

# ***Rocket Rumbblings***

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## **A Christmas Carol NEOC 2006**

**By Glen Morris**

'Twas a few weeks before Christmas and in our drive,  
Our Olds' were cold, but staying alive.

The leaves had all fallen across my yard,  
When will I rake them and will it be hard?

Our children are grown and left this nest.  
We love our solitude, and to the rest of you, my best.

Nancy with a wine and I with my beer,  
Had just winterized our Olds' in my garage very near.

When outside the house, we heard a noise.  
Could it be someone wanting our Olds toys?

I flipped on the lights to look outside.  
To make sure no one messes with our Olds ride.

When what to my foggy eyes did appear,  
But a fat guy driving an Olds on a deer!

His Olds was not working, the end he did fear.  
This is why he parked on this poor little reindeer.

We made many phone calls, NEOC would be there.  
So I gave the old fat guy, a beer and lawn chair.

Now Richter, Johnson, LaPierre and Minore,  
Arrived to return this Olds to its' glory.

I barely had time to welcome them here.  
They said "we have work to do, we'll wait for the beer"

The fat guy and I sat down to behold,  
What these guys would do to his cherished Olds.

In less than an hour, NEOC diagnosed:  
The Olds was fine, an aftermarket part was toast.

The old fat guy was truly impressed.  
He said "you NEOC guys are the best of the best"

He jumped in his Olds and burned through the gears.  
As the rest of us NEOC guys finished our beers.

Now don't think this fat guy just came and went.  
He asked when NEOC would host a National event!

(Hey, I had to get that plug in!)

He was a happy guy who drove far away.  
He said something about hitching the Olds to a sleigh?!  
Merry Christmas to NEOC.

## ***Happy Holidays!***



**A**s we struggle through this long holiday season filled with friends and family and good cheer, let's be glad we have not had to shovel yet!

The staff here at newsletter central would like to wish you and yours a happy and safe holiday season and a prosperous new year!

## **Dates to remember**

December 25 - Monday

Christmas

December 31 - Sunday

New Year's Eve... Party Hearty!

January 1 - Monday

New Year's Day (don't forget the aspirin)

January - 13 - NEOC Mtg SATURDAY @ 12 noon

Annual Car Show Meeting

Riley & Scranton

Glastonbury, CT

February 3 - NEOC Mtg SATURDAY @ 2pm

Dave Richter's

Granby, MA

## November Meeting Minutes

Our November meeting was host by none other than NEOC president and parts hound extraordinaire Steve Minore.

While the year was winding down we had some discussions on possible future outings including some talk of having the picnic earlier, a cruise night at Mark's in Windsor, possibly another drive-in night, a cruise to Hemmings was discussed. Got a good idea something to do? A cruise? A show? Why put your 2 cents in at one of the next meetings when we are planning out the year ahead?

There was some discussion of holding a larger car show such as a national meet. A couple members have volunteered to look into the possibility of hosting a national event, possibly with a regional event to get more prepared.

There will be no official meeting in December and we will meet at Riley & Scranton in January.

As you can see there is much going on in the club that we need your input on! Till next time! **RR**

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## NEOC Member Survey

NEOC Members,

The NEOC has a unique, once in a lifetime, opportunity but we need your help and permission. We would like NEOC to host the 2010 Oldsmobile Club of America National Meet, either by ourselves if we have enough membership support, or if we don't, in conjunction with another chapter, such as the GMO chapter. This would be the first time a National Oldsmobile event would be held in New England.

Glen Morris and Bill Black have volunteered to co-chair this event.

Glen is one of the founding members of the NEOC, member number 6; served as Vice President and President from 1999 to 2002, past and present Membership Coordinator, and has been active and supportive of many of the club's events.

Bill has also been very active with the club since joining; managing show finances, putting the show booklet together, and raising considerable contributions. Bill was the chairman of the Southington (Ct) Apple Harvest Festival for seven years in the 80's. This always successful festival draws up to 250,000 visitors annually.

We both feel that our enthusiasm and experience will go a long way to making a successful National Oldsmobile Meet. But it will take more than our involvement. Hosting a National event, like any other successful venture, takes a lot of volunteers and good support. The OCA has developed and written a great support document outlining how to successfully host a National Meet which we have been reading closely. OCA is always available to answer any questions or help out as much as possible along with the OCA Zone officers.

Volunteers--- that's where you come in. Below are a few questions which will show us your feelings. Answering these questions quickly and either mailing, emailing, or calling Glen or Bill with your responses would be greatly appreciated. If our members show enough positive support we will make a presentation at the 2007 Nationals in Bowling Green, Kentucky to host the 2010 Nationals. We need your replies as soon as possible for further planning. **RR**

# 2006 NEOC Membership Survey

## NEOC/OCA National Meet Survey

1. Are you in favor of having the NEOC host an OCA National Meet?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you in favor of having the NEOC co-host the Nationals with the GMO chapter?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you plan to still be a member of NEOC in 2010?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Would you be willing to dedicate a significant amount of your time for this?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Would you be willing to chair or support a committee?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. If yes, there are many committees that require a chairperson, an assistant, and perhaps several members. Below is an abbreviated list of committees suggested by OCA. Do you have a certain area of expertise or a certain interest that would lend itself to making one of these committees successful? (Comment below as necessary)

Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Show Field coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Security \_\_\_\_\_

Swap Meet \_\_\_\_\_

Judging \_\_\_\_\_

Woman's Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Banquet \_\_\_\_\_

Sight Seeing Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Forms Design \_\_\_\_\_

Public Relations \_\_\_\_\_

Meet Magazine \_\_\_\_\_

Other? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Any suggestions for a host hotel or venue?  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Your name, and contact information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Glen can be reached at Gmorris01@aol.com or (203) 269-4365.

Bill can be reached at dragonflyfarm@earthlink.net, or (203) 457-1459.

Or simple mail this completed form to: NEOC National c/o Glen Morris  
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Wallingford, Ct. 06492

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## Membership Application and Renewal Form

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Annual dues are \$20.00. Dues expire on December 31.

Please make personal checks or money orders payable to: New England Oldsmobile Club.

Mail completed form and check to: **New England Oldsmobile Club**  
**372 Batchelor Street**  
**Granby, Ma. 01033**

Questions? Contact Glen Morris, Membership Coordinator @ 203-269-4365  
or e-mail [GMorris@aol.com](mailto:GMorris@aol.com) or check our website at [www.NEOLDS.com](http://www.NEOLDS.com)

Ownership of an Oldsmobile is NOT required to join our club. Any year or type of Oldsmobile is welcome in our ranks.



# 2006 Holiday Party December 2nd



A nice quiet room at Elaine's Restaurant in Wethersfield held a roomful of Olds enthusiasts getting into the holiday spirit!

The raffle table was overflowing and there was certainly something for everyone! The food was great, the atmosphere was friendly (and warm). All in all a good time was had by all those present. Take a look at the photos and see if you can find anything but smiles!

If you are afraid of not getting there on time, keep in mind that we ended up closing the place so that really isn't an excuse!

Didn't make it this year? Why plan for next year? The party is

usually on the first Saturday evening in December. **RR**



Lots of yolks were shared!



Future NEOC officers?

## Newsletter Info

Sorry to all of those confused on the newsletter delivery. I had some difficulties getting this one out before Christmas and I apologize for that. The next newsletter will be the January/February issue that will hit store shelves the first week of February. We are planning a few changes and hopefully can have them in place by then.

Have a happy and safe holiday season! **RR**



# Directions To The Next Meeting

The **January meeting** will be held on Saturday the 13th at noon and will be hosted by Earl Bancroft at Riley & Scranton Service Center in Glastonbury, CT. The main topic of discussion will be the NEOC annual car show.

## Riley & Scranton Service Center Glastonbury, CT 860-633-3669

### **From north and south on Interstate 91:**

Take "Glastonbury/Putnam Bridge" Route 3 exit off of I 91 just south of Hartford.

Cross the bridge and bear right onto Route 2 East.

Take the Hebron Avenue exit. Turn right at end of ramp onto Hebron Avenue.

Turn right onto Main St. when Hebron avenue ends at stop sign.

Take immediate left onto Welles St.

Riley & Scranton Service center is on the left.

The **February meeting** will be hosted by Dave Richter on SATURDAY February 3rd at 2 pm. in beautiful Granby, MA.

Dave Richter

372 Batchelor Street, Granby, MA 01033

413-467-3690 Email: dmr67442@aol.com

### **From points North and South (but not East) of Granby,**

Take I- 91 to Exit 16, from the Northbound Lane take a Right, from the Southbound lane take a Left. Follow US Rt. 202 North over the bridge into South Hadley and take the 2nd Right on the rotary which keeps you on Rt. 202 North. Follow Rt. 202 into Granby Center, from there it takes 5 minutes until you come to the intersection of Rt. 202 and School St. There is a big sign for Holyoke Catholic High School and the Granby Café is on this corner. Take a left at the intersection and follow school; street for about 1 mile. Take your first left onto Batchelor St. The 5th house on the left (#372) is where you want to be!

### **From the Mass Pike**

Take Exit 7 (Ludlow) at the end of the Toll Booth take a Right and follow Rt. 21 into Belchertown. When Rt. 21 meets Rt. 202, take a Left onto Rt. 202 and follow it into Granby. Watch for the sign for Holyoke Catholic High School and take a Right onto School St., Granby Café is also on this corner. Follow school; street for about 1 mile, take your first left onto Batchelor St. and go to the 5th house on the left (#372).

## 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.

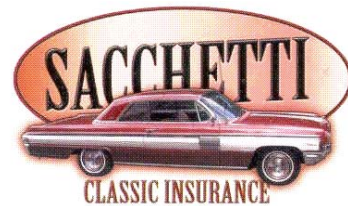
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