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The Snow is Melting and Car Season is Starting!

Well as the snow melts and the sweepers clean all the sand off the streets in the Northeast, the info starts rolling in about the upcoming shows, swap meets, cruises, drag days, etc. Is your ride ready?



Valley Dragway in West Lebanon, NY. Followed closely by the Long Island & New York City Olds Club Spring Dust-Off on May

3rd in Merrick, NY. Next up is the GMO Spring Dust



Starting out this month we have Spring Carlisle in Carlisle, PA.

off on May 17th in Natick, MA.



June 7th has the Pioneer Valley Classic Car Show in Feeding Hills, MA. Check out the information starting on page 4!

July has a number of us heading out to the 2009 Oldsmobile nationals at Seven Springs Resort in Western PA.

August has our own car show in Sturbridge, MA.

In May we have Drag Day May1st which is at Lebanon

Are you ready? **RR**

Dates to Remember

April 2 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday @ 7 pm
Mike Barillaro's - Kensington, CT

April 15 - Tax Day

April 22-26 - Spring Carlisle
Carlisle, PA

May 1 - Spring Drag Day - Friday
Lebanon Valley Dragway, Lebanon, NY

May 3 - LI Spring Dust-Off - Sunday 9-5
Merrick, NY

May 7 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday @ 7 pm
Bill Black's - Guilford, CT

May 17 - GMO Spring Dust-Off - Sunday 8-3
Natick, MA

June 7 - Classic Car Show Sunday 9-4
Feeding Hills, MA (PV GTO club)

March Meeting Minutes

It was a nice “cozy” meeting in the heated Richter Garage on March 5th for the monthly meeting. Dave had several LARGE pizzas (and I do mean LARGE) in anticipation of a good turnout.

Even though we had a smaller than normal turnout (must have been the bad weather) we had some productive discussions.

First up was the location of the next several meetings. American Dry Stripping in Milford, CT is offering clinics and lunch on several Saturdays in April. Due to the timing of the information and the dates available, it was felt that this was not feasible at this time although several members did express an interest. Mike Barillaro sent a proxy bid for the April meeting which was accepted and Bill Black has offered to host in May. See the last page of the newsletter for directions to both of these meetings.

Next on the agenda was the flier for our car show this year. A copy was distributed and approved for distribution. The PDF version will be sent out and Glenn will get a copy up on the web site.

Bill LaPierre also discussed the possibility of having another dyno day this spring before Spring Drag Day. Stay tuned for more info as we receive it. We also discussed another cruise up to Hemmings for one of their Cruise Nights. If you missed out last time, try to make this year as a good time was had by all that attended. With all of the cars, the Hemmings museum and gas station there was quite a bit to see and do.

The last item on the agenda is the 2010 Nationals in New England. We had a flier which was well received as well as a couple different versions of the ad to be placed in the 2009 Nationals Meet Magazine. **RR**

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Space Available

Looks kinda funny doesn't it? A big blank space just waiting for some words of wit, wisdom or just simple info and photos. Why not take a few minutes to jot down some notes about your first car, your current car, your project car, you mother's car, etc. Just make sure it's Oldsmobile related. Send it along with a few photos and our editorial staff will put it into an enjoyable article.

It would be great to hear from some of you that don't regularly contribute. It's a nice way to stay part of the club, even if you don't get a chance to make the meetings or functions. Don't worry about spelling, grammar, etc. we'll take care of all that.

Send any and all submissions to:

Email: Jim70442w30@aol.com

Snail mail: Jim Schmitz 860-379-5221
24 Pioneer Dr., New Hartford, CT 06057

Spring Drag Day

As happens every spring, those of us with a desire to go fast get all revved up over Spring Drag Day. I know a lot of you re thinking "Why would I take and beat the bejeesus out of my nicely restored ride?" Well, its one of "Of you have to ask, you won't understand" things. Rather than the stop light derby, many enthusiasts like to see just what their cars will do. Afterall weren't these cars meant to be driven? The strip gives you a nice safe place to take your car and see what it will do in the quarter mile.

As of this writing I just heard that all the spots were filled for Spring Drag Day. If you think it would be fun to take your car, drop Carl a line and he can put you on the list in case someone backs out for some reason. Carl's contact number is below.

If you don't get an opportunity to race or prefer not to, why not go and watch? Drag Day allows you an open pass to the track, the pits and the racers. Why not take a vacation or "mental health" day and relax at the track with your Oldsmobile friends?

Spring Drag Day at Lebanon Valley Dragway
Route 20, West Lebanon, NY
Friday, May 1
Rain date the following Friday, May 8

Carl Dudash
P.O. Box 200
Norfolk, CT 06058-0200

Crew members and spectators are admitted free. All drivers, crew, and spectators must check in at the tower to sign the release waiver. Wristbands and run stickers will be issued.

Gates open at 8



able for purchase from 9 to 10 am and again from 1 to 2 pm.

Phone Hotline: (860) 542-5753 for me,
(518) 794-9606 for LVD

I look forward to seeing all of you at the track. If you have any questions just call or send me an email. See you at LVD.

Peace, Carl Dudash

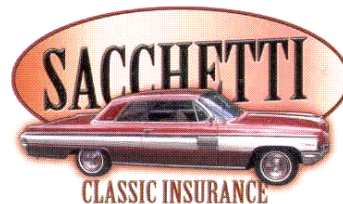


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Car Show Season is Starting!

Eastern Massachusetts GMO All Oldsmobile Spring Dust-Off Show 2009



1956 Oldsmobile Golden Rocket Concept Car

Sunday May 17, 2009 - 8AM to 3 PM
(Rain Date May 31, 2009)

Natick Elks Club
95 Speen Street - Natick, MA 01760
Just South of Rte 135

- ❖ Dash Plaques to 1st 100 cars
- ❖ Awards in 16 Classes
- ❖ AI Brewer DJ Music
- ❖ Food & Beverages
- ❖ 50/50 Raffle
- ❖ Super Wheels Qualifier
- ❖ For Sale Signs allowed
- ❖ A Judged Show



Spring Dust-Off 2009

May 3, 2009

9am-5pm

Hosted by the Long Island & New York City Olds Club

Four Towns Firemans Training Center, Merrick Rd.,
Merrick, NY. Meadowbrook Parkway, exit M-9 East)

All makes & models welcome.

Pre-1942 vehicles are free.

Trophies for all classes, 300 dash plaques, swap meet,
D.J entertainment, food & refreshments.

20 Oldsmobile classes.

Pre-registration - \$12, day of show - \$18.

Vendors pre-registration - \$30, day of show - \$40.

For more info contact:

Fred Wunch at (516) 561-9000 days
(516) 781-3125 eve.
islauto@aol.com

or Jeff Wilson at (631) 226-0289 eve.
wilso774@netscape.net

Pioneer Valley GTOA Association's 11th Annual CLASSIC CAR SHOW



Sunday, June 7th 2009 from 9AM-4PM
Polish American Club
RT.57, Feeding Hills, MA.
All Makes and Models Welcome



Proceeds to:

Shriners Hospital for Children & Relay for Life, Team Angels Above for Colon Cancer Research
Show vehicles-\$10.00 / General admission-\$3.00 / Children under 12 free

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- ➡ Live music with BluesHead Band (blues and beyond)
- ➡ Best trophies in the Valley
- ➡ Special interest vehicles on display
- ➡ Park on the grass and enjoy the food and spirits

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Paul Bourbeau, (413)267-5834 Email hisanndhers67gto@aol.com

Jim McDonald, (413)532-5857 Email nogto@charter.net



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Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

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STURBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
JULY 21 - 25, 2010

New England Olds Club

Presents the

13th Annual All Oldsmobile Car Show

to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children

Largest All Olds Show on the East Coast!

Sturbridge, MA



Sunday August 30, 2009 9am-3pm

Show will be held Rain or Shine!

Presented by:

The New England Olds Club

Held at:

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center

366 Main St., Sturbridge, MA

- ★ Dash plaques to the first 100 cars (incl. all pre-registered)
- ★ Awards in 17 classes
- ★ 50/50 raffle
- ★ raffle prizes
- ★ food & beverages
- ★ goodie bags
- ★ D.J. music
- ★ club apparel



CLASSES:

- CLASS #1 - Stock, 1897 – 1963 all models ex F-85
 - CLASS #2 - Stock, 1964 – 1972 all models ex Toro, Cutlass, 442
 - CLASS #3 - Stock, 1973 – 1987 all models ex Toro, 442, Hurst
 - CLASS #4 - Stock, 1988 – present all models ex Toro, 442, Hurst**
 - CLASS #5 - Stock all Toro
 - CLASS #6 - Stock, 1961 – 1967 Cutlass, F-85
 - CLASS #7 - Stock, 1964 – 1967 442
 - CLASS #8 - Stock, 1968 – 1972 Cutlass, F-85
 - CLASS #9 - Stock, 1968 – 1969 442, W-30, Convertible
 - CLASS #10 - Stock, 1968 – 1969 442, W-30, W-31, Hurst, Hardtop
 - CLASS #11 - Stock, 1970 – 1972 442, W-30, Hurst, SX, Convertible
 - CLASS #12 - Stock, 1970 – 1972 442, W-30, W-31, Hurst, Rallye, SX, Hardtop
 - CLASS #13 - Stock, 1973 – 1987 442, Hurst
 - CLASS #14 - Modified, through 1969
 - CLASS #15 - Modified, 1970 - present
 - CLASS #16 & 17 - Seniors - Stock & Modified
- (all cars that have won a first place trophy in our previous 2 shows)

REGISTRATION: \$15.00

Please send entry form and
Make checks payable to:

The New England Oldsmobile Club
372 Batchelor St., Granby, MA 01033

For show information call:

Dave Richter 413-530-9391

Or email:

DMR67442@aol.com

Info via the internet:

www.neolds.com



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2009 REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ CLASS #

Year of Car: _____ License Plate _____

Model: _____ Color: _____

Note: Check here if this car won a First Place Trophy within the last 2 years ☐

I would like to help judge a class at the show ☐

In consideration of the right to participate: Entrants / Participants, by execution of this entry form, release and discharge The Oldsmobile Club of America / The New England Oldsmobile Club / Sturbridge Host Hotel from all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgment or claims from what so ever.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
(Pre-registration must be postmarked prior to August 1st. All others must register day of show)

Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

In **April** we will be meeting on **Thursday** the 2nd at 7 PM and will be hosted by Mike Barillaro in Kensington, CT.

Mike Barillaro
228 Lower Lane, Kensington, CT 06037
860-828-3812 Email: m.barillaro@gte.net

From points West

Take I-84 East to I-691 East. Take exit 8 (US5/Broad St./CT15) North approx 4.7 mi to Meadow Lane. Take a left on Meadow to the 2nd right which is Lower Lane. Continue 1.2 miles to 228.

From points South

Take I-91 North to Exit 17 (CT15/CT66/I-691/Berlin Turnpike). Merge onto SR15 Wilbur Cross Pkwy North for 2.7 mi. Continue North on US5 (CT15) for 3.2 mi to Meadow Lane. Take a left on Meadow to the 2nd right which is Lower Lane. Continue 1.2 miles to 228.

From points North and East (and alt South route)

Take I-91 to Route 9 West. Get off at exit 21 (CT372/US6N/CT15N/East Berlin) merge onto SR372 (West) Follow 372 for 1.5 miles and go left onto Lower Lane. Proceed to 228.

In **May** we will be meeting on **Thursday** the 7th at 7 PM and will be hosted by Bill Black in Guilford, CT.

Bill Black
134 Great Hill Road, Guilford, CT 06437
203-457-1459 Email: dragonflyfarm@att.net

From North

Take I-91 South to exit I-91 south to exit 15, RT 68. Take a left at end of ramp; follow RT 68 east into Durham, a little over 5 miles. Take a right onto RT 17 south, through Durham, for about 1 mile. After the Citgo gas station on the left, take a left onto RT 77. Continue South on SR77 (Guilford Rd.) for 7.7 mi. Turn right (West) onto Hemlock for 0.5 mi. Hemlock Ave winds its way up a hill and intersects with Great Hill Rd. You are now looking at the farm. Turn left onto Great Hill Road for 65 yards the number is 134, take a right into the drive.

From New Haven or New London areas

Take I-95 to SR77 (Church Street) North for 5.6 mi. Turn left (West) onto Hemlock for 0.5 mi. Turn left onto Great Hill Road for 65 yards to 134 as above.

From the South

Take a boat across Long Island Sound and hitch up SR 77 to Hemlock, you can walk the rest of the way.

If the weather is nice your Oldsmobile will enjoy a great ride on RT 77, a state designated scenic road. We will also have a sheep herding demo given by my wife, and her dog, Tyne. Just a word of caution--- Mike Babij the fence around the pasture is electrified.

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 are preferred, but snail mail is fine. If you need photos scanned and returned, please include a SASE..

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

To submit a classified ad:

Email: Jim70442w30@aol.com

Snail mail: Jim Schmitz 860-379-5221
24 Pioneer Dr., New Hartford, CT 06057

1969 Cutlass Supreme W-31 clone for sale \$8,500

Aztec Gold exterior (re-paint), Black (dyed) original Supreme interior, 350 c.i. 4bbl numbers matching engine, Turbo-350 with Shift kit*, SS11 14" Wheels. (4) New B.F. Goodrich radials* (less than 1k miles), 12 bolt posi* with 3.55's, New in dash tachometer* (aftermarket), New under dash gage trio set*, New HEI distributor*, New flex fan*, 2.5" stainless dual exhaust, Complete functional original ram air set up, Complete heavy duty 442 suspension. The Bad: Rust beginning bottom of doors and front fenders



(previous repair), History of car unknown. No documentation. Right front fender and hood need sand and buff or re-paint. Contact Glen Morris: 203-269-4365 or email: gmorris01@aol.com

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