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Hemmings Motor News Concours d'Elegance By Bill LaPierre

Hemmings Motor News sponsored the second annual Concours d'Elegance car show at the Stratton Mountain Golf Club on Sunday July 20th. Despite the threat of rain, more than 100 of the finest cars in the northeast were on display in Vermont's beautiful Green Mountain Forest. This show capped off a fun weekend of Hemmings sponsored events featuring a classic car caravan from Hemmings headquarters in Bennington, VT to Stratton Mountain Resort and a huge cruise-in on Saturday.

This show did not fit into the mold of a stereotypical car show venue. The competitors were lined up on the spacious and manicured fairway of Stratton's famous golf course. There was no asphalt in sight. Show organizers requested that once vehicles were cleaned for show that all hoods and trunks be closed so that the cars could be enjoyed in their natural state. The blare of rock 'n roll was



**Gene Miller's '79 Hurst Olds
At the medal stand at Stratton Mountain, VT**

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Two years until this date. Sounds like a long time, right? Well, it's really not that far away considering that is the date that NEOC takes on the tremendous task of hosting the OCA Nationals.

Bill Black and I will be making a follow up presentation to the OCA board of directors at this year's OCA Nationals in Dearborn Michigan. This presentation will be a summary of what we have accomplished to date and plan to do for the future. We will certainly be asked questions from the board of directors also.

To date, Bill and I have successfully negotiated a contract with the Sturbridge Host Hotel. We have been in contact with the Sturbridge town officials as well as the Chamber of Commerce. Don Jack has created a preliminary show field lay-out. Everett Horton and Earl Bancroft have also created a swap meet lay-out and investigated some of the required arrangements. Ed Palmieri has a ton of information on proposed activities and

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Dates to Remember

Aug 7 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 pm

John Lenihan, Holyoke, MA

September 6 - NEOC Mtg - Sturbridge Host Hotel

11 AM SATURDAY, Sturbridge, MA

September 26 - Fall Drag Day

Lebanon Valley Dragway, Lebanon, NY

September 28 - 12th Annual NEOC Olds Show

Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA

Oct 2 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 pm

Location to be determined

July Meeting Notes

July's meeting was held at Bill and Patty LaPierre's place in Somers, CT.

We all sat in Bill's former sandblast area (damn it must be nice to have your car done and start clearing out room in the house). We had 13 members present and a few that were either not feeling well or incapacitated from injuries sustained from riding a bike (don't worry Gus, we won't use any names here). Just goes to show that you are indeed safer and happier cruising in your Olds than cruising on a bike.

There was a short discussion on the picnic to be held on August 23rd at the Morris homestead in Wallingford (see info in this newsletter).

Dan was also going to let us know the status of Olds night at Mark's Classic Cruise in East Granby as the original date was cancelled due to rain (seems it is raining every other day this summer).

The discussion turned to our car show in September. The only food vendor at the show will be the host hotel. There will not be any vendors either due to the licenses that the state of Massachusetts requires. Bill reported over \$900 in ad book sales so far.

Several members were headed to the OCA Nationals in Dearborn, we will have a table and Glen and Bill are looking for help manning the table, handing out information and answering questions. Ed had a list (a loooooong list) of tours and trips. We will need to reduce this to something realistic for times and dates.

We are looking to head up to Hemmings for one of their cruise nights, July 24th is the current selected date.

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NEOC Picnic - August 23

Don't forget! August 23rd is the annual club picnic and Olds outing. Gates open at 12 noon and close whenever we're ready! The rain date is the following day, Sunday August 24th. The Morris' will again be your hosts at 77 West Dayton Hill Road in Wallingford Ct. (see directions below). NEOC will provide the burgers, dogs, rolls, condiments, and cheap eating utensils. Nancy and Glen will provide adequate parking for your Olds, pool privileges, and picnic facilities.

You will need to bring the following:

If your last name begins with the letter A – K, please bring a side dish, salad, or equivalent.

If your last name begins with the letter L – Z, please bring a dessert, chips and dips, or appetizer.

Also, BYOB as you require and lawn chairs or car seats will also be needed.

Last year we had a terrific day with about 20 members and their families and a half dozen or so Oldsmobiles. The pool was well used, the drinks were well deserved, and the food was well digested by the end of the day. Let's make this year's picnic even better! We will have stories and pictures from the Detroit Nationals to share as well.

**Directions to;
Morris' Oldsmo-ranch
77 West Dayton Hill Road
Wallingford, CT 06492
203-269-4365**

- I-91 North or South to Exit #13
- At the end of the ramp, take a left onto RT5 [Washington Ave.]
- Just past Wharton Brook State Park (approx 0.5 mi), take a left onto Scrub Oak Road.
- At the Stop Sign (approx 0.5 mi), take a left and a quick right onto Pond Hill Road.
- Follow Pond Hill Road about 1.5 mi over the railroad tracks and past Pond Hill School to the Stop Sign.
- Go kind of right onto West Dayton Hill Road.
- After 0.5 mi go through the stop sign to #77 on the right side

We are the Beige Colonial set back from the road

See you there...

RR

Fall Drag Day

By Carl Dudash

As we all remember, we had some problems with rain on our last few rentals. So, we have implemented a few changes to try avoid future hassles.

First, on the subject of rain dates - our primary date has always been a Friday. The weather rarely cooperates with this as it allows another front to roll in. Based on your responses, the overwhelming choice (more than 6 to 1) is for a rain date of the Monday following the primary date.

Second, we are going to change how we handle the deposits. For the next rental, when you send your deposit to me you will be asked to include a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your \$30 check. 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 remainder 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 Musclepalooza. We will no longer hold deposits over till the next rental.

I will not be keeping a roster for future rentals. That became a nightmare last time with rain-outs and all the roster changes. The receipt you will receive will be your ticket of admission to run. There will be a limited number of receipts available. As before, it will be first come, first served. I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have about this.

I have the Drag Day deposit receipts from LVD so you can start sending your deposits to me.

Here are the details for Fall 2008 Drag Day:

Primary Date: Friday, Sept. 26, 2008 Rain Date: Monday, Sept. 29, 2008

Location: Lebanon Valley Dragway, Route 20, West Lebanon, NY

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

You may have one car with a single driver, two drivers for a single car, or one driver may bring two cars for a single entry fee. 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.

Cost: \$70 to race all day. A \$30 non-refundable deposit is required, the remaining \$40 to be paid the day of the event when you sign in at the track. Please make deposit checks payable to LVD (that's for Lebanon Valley Dragway). Write "Fall 2008 Drag Day" on the check memo line. Send the check along with a **self-address stamped envelope** to: Carl Dudash, P.O. Box 200, Norfolk, CT 06058-0200. Include a note stating the number of cars and drivers (see paragraph above). You will receive a deposit receipt by return mail which **must be presented** when you sign in at the tower office on race day. You cannot sign up to run without the receipt.

Gates open at 8 am. Do not start engines before 9 am. Tech inspection starts at 9 am in the staging lanes. Racing is from 10 am to 3:30 pm. Closing time may be extended to 4 pm if there is a sufficient number of cars still running. You are responsible to make sure your car passes tech. No refunds if it fails.


Racing fuel will be available for purchase from 9 to 10 am and again from 1 to 2 pm.

KEEP IT SAFE. NO ALCOHOL.

As mentioned previously, once you receive the deposit receipt it's yours. If you can't make the date, it will be up to you to find your own replacement and give him or her the receipt. Again, you can't sign up to run without the receipt. The number of receipts is limited. It's first come, first served. Once they're gone, that's it.

If you have any questions just call or send me an email. See you at LVD. Carl Dudash

P.S. Does anyone know Dave Liimantainen who came to our last rental? I need to get in touch with him and don't have any contact information. **RR**



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Hemmings Concours

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distinctly absent as show attendees were treated to a variety of soothing contemporary jazz selections at reasonable volume levels. Classy cars deserve a classy environment and the Hemmings crew did not disappoint.

The Hemmings Publications Editors served as the show staff and expert judging crew. It was great to meet the authors of all those articles I have read over the years in Hemmings Muscle Machines and Motor News. David Travor Adolphus, Jeff Koch, Rich Lentinello and many others also greeted participants, placed the cars and shot the photos.

Show vehicles were arranged in a wide variety of classes filled with beautifully restored classics including a 1976 Buick Estate Wagon, a 1967 Bugatti racecar, a 1955 Olds 88, convertible and a 1969 Chevy Pickup. The Chrysler letter cars of the 1950's and '60's were specially featured with their own class. NEOC's own Gene Miller was awarded the Concours Special Recognition award in the General Motors Centennial class. Gene's Hurst also took Favorite Oldsmobile in the Cruise-in Spectacular on Saturday. The Concours Best of Show trophy was awarded to David Steinman's 1947 MG TC drop top.

In the end the skies never did open up and the event somehow ran its course with only a few sprinkles hitting the hoods of the participant cars. The cloud cover kept the temperatures tolerable and made for glare-free viewing conditions. Look for a complete report in a future edition of Hemmings Motor News. **RR**



Stratton Mountain Ski Resort looms over the show field. Best of show winner '47 MG TC is visible in the foreground.

NEOC Show Rooms

NEOC members, I have been in touch with Bill Trzpit at Sturbridge Host Resort | Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center in Massachusetts about our members possibly reserving rooms the night before our car show in September. He asked that anyone wanting to make a reservation contact him directly at the hotel. He can book it at a discount for us.

If you are interested in doing this, please let Steve Minore or myself know so that we can put a list together for Bill. We are looking at this as being an opportunity to get together with your Olds friends the night before the show, have dinner or a drink together, and get a good jump start on the show the following day.

See you there, Glen Morris

July 21, 2010

transportation. Ted Lorz has a working database to be used with registration. Glenn Johnson will again be judging and observing at this year's National in order to learn more about judging. John Lenihan will have a final copy of our 2010 logo available for this year's event. All the major committees have volunteer chair people in place and a list of volunteers for the committees. In other words, we are doing well!

We will still welcome any and all volunteers to help in 2010. If you are interested in helping with any committee, contact Bill or myself. If you have any questions about any committee, contact us for that also. We will be providing an update upon our return from Dearborn this year. Until then, keep Oldsmobiling with the shiny side up. We hope to see you all at the NEOC picnic on 8/23. See the separate article concerning details for that.

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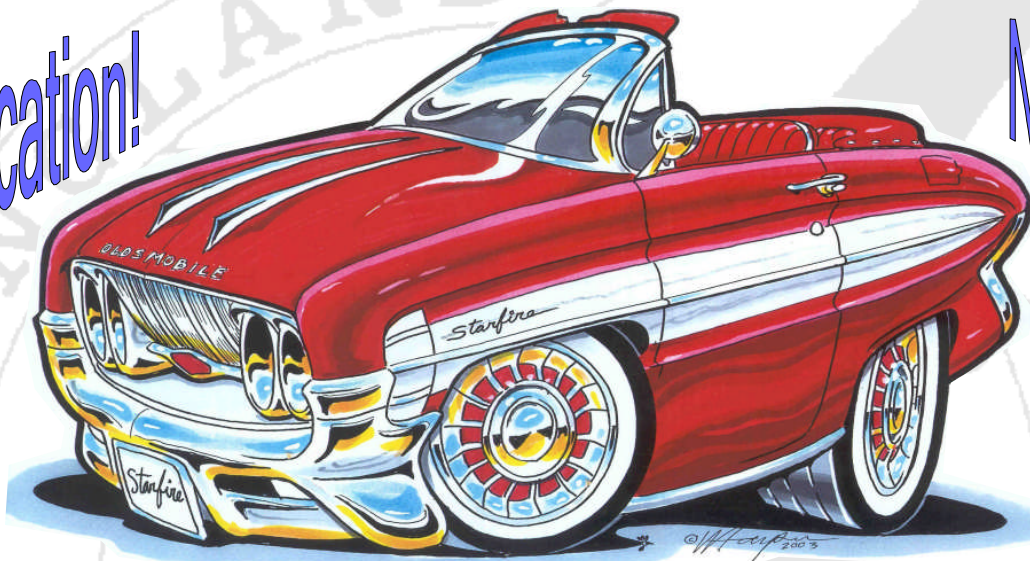
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- ★ goodie bags
- ★ raffle prizes
- ★ D.J. music
- ★ club apparel



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:

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2008 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 Best Of Class 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 by Sept 15. All others must register day of show)

Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **August meeting** will be on **Thursday August 7th** at 7 PM.

This meeting will be hosted by John Lenihan in Holyoke, MA.

John Lenihan 413-533-7367
22 Claren Drive, Holyoke, MA 01040

Directions From I-91 heading North :

Take Exit 17A East (RT141/Easthampton) (approx 4 miles north of I-90) and merge onto SR-141 East to RT5 (250 yards). Take a left (North) on RT5 [Northampton St.] follow for 0.9 mi to Bemis Rd. Take a left (West) on Bemis. At the "T" (Hillview Rd) go right to the second street (Claren Dr) and go right. Continue to #22

Directions From I-91 heading South :

Take Exit 17, merge onto RT141 [Easthampton Rd.] (North). In 0.4 mi, turn right onto Bemis Rd. (North-East). Take Bemis 0.5 mi to Claren Drive, make a left (North) on Claren and continue to #22.

The **September meeting** will be on **Saturday September 6th at 11 AM.**

This meeting will be held at this year's new show location at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, Ma.

366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566 (508) 347-7393

Directions:

Located on Route 20 West in Sturbridge, MA

From the North East & West, take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to Exit 9, Route 20 West. From the South, take either Interstate 84 or Route 131 to Route 20 West. The hotel is located less than one-quarter mile from the first set of traffic lights, on the shore of Cedar Lake.

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

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- (2) 69 Hood Latch Supts – 1 has a slight bend, should be an easy fix \$50 ea
- (1) 68-69 Power Trunk Release \$100
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