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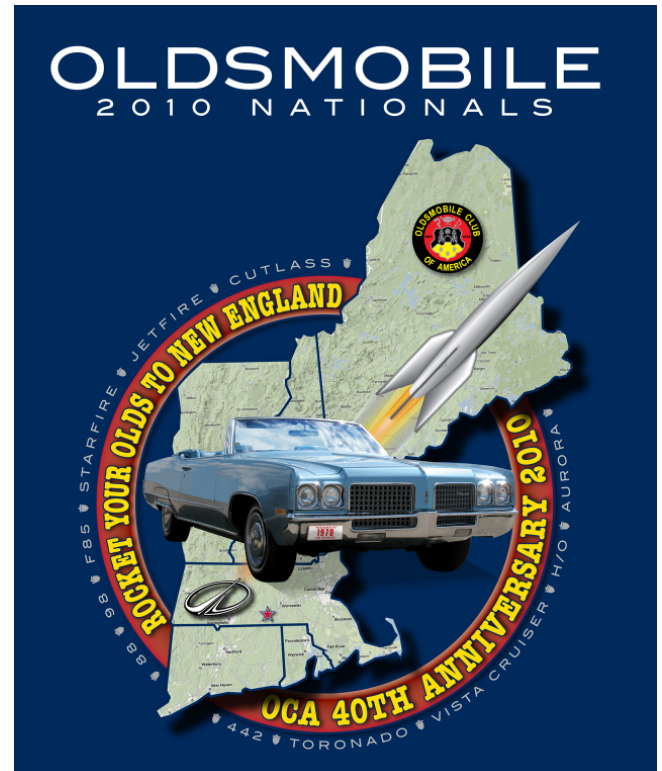
May/June 2009

2010 Nationals Update

2010. Does that ring a bell? It should as we will be hosting the largest annual all Oldsmobile car show and swap meet 7/21-7/25/2010. That is only 14 months from now and there is a lot of work to be done. Our fellow GMO members have pledged their support as we need all the help we can get. Are you signed up yet?

Here is a brief breakdown of activities to date:

- Judge committee (Glenn Johnson and Bryan Gagne): Glenn is our undisputed head judge for this affair as he has many years of experience and is a recognized OCA senior judge. Glenn and Bryan have reviewed the judging guidelines as provided by OCA. These guidelines revealed a very close involvement with the show field committee. We will have a joint meeting between these committees on 4/19 to iron out their requirements while assigning future tasks. We obviously will need a large field of judges on show day and we would hope to recruit many from our registration. Are you going to help judge on 7/23/2010?
- Show Field committee (Don Jack and Steve Minore): Don has been very diligent working with the limited parking space available in 2010. Steve has volunteered to co chair with Don on this committee and brings a lot of experience from our own annual shows. Steve will be working on a computerized lay-out for the



show field. There are still some issues with trailer parking availability but Bill Black and I will work them out before we hand that task to Don and Steve. We plan to have answers for this and shuttle requirements before our Alleghany presentation this July. This is another committee that will need many bodies to help during the National event. Please let Don or Steve know if you can

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Dates to Remember

May 7 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday @ 7 pm
Bill Black's - Guilford, CT

May 31 - GMO Spring Dust-Off - Sunday 8-3
Natick, MA

June 4 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday @ 7 pm
Dean Franco's - Torrington, CT

June 5 - Drag Day Revisited?

Lebanon Valley Dragway, Lebanon, NY

June 7 - Classic Car Show Sunday 9-4
Feeding Hills, MA (PV GTO club)

July 4 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday @ 7 pm
Glen Morris - Wallingford, CT

Aug 22 - NEOC Picnic & Mtg - Saturday
Bill Lapierre's - Somers, CT

April Meeting Minutes

April 2nd was a nice enough evening for a few of the members attending the meeting to dig out their Olds for a nice ride to Mike Barillaro's place in Kensington, CT.

An update on the 2010 Nationals was given and a short summary is here with additional info in Glens update.

We also discussed some activities for the club. We started with one of the last activities of 2009, the Annual Christmas Party. Basil is once again looking into the Christmas party in order to get our original date of the first Saturday again. We may be changing locations to do so, if you have any suggestions, get in touch with Basil.

Next up on the list was the cruise up to Hemmings for their Thursday car show. We were looking for July 23rd or August 6th. The idea is to meet up at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke at about 2:30 and then head up together.

We are also looking to hold another Dyno Day up in Douglas, MA. Let Bill LaPierre know if you are interested.

Mark's Classic Cruise, we will be looking to pick a Monday night and head out to Mark's in East Granby for their cruise night. If you haven't been, plan on it as there are usually 4-500 cars and over 700 on a good night!

In addition we discussed the upcoming GMO Spring Dust Off and the Pioneer Valley GTO Classic Car shows. Drag Day is upcoming and hopefully will not be rained out again!

We discussed options for the picnic, but nothing was decided and we still have a little time to finalize it.

We will once again be planning to send out a Membership Roster to all current members. This will be sent out in the next month or so.

The next meetings are Bill Black has May, June is Dean, July 2nd is Glen and August may be at the Picnic. **RR**

2010 Nationals (cont'd)

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lend them some time in 2010.

- Registration and data base (Ted Loran and Dave Richter): Ted has done a terrific job building the data base which will handle all the registrations and subsequent activities. We still need to define reports, forms, and tickets required by our other committees but Ted is confident that he can produce these items. Dave in the meantime is investigating signage needs for the registration area as well as directions to the registration area. Again, this committee will need many bodies to man the registration desk and hand out registration packages and provide information to those in need. Can you volunteer some of your time here?

- Trips and Transportation (Ed and Barb Palmieri): Ed (with Barb by his side) has organized all the planned trips for 2010 through King Ward Trailways. Prices still have to be set but they will be reasonably affordable to all. Ed will be looking for volunteers to chaperone these trips. All chaperones will not have to pay for their respective trip! Are you ready to chaperone for a free trip?

- Swap meet (Everett Horton and Earl Bancroft): The biggest issue here remains info from the land owner as far as price estimate, clean up, and commitment. But Everett is on top of things and working vendor transient permits that will be required for all participants. Earl is helping with any required local contacts to support this also. We hope to have some concrete answers in time for Alleghany.

- Awards banquet and Welcome party (Bill LaPierre and Larry Gagain): Bill (El Presidente) LaPierre and his side kick Larry Gagain are working with the host hotel on meal choices, prices and possible entertainment or speakers for Awards Banquet and Welcome Party. This committee will also need support for the banquet sign up table during the event. We plan to have meal choices and prices locked in before our presentation in Alleghany this year. Table gifts for all participants will be small bottles of good old New England maple syrup personally provided by Bill and Ellen Black. Would you be willing to offer Bill and Larry some of your time?

- Entry packet and raffle (Gene and Joan Miller): Rumor has it that Joan likes to shop! If that's the case, Gene had better get out of the way! We have asked Gene and Joan to start looking for and selectively procure items for the raffle. They have also formulated

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ideas for running the raffle. Keep in mind that the Millers originally offered to stuff goodie bags only and this is a lot more than they bargained for. They will be in need of help to support the raffle table during the event. They also will consider any donations for this well ahead of time. Look for an article from them soon. Will you be able to support the raffle before and during the event?

- Meet magazine (Jim Schmitz and Mike Barillaro): Jim has already stepped forward and provided our show ad to the Alleghany committee. He has also made arrangements with Basil Treco for the printing of our 2010 show brochure. Basil and his company graciously printed over 1600 copies for us!! Great job! As far as the actual show magazine, Jim and Mike are tasked with gathering articles, area information, Olds history, and whatever else they need to make this a collectible souvenir of the 40th anniversary of OCA. If you have any ideas or articles, contact Jim and Mike and they will peruse all that you provide.

Security and Logo (John Lenihan): John (I was not speeding, officer) Lenihan is tasked with procuring much needed security to watch our valued Oldsmobiles after hours. This is in addition to the arrangements he has made for our show logos. We have just finalized our main show logo as well as a secondary smaller one to be used on hats, shirts, trinkets, etc. The logos look great.

If anyone has any input or help to offer to any of these committees, please let us know. As you can see, many committees will require on site support during the National event. If everyone in NEOC and GMO could offer a couple of hours every day, it would make everyone's job easier while allowing all of us to enjoy the first National Oldsmobile show in New England in 2010.

THANK YOU ALL for everything!

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May Meeting Minutes

May 7th we all headed down to Dragonfly Farm and the nice, centuries old farm house of Bill and Ellen Black.

As we settled in for some homemade food Bill got the meeting rolling. We started out with discussions on the NEOC 2009 Car Show. Don Jack filled us in on the dash plaques and trophies, and it seems they are all set.

Bill said the Ad book info has been sent out to previous advertisers. Bill LaPierre was getting some fliers copies for the show to be handed out. The DJ is all set and We will once again have a few members staying on Saturday night to help insure everything runs smoothly Sunday morning.

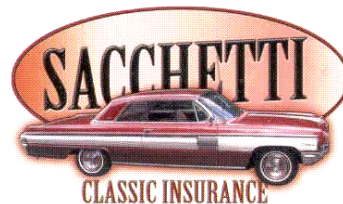
With our show covered, talk moved onto the Nats in 2010. Bill and Glen have been in touch with some sponsors for the Nationals and seems they have been successful in getting some help with info and support to be given out at the Nationals in Seven Springs this July. We are hoping to find some local collectors to bring out some of there seldom seen cars in place of the typical GM collection that is so often seen at National meets. We are working on an alternative for trailer parking as the original venue did not pan out as hoped. In addition we need some of those "old family recipes" for the cookbook. I understand Bill has been in contact with Duke and we hope to have the original recipe for Bush's Baked Beans to include with all of yours.

We are looking to head to Hemmings for their cruise on July 23rd (no rain date). We are still planning on a Dyno Day and an Oldsmobile night up at Mark's Classic Cruise although no date has been set for either.

We are looking to have the picnic on August 22 with the rain date of the 23rd. This will also be a meeting and we will stuff bags for our car show. This will be held at Bill LaPierre's.

The last item discussed was the Christmas party, we are looking into Dec. 5 at the same place based on availability. Basil will check into it for the next meeting.

Basil is also looking into more club apparel. **RR**



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2010 Raffle Help

RAFFLE TABLE DONATIONS WANTED

With the 2010 Oldsmobile Nationals in the planning stages, we would like to appeal to the Club Members for their help with the Raffle Table. To help reduce the Club's out-of-pocket expenses, we are looking for donations of household items, gift items or auto parts and supplies. Items should be clean, in like-new condition and in the original packaging if possible. Auto parts (Oldsmobile, of course) should be in as good of shape as possible and in working condition. We are looking for at least fifty items for the Raffle Table, so now is the time to dig out that unwanted gift from three years ago! Thanks for your help! Please feel free to email a photo of the item or give us a call.

Gene and Joan Miller
Millergejo@sbcglobal.net
(860) 651-7386



Mark's Cruise Night

As mentioned in the meeting notes we were once again looking to have an Oldsmobile night at Mark's Classic Cruise in East Granby.

Dan Alessandrini has set us up with Mark's to have June 15th as "Oldsmobile Night". SO mark it on your calendar now! A rain date will be determined later if it is needed.

If you have never been there, Mark's is easily one of the largest Cruise Nights in New England. They regularly pull in hundreds of cars and on a good night have exceeded 700!

Let's bring out those Oldsmobiles and show them all who put the "Class" in Classic Cars!

To get there simply take the route 20 exit off of I-91 towards Bradley airport. Take the exit for Rt 20 West and continue for about 1.5 miles to East Street. Take a right and go north on East Street about 0.5 miles to Russell Road, hang a right and you can't miss it! We'll be looking for you! **RR**

Spring Drag Day

As happens every spring, those of us with a desire to go fast get all revved up over Spring Drag Day. I know a lot of you re thinking "Why would I take and beat the bejeesus out of my nicely restored ride?" Well, its one of "Of you have to ask, you won't understand" things. Rather than the stop light derby, many enthusiasts like to see just what their cars will do. Afterall weren't these cars meant to be driven? The strip gives you a nice safe place to take your car and see what it will do in the quarter mile.

The Drag Day Roster has long been full, but we have also had some rainouts that could allow you to run. Some members simply cannot get off several Fridays in order to make the rain date(s).

However, there is some good news! if you are on the roster you can come Friday, June 5th! We are combining with Joe Waskewicz's rental. We may have a few more cars than we usually do, but Howard Commander said he will start



tech inspection right away when the track opens at 8 AM so that nobody will be waiting in the tech line to run when the lanes open.

He also said he would run longer in the afternoon so that everybody can get in the runs they want.

As Carl put it, "Since my seemingly jinxed name is not on the June 5 rental, I'm sure the weather will be fine!"



Hope this works for everybody. See you at the track!

(Editor's note, if anyone is attending please send me some photos and times as I will not be able to make it.)



The NEOC Car Show is Just Around the Corner!

It's hard to believe, but in less than three months we will be celebrating our Thirteenth Anniversary All Olds Car Show on Sunday, August 30, 2009. It should be a great day for our club and everyone who helps out should be proud of their efforts.

Once again we will have our show at the site of the 2010 OCA Nationals—Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, in Sturbridge MA. As they would say in Ireland, last year's weather was a little soft. None the less, the turnout was impressive. With good weather, this could be our best show yet. And you can be part of that success.

Again this year, we will have our successful Show Booklet. With the economic times facing just about everyone, we hope to maintain our donation level for the Show Booklet. This is where each member can be part of the success of the show by soliciting just one ad. For those who donate it will provide a source to advertise 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 the NEOC it will allow us to put on a quality show, and maintain our donation level to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

We're going to keep the pricing levels as prior years. 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. Again, like last year, for those members who can't solicit any ads, they can contribute \$25 and have a picture of their pride and joy (Olds that is) displayed in the Show Booklet.

In the beginning of May I sent out letters to each of our donors from last year, asking if they will help us with this year's car show. I included a copy of their display from last year, along with the donation forms for 2009. I also mentioned 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 dragonfly-farm@att.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.

Thanks, Bill Black. **RR**

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Information to appear in the show booklet

Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

In **June** we will be meeting on **Thursday** the 4th at 7 PM and will be hosted by Dean Franco in Torrington, CT

Dean Franco - Family Martial Arts
86 Water Street, Torrington, CT 06790
860-480-2198 Email: dnmfranco42@yahoo.com

From Waterbury area

Take Rt 8 north to exit 44 (Rt 202) go Left on 202 (West) for ½ mile to Main Street. You want to take a right hand turn (North) onto Main Street and take an IMMEDIATE left onto Water Street and head up the hill. If you miss the turn, not a problem, just proceed to the next left (Maiden Lane) take it to Prospect and make another left and you will come back to Water where you would go Right. Proceed to 86 Water and you can park across the street or on the left hand side of the building..

From Bradley Airport (91 north of Hartford)

Take Rt 20 west (for approx 12 mi) to Rt 219, go left on Rt 219 (for approx 6 1/2 mi) to Rt 318, go right (across the Barkhamsted Reservoir). Follow 318 (about 3 mi.) to Rt 44, go right on Rt 44. Follow 44 (about 3 mi.) to Rt 8 and go left (South) on Rt 8 for about 8 mi. At Exit 44 (CT4/CT202), at the light at the bottom of the ramp (Rt 4) proceed straight to the next light (Route 202). Turn right onto Rt 202 (West) for ½ mile to Main Street and follow the above directions.

From Downtown Hartford

Follow 44 West (about 15 mi.) and bear left onto Route 202 (in the town of Canton) for another 12 miles. This will take you under Route 8 and into Torrington, About ½ mile after you go under Rt 8, you will be in the downtown area and you will come to Main Street. You want to take a right hand turn (North) onto Main Street and follow the above directions.

In **July** we will be meeting on **Thursday** the 2nd at 7 PM and will be hosted by Glen Morris in Wallingford, CT.

Glen Morris
77 West Dayton Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06492
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At the end of the ramp, take a left onto Route 5/Washington Ave..

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Proceed to the Stop Sign (about ½ mile), take a left and then a quick right onto Pond Hill Road.

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

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Note: ads only run for 1 month, please renew monthly.

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Snail mail: Jim Schmitz 860-379-5221
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Anyone looking to have relaxing Nationals experience this year and not looking to drive there, but want to show your car?

Ted Loran is looking for (1) additional car (they have 4) to be transported to/from the Nationals this July. Intercity Lines has quoted a price of just over one thousand per car (based upon 5 cars), (provided diesel stays reasonable,) for delivery to PA on Wednesday and pickup the following Sunday using their enclosed trailers. Pickup delivery would be at one location near I-495 (in that northern state of MA).

If any one is interested, please contact Ted at:
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