

# ***Rocket Rumbblings***

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## **President's Message**

**By Bill LaPierre**

### **Spring has Sprung!**

I have seen tons of classic cars cruising around town lately. The weather has been absolutely ideal for convertibles, sports cars and muscle machines. The street sweeper passed through my neighborhood last week and there is just about no threat of snow. It hasn't rained in over a week. I guess that means I have to get off my butt and get my convertible ready for the road. Easier said than done considering that we are in the final stages of a kitchen renovation. This is a busy time of year round the LaPierre house. I have been prepping the racecar for Dyno and Drag days. My brother has a list of things for me to do on his W30 and Patty's convertible is due out of storage on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There never seems to be any time to get to the "Honey do" list that seems to get longer every year.

### **Do You Call it a "Motor" or an "Engine"?**

I have always wondered if I have been using the proper term when referring to the power plant in an automobile. Should I say "motor" or "engine"? I have favored "motor" over the years. I see it both ways in print and hear both used interchangeably out in the world. Is there a difference by definition between the terms, or are they actually both equally applicable? I de-

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## **2010 Nationals Update**

**By Bill Black**

**Co-Chair with Glen Morris**

On Saturday, May 10 the NEOC had their monthly meeting at the Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center, which is not only the site of the 2010 Nationals, but also the site of our annual car show, to be held this year on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The meeting turned out to be a combination annual car show and 2010 Nationals information. One of the key elements of the meeting was the show car layout for the 2010 Nationals. Don Jack created a tentative layout in meticulous detail, showing space for 442 cars (what a coincidence). An earlier decision was made to limit show cars to 450 and Don said he could support that. After our meeting we toured the facilities and Glen Morris and I answered questions posed by members who were making their first trip to Sturbridge. With only two plus years to go until the big show, enthusiasm of those who attended was impressive.

The following Monday I returned to Sturbridge to meet with the Chamber of Commerce president and the owners or their representatives of a number of possible overflow hotels. The president of the chamber, Alexandra McNitt was very enthusiastic about our show and promised to give us as much chamber support as we require.

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## **Dates to Remember**

June 5 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 pm

Larry Gagain in Somers, CT

June 8 - Eastern MA Spring Dust Off - Sunday 8-3

Haskin's Auto Sales, Wellesley, MA

July 3 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 pm

Bill LaPierre in Somers, CT

September 6 - NEOC Mtg - Sturbridge Host Hotel

11 AM SATURDAY, Sturbridge, MA

September 28 - 12th Annual NEOC Olds Show

Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA

## May Meeting Notes

**M**ay 10 was a nice day for a leisurely cruise up to Sturbridge.

The purpose of this meeting was twofold, first to get a good layout for the NEOC show in September and also to give us an idea what this facility had to offer for the 2010 Nationals.

We went over many items specifically related to our show including parking lot layout for show vehicles as we will not have the entire place to ourselves as we will for the nationals. We need to work on insuring the location is well marked and directions are easily available, we are looking to get the directions posted on our website.

We have agreed to hold the September club meeting at Sturbridge again to finalize anything as well as stuff the envelopes, etc. Do the distance from most of the active members, we have elected to hold this September meeting on Saturday the 6th at 11 AM.

We will also be having shirts made up that have the show logo on them for members who are helping at the show to wear. The cost has been kept minimal and they should be available at the next meeting.

We discussed trophies and the dash plaques were finished and Don had them at the meeting.

The discussion turned to the nationals and some of the little details we are working on to make this memorable as it is the anniversary of OCA.

It was also noted that the GMO show has been rescheduled to Sunday June 8th. Same Bat-time, same Bat-channel. **RR**

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## President's Message (cont'd)

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cided to check into it and see for myself.

My Random House College Dictionary states:

**Engine** 1) a machine for converting thermal energy into mechanical energy or power to produce force and motion. 2) a railroad locomotive. 3) a fire engine. 4) any mechanical contrivance. 5) a machine or instrument used in warfare.

**Motor** 1) a comparatively small and powerful engine, esp. an internal-combustion engine in an automobile, motorboat, etc. 2) any self-powered vehicle. 3) something that imparts motion, esp. a contrivance, as a steam engine, which receives and modifies energy from some natural source in order to utilize it in driving machinery.

I may be more confused than ever. "Engine" appears in the official definition of "Motor", yet Random House states that a "Motor" is found in an automobile. It would appear that "Motor" would be the correct choice and "Engine" would be a reasonable and correct substitute. I guess that the only way to settle this for good is to write to Car & Driver's "Franz Kafka's Garage". Franz answers off the wall and often overlooked questions. Look to see if they can shed some light on the subject in a future issue of Car & Driver. I will report the results here should you not subscribe.

In the mean time, get out there and enjoy the spring weather in your Olds!

See you on the road... **RR**

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## Dyno Day

**A**pril 27th was the date for our latest Dyno Day. Attached are a few photos and Dan Alessandrini sent us his numbers (no one else was brave enough)!

Dan's '64 Cutlass (25 year old motor) 240hp and 260 lb-ft of torque. The secondaries were way too rich, which



was drowning the motor. May pick up close to 20hp if I lean out the secondaries.

Dan's '72 Cutlass stock (36 year old motor) 1st pull 130hp everyone laughed. So we changed the points, re-curved the distributor and the net result was 170hp, 230 lb-ft of torque with the primaries too lean. Not to bad, it was factory rated at 180hp at the crank.

How about some of you other guys posting your results? For more info check out; [www.nedyno.com](http://www.nedyno.com) for more info on the dyno facility. **RR**

## NEOC Show Shirts!

**A**t our last meeting in Sturbridge, Don Jack was sporting fancy new duds. Not just any duds, but highly prized collector shirts with the NEOC show logo for this year boldly printed on them.

The shirts looked so nice, we decided to order a limited number so NEOC members can be easily noticed at the show this year. They are offered for a nominal cost.

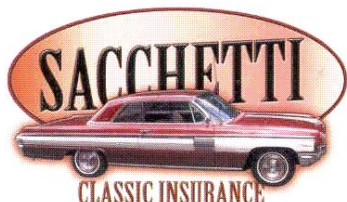
The shirts have been received and will be available at the next NEOC meeting on June 5th. **RR**

## GMO Spring Dustoff

**T**he Eastern Mass GMO Club has rescheduled the Spring Dust Off to June 8th at Haskins Auto Sales located at 467 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA (781) 235-4850 (just east of Wellesley Center on Route 16. The show starts at 8 AM and goes until 3 PM, rain or shine. There will be dash plaques, judging, a DJ, etc. Pre-registered cars are \$15 and day of the show is \$20. For more information please contact;

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# NEOC Show is on the Move!

By Bill Black

It's hard to believe, but in less than four months we will be celebrating our Twelfth Anniversary All Olds Car Show on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. It should be a great day for our club and everyone who helps out should be proud of their efforts.

Schaller Auto World has donated their facilities and services for our car show for a number of years. Their generosity in the past has been most appreciated. With our club hosting the 2010 Oldsmobile Nationals, it was decided to move the 2008 car show to the site of the Nationals, Sturbridge Mass. This will help us to develop a presence in the Sturbridge community and at the same time enable us to work out any kinks associated with putting on a national car show.

Again we are going to have our successful Show Booklet this year. For those donating it will provide a source for advertising their business. What better way to introduce your business then to have it permanently displayed and in the hands of those who can relate to it. For NEOC it will allow us a quality show, and maintain

our donation level to the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

We're going to keep the same pricing levels as last year. A donation of \$100 will be recognized with a full page display. \$50 will be a half page and \$25 will be a quarter page. The inside front cover, the back inside cover and the back cover will be reserved for the first three donations of \$200 or more.

By the middle of June I will send out letters to each of our donors from last year, asking if they will help us with this year's car show. I will include a copy of their display from last year, along with the donation forms for 2008. I will also mention to them that they may be contacted by the club member who solicited their donation last year. So please feel free to talk to them because I've found that personal contact is always the best approach.

The donation and receipt forms are available in this newsletter. If you have any questions about the show booklet, you can call me at (203) 457-1459 or email at [dragonflyfarm@earthlink.net](mailto:dragonflyfarm@earthlink.net) I will bring a number of last year's Show Booklets to the next meeting, or if you need them ahead of time, let me know and I will mail some to you. They can be used as an ice breaker when talking to a potential donor. **RR**

## NEW ENGLAND OLDSMOBILE CLUB

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**THANK YOU!!!**





# NEW ENGLAND OLDSMOBILE CLUB

## 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALL OLDS SHOW

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366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA

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**Information to appear in the show booklet**

Donation: \$100 full page  
\$50 half page  
\$25 quarter page  
\$200 inside front and back cover; back cover (call first  
for availability)

## Nationals Update (cont'd)

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Not wanting to forget any points to discuss, I, of course, sent Alix a discussion list the week before.

Some of the points we discussed were:

**PUBLICITY**--Alix will handle chamber related publicity for this year's car show, and this will expand when we get to 2010.

**AREA DISCOUNTS**--The Chamber will organize a coupon booklet from their members which we can distribute to those attending the 2010 Nationals.

**LOCAL SERVICES**--Items like tour bus services, port-o-johns, golf carts, local shuttle services, and security were discussed. Alix will get us info on tour bus services and she gave me several companies to follow up on the other items.

**2008 DETROIT NATIONALS**---We will be bringing chamber created brochures highlighting Sturbridge and the surrounding area and also a new, updated DVD of Sturbridge which we will be able to play on a lap top computer.

**CRUISING**—Alix will develop two or three driving tours of the surrounding countryside. This should be of interest to all who will be coming to New England in 2010 and want to experience a very beautiful part of the country we call home. As you can see, we had a great meeting.

Then it was on to the overflow hotels. One thing I found out was there's a tremendous number of hotel rooms in and around Sturbridge. A while back, Glen Morris and I received a list, from chamber president Alix McNitt, of the hotels in and around Sturbridge. We reviewed the list with our contact at the Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center, Bill Trzpit. We ranked them and decided to talk to seven of them, three of which are owned by the same person. Our main criteria was that they be within one mile of the host hotel. All of them meet the criteria, with several being within walking distance. Everyone I talk to was enthusiastic, and welcomed our business in 2010. We purposely chose our 2010 Nationals dates based on the fact that it falls between two very busy times in Sturbridge. So our business will be well received. All of the hotels gave me a verbal commitment of blocks of rooms, and, of course, this will be refined as we get closer to 2010. Most of the hotels will have a price structure at or below the contracted price at the host hotel. In summary, the total block of rooms

## Spring Drag Day

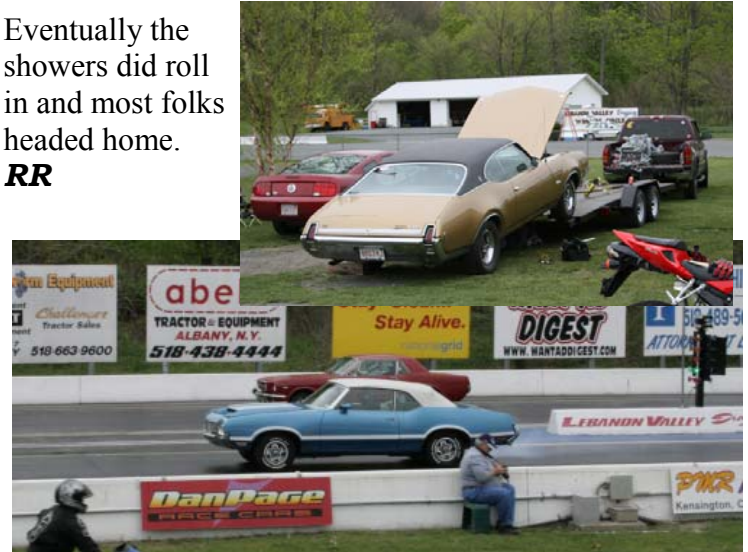
**F**inally! After several (4) missed dates, the racers finally got a chance to hit the track on Friday May 9th. Due to the unbelievable circumstances of the date being rescheduled, the roster was changing all over the map!

With some earlier showers and the threat of rain, turnout was lower than expected. Although some brave souls did play on the 1320, it was not as active in the past.

With the popularity of track rentals, we may not get the luxury of having a rain date as a backup. Carl is looking into those folks that notified him that they could not attend and will see if the deposit will be credited toward another day. If you didn't notify Carl and simply didn't show up, your deposit will be forfeited.

Eventually the showers did roll in and most folks headed home.

**RR**



from the overflow hotels amount to 356 rooms. This, along with the host hotel accommodations of 232 gives us 588 rooms. One of the hotels is currently negotiating to buy a currently unused hotel property within the mile range of the host hotel. If this occurs, we will have another 50 rooms in our block, which brings the grand total to 638. This works in our favor as we will be able to pick and choose which hotels we will use as overflow when the time comes. As a thought, if we go slightly over the one mile radius, we possibly could get another hundred or so rooms.

All in all it was a very productive day and it was a pleasure meeting the people who will ensure we have a successful 2010 Nationals. **RR**

# New England Olds Club

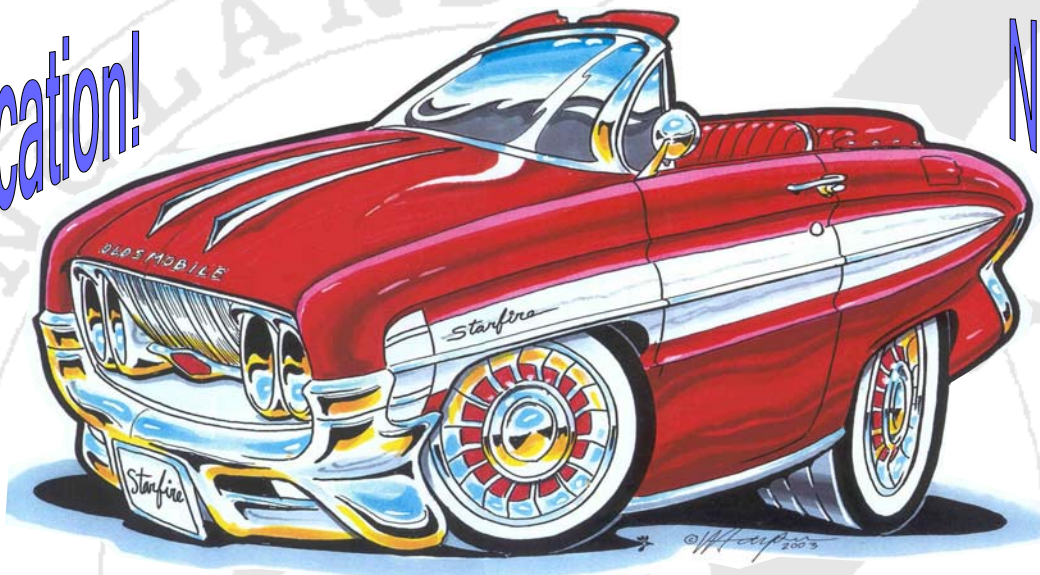
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CLASS #8 - Stock, 1968 – 1972 Cutlass, F-85  
CLASS #9 - Stock, 1968 – 1969 442, W-30, Convertible  
CLASS #10 - Stock, 1968 – 1969 442, W-30, W-31, Hurst, Hardtop  
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Note: Check here if this car won Best Of Class within the last 2 years ☐

I would like to help judge a class at the show ☐

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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 **June meeting** will be on **Thursday June 5th** at 7 PM.  
This meeting will be hosted by Larry Gagain in Somers, CT.

**Larry Gagain 860-763-1394**  
**465 Springfield Rd, Somers, CT 06071**

## Directions From I-91 North or South :

Take Exit 47E and follow Hazard Ave. (SR-190) East for almost 7 miles. You will come to a traffic light just beyond the new Fire House (on your right), Sokol Rd.

At that light take a left onto Sokol Rd. and follow it for about 1 mile to stop sign.

Go straight through onto Avery Rd. and proceed to the end (about ¼ mile) at the stop sign.

Take a left onto RT83 (also know as Springfield Rd.)

My house is # 465 about 1 ¼ miles up on your left. (Grey Cape with Blue Shutters). There is a large yellow sign with a picture of a stop sign and an arrow pointing straight ahead...my driveway is directly across the street from that sign. If you get to the traffic light you went too far.

The **July meeting** will be on **Thursday July 3rd.**

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

**Bill LaPierre**  
27 Heather Lane, Somers, CT 06071-1932  
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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!

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### Wanted for: 64 Olds Cutlass Convertible

Need a few parts, right now my panic need is a header bow seems they dont make them any more. I have checked Chevelle parts with the same results.I would appreciate any help.

Thanks Bud Fallon [budsenor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:budsenor@sbcglobal.net)

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