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## OLDSMOBILE 2010 NATIONALS



### First Nats? Are you ready?

So, is this the first time that you are going to or considering going to an Oldsmobile National event? First of all, let me state just one thing: **GO!**

I attended my first Olds National event in 1993 in New Jersey. I was so amazed and impressed that I have since attended in 1997, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009 and I must say that they get better and better. Oh yeah, I'll also be there in 2010!

For those who have not attended and have some basic questions, I will try to answer them here.

This will not be your typical one or two day car show. This is really a vacation for the Oldsmobile family while enjoying the familiar surroundings which include many Olds lovers such as you. The show field starts to fill up on Wednesday and segregated secure parking for all Oldsmobile's is provided through Sunday morning. Judging takes place on Friday and this is the day you want to focus on if you are seeking that coveted award or trophy. Trophies are awarded strictly on a point basis. 700-799 points equal a third place, 800-899

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### Dates to Remember

May 2 - LI/NYC Spring Dust-Off  
Fireman's Training Center, Merrick, NY  
May 6 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday 7 PM  
Glen Morris - Wallingford, CT

May 16 - Eastern Mass GMO Chapter  
Natick Elks Club, Natick, MA  
June 3 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday 7 PM  
Dean Franco's - Torrington, CT  
July 21-25 - OCA 2010 National Meet  
Sturbridge, MA

# 2010 OCA Nationals Update

By Bill Black

On Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> a very successful Nationals update meeting was held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center. Members of both our club and GMO were present to share their thoughts. Glen and I are grateful for the support the GMO members have already provided and will provide during the Nationals. Putting on a successful Nationals takes a great deal of volunteers, as attested to by the large number of members of our club who have already stepped forward to help.

Most of our committee heads were present and gave a report on their area of responsibility. The following comprises the highlights of the meeting together with some follow up notes.

Recognizing that you can't have enough signs at a Nationals event, we have employed the expertise of Jim Maffeo from the GMO chapter. Jim talked about the various signage he can create and we will be giving him a list of our needs shortly.

Glen reported that Hemmings News will be present during the Nationals and will do a spread for their publication. Ted Loran said he knew the people at Crusin' New England and would contact them, which he subsequently did. To further the promotion of the Nationals, our club will have an information and recruiting table at the GMO May dust off car show.

We thanked Gene and Joan Miller for creating a good base for the raffle. We are now in need of someone to take charge of the raffle and bring it to its successful conclusion. John

Welsh, Dan Alessandrini and their wives have volunteered to work on portions of the raffle. Of the 40 raffle prizes (one for each year of the anniversary) we are seeking, to date we have about 20, either in hand or committed; so the battle is half over. We are still in need of quality prizes, so if you know someone who wants to support our efforts, this could be a great way to show it.

The show field brought up a number of discussions. It was stated we currently have nine safety vests. The consensus was we needed at least fifteen. We will pursue purchasing the remaining ones needed. Also, to enhance communications, we will be purchasing an additional five walkie-talkies to supplement the five the club already owns. Steve Minore will follow up on this issue. Security of our precious possessions, besides our families, is always a hot topic. We talked about limiting access to the show field, and have the MA State Police patrol the show field each night into the next morning. John Lenihan, our club's resident State Trooper, will make these arrangements. This year, as a gift and remembrance, each car on the show field will be able to keep their ID mat. Mike Barillaro and Mary will be hand writing registration numbers on each ID. You'll probably never see this again at an Oldsmobile Nationals.

I personally was getting very hungry listening to Bill LaPierre and Larry Gagain talk about all the food we'll have at the Welcome Reception and the Banquet. Small details need to be ironed out, like the audio visual setup, the order of activities at the banquet, and others. To help with this effort, and make things go smoothly, subsequent to the meeting, Bill was given the phone number of the person at Seven Springs who ran last year's successful (although way too long) banquet. Bill and Larry have plans in place to make sure the banquet doesn't go past 10PM

The Show Magazine will be quite a collector's item this year. With it being the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OCA we want to make it special. Jim Schmitz and Mike Barillaro are currently gathering interesting Oldmobile articles. In addition, articles will be written by Mike Fusick, Dave Consoli, and perhaps George Berejik, to name a few. Soliciting ads is well on its way, with over 150 letters already sent out and 450 more going out with the Sturbridge Chamber of Commerce's February Newsletter. In addition, with each confirm mailed to a Nationals registrant, they will receive a letter asking if they want to put a picture of their car in the Magazine. It looks like we are on our way to making it special. If anyone needs an ad submission letter, or knows of a business we may not have sent one to, please let us know.

A number of minor points need to be brought up with the Host Hotel, and Glen has subsequently sent that list off to our Hotel contacts, Bill, and Kris.

Although a parking area for show car trailers has not been se-



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cured, we are actively working with the Sturbridge Chamber president to nail this down in the near future.

Everett Horton reported the Swap Meet details were moving along nicely. We will plan a cleanup day in the spring to spruce up the Swap Meet grounds. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this project. Everyone agreed the Fusick sponsored vendor breakfast on Thursday morning is both a generous and thoughtful gesture.

Ed Palmieri has done an outstanding job getting everything set for the tours. Now he is seeking volunteers to be chaperones. There will be two chaperones for each bus. Interested? Contact Ed directly.

We already have hundreds of registrations in the works. Looks like we're going to have a great Nationals. Are you going to be part of it? **RR**

## First Nats (cont'd)

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points equal a second place, and 900-1000 points equal a first place. If you score the most points in your class, you receive best of class at the Awards Banquet on Saturday. If you score greater than 980 points, you are advanced to the senior class.

You must also make sure that you sign your car up for the correct class in the provided space on your registration form. There are strict OCA guidelines for car classes. A class list will be available in your issue of JWO usually on the rear cover. If you still have questions about the proper class, you can contact the event head judge or Bob Casey, OCA head judge.

You are allowed to come and go as you please with your Oldsmobile during the event except for judging day on Friday. All cars must be driven onto the show field and must stay parked in their predetermined spot for the entire day. Usually on Saturday, all winners are announced through a posting in the registration area. Awards will be given out at a designated time and place on that day and prior to the Awards Banquet.

The registration committee is responsible for providing you with your package of information and coordinating all registration information. All this information must be provided by you on your registration form prior to the cut off date which is usually one month before the event. Make sure you fill out this form completely and accurately to avoid any confusion at registration. You will have a confirmation let-

ter sent to you and you will need to submit this at the registration desk. The registration area is usually your center of activity for the event with raffles, merchandise sales, show pictures, event information, and other activities as determined by your show committees.

The show field committee has a huge task. They are responsible for laying out the entire show field with classes and numbers, directing participants to their designated parking spot, and assuring that non show vehicles and trailers do not infringe on the show field. They will provide direction to spectator parking areas if required. This committee is also tasked with providing off site truck and trailer parking for those who trailer their car to the event.

During the event, there are usually several paid activities for participants as specified on your registration form. These typically include a welcome reception, ladies luncheon (held on Friday while "hubbies" car is being judged), seminars, chapter meetings, other area activities as offered by the show committee and of course the culmination of the event is the ever popular awards banquet held on Saturday evening.

If it is your first time, keep an open mind and work with the show committee to help improve the event. For most host chapters, it is also their first time in organizing this monumental event so they need your help and understanding.

But most of all **GO** and enjoy yourself!

Glen Morris

2010 Oldsmobile Nationals co-chair

## NEOC Officer Elections

With the new year came nominations and your officers for the next term are;

President -	Bill LaPierre
Vice Pres -	Glenn Johnson
Secretary -	Larry Gagain
Treasurer -	Dave Richter
Membership -	Glen Morris

## Attention Coffee Drinkers

We're in need of about 20, one pound coffee cans, with lids, to use for our 2010 Nationals raffle table. These cans will be decorated by Amanda Alessandrini and used to collect the raffle tickets for each prize. If you have any, please bring them to the next meeting.

Thanks, Bill Black



# Bored? Be a Chaperone!

## Chaperone's Guide for 2010 OCA Nationals

Every Chaperone will be an active participant during the trip. The desire is to have 2 chaperones per bus; each team member will have free bus and venue entry. I will be available to greet each driver (with each team) as they arrive at the Host hotel. The driver has some responsibilities on each trip such as ticketing at the venue, these things will be discussed, along with an informal meet and greet for all. All trips will start and end at the Host hotel. I will also provide some form of guide / contact numbers / attendance sheet and clipboard for each trip team which should help you coast through the trip.

The following is a guide of minimum responsibilities for the chaperone team. It may look and sound like a mouthful, I assure you it's more words than actual work.

### Each Team will be required to perform the following:

- \* Each team will be assigned a bus. You will stay with this bus the entire trip.
- \* Prior to bus arrival, you will need to go to the package store and retrieve a cooler with water and ice. There will also be some sort of snack, which we will provide to each guest (such as you would encounter on an airplane). Each will be handed out as desired by your guests during the trip.
- \* An attendance roster will be provided with clipboard. Attendance will be taken along with the collection of tickets as each guest boards initially. You must make it clear during the ride that each guest needs to re-board the same bus.
- \* Once the bus leaves the Host hotel, you will make a simple greeting to everyone aboard. You are asked to speak to the venue you are heading for and what they can expect when they arrive. You can speak to the location / trip times – anticipated arrival and scheduled departure back. You are open to any discussion you may feel appropriate once a general greeting is completed.
- \* At some point on the trip to each venue, we are currently discussing having a raffle. One ticket collected will be randomly selected for a cash prize (still working this with Bill). This is being done on the way so they can spend it as they see fit.
- \* On each re-entry to your bus you will need to take attendance and head count to verify all are aboard.
- \* There may be a DVD / VHS tape to play during the trip. This is being worked on at this time. You will con-

trol when this is played as you see fit.

- \* You are asked to answer any question your guests may have, within reason.
- \* Once close to getting back to Host hotel, make a welcome back announcement. Thank all for their participation and maybe put out the upcoming event for that evening. Like the reception party / bar-b-que / banquet.
- \* Once back and all have offloaded, return the coolers to the package store. And you're finished....

In closing, it sounds like a lot. It should be a small amount of time during the overall trip.

You will have phone contact info in case you need to get a hold of me or the registration room for any reason (one team member will need to have a cell phone ready to go). I think all should go very smooth, this bus company does this for a living and these trips were all worked out through them. There should be no surprises for anyone in this position.

As noted we would like 2 chaperones per bus.

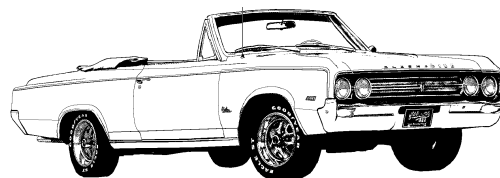
- Larz Anderson Museum (Wednesday)
- Boston guided trip (Thursday)
- Mohegan Sun (Friday night)
- Mystic Seaport (Saturday)

### Who gets selected and how.

I am requesting you send us an e-mail (edsolds@ct.metrocast.net) with your desire. I will collect these mailings and will place them in dated order. If we wind up with more than we can use, I will select on a first come basis. This appears fair. Anyone who has already registered and paid for a trip and is selected to be a chaperone, will be reimbursed the full amount.

This is the final phase of making these trips a reality and a success for the club. All participation is greatly appreciated and we thank you in advance.

Ed / Barbara Palmieri  
(edsolds@ct.metrocast.net)



# Eastern Massachusetts GMO

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### Spring Dust-Off Show 2010



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

Please send entry forms and make checks  
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For Show information call:

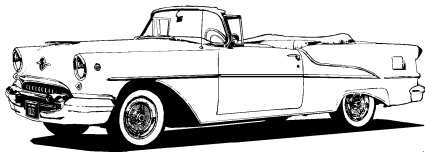
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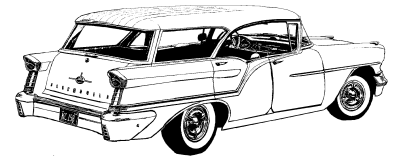
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# **SPRING DUST-OFF 2010**

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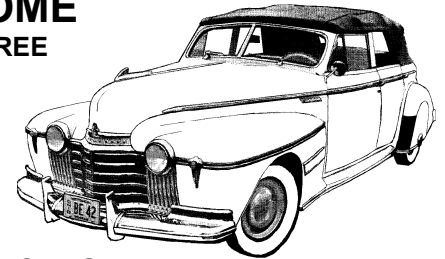
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MEADOWBROOK PARKWAY TO EXIT M-9 EAST (MERRICK ROAD EAST) GO TO THE FIRST  
TRAFFIC LIGHT AND MAKE A RIGHT TURN TO THE SHOW FIELD ON LEFT

**ALL CARS MUST BE ON THE SHOW FIELD BY 12:00 NOON, VEHICLE GATE CLOSURES PROMPTLY**  
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# Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **May meeting** will be on **Thursday May 6th at 7 PM.**  
This meeting will be hosted by Dean Franco in Torrington, CT.

**Glen Morris -- 203-269-4365**  
**77 West Dayton Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06492**

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 railroad 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  
Beige Colonial set back from the road

The **June meeting** will be on **Thursday June 3rd at 7 PM.**  
This meeting will be hosted by Dean Franco in Torrington, CT.

Dean Franco – Family Martial Arts  
86 Water Street, Torrington, CT 06790  
860-480-2198 Email: [dnmfranco42@yahoo.com](mailto:dnmfranco42@yahoo.com)

From Waterbury area

Take Rt 8 north to exit 44 (Rt 202) go Left on 202 (West) for ½ mile to Main Street. You want to take a right hand turn (North) onto Main Street and take an IMMEDIATE left onto Water Street and head up the hill. If you miss the turn, not a problem, just proceed to the next left (Maiden Lane) take it to Prospect and make another left and you will come back to Water where you would go Right. Proceed to 86 Water and you can park across the street or on the left hand side of the building..

From Bradley Airport (91 north of Hartford)

Take Rt 20 west (for approx 12 mi) to Rt 219, go left on Rt 219 (for approx 6 1/2 mi) to Rt 318, go right (across the Barkhamsted Reservoir). Follow 318 (about 3 mi.) to Rt 44, go right on Rt 44. Follow 44 (about 3 mi.) to Rt 8 and go left (South) on Rt 8 for about 8 mi. At Exit 44 (CT4/CT202), at the light at the bottom of the ramp (Rt 4) proceed straight to the next light (Route 202). Turn right onto Rt 202 (West) for ½ mile to Main Street and follow the above directions.

From Downtown Hartford

Follow 44 West (about 15 mi.) and bear left onto Route 202 (in the town of Canton) for another 12 miles. This will take you under Route 8 and into Torrington, About ½ mile after you go under Rt 8, you will be in the downtown area and you will come to Main Street. You want to take a right hand turn (North) onto Main Street and follow the above directions.



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