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2011 Christmas Party

Once again, The Adams Mill Restaurant was host to the NEOC Christmas party allowing the members to grab a nice bite to eat and raise our glasses for a few toasts.



The raffle again offered a variety of gifts, some automotive, some not. No one offered their prized bottles for shots though! Larry had a good time giving us all a fashion show trying on hats to get the one that suited him perfectly. The hats all looked good, I think it was just Larry!

If you haven't made it to one of our Christmas parties, plan to join us next year! **RR**



Drinks and the conversations flowed throughout the evening.



With the November meeting cancelled due to the early snow, it was fun to sit and chat with the members again.

The food was delicious and the drinks were flowing. With the past weather, most of us had already put our babies away for that long winter's nap.



Larry the Fashion King (obviously not of Leisure Suit Larry fame), trying on different style hats.

Dave always adds a touch of class wherever he goes!



Dates to Remember

Jan 14 - NEOC Mtg - Saturday 1:30 PM
Glen Morris' Olds Farm - Wallingford, CT
Jan 20-22 - Swap Meet
Eastern States Expo Center
Springfield, MA

Feb 4 - NEOC Mtg - Saturday 1:30 PM
We are looking for a host for the Feb. mtg
Mar 3 - NEOC Mtg - Saturday 1:00 PM
We are looking for a host for the Mar. mtg
April 25-29 - Spring Carlisle
Carlisle, PA

Nov Meeting Information

Once again, Mother Nature influenced our NEOC schedule. The Autumn Nor'easter ultimately forced the cancellation of our 11/6 monthly meeting at John Lenihan's house. John called me on Monday night and described the war zone like area in his town of Holyoke Ma. along with the fact that he had no power. Based on this and other reports, we decided to cancel the meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience but I'm sure many others were inconvenienced in more ways by this storm. I hope you have all recovered and life has returned to normal for you.

Because of this cancellation, I would like to offer my notes for this cancelled meeting.

- We made \$2500 profit from our car show and gave it ALL to charity this year! \$1500 went to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, \$500 went to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in the name of Morgan Platt, and \$500 went to the REOLDS Transportation museum. (Note—you can see a quick overview of the museum here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUKfApxYwks...> ed). The NEOC has received a written Thank You from each of these donors.
- Bill Black and I attended a Shriner's luncheon and check presentation ceremony at their main office in Springfield Ma. on 10/20. I must say that the presentation of case studies touched me deeply. This is a VERY worthy charity and I am proud to be able to provide them with proceeds from our annual car show. I hope each and every one of you also feel this way. The Shriners have pledged more active support for

our show in the future and I now have a personal contact there.

- Speaking of our car show, the next issue of JWO will have an article about the show.
- The menu and prices for our Christmas party are now published in your recent newsletter. Thanks once again to Basil and Rose Treco for setting this up. The prices reflect a \$10 club offset and include tax and tip. What a deal! Please get your checks in ASAP. I will send another reminder out in a few weeks.
- With car shows and weather issues, I totally forgot to mention officer elections for NEOC. If you are interested in ANY position, please let me know and we will handle an election as needed. By the way, Larry and Jim have exceeded their 2 year office position.
- NEOC dues are due. Our new Membership Coordinator, Ed Palmieri, will be your pain in the butt this year!
- We will be having a car show kick off meeting in January to get the ball rolling for our 2012 show. At this time, a Saturday date of 1/14 at 1:30 is tentatively set. I will host the meeting at my place in Wallingford (and hope it doesn't snow!). Mike Barillaro has volunteered to once again help coordinate the show. We need to establish a show date ASAP and need your input. We will also be discussing learned lessons from the past show in order to improve. The good news is that Sagar Shah, owner of the Days Inn, has promised his support for the 2012 show. I will send out meeting reminders.
- The February and March meetings will be held on the Saturday winter schedule which is typically the 1st Saturday of the month and during the afternoon. Does anyone want to volunteer to host one of these meetings?
- Any questions or comments?

Glen Morris

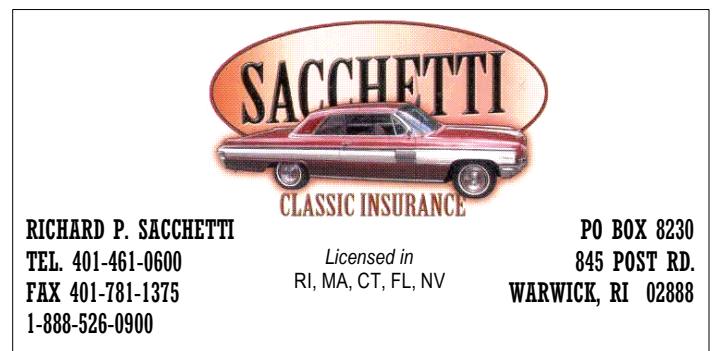


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It's time!

Oh yea, time again for club membership renewal for 2012. Forget the upcoming oil delivery or wood splitting activities, cut a check for \$20.00 to continue as a member of the NEOC. Continue to enjoy the newsletter, picnic, Christmas party and the annual all Olds car show to name a few. Dues helps to offset costs associated with running the club, allowing available funds throughout the year for donations to worthy causes or just additional club expenses should they arise.

Please remember you need to be a member in good standing in OCA. As we all know this allows NEOC to retain its "affiliated" chapter status.

So complete the attached renewal form (hard copies retained for OCA verifications) and submit with your \$20.00 for 2012 as soon as possible. This will assist in our submittal to OCA, for the info requested by February 1 deadline on compliance. Complete the form and attach payment today, it's that simple. We appreciate that you start thinking about it now, all memberships end 12/31/11. NEOC dues and renewal forms not received by February 1, 2012, will be assumed not renewing, and nobody wants that.

"Stay fired up with the NEOC"

Ed Palmieri
Membership Coord.



Presidents Message

By Glen Morris

2011, where did this year go? It's hard for me to believe that the Olds are packed up for the winter once again, but here we are. Let's just hope the upcoming New England winter doesn't rival the last one. And I won't mention the hurricane, earthquake and autumn nor'easter this past year.

2011 was also a busy year for the NEOC although it may not seem that way. I went through my old notes (that memory thing again) and came up with the following:

- New club officers – Me, Bill Black, Ed Palmieri and returning as V.P., Dave Richter, Secretary Larry Gagain, Newsletter editor Jim Schmitz. Thank you all.
 - The GMO apology from Dave Consoli. Still hope we can put the 2010 Nationals negatives behind us.
 - New database complete and working. Thanks to Ted Loranz for his support.
 - NEOC Membership cards. Thanks Ed Palmieri.
 - NEOC club address change.
 - NEOC on FaceBook. Thanks Glenn Johnson and Chris Stanco.
 - NEOC show coordinator. Mike Barillaro volunteered to "help". Thanks Mike.
 - New bank account. Bill Black continues wearing his retired accountant hat. Thanks Bill.
 - NEOC logo stickers requested by the membership and now available. Thanks John Lenihan.
 - GMO dust off attended by several NEOC members.
 - NEOC donation in memory of Joe Mondello.
 - Mark's cruise attended by 30 Oldsmobiles and NEOC members.
 - OCA Nationals in Reno attended by a dozen NEOC members.
 - NEOC 15th annual car show! GREAT success this year at a new venue.
 - NEOC donates \$1500 to Shriners, \$500 in honor of Megan Platt, \$500 to REOLDS transportation museum.
 - Additional club apparel ordered and in stock.
 - NEOC annual picnic at the home of Don Mucci. Mother Nature put a "damper" on this but Don has offered again for next year. Thanks Don.
- NEOC annual Christmas party. Thanks Basil and Rose Treco.

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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

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Presidents Message (cont'd)

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We will once again focus on our annual all Olds car show and try to make it even better than last year. Of course, we still need everyone to help. Any volunteers?

We are still looking for an Activities Coordinator. There are many cruises, shows and events that we could all participate in but we are lacking the coordination. Volunteer?

Jim Schmitz continues to do a great job on the newsletter. But, we need more articles, editorials, commentaries, etc., from all of our members. I have always said that the newsletter is the glue that holds a club together. Got glue?

Wishing you all a happy, safe and warm holiday season and looking forward to another successful NEOC year in 2012.

Glen Morris
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NEOC President

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Old(s) Memories

After a year filled with record snow, an earthquake, a hurricane and over 20" of snow in October. I was talking with my Dad on a variety of subjects. It seems whenever we have a conversation, it ends up getting around to a family friend or distant relative and as I sit there with a quizzical look on my face, my dad says "you know, the one who drove the _____ (insert memorable car and color here)". And I would say "Oh, yeah! Now I remember." Why is it that while we can't always remember names and faces, we often can remember people by their pets, strange hair-cuts, houses or more likely their cars?

As our conversation continued, we started to recollect the various transportation modules that have come and gone through the Schmitz family. Seems my Dad had always liked Oldsmobile's, starting with his '49 Gray 88 4 door that he repainted a flashier Red over Black. From there we started trying to list them all. Now when I say "them all" it's only because he's been driving a while. Seems we never really were one of those families that got a new car once the old ones got to be 3 years old. Matter of fact, I think the '67 Vista Cruiser was only the second new car they purchased. Cars around our house were typically used until they were used up.

At a recent past National meet, my Dad was walking with my son on the show field pointing out all the various models of Oldsmobiles that he had owned.. In addition to the '49, there was a 54 Holiday Coupe, a '57 Starfire wagon, "Big Blue" as we called the '58 88 4 door that we had for what seemed like forever. We had a 1960 88 that we got from a good family friend and kept until my Grandfather passed and we got his '64 Buick Wildcat.

My mother seemed to be in a wagon rut. Long as I can remember she had station wagons, a '64 Pontiac, then the '67 Vista, a '71 Vista, a '73 Custom Cruiser that I learned to drive in, parallel park THAT bad boy! Seriously, park a Suburban next to a mid 70's Custom Cruiser and see which one is longer. The answer may surprise you!



(to be continued)



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Oldsmobile Club of America (OCA) membership is **mandatory**. If not a member, you can log onto the OCA website and apply on line at http://www.oldsclub.org/joinOCA_2.htm Non compliance with this requirement can result in forfeiture of N.E.O.C. dues.

OCA member # _____ and expiration: _____

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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**
77 West Dayton Hill Road
Wallingford, CT 06492

Questions? Contact Glen Morris, Membership Coordinator @ 203-269-4365
or e-mail GMorris@aol.com or check our website at 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.

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Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **January meeting** will be on **Saturday January 14th**, hosted by Glen Morris at the Olds ranch in Wallingford, 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.

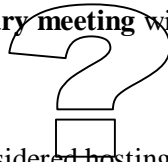
Bear right onto West Dayton Hill Road.

Continue for ½ mile through the Stop Sign to #77 on the right side

Beige Colonial set back from the road

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The **February meeting** will be held...



...have you considered hosting at your place?!

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..

To submit a classified ad:

Email: Jim70442w30@aol.com

Snail mail: Jim Schmitz 860-379-5221
24 Pioneer Dr.
New Hartford, CT 06057

FOR SALE: 1965 Oldsmobile F-85

1965 F85 that my grandfather bought new and has been in the family ever since. Was last driven to my parents house two years ago. It is all original and we have all the paperwork for it. It could easily be restored by an Olds enthusiast or, heaven forbid, (!) parts. I am hoping to find right person or group for this job.

Contact: Tamara Hall
15 Eden St.
Putnam, CT 06260
1-860-617-7158

FOR SALE: 1931 Oldsmobile

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Contact: Bob Theriault
PO Box 326
Lebanon, ME 04027
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WANTED: Body/Frame Rotisserie

Looking to buy or borrow a rotisserie, keep in mind, borrowing would be long term, LOL!

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