

# ***Rocket Rumbings***

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## **Spring Drag Day 2006** **A mental health day with Attitude!**



Tired of hearing about how fast all the coupes were, did Dave Richter finally decide to show the hardtop boys what a mid 60's convertible can do? Come find out at Spring Drag Day 2006, May 5th at Lebanon Valley Dragway in West Lebanon, NY.

Last call for Drag Day. The weather looks promising and the cars are well prepared for their assault on the 1320 feet of asphalt at Lebanon Valley Dragway!

Although Carl has reported that the roster for Drag Day is full, the excitement can still be enjoyed from the stands for free! And you get to mill around the pits with such racing notables as "Dragmaster Carl", "Mind if I take a run, Minore" as well as the usual cast of characters. If you have thought about running your car and you missed the signup, why not take a nice ride to the country. Maybe there will be a last minute cancellation.



Want to see small blocks pull the wheels? Join us May 5th

If for some reason the sun gods aren't shining upon us, Thursday, May 11 is the official "lack of sun" date. See you on May 5th. **RR**

## **Dates to remember**

May 4th - No NEOC Mtg  
Meet us at Lebanon Valley Dragway on the 5th!  
May 5 - Friday  
Spring Drag Day—See details in this issue  
May 11 - Thursday  
Drag Day Rain Date  
June 1 - NEOC Meeting  
Canterbury, CT

June 24 - Saturday Extinct Auto Day  
Larz Anderson Museum - Brookline, MA  
June 28 - July 2 OCA Nationals  
Dallas, Texas  
July 9 - BSAAC Show  
Endicott Estate in Dedham, MA  
Sept 10 - NEOC 10th Annual All Olds Show  
New Britain, CT

# April Meeting Minutes

By Bill LaPierre Club Secretary

Steve Minore hosted the April meeting at his hilltop Olds bunker in Meriden, CT. Steve had not hosted a club meeting since who knows when. It was a great chance for those members living in south central Connecticut to attend a meeting. Attendance was strong with 15 members coming from all points on the compass. The Olds faithful talked cars, horse-traded, devoured 4 large pizzas and admired Steve's extensive Olds vehicle and parts inventory.

The meeting was called to order by our host well after the traditional starting time of 7 PM. This is a good sign that those in attendance were enjoying themselves. The first topic discussed was the annual all Olds Show in September. Don Jack passed around the latest version of the plaque that will be distributed to all attendees. The featured car is the infamous Olds "Corvette" that took in a record multi million dollar bid at Barrett-Jackson last year. This plaque will be presented in lieu of the traditional dash plaque and class trophies.

President Minore congratulated Vice President Johnson on his success in his latest roll as club webmaster. Glenn endured Yahoo's bureaucratic indifference and got the site back on track. It looks great! Perhaps you would consider sending Glenn a picture of your car for the "Members Cars" section. Email your photos to [glenn@69olds.com](mailto:glenn@69olds.com).

Next up was a discussion of the upcoming spring drag day at Lebanon Valley Dragway on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Steve announced that the roster was full and that a waiting list had formed.

The topic of drag racing at the OCA national meet was then discussed. Nick Filippides has been encouraging the

OCA Board to consider allowing racing at the Bowling Green, KY event in 2007. Someone pointed out that the Buick guys have held their national meets there for years and successfully featured racing. The membership was all for it.

Discussion of Club apparel was next up. Clothing coordinator Basil Treco suggested that more shirts and hats would be needed to meet mushrooming demand.

Promotional statements penned by various candidates for OCA Board positions were passed around for the members. President Minore emphasized that it is very important that everyone get their vote in by the May deadline.

The GMO chapter is hosting their annual show on May 7<sup>th</sup>. There was talk of forming a caravan. No concrete details were established. Let's hope the weather holds up this year!

After President Minore ended the business portion of the meeting Dave Richter fired up his DVD compilation of last September's hot racing action at Lebanon Valley. Steve's AV system thumped to the beat of tires squealing and motors roaring. Of course, the Oldsmobiles crushed the competition.. See you at the June meeting in Canterbury, CT. Gus Kutschker will be your gracious host. **RR**

## GMO Show Update

Looks like the GMO has had a large number of pre-registrations for the Spring Dust Off and there is a limit to the number of cars the site can handle. Therefore, if you want to attend, it is best to pre-register to make sure you can get a spot on the field. The flier for that show is available at: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/oldsgmo/GMOShowFlyer2006.pdf> or at [www.neolds.com](http://www.neolds.com). **RR**

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## Now for something completely different

For all you car guys out there that can remember the wild 60's and running down to Hertz to rent a Shelby. Hertz is marking the 40th anniversary by bringing back some fun in Rent-A-Wrecks!

In a throwback to the famed Shelby GT350H "Rent-A-Racer" program from the 1960s, FoMoCo, Shelby Automobiles and The Hertz Corporation are partnering to produce a special run of performance-modified pony car GTs – designated Shelby GT-H, for "Hertz" – that will be available for rent later this spring (*I heard late May...*



*editor)* exclusively through Hertz. Approximately 500 units will be available through the Hertz Fun Collection at select airport locations Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. **RR**



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## The Car Show is Just Around the Corner!

By Bill Black

**I**t's hard to believe in just over four months we will be celebrating our Tenth Anniversary All Olds Car Show on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be a great day for our club and everyone who helps out can be proud of their efforts.

Companies or individuals who gave us money last year were featured in our Show Booklet. Because of its success we are going to repeat the Show Booklet this year. For those donating it will provide a source for advertising their business. What better way to introduce a business then to have it permanently displayed and in the hands of those who can relate to it. Also, the revenue allows the NEOC to maintain a quality show. And we are well on our way as Don Jack has brought in two new donors for this year's show.

We're going to keep the same prices as last year. A donation of \$100 will be recognized with a full page display. \$50 will be a half page and \$25 will be a quarter page. The inside front cover, the back inside cover and the back cover will be reserved for the first three donations of \$200 or more.

By the end of May I will send letters out to each of our donors from last year, asking if they will help us with this year's car show. I will include a copy of their display ad from last year, along with the donation forms for 2006. I will also mention to them that they may be contacted by the club member who solicited their donation last year. So please feel free to talk to them because personal contact is always the best approach.

The donation and receipt forms will be available in the next newsletter. However, if you need a form beforehand call me at (203) 457-1459 or email at [dragonflyfarm@earthlink.net](mailto:dragonflyfarm@earthlink.net) I also have a number of last year's Show Booklets, which can be used as an ice breaker when talking to a potential donor. **RR**

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Welcome to the New England Oldsmobile Club Website! Our club is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of Oldsmobile Automobiles. The NEOC is a chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America. We meet monthly and host various events including an annual all Oldsmobile car show in September.

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**Club Member Car Profile of the Month:**





Dave Richter Granby, MA 67 442

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Contact [Web Administrator](#) for any questions regarding this site.

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## A new look in 2006

As anyone who was trying to log onto the website in the last few months may have noticed, our web site has gone through some changes.

Glenn Johnson has moved the site to a new server. One that saves us a little cash, but also allows him to do some additional things as far as format and capabilities.

As you can see Glenn is trying to make the site one to be proud of as well as interesting, informative and fun.

There is a section on joining (or renewing) both your NEOC as well as OCA membership, so no one can say they couldn't find the renewal forms!

If you loose a copy of your newsletter, or if you get it mailed to you and would like to print out a color copy, there are several back issues available on the site. If you are like me and have a hard time getting all the dates for those summer time shows, cruises and swap meets, take a gander at the Calendar page.

If you like to see the variety of cars as most of us in this hobby do, you'll open the Members Cars page and see what NEOC members have hiding in their garage. Believe me it is a lot safer to see what folks have here than it is to get caught peeking in their garage! As with all good information sources, you input keeps it exciting and interesting. Send Glenn a photo and description of your ride and he'll post it on the "Members Cars" page.

And lastly the links page is intended to keep all your required Oldsmobile links handy for you.

Hopefully everyone will use the website as a means to keep in touch. If you have an idea for the site, give Glenn a shout! **RR**

# Directions To The Next Meeting

Due to the timing of Drag Day this year, there will be no formal May meeting, feel free to join us at Lebanon Valley Dragway on Friday May 5th. Or feel free to call any officer.

The **June meeting** will be hosted by Gus Kutschker on **Thursday June 1st** in Canterbury, CT. This will give all you members in Rhode Island and eastern CT and MA an opportunity for a short ride to a meeting.

Gus Kutschker 860-546-6868  
178 Wright Pond Rd.  
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## **From Providence and points East**

Take Route 6 West toward HARTFORD CT from your location, continue West (approx. 25 miles from Providence) In the town of Brooklyn (about 5 miles West of I-395), turn LEFT onto WINDHAM RD (a sign for Wrights Tree Farm is a landmark) continue for 2.5 miles.

WINDHAM RD becomes BROOKLYN RD. continue for approximately 0.5 miles.

Turn LEFT onto WRIGHT POND RD. (There is a trailer on the corner of Wright Pond and Brooklyn Road. If you're driving a newer, fuel efficient vehicle you can hit your trip odometer when you turn onto Windham road off of Route 6. It is exactly 3 miles to Wright Pond Road from there.)

Continue to the second house on the right - 178 Wright Pond Rd. (approx. 0.1 mile)

## **From Worcester and points Northeast**

Take I-395 South to US-6 (Approx. 28.5 miles South of the Mass Pike)

Head West on Rt-6 and follow the directions above

## **From Hartford and points West**

From I-84, I-291 or I-91, take I-384 East towards Willimantic. Travel approximately 7 miles to Rt6.

Bear Right onto Rt-6 towards Willimantic for approximately 11 miles.

Bear LEFT onto Rt-6/66. (Columbia Ford will be on your right just before the light) Continue to follow Rt-6 East (approx. 13.5 miles).(There is an intersection at the end of the Route 6 multilane bypass around Willimantic. Stay in the right lane and continue East on route 6. You'll pass a Western Auto on your left).

About 7 miles East of Willimantic turn RIGHT onto CT-97/PUDDING HILL RD. and take a quick LEFT on CEMETERY RD. Bear RIGHT on S BIGELOW RD. and take another quick LEFT onto SAND HILL RD. for approx. 1.3 miles

Turn SHARP LEFT onto WINDHAM RD.

WINDHAM RD becomes RAYMOND SCHOOLHOUSE RD. which then becomes WRIGHT POND RD at the Brooklyn Road/Raymond Schoolhouse road intersection. (There is a trailer on the corner lot at this intersection).

Go straight through intersection and up the hill to the second house on the right (178 Wright Pond Rd.)

# Rocket Classifieds

Club members are entitled to ONE free 25 word ad per issue. There is no charge for name, addresses and phone numbers. Additional words ar 10 cents each. Insert a photograph for only \$5.00 Please submit ads by the 15th of the month. Written submissions are preferred.

Note: ads only run for 1 month, please renew monthly.

### ***To submit a classified ad:***

Email: Jim70442w30@aol.com

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Lots of 1968 Cutlass/442 chrome trim and parts. NOS emblems and more. Time to clean house here. E-mail for needs and prices. Very reasonable. Call Glen @ 203-269-4365 or [gmmorris01@aol.com](mailto:gmmorris01@aol.com).

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Call Glen @ 203-269-4365 or [gmmorris01@aol.com](mailto:gmmorris01@aol.com).  
(Let's see if we can't get Glen a posi before Drag Day!)

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