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NEOC to host the Oldsmobile Nationals?

NEOC Members,

It's official; NEOC has requested to host the 2010 National Oldsmobile car show right here in New England. We will be heard on 7/19/07 by the OCA Board of Directors at their scheduled meeting in Bowling Green Kentucky.

This request was a result of the votes and questionnaires that you all received over the past few months. Approximately 60% of our members replied and 95% of those replies were in support of NEOC hosting a National event. This equates to a head count of 30 members who have said they will help by being on a committee and/or helping the week of the event. We would hope that more members will step forward and offer their support for this effort.

Bill Black and I will be the meet co-chairs and Bill will also chair the budget committee. We both will be available to help all other committees as well. Our present duties require us to determine a host hotel and get their proposal to be reviewed by the OCA Board of Directors. We have presently narrowed our search down to three places but still need input from the membership. We need more suggestions for activities such as area bus trips, meetings, speakers, women's activities and much more. These suggested activities will help us determine hotel needs and location.

I will keep you all up to date as we progress. In the meantime, we need volunteers who are willing to head a committee or participate in one. Several members have already done this and we THANK you. I will be composing a list of committees and members as soon as they take form. I can send descriptions of any committees if requested.

There's a lot of work ahead of us but we can be very successful if we all pull together and pitch in. We want

all Oldsmobile owners to walk away from our event with many good thoughts and memories of New England and the NEOC.

Thanks,
Glen & Bill

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Dates to Remember

April 5 - NEOC Mtg - THURSDAY at 7 PM
Schaller Body Shop New Britain, CT

April 15 - Swap Meet - Sunday
Stafford Springs, CT

May 4 - Drag Day - Friday 10 AM
Lebanon, Lebanon, NY

May 6 - GMO Dust-Off - Sunday 8-3
Wellesley, MA

May 10 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 PM
Steve Minore's Wallingford, CT

May 19 - Hurst/Olds gathering - Saturday
Milford, CT

June 7 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 PM
Basil Treco's, New Britain, CT

March Meeting Notes

Wow, we had some good news at the last NEOC meeting at Glen Morris's place in Wallingford this month.

Sixteen members braved the puddles of water and sand on the roads to head to Wallingford to voice their opinion at our March 3rd meeting. Glen plied us with pizza and refreshments prior to getting down to business.

The first order of business was of congratulations for having 100% OCA compliance. What this means is that ALL of our members are members of the national club (OCA). This is not something that most chapters can claim. And to be quite honest, we were no where near there when Glen Morris decided to prod all of those among us that had skipped joining OCA, procrastinated doing it or just plain forgotten. With phone calls and letters and a lot of persistence Glen got us into full compliance. Not a small feat by any means. Glen is to be congratulated!

We have the next 4 meeting dates set up so be sure to check the front page for locations and times. Now that the nicer weather is upon us, we will be meeting on Thursday nights again.

This year we are also looking to do a few more "fun runs" if you will. Including the GMO club's Spring Dust-Off (see information in this month's newsletter). We are looking to set up a night to head to Mark's Cruise in Windsor, CT as well as some talk about a little trip up to VT to visit the Hemmings publishing empire and other fun venues. If you have any ideas let us know at one of the next meetings, we need to try to nail down some dates before everyone's cruise calendar fills up!

In this issue you will also see the information to have your car as a feature car, due to electronic gremlins it didn't print in the last newsletter. And Bill LaPierre is looking to get some garage shots as well.

On May 19th John Sues is hosting a H/O Club gathering in Milford, CT. All Oldsmobile's are invited so stay tuned for more information in next month's newsletter!

We talked about updating the club information in the Bargain News Club Directory. While on the subject of the Bargain News, Don Jack brought up taking out a small ad for the car show, this was discussed and approved.

Basil indicated that the club clothing needed some replenishing in certain areas and was going to get this on order. The clothing sells well at the car show, but if you find yourself with a grease stain on your NEOC apparel, just give Basil a call and he can set you up with a nice fresh new one!

With the normal meeting agenda out of the way the discussion turned to the New England Nationals. With our membership being a little low (natural attrition that occurs year after year as people forget to renew), Glen was happy to see the number of responses returned on the opportunity NEOC has to host the OCA National Show in 2010. Over half the membership responded and 90% were in favor of hosting the nationals, of course some have some reservations, but that is to be expected. 85% of those in favor said that they would chair or support a committee.

This is a LARGE project and Bill and Glen can NOT do it all. The board of directors can not do it all. The normal contingent of members that show up to meeting after meeting can not do it all. We need all of YOU to help in order to be able to do it all! **RR**

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President's Message

By Bill LaPierre

Wake Your Olds From Its Winter Slumber

I actually did some work on my '66 442 Convertible the other day. That has got to mean that spring is just around the corner. Technically, spring has begun, but the glaciers slowly shrinking in my yard say otherwise. As warmer weather takes over I have lots of projects to manage. The biggest is putting the 455 back in my race-car and getting it tweaked for Drag Day on May 4th. I am also going to do some bodywork so you don't have to look away when I drive by. Let's hope it doesn't rain, the rain date is June 22nd. I promised my brother I would do some work on his '67 442 and our everyday vehicles are howling for a good detailing. Patty's Spider comes out of hibernation in 5 short weeks. The car work never ends around here, but that's ok, it keeps me out of the bars.

Have you got your Oldsmobile out of winter hibernation yet? There is still plenty of time, but that first perfect spring day is coming soon. Club meetings present a great opportunity to drive and show off your collector Olds. In fact, club meetings are sanctioned events that your insurance carrier looks upon favorably. Most classic policies frown upon driving your pride and joy to work, or the mall. Club events are definitely encouraged all around. I would like to see more of you driving your Oldsmobiles to club functions. Perhaps, the April meeting at Schaller auto body in New Britain will be the first opportunity. It's tough for me to drive to meeting that far from home, but I do it anyway. I drive a branded company vehicle that can not be driven for personal use. That means that I have to drive home and get another car to drive down to New Britain. If the weather is suitable that car will be my '66. I spent 13 years putting it together and now I intend to drive it every chance I get. Get your car out of storage and get her ready for the season!

Coming Soon

I am currently researching an upcoming article on the joys of maintaining seven cars. I was inspired by the State of Connecticut's proposed elimination of the automobile tax. I will also be resuscitating my Garagemahal article series this spring. My first willing victim will be Gus Kutschker and will feature the awesome addi-

tion he recently built on his home in the quiet corner of eastern Connecticut. This addition added a ton of first class garage space and an unbelievable home theatre/office complex. I am planning on driving my Convertible out there soon for the interview and photo session. If you would like to see your garage/shop featured in these pages contact me, I would be glad to cruise out to your place and make it happen.

2010 Nationals

Glen Morris and Bill Black have been really hitting the pavement getting this thing together. They are meeting this weekend with three hotels to discuss how their facilities may be the right place for such a big car show. These guys should get a medal for their efforts. We have discussed hosting the nationals many times over the years and it always gets shot down because the Executive Board felt that there weren't enough willing volunteers in the club to pull it off. Apathy was part of the problem. Someone had to stand up and lead us in the right direction. Well, I just can't say enough how impressed I am with the effort they have put into this project. Additional, numerous members and their spouses have pledged support and assistance. I am getting a good feeling about this, it can happen and we owe a huge THANKS to Glen and Bill.

If there is anything that you wish to discuss, solve, prevent, encourage, etc. please contact me and tell me what's on your mind. The President's Message is intended to serve as morale booster and sounding board for the club, don't hesitate to give your feedback or suggestions. **RR**

See you on the road,

Bill LaPierre
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Spring Drag Day 2007

Drag Day on May 4th is already full. Carl Dudash has worked with track personnel to keep our day at the track productive and fun. If you would like to go but missed the cutoff, call Carl at (860) 542-5753 to get on the backup list. If someone can't make it Carl will give them the next name on the list, so get your name in now if you wish to go!. **RR**

Feature Cars Wanted!

Your car can be a star!

So, you were all ready to make your car a star, but couldn't find the form last issue? Due to a printing problem, the information didn't print. In order to help you get your 15 minutes of fame, we have included the form in this month's newsletter.

While the following form will help you answer some basic questions about your car, it is just a guideline, to help jog some of your memories! Feel free to tell us other in-

teresting stories! And don't forget some good quality photos to share. The photos can be digital (as large as possible) or paper (I can scan them). If you don't have any, call me and we can arrange to get your car photographed.

Don't worry about typing or spelling, just get me interesting stories about you and your car and we will tweak it. **RR**

Owner Info (either when you bought it or now, or both)

Name

Sex

Age (if you'd like to share)

Marital status? Kids? Grandkids?

Car Info Year

Model

Body style; coupe, sedan, convertible, wagon, woody, hearse, limo, etc.

Engine; size, carb's), exhaust, modifications.

Trans & axle

Modifications

Interior

Paint

Options

Rare? Why? Many members know about the models they own or have helped to restore but know little about the other Oldsmobile models. Help inform them about some of the little details of your car that many overlook.

Owned for how long

Car Info Tell us about why you picked an Oldsmobile, was it fate, luck, a family member, friend that lured you to this great brand?

Why did you buy this car/style/year? Was it your first car? First new car?

Purchased from? Did you buy it from a dealer? Private party? DEA confiscated goods sale?

Found where? Did you see it in the local paper, on eBay? Did Uncle Joe's aunt's sister's cousin's brother hear from his ex-wife's stepson that a car like you wanted was hiding somewhere? Did you buy it sight unseen?

Condition when you found it; could you test drive it? Did it require a tractor or chainsaw to free it from its resting place?

What did your spouse say when you bought it? Was she/he pleased that you had another project? Did you have to unpack your clothes after days of explaining and kissing tushy? Or did your spouse encourage you? Does your spouse now have a (or THE) keys? What does your spouse say now? Is it still "your" toy? Do they drive it or simply agree to ride with you in the: old rattle trap/boat/gas guzzler/muscle car/mid-life crisis (pick appropriate term)?

Facilities Tell us a little about your garage. Do you have carpeting and a wide screen to watch the big game as you assemble that Turbo 400? Did you do a frame off in a carport? How about rebuild the carb on the kitchen table? Assemble your race motor in your apartment and have to get 3 football players to help you get it down the front stairs?

Photos Include photos; if you scan the photos, use the highest resolution setting on your scanner. If you want to send printed photos, I will scan them and send them back to you.

Photos from when you first got the car to today (including restoration photos) generate the most interest.

Length - Don't worry about length, we can edit the length of the article or run it in multiple issues.

Blunders -We all make them and we all love to hear about them, love to laugh at them, tell us yours!

All Oldsmobile

Spring Dust-Off Show

2007



Sunday May 6, 2007—8AM to 3PM Rain or Shine

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- ◆ Super Wheels Qualifier
- ◆ For Sale Signs allowed
- ◆ A judged show



Classes

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| CLASS #1 - Stock, 1897 – 1949 all models | CLASS #11 - Stock, 1968 – 1972, Cutlass & F85, Closed |
| CLASS #2 - Stock, 1950 – 1959 all models | CLASS #12 - Stock, 1973 – Present, Midsize & Compact |
| CLASS #3 - Stock, 1960 – 1969 Full Size except Toronado | CLASS #13 - Stock, 1964 – 1967 Performance, Open |
| CLASS #4 - Stock, all Starfire | CLASS #14 - Stock, 1964 – 1967 Performance, Closed |
| CLASS #5 - Stock all Toronado | CLASS #15 - Stock, 1968 – 1969 Performance, Open |
| CLASS #6 - Stock, 1970 – 1979, all Full Size except Toronado | CLASS #16 - Stock, 1968 – 1969 Performance, Closed |
| CLASS #7 - Stock, 1980 – Present, all Full Size | CLASS #17 - Stock, 1970 – 1972 Performance, Open |
| CLASS #8 - Stock, 1961 – 1967, F85 & Cutlass, Open | CLASS #18 - Stock, 1970 – 1972 Performance, Closed |
| CLASS #9 - Stock, 1961 – 1967, F85 & Cutlass, Closed | CLASS #19 - Stock, 1973 – Present, Performance |
| CLASS #10 - Stock, 1968 – 1972, Cutlass & F85, Open | CLASS #20 - Modified, All |

Additional Awards

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Best of Show - Postwar | Doug Stavros Award (GMO Members Only) |
| Best of Show - Dealer's Choice | Super Wheels Qualifier (1 Pick) |

Pre-Registration - \$15 (\$20 Day of Show)

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|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Please send entry form and make checks payable to: | Eastern Massachusetts GMO Chapter
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Ted Loranz - 506-561-7613 (Cell) |
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Registration Form

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Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Year of Car: _____ License Plate _____

Model: _____ Color: _____

Class #

In consideration of the right to participate: Entrants / Participants, by execution of this entry form, release and discharge The Oldsmobile Club of America / The Eastern Massachusetts GMO Chapter / Haskins Motorcars from all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgment or claims from what so ever.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Directions To The Next Meetings

The **April meeting** will be held on Thursday the 5th of April at 7 PM and will be hosted by Bruce Plourde at the show site, Schaller Auto Body.

Bruce Plourde 860-826-2030

Schaller Auto Body

1-55 Veterans Drive, New Britain, CT

From 91 North, or South, take Exit 22N Rte 9 North follow to Exit 24 (left hand exit)

***There is no exit 24 coming from the other direction! ***

Kensington Rte 371 take first exit Willowbrook Park (where the triple AAA New Britain Rockcats Baseball team plays) you will see Schaller Honda on the right take right off exit. At the Honda dealer take a right, Body Shop in back. My phone at the shop is 860-826-2030.

The **May meeting** will be held on Thursday the 10th of May at 7 PM and will be hosted by Steve Minore. Please note that this is the **SECOND** Thursday in May. This is due to Drag Day being held on the 4th of May.

Steve Minore 203-237-2001

37 Longmeadow Drive, Meriden, CT 06450

From Hartford and points north

Head South on I-91 from Hartford. At exit 17 turn off onto ramp (CT-15/W. Cross Pkwy/E. Main St.)

Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto E. Main St. for 0.2 mi, Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Paddock Ave. for 0.8 mi.

on the left. Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto Overlook Rd. for 0.3 mi. Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Longmeadow Dr. and proceed to #37.

From New Haven and points south

Head North on I-91 from New Haven. At exit 16 turn off onto ramp (E. Main St.) Bear **LEFT** (West) onto E. Main St. for 0.4 mi, Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Paddock Ave. for 0.8 mi.

on the left. Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto Overlook Rd. for 0.3 mi. Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Longmeadow Dr. and proceed to #37.

From Waterbury and points west

Head East on I-84 from Waterbury, At exit 27, take I691 East. At I-691 exit 10, turn off onto ramp (CT-15/W. Cross Pkwy/E. Main St.). Merge onto SR-15 [Wilbur Cross Pkwy] South. AT SR-15 exit 67W, turn off onto ramp. Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto E. Main St. for 0.2 mi, Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Paddock Ave. for 0.8 mi. on the left. Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto Overlook Rd. for 0.3 mi. Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Longmeadow Dr. and proceed to #37.

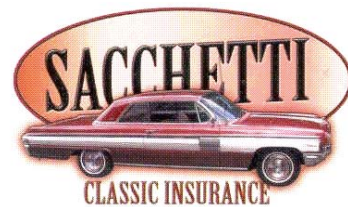
Rocket Classifieds

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.

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