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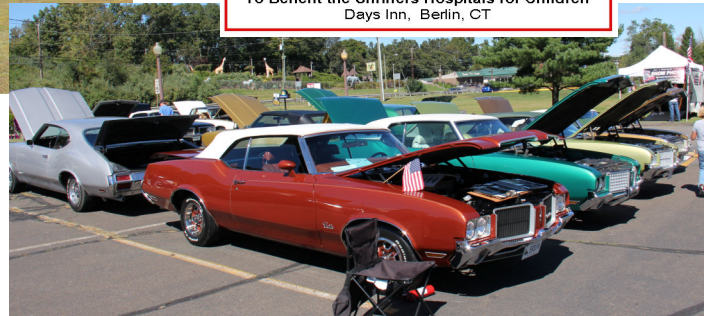
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NEOC Car Show 2012



The quality of Cutlass restorations is rapidly approaching that of the 442's.

Once again, we had beautiful weather for our 16th annual All-Olds show. Participants and visitors alike were greeted by Oldsmobile's parked on the front lawn of the Day's Inn. A group of volunteers efficiently got everyone checked in and parked and ready for judging.

It is always fun to look at the cars that come out for this show. While the majority tend to be the high performance or intermediate based, there is always a variety. Some years we have 2 Toronados and some years we have 9 or 10. It was fun to look at some of the newer model big cars that were present this year as well. These cars are not like those produced today, they were made for one thing only. YOUR comfort! And they do that very well, see the inside story on mne member's highway cruiser in this issue.

We also have photos from the show as well as a complete list of the winners. If you haven't been to this

show because you thought that all the same cars came out year after year, you couldn't be more wrong! So take a look an plan to join us for next year's show! (additional coverage starts on page 4). **RR**

Seventy Six Ninety Eight

Sounds like the combination to a padlock, but in actuality, its the combination that brought someone into the Oldsmobile family. John Capone, a recent NEOC recruit, recalls how he came to appreciate and love the family car.

I live in Connecticut and have had a deep love for my '76 98 since childhood. My father bought the car in '79 when the car and I were both only 3 years old so I've literally grown up with it. Just about every friend and family member has been in that car over the years and it took us on every family vacation for many years. It's literally a big part of the family.

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Dates to Remember

- Nov 3** - NEOC Mtg - Saturday 1 PM
Glen Morris - Wallingford, CT
- Dec** - NEOC Mtg - Stay tuned for date and location
- Jan** - NEOC Annual Holiday Party
Saturday - January 12, 2013
Watch for details

NEOC Meeting Notes

Meeting Minutes – July- 2012

The July meeting was attended by 14 members and held at the home of Glen Morris in Wallingford CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Old Business

Treasurer's report was read by Bill Black.

Don Mucci and Glen Morris will man the NEOC table at the upcoming Olds Night at Mark's on 7/23.

Don reported on other events:

Panara Bread Berlin Turnpike, 1st and 3th Sat of each month 5-9pm

Berlin Pizza Berlin Turnpike, every Thursday 5 to 9pm

Hooters Berlin Turnpike, every Friday 5 to 9pm

Don't forget to distribute show flyers at any event you attend.

The NEOC picnic will be Saturday August 18th with a rain



date of Sunday August 19th at the home of Don Mucci in Enfield.

New Business

The group was introduced to Tom Tardiff...Tom has stepped up to being the head judge at our upcoming show in September.

Congratulations to the GMO on their successful bid to host the 2015 Nationals...now the fun begins!

NEOC Car show

The date will be Sunday 9/23/12 with the rain date of Sunday 9/30.

Bill Black has a signup sheet for advertisers. If you know anyone who would like to take an ad out please contact Bill.

There will be an onsite meeting at the Days Inn on Saturday

9/22...anyone helping with parking, registration and show filed layout is encouraged to attend.

The August meeting will be held in conjunction with the picnic at Don Mucci's in Enfield CT. The September meeting will be on the 6th and needs a host. The October meeting will be held on the 4th at the home of Gene Roy in East Hartford CT.

Reported by Larry Gagain – Club Secretary

Meeting Minutes – August- 2012

The August meeting was attended by 10 members and held in conjunction with the NEOC picnic at the home of Don Mucci in Enfield CT. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

Old Business

Olds Night at Mark's on 7/23 had 46 cars! Thanks to all that attended.

New Business

NEOC elections coming up at the end of the year.

Holiday party...this year we are going to do something different...instead of December the group agreed to hold a Holiday party on Saturday January 12 2013. It will be held at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin CT.

NEOC Car show

The date will be Sunday 9/23/12 with the rain date of 9/30.

Bill Black still has plenty of the signup sheets for advertisers! There will be an onsite meeting at the Days Inn on Saturday 9/22...anyone helping with parking, registration and show filed layout are requested to attend.

This year trailer parking will be behind the Hawthorne Inn, not on the side of the Days Inn. Also additional show car parking (15-20 spots) is available in between the Hawthorne Inn and Days Inn.

For anyone who plans on spending the night before the show a \$60 rate has been secured by the Days Inn for show attendees.

Show t-shirts are on order and will be free to signed up volunteers as well as available for sale at the event.

The September meeting will be on the 6th at the Berlin Pizza in conjunction with their cruise night so bring your Olds.

The October meeting will be held on the 4th at the home of Jean Roy in East Hartford CT.

Reported by Larry Gagain – Club Secretary

Meeting Minutes – September- 2012

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The September meeting was attended by 12 members and held at Berlin Pizza in Berlin CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Old Business

The holiday part is booked for 1/12/13 at the Hawthorne Inn. It will be buffet style with a cash bar.

Bill Black read the treasurers report.

Don reported on other events:

New Business

NEOC elections coming up at the end of the year. Glen Morris would like to step aside as president and assume a new position as club representative.

NEOC Car show

The date will be Sunday 9/23/12 with the rain date of 9/30.

We are having an onsite meeting at the Days Inn on Sat 9/22...if you are helping with parking, registration or field layout, please attend. Trailer parking is behind the Hawthorne this year..

There is a special \$60 per night rate at th Days Inn for attendees.

Show t-shirts are in and will be free to signed up volunteers as well as available for sale at the event.

The October meeting will be held on the 4th at the home of Jean Roy in East Hartford CT.

Reported by Larry Gagain – Club Secretary

Presidents Message

By Glen Morris

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

(1966 Clint Eastwood movie for you young 'uns)

The Good: Our 16th annual all Olds car show was another great success. Once again, Mother Nature cooperated with us and provided a picture perfect day in Berlin Ct. Over 100 Oldsmobiles were registered with (unofficially) 97 on the show field. Several members of the Shriners were present providing much support selling raffle tickets for three different successful raffles this year. Bill Black's advertisement book yielded a record income for this year also.



The Shriners team

As a result of this success, the NEOC once again donated 100% of the proceeds to charity. We voted to donate \$2000 to the Shriners Hospital and \$1000 to the REO Transportation Museum. Both of these donations exceeded last year's contribution by \$500 each!

Thank You to all the volunteers, participants and donors. We couldn't make this car show a success without all your support.

Why would you want this guy to remain President?



The Bad: Well, it's election year for the NEOC officers and after two years, Dave Richter (Vice President) and myself (President) are stepping aside. We heartily welcome any new candidates or nominations from members in good standing and we will support them 100%. I personally will remain involved supporting the club address, e-mails, and club communication. Please let us know if you are interested or nominating before December.

As I look outside at the falling leaves, I am also reminded that our car show and cruise season has all but ended. It's time to prepare your Olds for the upcoming cold New England winterL (Read on to see how I am preparing this year).

The Ugly: My precious Ram-Rod has been stripped of all its glitter (chrome and moldings) and delivered to Schaller Auto Body for a new paint job. My 20 year old home grown paint job has finally deteriorated to the point where it needs a fresh coat of paint especially to compete in the OCA Senior judge class. I am so depressed. But I am optimistic.



A stripped Ram Rod (dig the whitewalls)

The Ram-Rod was delivered to fellow NEOC member Bruce Plourde at Schaller on 10/11/12 (does that date mean something?). I will keep you posted on the progress.

Adding to "the ugly" is the fact that the trees in my yard are also being stripped... of their leaves, and they are filling up my yard. Well, maybe it's a good thing that my car is in the shop so that I have extra (?) time to rake the yard now. How many days until Spring anyway?

So, put your Oldsmobiles to rest for the winter, tune up the snow blowers and think warm thoughts. We'll be back on the road before you know it.

Glen

NEOC Cub Merchandise

We have the following club merchandise available;

- NEOC cookbook - \$5
- NEOC 40th Anniversary Nationals Magazine - \$5
- NEOC 40th Anniversary Show Plaque - \$5
- NEOC club logo window sticker - \$2
- NEOC t-shirts - \$15 (have 2XL, XL, L, M, S)
- NEOC denim shirts - \$20 (have XL only)
- NEOC polo shirts - \$20 (have XL, L)
- NEOC hats - \$10

Contact Glen Morris. , 203-269-4365

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Some of the restorations were outstanding! Dave Consoli's '70 W-30 among them



There was quite a selection of Toronados

2012 NEOC 16th Annual All Oldsmobile Show



Plenty of modified muscle was on hand

Not every car was performance oriented...



Glen handed out the awards, here Sharon Zammiello accepts her Best of Show



Plenty of '60's muscle in attendance



Hurst/Olds were well represented

The Senior class cars were amazing



There were some nice unrestored cars that can be used for reference on the show field



It was a perfect day for a convertible!



NEOC Car Show Results — 2012

Class #1---Stock, 1897-1963 all models ex. F-85

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1957 98 Conv.	Jack Bielinski
RU	1957 98	Gary Dellavecchio
RU	1963 Holiday	Gary Ballard

Class #2---Stock, 1964-1972 all except Toro, Cutlass, 442

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1966 Starfire	Charlene Woloski
RU	1965 Starfire	Lorelei Rounds
RU	1971 Delta	Al Gracia

Class #3---Stock, 1973-1987 all models ex. Toro, 442, Hurst

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1976 Regency	Steve Jerome
RU	1985 Cierra	Frank Tupka
RU	1983 Delta 88	John Pane
RU	1985 Delta 88	Jeff Walsh

Class #4---Stock, 1988-present all except Toro, 442, Hurst

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1998 Aurora	John Heeg
RU	12002 Bravada	Everett Horton
RU	1991 Cutlass	John Daddio

Class #5---Stock, all Toro

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1983 Toronado	Dean Mojon
RU	1988 Toro Trofeo	Frank Tupka
RU	1968 Toronado W-34	Joe Culhane
RU	1976 Toronado	Joe Culhane

Class #6---Stock, 1961-1967 Cutlass, F-85

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1965 Cutlass Conv.	Mike Librandi
RU	1966 F85	Larry Grossflam

Class #7---Stock, 1964-1967 442

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1966 442 Conv.	Tim & Sharon Zammiello
RU	1964 442	Joseph Powlos
RU	1965 442	Gene Hunt

Class #8---Stock, 1968-1972 Cutlass, F-85

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1971 Cutlass Supreme	Tom & Deb Hill
RU	1971 Cutlass Supreme	Chris Stanco
RU	1971 Cutlass Supreme	Dave Kristjansson
RU	1969 Cutlass	Jean Charles Roy

Class #9---Stk, 1968-1969 442, W-30, W-31, Hurst - Conv.

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1969 442 Conv.	Dominic Lucibello
RU	1968 442 Conv.	Dean Franco
RU	1968 442 Conv.	Todd Hatfield
RU	1969 442 W-30	Meghan Welsh

Class #10---Stk, 1968-1969 442, W-30, W-31, Hurst

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
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1st	1969 442	Gary Galgano
RU	1969 HO	Sal Barbieri
RU	1969 HO	John Suess
RU	1969 442	Scott Lavigne
RU	1969 HO	Salvatore Spinia

Class #11---Stk, 1970-1972 442, W-30, Hurst, SX - Conv

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1970 442 W-30	Frank Palmieri
RU	1972 442 W-30	Don Azarigian

Class #12 -Stk, 1970-1972 442, W-30, 31, Hurst, Rallye, SX

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1970 W-30	Dave Consoli
RU	1971 W-30	John Anderson
RU	1972 HO	Yves Jacques

Class #13---Stock, 1973-1987 442, Hurst

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1979 H/O	Mary Cafarella
RU	1984 H/O	Bob Vazzama

Class #14---Modified through 1969

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1969 442	Bill Nostin
RU	1965 442	Tim Alden
RU	1966 Cutlass	Adrien Adam

Class #15---Modified 1970-Present

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1986 Cutlass Supreme	Don Mucci
RU	1978 Cutlass Supreme	Bill Nye
RU	1972 Cutlass S	Red Hanson

Class #16---Seniors - previous 1st place winners

	<u>CAR</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
1st	1963 98 Sport Coupe	Chuck Schiel
RU	1970 Cutlass S	Don Bombard
RU	1971 442 W-30	Rich Santucci

DAYS INN BEST OF SHOW CHOICE:
1967 Cutlass Conv. Ronnie Laverde

NEOC BEST OF SHOW CHOICE:
1966 442 Conv. Tim & Sharon Zammiello

DON ROSS MEMORIAL AWARD
NEOC club member — Bruce Plourde

APPRECIATION AWARDS

1978 Cutlass Calais	Phil Cafarella
1989 Cutlass "glassmobile"	Bob Graul
1972 Hurst Olds	Tony Palmer
1970 Cutlass Conv.	Bill Black
1968 Cutlass Ram-Rod	Dean Franco
1974 Cutlass	Mike Barillaro

'76 98 (cont'd)

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The car is a triple black '76 Ninety Eight Regency Coupe and I think it is truly one of the most beautiful and classy pieces of American automotive history. The car was a daily driver for many years and it started



showing its age in over time. Even before I started driving, I

started fixing little things and learning what I could about cars. Fast forward to about 1995 when I went to my first OCA show in Merrick, Long Island where I saw something I never thought I would see....another black '76 Ninety Eight Regency and it was fully restored! The owner of this car and I obviously hit it off and have been good friends ever since. The instant I saw his car, I had to do whatever I could to make mine like his. I have spent a very, very long time (too long in most people's opinion) doing a complete frame-off restoration on my car and I don't regret it for a second. It is now about 95% complete and it even took home 2nd place at its very first show last September in Berlin, CT!! I've only put about 300 miles on the car since the rebuild and every one was worth a million bucks.



How'd you like to learn to parallel park THIS beast?

The car has just about every available option including the one-year only black leather, mirror thermometer, twilight sentinel, power sunroof, pulse wipers, dual power seats, 8-track, illuminated entry, etc. It is a true pleasure to own this masterpiece of automotive history when cars were something to truly be proud of.

I also own another '76 Regency Coupe that is mostly original and is more of a "driver". My wife and I take this car on vacation and have even taken it from Connecticut to North Carolina & Tennessee twice. This car is opted almost as well and it is a real pleasure to take a cruiser like these cars on such long road trips. Having

all the power and comfort makes a very long trip a great experience. My wife tends to sleep a lot on our trips because it is just so comfortable.

I have a lot of work to do on the black Ninety Eight before this year's NEOC show in September but I will be there with pride regardless of my progress. I am trying to arrange to bring both cars if at all possible.

I'm a new daddy and our little boy Evan is nearly 4 months old. I am obviously hoping to pass the black Ninety Eight to him someday and continue the family lineage down yet another generation.

I don't know if this is what most members do but I've also attached a few pictures. I'm obviously very proud of my cars and love talking about them. OK, so I suppose most members probably are like that too.

Thank you for your interest and long live all Classic Oldsmobiles!
John Capone



A nice showing of big cars at this year's show!



Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **November meeting** will be on **SATURDAY Nov. 3rd**, at 1 PM
Hosted by Glen Morris at the Old's Ranch in Wallingford, CT.

Glen Morris - (203) 269-4365
77 West Dayton Hill Road, Wallingford, CT

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 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

Because we will be having our holiday party in January, we are looking to have a December meeting. If you would like to host this meeting please contact Glen Morris or one of the other officers.

Again, Already?!

Although it may seem like it just happened---but its dues time (again). That's right renewal time once again is here. We need to be thinking about writing that check (but of course cash is accepted) and could easily be turned in at the annual Holiday party (yea it's that time too). As always, we all need to be in good standing with OCA for our "affiliated" chapter status to continue. OCA provides the needed support and insurance we need to run an event, that's a must as we all know. So its vital for all of us to not only to be up to date with OCA but NEOC as well. Of course the holiday season is upon us and we're all stressed with the upcoming Visa/MC pounding we are about to receive.

With all this aside, it time for NEOC to start the collection process with our members so we can meet our compliance requirements with OCA and continue NEOC membership base. PLEASE, it is important that when we do re-up that we include the renewal form contained in our newsletter (for renewal). All the bloody details can be forgone as long as they haven't changed but we keep these on file as a backup should anything be questioned.

I haven't seen many of you this year due to some technical difficulties on my end. Looking forward to working with the new NEOC board going forward. Hope to see you all at the upcoming Holiday party, if not, have

a SAFE and HAPPY holiday season.

LIGHT'EM UP one last time and lay'em up for their winters nap!!!!

Thanks, Ed Palmieri Membership coordinator

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