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2009 NEOC Car Show!

Yep, its that time again! The NEOC 13th Annual Car Show is almost here! Come on up to Sturbridge and join us. Check out the facility for the 2010

Largest All Olds Show on the East Coast!

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Sunday August 30, 2009 9am-3pm

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OCA Nationals! All participants are encouraged to help with the judging process, the more folks we have the quicker it is done and the more time we all get to enjoy the show! Don't worry if you've never done it before, we can place you with an experienced team so you'll be a pro next year! **RR**

2009 Nationals (we're next!)

Tuesday 7/14/09: Bill Black in his trusty '70 Cutlass and Nancy and I towing our Ram-Rod left promptly at 7:00 a.m. from the Wallingford area. We chose not to meet the "hammer down" crew consisting of Dave Richter, Glenn Johnson and Mike Babij as they were leaving at 6:00 a.m. and vowed to be at Seven Springs by mid afternoon. We passed the "hammer down" crew at a Waterbury rest area around 7:30. We later stopped for gas at the intersection of I-84 and I-81 in Pa. Coincidentally, the "hammer down" crew chose to stop at the same area so we had an impromptu NEOC meeting and car show. We all arrived at Seven Springs Pa. around 4:30 and proceeded to settle in.

Wednesday 7/15/09: Bill Black and I spent most of the day distributing literature, directions, and our 2010 brochure to those who asked. The show field was relatively small at this time but gradually filling up the 400 reserved



Dates to Remember

Aug 15 - OCA Nationals Meeting - Saturday

Host Hotel - Sturbridge, MA

Aug 22 - NEOC Picnic & Mtg - Saturday

Bill Lapierre's - Somers, CT

Aug 30 - NEOC All Oldsmobile Show - Sunday

Host Hotel - Sturbridge, MA

Sept 10 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday @7 pm

Jean Roy's - East Hartford, CT

Oct 1 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday @ 7 pm

Steve Minore's - Meriden, CT

Dec 5 - NEOC Christmas Party - Saturday

Elaine's Restaurant, Wethersfield, CT

June Meeting Minutes

The June meeting was held at Dean Franco's Martial Arts studio in Torrington. Several folks brought their Olds out for a nice ride through the Connecticut backwoods.

We discussed several outings the club was going out on, including; the cruise to Hemmings on July 23rd, The GTO show on Sunday, the GMO show that was held last Sunday with 102 cars)!

Bill is looking to set up another Dyno Day to test and tune your car. Everyone who has gone so far (well maybe not Larry) has had a blast and learned a lot about the operating condition of their car. So far 5 people committed (or should be? :) Bill would like 9-10 people before he sets up a day. Give him a call.

Dan has set up Mark's Cruise in Granby, CT to hold an Oldsmobile night on June 15th. Bill Black talked about the NEOC show book, he has \$500 for ads in the book so far. For \$25 you can help out with a photo of your car (cars for sale?), we also have a couple gift certificates from Fusick's. When you need parts, be sure to call them, they are helpful and really help us out a lot!

Our annual Christmas Party is once again on the first Saturday in December (the 5th) and we will have it at Elaine's once again. The July Mtg is July 2nd at Glen Morris' with Bill hosting the Aug 22 Picnic, club meeting and Bag stuffing extravaganza. And Jean Roy will host the first meeting after our show on Sept 10th.

For the NEOC Show, the Dash Plaques are in, DJ is done (same as last year), Lloyd is coming again.

For the 2010 Nats, Steve Minore is doing the parking layout, we are having a cookbook and still working on-Trailer parking. **RR**

2009 Nationals (cont'd)

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spots. Our brothers from the Eastern Mass. Olds club arrived today also. Gene and Joan Miller were reported to have arrived but were otherwise incognito. Nancy and I attended the welcome reception with Bill, Ed and Barb Palmieri, Ted Loran, and Everett Horton with a late walk in of Mike Barillaro and Mary. Jim Schmitz family sightings were reported but even after checking all the bars, we didn't see them until Thursday.

Thursday 7/16/09: Your NEOC 2010 co-chairs were scheduled to make a presentation to the OCA Board of Directors today at 1:00. After a one hour delay, Bill and I made our presentation with Nancy, Dave, Ted, Everett, Mike Barillaro, Ed and Barb, Dave Consoli (GMO President), and Rich Santucci (GMO V.P.), in attendance. Jim and Judee Schmitz sup-



ported our 2010 info table during this meeting. Jean and Helene Roy arrived today and also provided some

much needed support at our table. Later that night, we had a casual NEOC get together/meeting in the hotel lounge. I can't seem to find my notes for this as they may have been on my cocktail napkin.

Friday 7/17/09: Showtime! This is the day that OCA schedules official judging. Most, if not all cars, have

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arrived at this time. All NEOC members in attendance had also arrived by today. We understood that 330 cars were in the area to be judged and 70 cars were in a show only area. While Bill and I and other NEOC members departed to help in judging, several other NEOC wives and significant others helped support our info table. Rumor has it that Steve Minore showed up today to pay



Its great seeing the older cars out in force! Even if some have been upgraded with a few modern amenities and power plants!

some bills. Mother Nature must have been on his list as she opened the skies around noon



time. Sporadic rain hampered the remaining judging requirements but all judge forms were in before Bill, Dave and Barbara departed for a Pittsburg baseball game around 5:00. The rest of us chose to remain behind in the dry but wetting comfort of the Seven Springs lounge and watch the game on TV. Nancy and I stumbled to our room around midnight only to discover the next day that several NEOC members reportedly hijacked a shuttle bus and toured the Seven Springs area during the wee hours of the morning. No arrests were made.

Saturday 7/18/09: Today started quiet for some reason. Few NEOC members were spotted until late in the morning. But, I received a surprising call on my cell phone from Mike Barillaro and Mary claiming they were stranded walking up the very steep ski slope. Upon verifying their presence through a hotel window, I called him an idiot and hung up. This was also the day for the awards banquet. NEOC and GMO had reserved five tables to seat our large supportive crew. Bill Black and I had rehearsed and prepared our short speech about the 2010 Nationals over and over. A little less than a day after the banquet started (this was a very long banquet for those who weren't there!), Bill and I spoke briefly about 2010. There were not any questions as time had run out and most of the audience was asleep...except for our sup-

porters! Thank You for staying with us!

Sunday 7/19/09: This is the day of departure. As far as I know, most of us had departed Seven Springs by late morning for the 9-10 hour (*must have been the slow boat... editor*) ride back to New England. My ever faithful co-chair Bill Black followed Nancy and I all the way home. Other than an "incident" in Pa. between my trailer, a gas station stanchion, and road rage race riot conditions, we safely arrived home that evening. I won't go into detail about the "incident" but thank God that Bill was there to provide assistance. The "incident" will be another story after I determine if legal assistance will be required!?

I would like to recognize and THANK the following:

- Dave Richter and Barb for help at our info table and judging.
- Jean and Helene Roy for making this special trip to help them prepare for 2010. They also spent considerable time helping at our info table.
- Jim and Judee Schmitz for also supporting our info table, providing color logo copies and entertainment (?) in the lounge.



How would you like this collection? One of each year Hurst/Olds?

- Ed and Barb Palmieri for supporting our info table while providing a lot of advice and suggestions for 2010.
- My wife Nancy, Barb Palmieri, and Mary (of Mike and Mary), who supported our table while we were



Lots of nice cars available for Sale at the Nationals

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July Meeting Minutes

The July meeting was held at Glen Morris' on July 2, quite a few members showed up in anticipation of the long weekend ahead!

First on the agenda was the next meeting which is Aug. 22nd at Bill LaPierre's house in Somers, CT. At noon we will start the meeting and move right into the bag stuffing with the picnic starting approximately 1 PM.

Deadline for the ad book is August 15th then its off to printing. Bill has collected \$750 collected so far, you can make your car a star with an ad for \$25! If you are planning to stay over for our show, call Bill Trizbit at the Host Hotel for room reservation. Everything else is set with the dash plaques & trophies in and DJ confirmed.

For the 2010 Nationals we need an electronic form for the recipe book, Jim agreed to make this. We will also need help manning the various tables. On August 15th there will be a site review with the OCA board, the shuttle to trailer parking and hotels is still a detail to be worked out, we have started to receive items for the raffle (1 so far), we also need to work on select and desirable Oldsmobiles for the indoor "museum" area for Wed. to Sat.

The next meetings are; Sept mtg—Jean Roy Sept 10
Oct mtg—Steve Minore October 1st, Nov—you?

Sept 11-13 is the Adirondack Nationals at Lake George. And finally it was noted that Dave Consoli is recovering from surgery, we all wish him our best. **RR**

Time is Running Out

Our car show is quickly approaching. One of the means to fund the show is the Show Booklet. The economy stinks, and it's reflected in the amount of ads we have collected this year. However, we still have a few weeks before the Show Booklet has to go to press, so if you know anyone who is willing to help us out by taking an ad, please ask them. If you need a Show Booklet form, just email me at dragonflyfarm@att.net You can also help by putting a picture of your favorite Oldsmobile in the Show Booklet, for just \$25. **RR**

Fall Drag Day

Well racers, the folks at Lebanon Valley have been busy and have converted the track back from boat races to be able to host our Fall Drag Day! For those of you that don't know, the track had its share of rain and the result was several feet of water on (over?) the property, including the track itself. The staff has done an excellent job of pumping out and cleaning up.

So, it's time to plan on coming to our Fall Drag Day, Friday, Sept. 25, 2009. The rain date is Thursday, Oct. 1. As mentioned before, Friday rain dates are no longer available since the track is booked up for Friday rentals through the end of the season. We may have been responsible in part for the popularity of track rentals as a result of the article about us in Hemmings Muscle Machines magazine a while back. Hey, it helps to keep the track financially healthy and that's good for all of us. to be announced.

We'll be handling the roster the same way as the last rental. To refresh your memory - you must send a deposit check to me for \$30 along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The checks are to be made out to "LVD". You will receive by return mail a receipt for your deposit. The receipt will be numbered and signed by an authorized LVD person. Once you get the receipt, it's yours. If you can't make the date, it will be up to you to find a replacement and give the receipt to that person. The receipt must be presented at the tower office when you sign in and pay the remaining \$40 of the rental fee. If, and only if, we are rained out on both the primary date and the rain date, you'll be able to use the receipt for any regular Wednesday Street Night/Test & Tune, any regular Saturday Test & Tune, or any Sunday Test & Tune/Open Trophy at LVD. The receipt cannot be used for special events like Muscledalooza. We will no longer hold deposits over till the next rental. You can have two drivers (not 3, 4, etc.) with one car for a single entry fee. You can no longer have one driver with two cars as in the past.

I'll be getting the rental receipts from LVD soon and will mail them out to all who have sent in deposits. The roster is already 1/4 full so don't procrastinate if you want to run.

See you at the track.
Peace, Carl Dudash

Mark's Cruise Night

Monday August 3rd was Oldsmobile night at Mark's Classic Cruise in East Granby, CT. The weather was nice as Mark's is all on the grass and wet weather would result in the cruise being cancelled (as did the original date back in June). As the night started there were only

with quite a few of the '60's and '70's muscle and mid-size making up the largest group. However, Ken & Carol Cashman from West Springfield, MA took home the trophy for Best Oldsmobile with their gorgeous 1956 Olds Super 88 drop top. **RR**

2010 Raffle Help

RAFFLE TABLE DONATIONS WANTED

With the 2010 Oldsmobile Nationals in the planning stages, we would like to appeal to the Club Members for their help with the Raffle Table. To help reduce the Club's out-of-pocket expenses, we are looking for donations of household items, gift items or auto parts and supplies. Items should be clean, in like-new condition and in the original packaging if possible. Auto parts (Oldsmobile, of course) should be in as good of shape as possible and in working condition. We are looking for at least fifty items for the Raffle Table, so now is the time to dig out

that unwanted gift from three years ago! Thanks for your help! Please feel free to email a photo of the item or give us a call.

Gene and Joan Miller



a few Oldsmobiles and it looked like we might have more room than we needed as we kept the Dodges and Camaros at bay. But soon we were parking one Oldsmobile after another until all the available parking was taken and we were making do with sliding a few



up in between the rows. We had Oldsmobile's of the last several eras present



2009 NEOC Picnic

Saturday August 22 High Noon

We are striving for maximum efficiency this year by combining the August meeting, the summer picnic and the annual show meeting into one extravaganza at my place in Somers, CT. The meeting and goodie bag stuffing event will start at high noon. The picnic will officially start at or around 1 PM. If you have anything related to stuffing goodie bags in your possession please arrive with those items in tow.

Picnic Details and Information

I have room for at least 20 of your finest Oldsmobile's so don't be shy, bring 'em! Park your pride and joy on either side of the driveway in the official show field. Please park all domestic conveyances, rice burners, soccer vans and Teutonic space cars on the street. We also have plenty of room for running around and throwing Frisbees, or whatever you like to do. We do NOT have a pool. Bring a suit and towel if you are brave and are willing to "pool hop" the many nearby pools in my neighborhood. Maybe the neighbors won't be home? I do have several sprinklers, if you are into that.

What to Bring

Patty and I are looking forward to being your gracious hosts, but we do ask that you refer below for the traditional alphabetical breakdown for what you can consider bringing to the party.

We will be serving Omaha Steaks brand burgers and dogs with all the fixin's. We will require some assistance with the other stuff...

- If your last name begins with letters **A thru K**: please consider bringing a side dish, salad or equivalent.
- If your name starts with **L – Z**: ponder a dessert, chips or appetizer. Please call or email and I will tally it all up to minimize any duplication.

BYOB as required. We will also provide various sodas, juices and spring waters. If you or your kid will only drink a specific type of juice, etc please bring an ample supply. Also, if you wish to spend much of your time sitting, bring your favorite lawn chair. Worry not if you don't have a portable chair, we have some chairs available. See directions on the next page. **RR**

2009 Nationals (cont'd)

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judging. They also participated in the Ladies Luncheon in order to determine our 2010 needs.

- Eastern Mass. GMO club members, Dave Consoli, Rich Santucci, Ted Loran, Chuck Schiel, and Steve Economu for going out of their way to attend this event in order to better understand the support that they will provide in 2010.

Last but not least is my Olds buddy Bill Black. Bill not only spent most of his time supporting our info table, backing



From the '50's to the '60's to the '70's, race cars to cruisers, the Nationals had your car!



me up with the banquet speech, but also helped tally judge results for the Alleghany Rockets, provided unlimited advice and support during this event, and eventually came to my aid at the aforementioned "incident" in Pa.

NEOC, we're next!



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Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **August NEOC Meeting and Picnic** will be on **Saturday August 22**.
This meeting will be hosted by Bill LaPierre in beautiful Somers, CT.

Bill & Patty LaPierre

27 Heather Lane, Somers, CT 06071-1932

860-763-3134

Directions:

From I-91 North or South take Exit 47E and follow Hazard Ave. (SR-190) East for almost 5 miles. Make a right onto Maple Street for 1/4 mile and bear left onto Pinney Rd. For another 1/4 mile and bear left onto Billings Rd. Go to the second Somers Hill Circle and make yet another left (either way will get you there, but this is the most direct route!) and take the first right which is Heather Lane. The fun will be happening at the 2nd house on the left, the one with the Oldsmobile's on the lawn!

The **September meeting** will be hosted by Jean Roy on **Thursday September 10th**.

Jean Roy

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From the North, East and West;

From I-84, take Rout 2 south out of Hartford towards Norwich/new London. At SR-2 Exit 5C, turn off onto Ramp. Turn LEFT (East) onto Maple St. for 1.0 mile. Turn RIGHT (South) onto Forbes St. for 0.2 mi. Turn LEFT (East) onto O'Connell Dr. and go 0.4 mi. to #139.

From the South;

From I-91 (North) get off at Exit 25-26, turn off onto Ramp 0.4 mi. CT-3 / Glastonbury / Old Wethersfield. Merge onto SR-3 [Maple St] (North) 1.4 mi. Turn off onto Ramp 0.3 mi. Main St / Glastonbury. Turn LEFT (East) onto Glastonbury Blvd 0.3 mi. Continue (East) on Griswold St 0.6 mi. Turn LEFT (North) onto Prospect St 0.4 mi. Continue (North) on Forbes St 0.2 mi. Turn RIGHT (East) onto O'Connell Dr. Go 0.4 mi to #139



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