



ROCKET RUMBLINGS

Newsletter of the New England Oldsmobile Club

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Were back, the NEOC newsletter? Yep, and after some time away and just like an old car you love, we are back to visit with old friends and make some new ones this car season.

I'm proud to be new member of this organization and look forward to meeting all of you at some point during the show season. The newsletter along with our facebook and other media platforms gives the NEOC the opportunity to not only communicate with our membership but also to give to the many outstanding organizations that look to the automobile collectors and enthusiasts to help raise awareness to their specific cause. I hope you as members will please pass along any information on events you wish the club to focus on.

As **ALWAYS** the newsletter is the memberships letter and feel free to add articles to publish in the newsletter to me. Have you broken a piece off your Cutlass?" or "looking for that elusive part?" Why not share some of

that knowledge with your fellow Oldsmobile enthusiasts? Share your experiences with a specific repair, changed carpet or a tachometer, add a performance piece?

Articles in the newsletter can be simple to complex and the more information the better because we can use it across multiple newsletters!

I like to drive my cars everyday How do you balance your driving? If you could would you drive your baby everyday? I try to work on my car myself along with my two sons but how do you accomplish those tough out of your comfort zone repairs??

WE WANT YOUR IDEAS!

Anyone got a restoration project going on? Anyone NOT got one going on? Why not share it with us.

So the warmer weather is finally spreading into New England, and the sounds of car covers being pulled slow-

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Club Direction and Functions

So, we are starting 2019 with new communication in mind, new shows and some favorite venues. What did you think of the club last year? The elected officers are excited for the show season and all that it has to offer. Feel free to join us at our monthly meetings to share new ideas on what the club can do to increase membership and have more of our members come in force at

local shows. Would you like to head to the drag strip to see what your car can run? This was a popular event some years back and was discussed at the April meeting.

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Dates to Remember



May 4 - NEOC Mtg. Saturday 43
Longmeadow drive, Meriden Ct.-1pm

May 3 - Spring Drag Day, Lebanon Valley NY.

May 11/12 - SSAAC Swap Meet, Xfinity Ctr, Mansfield Ma.

May 19 - Long Island/NYC Olds Club dust off, Merrick Rd. Merrick NY.

May 19 - Eastern Mass. Olds Spring Show, Worcester Ma. 9am-3pm

May 26 - Hemmings Musclepaloosa, Lebanon, NY.

NEOC Meeting Notes

Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2019

Meeting held at Margarita's restaurant, at 7:00 on Thursday night just before my bedtime. Seven members attended. Surprise guest was young Doctor Olds, Steve Minore. There was no January meeting to report on because we celebrated our club holiday party 01/12. Business end of the meeting started around 7:15 amidst lively Mexican music.

-President Jeff brought the raucous group to order and reminded us that it was still winter. But better weather and Oldsmobiling was in the forecast.

· Treasurer Bill Black gave the financial report for YTD. With a few new member renewals, and the holiday party behind us, the checkbook balance was \$4914.25

· Membership Coordinator and PITA Glen Morris reported membership at #58 and slower renewal activity. A new updated roster will be available soon.

· The focus of the meeting was around the lack of a newsletter and club communication in general. There were a lot of suggestions but no solid decision. We decided to reach out to the membership once again for a volunteer. Steve Minore volunteered to spread club information through his many Facebook contacts.

· There was general discussion about our all Olds show scheduled for 09/15 with a rain date of 09/22 this year. Jeff was to follow up with the town of Southington to once again reserve the drive in location. Mike Barillaro mentioned that our previous food vendor was no longer in business. We will investigate a new vendor and will also ask the membership for suggestions.

· Jim Schmitz has the information and picture needed for the show flyer and will work on that soon.

· Glen mentioned that he would pursue OCA car show insurance but needed the Southington lease and the show flyer for this.

· Next meeting date will be 03/07 at Margaritas assuming

Meeting Minutes 03/07/2019

Meeting held at Margarita's restaurant, at 7:00 on a cold and dark winter Thursday night far, far away. Nine members attended including new member Mike Graziosi who was not told that new members picked up the tab. Business end of the meeting started around 7:10 while we were waited on by a very friendly waitress who remembered our group. We're not sure if this was good or bad?

· President Jeff started amidst Olds talk to tell us that not much was going on but we continued to be rude anyway.

· Treasurer Bill Black gave the financial report from memory this time. The NEOC bank account is at a healthy \$4800 and we will take him on his word.

· Membership Coordinator and now retired PITA Glen Morris reported membership at #64. The new roster has been distributed and Glen is going to Disney World now that the membership drive is over!

· Don Mucci reported that Olds night at Mark's (along with Cadillacs and Buicks) is scheduled for 08/19 with a rain date of 08/26. We are confident that the number of Olds will greatly outnumber Cadillacs and Buicks. Don also provided pictures of his recently acquired 1989 Cutlass Phantom. Very nice Don!

· There was continued discussion about our all Olds show on 09/15 this year. We are still in need of a food vendor and the word is out. Jim Schmitz promised (?) to provide a show flyer for the next meeting. Mike Barillaro will start posting advertisements on-line. Steve Minore will get the word out to his contacts on Face Book also. OCA insurance is locked in and advertising in JWO will begin soon.

· Jeff attempted to update everyone on the OCA Nationals for this year but had trouble talking over the munching of Mexican food.

· Glen and Jeff reported the status of the new newsletter. NEOC member David Wilk has volunteered and is actively working towards a quarterly or better newsletter. Members are strongly encouraged to submit articles to David. Steve Minore promised articles as soon as he finds his pencil.

· Speaking of Steve Minore, the May meeting will be held 05/04 (Saturday) at his Olds emporium and workshop 37 Longmeadow Drive, Meriden Ct. We hope the weather is nice

NEOC meeting 04/04/2019

Meeting held at Margarita's restaurant, at 7:00. Ten members attended including our new newsletter editor volunteer, Taylor Bova. Taylor was welcomed with open arms and a lot of newsletter discussion. Business end of the meeting started around 7:15 after a variety of Olds stories.

· President Jeff started and re-iterated that there wasn't much new news for us Olds people.

· Treasurer Bill Black followed Jeff's lead and stated that the club finances hadn't changed since last month.

· Not to make waves, Membership Coordinator Glen Morris stated that membership status hadn't changed either.

· Don Mucci was not present and reported to be vacationing down south and we wondered where in New Jersey.

· V.P. Jim Schmitz reported that this year's car show flyer was complete but due to an Olds memory, he forgot to bring a copy. The flyer will be sent to all members once Jim's memory returns.

· Car show coordinator Mike Barillaro reported that on-line ads were being placed. We also still need a food vendor. Taylor Bova mentioned that he had a line on an ice cream vendor. The Shriners will be notified once the show flyer is available.

· Between numerous Olds stories, the remainder of the meeting was devoted to the newsletter. Glen will forward all prior information to Taylor. Taylor asked for all members to contribute any and all articles or Olds tid-bits that they may have. Taylor will be targeting a monthly newsletter and hopes to have the first one available by May.

· The May meeting will be held at the home of Steve Minore in Meriden. Steve has promised to fill our Olds desires with a large supply of Olds parts, "all priced to sell". Rumor has it that Steve's wife fully supports emptying out their Olds cellar

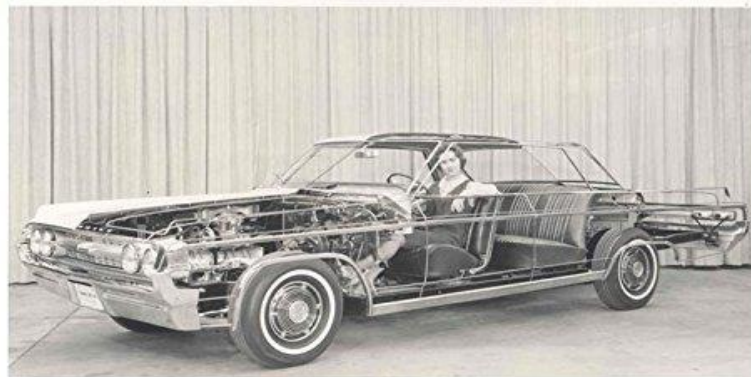
2019– Representing the Rocket

Welcome to the newest NEOC members:

John Gallicchio, NEOC # 424, John lives in Torrington, Ct. and currently owns a 1970 Rallye 350. He also provided a list of (13) other Oldsmobile's he has owned over the years!

Taylor Bova, NEOC #425, Taylor lives in Startford , Ct. and owns a 1964 Jetstar Celebrity sedan and a 1995 Cutlass supreme convertible.

Michael Graziosi, NEOC #426, Michael lives in Glastonbury, Ct. and owns a 1972 Cutlass Supreme.



Coverage of the National Antique Olds Club 2017 Meet

(Note: Written by Glen Morris in July of 2017)

The National Antique Olds Club (NAOC), held their national meet in Reading Pa. 06/21-06/24/2017. There were around 100 cars registered for the event this year. That included yours truly in my '68 Ram-Rod and NEOC member John Capone with his gorgeous 1976 98 Regency. (I think 98 stands for the length in feet for this model). It's a good thing that John brought his son Evan (chief car wiper and future Olds owner) for this event as rain was a primary component to be dealt with. Fueled by hotdogs, Evan made sure dad's car was always dry and shiny. The day of show judging was a New England miracle when the skies cleared early for a perfect summer car show day. Unfortunately, surrounding rain storms kept many people away but that was their loss.



Yours truly at the host hotel unloading

NAOC National Meet—Cont'd



John Capone's (very dry and shiny) '98



Tweed Vorhees 1942



NAOC National Meet- Cont'd



91 year old member Ron Siegrist drove the blue '52 98 and his great grandson drove the '66 98 from Baltimore. Both were bought new by the elder gentleman! I overheard him say that all the women "used to look at him when the cars were new"!

Sorry to say that I neglected to get owner names and car models of the other photos, but they are



Best of Class award picture taken after the banquet with my car loaded and ready to go home! I still managed a smile even though it was past my bedtime.

It was a very well run event with shades of our 2010 Nationals in Sturbridge.....including rain and tornado threats. I was approached by several attendees who commented positively on our show in 2010. The NAOE is looking for an East Coast National car show venue for 2020 but yours truly did NOT volunteer!

Glen Morris

Club Functions - Cont'd

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Perhaps you go to a little (or not so little) car show near you that you enjoy and you think others might also. Why not mention it and see if you can get another Oldsmobile there to help spread the word? Speaking of spreading the word, how many of you have NEOC business cards in your glove box to slip under the windshield wiper of an Olds that does not loom familiar to you. We are often hearing from people that have had Oldsmobile's for years and have never heard of the NEOC or OCA!



What about a cruise? No, not a boat ride, but exercising that classic on the great scenic roads of New England. Anyone up for a Thursday afternoon/evening ride to the Hemming's facility in Vermont for their weekly cruise-in?

How about having 5 or 6 (or more) classic Oldsmobile's show up at one of the quaint wineries or breweries in CT or MA? Or a popular burger joint?

Anyone into drive-ins? There is one a few miles from our house and we even hold our car show in one, and I am sure there are more. It's a blast from the past that most of our classics have been to in their prior daily driver routines.



Every wonder where your car was built, or maybe you know! Want to visit that location, is the dealership sign still there? Take pictures of your ride where it was born or sold, my 1964 Jetstar Celebrity Sedan was built in

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Ideas –Cont'd

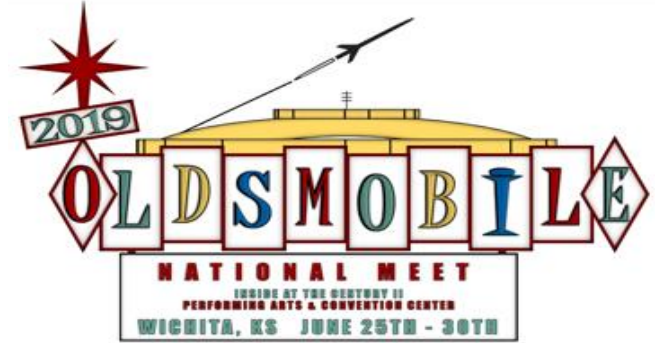
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ly off Oldsmobile's in garages across this great land, can make a man or women's heart skip a beat.

Idle hands become busy with the splash of cold water in orange home depot buckets, and soap and water become the mixture of the season as sponges and rags dance across hoods and trunks, around wheels and rims to brighten our weekends. The need to discuss fuel pumps, paint, parts and history fill the air as we rejoice in the joy of automobile from enthusiasts, to spectators and those just fascinated with the art of the automobile.

For me it came at an early age with my dad who collected Jaguars from the late 50's and early '60's got me hooked on cars. I share that compassion with my family and friends and those I meet at the many events of the year.

I look forward to the time of leisure and conversation that comes with the car show season. The faces of the people I have recognized before and those I meet for the first time always makes me smile. The charitable events I would have no reason to support but are there just as I am to spread their word of kindness and to support oth-



Directions To The Next Meeting

The **May meeting** will be on **SATURDAY May 4th**, at Steve Minore's "House of Olds", (203) 623-3135
43 Longmeadow drive, Meriden Ct.-1pm

Again, Already?!

Although it may seem like you just paid them (and many of you did), this could be your first and last newsletter of 2019 if you haven't sent in your dues yet.

Rocket Advertising

If any members have or work for a business that would like to advertise in the newsletter, please feel free to send me an email. Many member here WANT to take their pride and joy to someone who understands the investment and pride that we have in these vehicles. tbova1019@yahoo.com

Rocket Classifieds

Club members are entitled to one free ad per issue. There is no charge for members. Insert a photograph for better results. Please submit ads by the 15th of the month. Email submissions only. If you need photos scanned and returned, please include a SASE.

To submit a classified ad:

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