all support their efforts and show in “grand NUMBERS”. It would be great to have 20+% of the membership register and attend. How exciting to view the Grand Canyon with friends that shares the same interest.

This will be the year for all of us to get our H/O’s out and be visible and celebrate our car’s heritage with a large NUMBER of H/O events. H/O Day will be May 17, 2008. Contact Waverlyn Karch (see the back cover for contact information) about hosting a gathering in your area. If you can’t host PLEASE plan to attend one and support those that are hosting. The *Oldsmobile Homecoming* show in Lansing, MI will be featuring the Hurst/Olds on June 14, 2008 (Details in a later issue). You have a NUMBER of events to show off!

Ok, do you get the idea of how this fit into the “NUMBERS” article? Next time I will get back to more technical stuff! In the meantime, enjoy your H/O.