

# Rocket Rumbblings

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## NEOC Cruisin' Sturbridge

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007 was our first NEOC cruise to Sturbridge Mass., the host hotel site for our proposed 2010 Oldsmobile National meet. Ten members driving nine Oldsmobiles ventured out on this hot and rain threatening day.



Bill Black in his cool white convertible and Nancy and I in our red hot Ram-Rod met Don and Ruth Jack in Ruth's fresh cool convertible off I-91 in Middletown. After some brief discussions, we pointed our cars north and proceeded on. We arrived at the Sturbridge Host Hotel about a half hour before our 10:00 scheduled tour. Shortly after, we were joined by Everett Horton (sans Oldsmobile), Gus Kutschker (another convertible), Dennis O'Malley (40 modified all the way from R.I), Dave Richter (convertible hot-rod), Gene and Joan Miller (a/c Cutlass), Larry Gagain (very hot 442 hardtop), and Prez Bill LaPierre (soon to be best of show convertible!). Lot's of cool convertibles here!

We met with our host Bill Trzpit shortly after 10 a.m. and exchanged introductions. We toured several meet-

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## 2007 NEOC Club Picnic

Mark your calendars for July 14th for an all Oldsmobile picnic at our Olds corral on 77 West Dayton Hill Road, Wallingford, Ct., rain or shine.

We have adequate space for at least 20 Oldsmobiles in our horse (power) corral so bring 'em if you got 'em.

The festivities will start at noon and end when you leave. NEOC will provide hamburgs, hot dogs, rolls, condiments and eating utensils. You will provide a favorite dish of yours' (salad, appetizer, dessert), a chair to put your butt in, and beverage of your choice (BYOB). Nancy and I will provide parking, picnicking, and pool privileges for the brave at heart. Bathing wear required!

This will be our last get-together before we head out to Kentucky to make our bid for the Nationals. Bring any ideas, com-

## Dates to Remember

July 5 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 PM  
John Welsh's, Meriden, CT

July 14 - NEOC Picnic - Saturday at 12 Noon  
Glen Morris', Wallingford, CT

July 17-21 - OCA National Meet  
Bowling Green, KY

August 2 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 PM  
Bill LaPierre's, Somers, CT

September 6 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 PM  
Schaller's, New Britain

September 9 - 11th Annual NEOC Olds Show  
Schaller Body Shop, New Britain, CT

## June Meeting Notes

The June meeting was held on a comfortable evening in the home of RoseMary and Basil Treco in New Britain. Thirteen members showed up, some exercising their prized Oldsmobiles on the cool spring night..

Once the meeting got going, your president give us all a fashion show! Bill was checking out the club apparel for the Nationals presentation at Bowling Green later this month. Glen Morris and Bill Black had a nice presentation and they will have copies available for the OCA board at the meeting. Glen and Bill are looking for support from all members at the meeting on Thursday of the nationals to join us and show your support.

In order to get a better idea of the facility, several members headed up to Sturbridge to check out what the host hotel has to offer. Photos and additional information are on pages 4 and 5.

Basil discussed the new supplier for NEOC clothing and what would be required for the car show in September.

Bill Black filled us in on the Ad book for the show which is selling well, including the inside cover and several ad pages already full. If you know anyone interested in supporting our show. Give Bill a call and he can set you up with whatever you need in case you missed it in previous issues of *Rocket Rumbblings*.

The picnic was discussed and a date finalized. See the details elsewhere in this issue.

We also heard that our illustrious president was scrubbing and cleaning and impressed the judges and participants in the Pioneer Valley Classic Car Show held on June 3rd, congrats Bill! **RR**

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## NEOC Picnic

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ments, or moral support that you may have. And, don't forget the OLDS.

Glen Morris

**Directions; 77 West Dayton Hill Road  
Wallingford, CT 06492  
203-269-4365**

- Take 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
- We are in the beige Colonial set back a little from the road.

**Looking forward to seeing you there!**

*Picnic is Rain or Shine! Why not let Glen know if you will be attending to help him plan? **RR***

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# President's Message

By Bill LaPierre

## The NEOC cruise season is in full swing

A delegation of NEOC movers and shakers will be making their way to Bowling Green, Kentucky later this month to represent New England and pitch for the 2010 nationals. That contingent will be lead to victory by Glen Morris and Bill Black. Glen and Bill have put forth a huge effort to get this complicated project off the ground and rocketing towards success. With numbers, projections, facts and PowerPoint presentation in hand, NEOC's team will bowl the selection committee over. Glen has even equipped the team with matching shirts. I believe striving for and securing the 2010 national meet will set a new high water mark for the club and makes for a very bright future. I am looking forward to attending the New England style clambake with 400+ classic Oldsmobiles from all over the country setting the back-drop.

## Not going to Bowling Green? There is a lot to do!

The July meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> at John Welsh's parts emporium in Meriden, CT. This is a great location for many of the Olds faithful that do not live in the Hartford/Springfield area. Sorry Dave and Glenn, you will have to drive a bit farther than normal from your Olds compounds in Western Massachusetts. Not to worry, I will be hosting the August meeting on the 2nd at my Olds estate in beautiful Somers, CT. Somers is located halfway between Hartford and Springfield. The club is making every effort possible to spread the meeting locations around so that much of the membership can have a reasonable opportunity to attend.

If you can't make a Thursday night meeting, perhaps you can get to the club picnic on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> at Glen Morris' Olds corral in Wallingford, CT. Don't miss these opportunities, they only come around a few precious times per season. We would love to meet you and your Olds. All Oldsmobiles are welcome at club functions, regardless of condition, color or model year. Glenn Johnson attended the June meeting in New Britain in a '71 Caprice Sedan he recently obtained from an elderly neighbor. No, it isn't an Olds, but it sure brought back memories of a crazy buddy of mine who had one in the same color back in High School in the late 70's. The gas pedal in that car was always buried!

I have been attending numerous car shows and cruises in the Hartford and Springfield areas over the past few weeks and I have thoroughly enjoyed waving the flag high for both NEOC and Oldsmobile. I have been meeting all the Olds owners I can and have encouraged them to attend our All Olds show on September 9<sup>th</sup> in New Britain, CT. If I haven't met you, please don't be shy. If you see me at a show or cruise, please introduce yourself. If I haven't seen you in a while, let's talk. If it is sunny and hot I will be wearing my signature safari hat on the show field. I am told you can't miss me.

See you on the road,  
Bill LaPierre

## This space available

For your stories (serious or humorous accepted), items of interest, photos, announcements, etc.

No literary skills required (just take a look at who puts this rag together)

## Cover Cars and Submissions

The deadline for submissions (ads, articles, notices, etc.) is the 15 of the prior month. In other words, if you wanted an article to run in August, it would need to be submitted by July 15th.

Also, we are still working on cover cars for newsletters coming up this Fall. While the weather is nice, get out the wax and tire dressing then snap a few shots and tell us all about your baby. **RR**



# Cruisin' Sturbridge

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ing and banquet areas and discussed the possibility of using the exhibition hall to house specialty Oldsmobiles along with our banquet. We then proceeded outside to view the hardtop parking areas as well as the scenic lakeside lawn areas where future show-cars could be parked. There was a huge outdoor tent on the lawn area that can house picnics, bars, or just provide much needed shade during summer months. A miniature golf area, private beach with paddle boats, and several local ducks ended our outside tour. Back indoors, we were treated to the huge atrium area in the center of the hotel that could be used for a welcoming party, meeting area, or just a respite from hot summer weather. We then viewed several remodeled rooms that varied from a Presidential hospitality suite, to mini suites, to poolside and lakeside view rooms. A short question and answer period followed and everyone seemed pleased with the tour. We then ventured out beyond the parking area to view the proposed site for the swap meet. Our swap meet "expert", Everett pondered the area and walked away saying "we can make this work". I felt pleased and honored with this comment.

Now it was time to take some pictures to be used in our presentation this July...

We then rounded up the Olds troupes to cruise on to Fenders drive in which was a short (?) 5-6 miles away.



What a grand sight to see 9 Oldsmobiles front to back drive through the streets of Sturbridge! What was not so grand to us was when all 9 of us stopped to ask a local Police officer how to get to Fenders drive in!! But, we made it...

Nine Oldsmobiles invaded Fenders Drive In, and twelve hungry NEOC members dug in. We decided to dine inside as the midday sun was finally taking its' toll on us. We took the opportunity to review our choice of "team" shirts to be worn at the National's presentation. A consensus was made and Dave Richter was to follow up on the orders.





# Old Sturbridge Village



After about an hour of eating, talking, and wiping our sweat away, we departed to go our separate ways. Everyone seemed pleased with the day and its' outcome and we all made it home safely before any rain showers. It was a great day, with great people, having a great Olds time.

THANKS to everyone who made the cruise successful!

Glen





# Back Road Cruisin'



While grabbing a burger at an old hangout in Illinois (that's Illinois for all you New Englanders) I spotted this nicely done 442 pickup. The owner must have been busy eating as he never surfaced the entire time I was checking his ride out! **RR**

## Rocket Classifieds



**For Sale: 1969 Oldsmobile Cutlass S Post Coupe**  
2<sup>nd</sup> owner, Body on restoration. New Mint Silver exterior base coat-clear coat paint with original stunning red bucket seat & console interior. Prof rebuilt 350 4 barrel engine to W-31 specs. Aluminum intake, Edelbrock carb, Hooker Headers, HEI ignition, more. Totally rebuilt turbo 350 with shift kit and stall converter. Aluminumized 2 1/2 Flowmaster dual exhaust. New drive shaft. Rebuilt 3:42 o-type 12bolt posi rear with sway bar & control arms. New brakes, front end, springs, shocks etc. Car is mint, drive anywhere, National 1<sup>st</sup> place show winner. Serious inquiries only, \$20,000  
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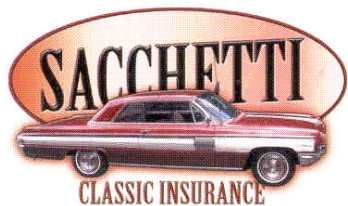
### **For Sale: 1969 442 4 speed Convertible**

Non matching motor but retains it's matching number M20 4-speed. The car has loads of documentation, including 2 complete build sheets. The first 20 years of it's life were in California and Arizona before coming to the east coast and it shows. Plenty of photos available. Asking \$39,995.00 or B/O. Dave Pion, 401-743-7276 dp51500@hotmail.com



### **For Sale: 1970 442 Coupe**

NOM 455, Turbo-400 trans, 12 bolt posi, Beautiful Matador Red urethane paint from bare metal. Black interior with buckets/console in very good condition, mint dash with original AM/FM. Performance enhancements include Edelbrock aluminum intake, Holley carb, 2 1/2" Flowmaster exhaust. This is a fast, great looking muscle car. Best reasonable offer!  
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# Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **July meeting** will be held on **Thursday July 5th** at 7 PM  
and will be hosted by John Welsh in Meriden, CT.

**John Welsh**

186 Greenbriar Road, Meriden, CT 06450

**203-639-9951**

## **From Hartford and points North**

Head South on I-91 from Hartford. At exit 17 turn off onto ramp (CT-15/W. Cross Pkwy/E. Main St.) for 1.7 mi, Turn off onto ramp at Miller Ave, follow ramp for 0.4 mi. Go LEFT (West) onto Miller Ave for 0.4 mi. Turn LEFT (South) onto Yale Ave for 0.5 mi, then go LEFT (East) onto Greenbriar Rd. and proceed to #186.

## **From New Haven and points South**

Head North on I-91 from New Haven. At exit 15 turn off onto ramp (CT-68/Yalesville/Durham) Merge onto SR-68 [Barnes Road] (West) for 2.1 mi. Turn RIGHT (North) onto N. Main St. Ext. for 0.6 mi. continue (North) on Yale Ave for 1.2 mi. Turn RIGHT (East) onto Greenbriar Rd and proceed to #186.

## **From Waterbury and points West**

Head East on I-84 from Waterbury, At exit 27, take I691 East. At I-691 exit 10, turn off onto ramp (CT-15/W. Cross Pkwy/E. Main St.). Merge onto SR-15 [Wilbur Cross Pkwy] South for 2.3 mi. Turn off onto ramp at Miller Ave, follow ramp for 0.4 mi. Go LEFT (West) onto Miller Ave for 0.4 mi. Turn LEFT (South) onto Yale Ave for 0.5 mi, then go LEFT (East) onto Greenbriar Rd. and proceed to #186.

The **August meeting** will be on **Thursday August 2nd.**

This meeting will be hosted by Bill LaPierre at the Presidential Palace in Somers, CT.

**Bill LaPierre**

27 Heather Lane, Somers, CT 06071-1932

**860-763-3134**

## **Directions:**

From I-91 North or South - take Exit 47E and follow Hazard Ave. (SR-190) East for almost 5 miles.

Make a right onto Maple Street for 1/4 mile

Bear left onto Pinney Rd. for another 1/4 mile

Then bear left onto Billings Rd.

Go to the second Somers Hill Circle and take a left (either way will get you there, but this is the most direct route!)

Take the first right which is Heather Lane. Follow it to #27 and join the rest of us!

## 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:***

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24 Pioneer Dr.  
New Hartford, CT 06057

## **For Sale: 1988 Olds Regency 98**

My in-laws have decided to sell their 1988 Olds Regency 98 with only 71k miles. We would very much like to see it go to someone that will preserve it. It is pristine and everything works. I am a car buff and I already have a 1930 Model A, 1957 Cadillac and a 1966 Pontiac, my problem as you can see, is no more room!

We can email pictures to anyone that is interested. We are located in the Albany NY area.

Keith Canary [redbarn27@nycap.rr.com](mailto:redbarn27@nycap.rr.com)

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