

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

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The year 2008 is a milestone year for the Hurst/Olds and the Hurst/Olds Club of America. The production of the first Hurst/Olds took place 40 years ago this month. The H/OCA was organized on Labor Day weekend, 25 years ago. This IS our year!

Our 24<sup>th</sup> National Meet will be held in Flagstaff, Arizona. This is the farthest west we have ever held a meet. This is an opportunity to see Hurst/Oldsmobiles that we have never seen before. I know it seems like a long way to go for those of us east of the Mississippi River, but you just need to drive it one day at a time.

One of the awards presented at our banquet every year is for the H/O driven the furthest to attend the meet. We should all commend Robert Lewczak for driving his 74 H/O from Florida to attend many of the recent shows. He has won the long distance award many times. He has also had the distinct pleasure of enjoying mile after mile of driving his H/O. He has told stories of the "looks" he gets on the open road in such a unique car.

Now it's your turn. Read the *Director's Desk* column in this issue. Calvin has given some very helpful suggestions for how you should prepare for the drive. The ideas are not much

different than what you would do if you were making a long road trip in your everyday car. The difference will be in the "looks" you get when you are on the road.

I have heard a lot of different comments about a meet so far away from the large concentration of H/O's. Many of our members are very excited about the drive, and seeing different H/O's and meeting their owners. Many are worried about the car's ability to make the trip. Time is also an issue as is the price of gas. We can always come up with reasons, but there are also ways to work them out if you want.

This could be a terrific family trip. The Grand Canyon is just that, "GRAND". What an experience to share with the kids. Make it your vacation for the summer. As for the price of gas, in 2009 it maybe higher yet and then you will wish you had done a nice vacation in 2008.

If you can't spare the time or you really can't drive your H/O, you can always fly. It isn't the same as driving your H/O, but it will get you there to see the show and meet some new people. Flying into Las Vegas is fairly cheap from all areas of the country. You don't have to gamble when you get there! Make the flight, get a rental car and drive the 276 miles to

Flagstaff. This is another alternative.

Below are some mileage's from "key" cities for our H/OCA membership. Remember, it is just one mile at a time and one day at a time.

Phoenix, AZ	219
Las Vegas, NV	276
Grand Junction, CO	436
Los Angeles, CA	500
Salt Lake City, UT	522
Denver, CO	680
Reno, NV	721
San Francisco, CA	797
Boise, ID	862
Oklahoma City, OK	947
Wichita, KS	997
Dallas, TX	1050
Kansas City, MO	1187
Des Moines, IA	1355
St. Louis, MO	1442
Minneapolis, MN	1600
Chicago, IL	1691
Louisville, KY	1700
Atlanta, GA	1811
Columbus, OH	1866
Detroit, MI	1954
Orlando, FL	2147
Miami, FL	2367
New York City, NY	2424

Hmmmm, who will win the long distance award this year, for the most NUMBER of miles driven. Celebrate our year! Have fun! Support our hosting members! See you in Flagstaff.