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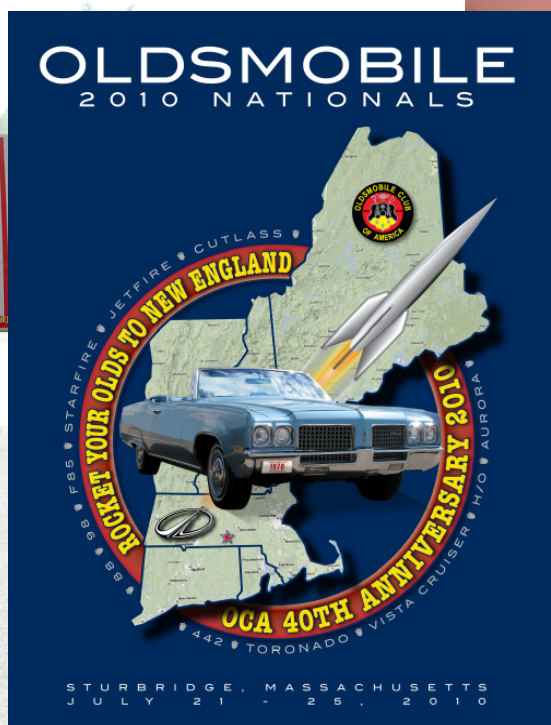
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Sept 2010

2010 Nationals, Just a memory?



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Dates to Remember

Sept 2 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday 7 PM

Larry Gagain - Somers, CT

Sept 11 - NEOC Picnic—Saturday 1 PM

Glen Morris, - Wallingford, CT

Oct 7 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday 7 PM

Charlie Roy's - East Hartford, CT

Nov 4 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday 7 PM

To Be Determined

Dec 4 - NEOC Christmas Party (tentative)

Saturday 6 PM

NEOC President's Message

By Glenn Johnson

Well, it's been an eventful summer to say the least! You may have noticed there has been a lapse in publication of Rocket Rumbblings. The newsletter editor had been replaced but no editions were published in that time. I am pleased to announce that Jim Schmitz has agreed to return to the position of newsletter editor.

In July, the New England Olds Club, with help from the Eastern Ma. GMO club, hosted the 40th anniversary of OCA National Event. This was a monumental effort that was accomplished purely by many hours of volunteer effort by both chapters. There were approximately 400 of the worlds finest Oldsmobiles on display right here in New England. I can not stress enough how much time a large group of people invested in this event to give the members of OCA an opportunity to show their cars, socialize and buy that much needed part. I'm reluctant to list names because so many people did so much, but several people were hard at work months and years in advance of the event, so Glen Morris, Bill Black and Ted Loranz take a bow. I would like to personally thank every person who devoted their time and hard work to make the Nationals happen. Some of you were spouses or children of members and some were OCA members that were not from either the NEOC or the GMO. Also, a special thanks to George Berejik for bringing some

prizes from his collection and for speaking at the Awards banquet. It was an honor to have him participate. Thank you to every organization and person who helped sponsor the event with a special thanks going to Fusick Automotive for going above and beyond in that category. As is the case at just about every National event, some things didn't go as planned. In addition to the weather not cooperating, we ran into problems with the trailer parking, the Welcome Reception, the Awards Banquet and other things. I also have first hand knowledge that the Head Judge screwed some stuff up. In spite of all that, most of the feedback we received has been positive. It's nice to know people had a good time with the cars and the nice folks in OCA.

Apparently, in the months leading up to the Nationals, some members of the GMO were becoming unhappy with various aspects of the event, the way that their help was going to be utilized or other things. The decision was made by the GMO to hold comment until after the event so the show could go on as planned. Once the show was over, their frustrations had come to the boiling point and President Dave Consoli was put in the awkward position of letting NEOC know about their concerns. This lead to a rather intense e-mail exchange and our president Bill LaPierre took the brunt of the criticism. I'm not going to address who we believe is right or wrong with the various issues the GMO brought up or the manner in which they were brought up. Bill LaPierre was particularly upset by the criticism he received and resigned at the monthly meeting shortly after. As Vice President, I was appointed President. Glen and I have spent hours on the phone with Dave Consoli trying to sort through the issues in an attempt to restore harmony in the Oldsmobile world and between our sister clubs. This is ongoing but leaning in a positive direction.

At the August meeting, we discussed what charities will be receiving donations from the proceeds of the Nationals. We are proud to announce they will include Dana Farber (in George Berejiks name), The Shriners Hospital for Children (the recipient of the proceeds of our annual local show), Cystic Fibrosis, the American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Association, and others still to be determined.

Moving forward, in September we are planning a club picnic and plans are in the works for the annual Holiday party. We'd love to see you there. Also, it looks like this is going to be an election year and your club needs you! Please consider running for an office in the NEOC.



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August Meeting Minutes

By Larry Gagain

The August meeting was held at Jim Schmitz's place of employment in Windsor, CT on August 5th. With 16 members in attendance Bill called the meeting to order at 7:15.

Bill LaPierre opened the meeting reading a statement he had prepared. First part of the statement congratulates various members for their contributions to the nationals. Second part of the statement dealt with the GMO and the issues brought up in an email to selected NEOC members as well as amongst others Jerry Wilson, newly elected president of OCA. Bill concludes his statement by resigning as NEOC president and leaving the meeting.

After the other 15 members picked their jaws up off the floor, it was determined to table this issue for a few weeks as emotions were very high as a result of the GMO's issues with our club.

Post National business:

- Trophy Issues would be dealt with as they arose
- Final Thank You's were mailed out
- JWO letter has been completed
- Pictures – looking for anyone who took pictures during the week to please get them to Jim.

Christmas Party:

The annual Christmas Party discussion started with Basil indicating he was looking at Mill on the River in South Windsor CT for the usual 1st Saturday in December. Cost is still TBD. More to come.

Summer Picnic:

This year's picnic will be held on the Morris estate in beautiful Wallingford CT. The date will be Saturday 9/11 with a rain date of Sunday 9/12.

Next meeting will be at Larry Gagain's house in Somers CT on Thursday 9/2 at 7PM.

October meeting will be held at Charlie Roy's house in East Hartford on Thursday 10/7 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Gagain—NEOC Secretary

2010 NEOC Picnic

Hey all, it's time to regroup, celebrate the success of the Nationals, and just kick back and relax at the Annual NEOC picnic! As a thank you for all the hard work, we have decided to use some of the profits from the Nationals to pay for the burgers, hot dogs, condiments, rolls and buns, soda, plates and utensils (plastic of course!).

We will do this September 11th with a rain date of the 12th at my Oldsmo-ranch in Wallingford. We will open the gates around 1:00 and plan to pig out around mid afternoon. Many of you have already visited here but if not, we have ample room for 20+ Oldsmobiles in my retired horse(power) corral and we strongly recommend that you bring them out. Pictures will be plentiful along with tall tales.

As usual, BYOB (you can bring cans too if you like) and lawn chairs. If your last name begins with the letters **A** thru **K**, please bring a side dish, salad or equivalent. If your last name begins with **L** thru **Z**, bring a dessert, chips, dips, or appetizer.

The pool will still be open but only the hardy may want to partake. Your host is not the hardy type.

Thanks, and hope to see you all here!

Glen Morris

77 West Dayton Hill Road
Wallingford, CT **06492**

Directions:

I-91 North or South to Exit #13

At the end of the ramp, take a left onto Route 5/
Washington Ave.

About ½ mile (just past Wharton Brook State Park) take
a left onto Scrub Oak Road.

Proceed to the Stop Sign (about ½ mile), take a left and
then a quick right onto Pond Hill Road.

Follow Pond Hill Road about 1 ½ miles, over the rail-
road tracks and past Pond Hill School to the Stop
Sign.

Bear right onto West Dayton Hill Road.

Continue for ½ mile through the Stop Sign to #77 on the
right side

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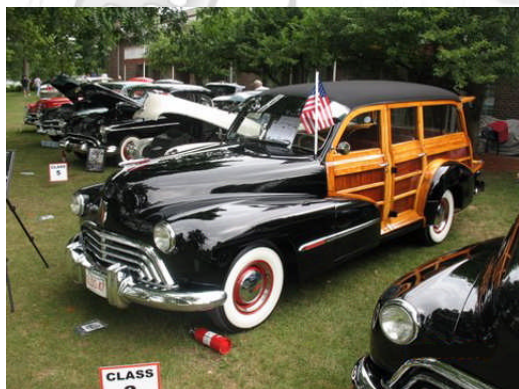


I want THIS one Dad!



Who needs an SUV with a trunk the size of Rhode Island?

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~~1961~~
1962 Starfire Conv.



Ready for a Fire
or a Funeral?



It's called "patina" dear, it'll buff right out.



Tall & stately 1918



Long stretch 1963



Changes...



Some sheet metal work, a little paint & some detailing...
Fred & Barney were seen walking Dino near the swap meet.



Its hard work, but someone's got to do it!



This display is great for cleaning and detailing...



Another entry in the "Unrestored" class.



2010 Nat's coverage (cont'd)



In a rare moment, 3 Olds race cars caught standing still



Competitor's view



Really Mike, an umbrella drink?



I wish I had Mike's umbrella to stay dry!

Fall Drag Day

Time for our Fall 2010 LVD track rental. Fall Drag Day will be Friday, Sept 24. The rain date will be the following Wednesday, Sept 29. This is to keep Fridays open for other rentals. The fee to race all day is still \$70 as it has been for the last several years.

Once again there are several new names on our racers list so I'll briefly go over the procedure for signing up. Please send the following information: Name, Address, Phone, Email, the car you are bringing as well as if you will have a second driver. Send this information along with your \$30 deposit check to: Carl Dudash, P.O. Box 200, Norfolk, CT 06058. Make your check out to "LVD" (that's for Lebanon Valley Dragway). Write "Spring 2010 Drag Day" on the check memo line. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope so that I can send you your Track Rental Receipt by return mail. Once you receive that signed and numbered Receipt, it's yours. If you find that you are unable to run on the day of the rental, it will be up to you to find a replacement and pass the receipt along to that person. Be sure to get someone to take your place. Don't just fail to show up and forfeit your deposit. If you do that, you will be taking a spot on the roster that someone else might want and you'll be cheating the track out of the rest of the rental fee. Receipts should be ready in about 7-10 days.

You may have two drivers for one car for a single entry fee. You are responsible for your car to pass tech inspection. No refund if it fails. There are a limited number of spots available on the roster, so if you want one don't wait till the last minute to sign up.

Gates open at 8AM, Tech at 9 AM. Racing starts at 10 AM. Racing fuel will be available at the track. Spectators and crewmembers get in for free, so bring your family and friends. The food stand at the track will be open, or bring your grill and have a cookout in the pit area.

A note to our new people: I've been told several times by the staff at the track that our rental has the nicest bunch of folks of any rental they have all year. We want to keep it that way. You'll see whole families with their kids there. If you are racing for the first time, there are lots of experienced racers who would be happy to show you the ropes and teach you the proper racing etiquette. Don't be afraid to ask. We all made our first pass at one time or another, so we know what that's like. **RR**

Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **September meeting** will be on **Thursday September 2nd**, hosted by Larry Gagain in Somers, CT.

Larry Gagain - (860) 763-1394
465 Springfield Rd, Somers, CT 06071

Directions:

From I-91 North or South - take Exit 47E and follow Hazard Ave. (SR-190) East for almost 7 miles.

You will come to a traffic light just beyond the new Fire House (on your right).

At that light take a left onto Sokol Rd.

Follow Sokol for about 1 mile to stop sign.

Go straight through onto Avery Rd.

Follow Avery to it's end (about ¼ mile) stop sign.

Take a left onto RT83 (also know as Springfield Rd.)

My house is # 465 about 1 ¼ miles up on your left. (Grey Cape with Blue Shutters)

There is a large yellow sign with a picture of a stop sign and an arrow pointing straight ahead...my driveway is directly across the street from that sign. If you get to the traffic light you went too far

The **October meeting** will be hosted by Jean Roy on **Thursday October 7th**.

Jean Roy - (860) 568-4280
139 O'Connell Dr., East Hartford, CT

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, for CT-3 / Glastonbury / Old Wethersfield.

Merge onto SR-3 [Maple St] (North) for 1.4 mi. Turn off onto Ramp and proceed 0.3 mi to Main St / Glastonbury.

Turn LEFT (East) onto Glastonbury Blvd for 0.3 mi.

Continue (East) on Griswold St. for 0.6 mi.

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