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NEOC's Annual Holiday Party

Mark your calendars, it's that time of year again...

Time to gather with the other Olds fanatics and reminisce about the past collector car season at our annual holiday gathering. This year the location of the festivities is once again:

Elaine's Restaurant

1842 Berlin Turnpike
Wethersfield, CT 06109
860-257-4191

Cocktails at 5 PM - Dinner around 6 PM

Cost: \$32 per Adult and \$8 per Child

Call Dave Richter if you haven't sent your money in yet and make checks payable to:

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Dave Richter, 372 Batchelor St., Granby, MA 01033

Don't forget, we will be having our annual raffle as well, so please bring a gift! This is becoming just as popular with the kids and the ladies as it is with the guys. Gifts do not need to be Oldsmobile or even automotive related, so if something grabs your eye, why not pick it up for the raffle? By the way, if your gift IS Olds related, don't worry, I am sure SOMEONE would appreciate it!

Holiday Snow Art



Dates to Remember

Nov 30 - 2010 National's Mtg - Sunday @ 1 PM
Glen Morris's in Wallingford, CT

Dec 7 - Sunday 5 pm - 10 pm
NEOC's Annual Holiday Party
Elaine's Restaurant, Wethersfield, CT

Dec 24/25 - The big guy cometh, Happy Holidays!

Dec 31 - Celebrate the new year and mourn your 401K
Jan 1 - Recover before heading back to work!

Jan 10, 2009 - NEOC Mtg - Saturday @ 1 PM
Riley & Scranton, Glastonbury, CT

Jan 25, 2009 - 2010 Nat's Mtg - Sunday @ 1 pm
Bill LaPierre's, Somers, CT

2010 Nationals Meeting

Our recent trip and events meeting was held on 11/30 at our home in Wallingford. Ed and Barb Palmieri were well prepared with hand-outs explaining different trip criteria that summarized price, time, distance, and any available bonuses. Ed had looked into a dozen different venues and had adequate information on each one.

About 15 NEOC members then discussed their thoughts and added comments. We decided that one bus trip per day was the goal so there wouldn't be a chance for any trip or activity overlap. Several venues were quickly ruled out as being too costly and/or too far to travel. The Ladies luncheon still needs some investigation but we set the date and time for this event.

Bill Black offered to investigate an optional car cruise for attendees. This would not be a structured event requiring police escort or special traffic situations. We also discussed having a wine tasting in conjunction with the welcome reception. A lot of details will be added at a later date but we managed to set the following schedule:

Wednesday

Larz Anderson Auto Museum. Bus will leave hotel at 1pm and return at 4pm allowing about one hour at the museum. Bus ride will include select Oldsmobile videos and/or drag day videos.

Welcome reception at Host Hotel 7-10pm. This will include a wine tasting event supported by Yankee Spirits.

Thursday

Boston area – Bus will leave hotel at 9am providing a 3 hour King Ward tour around Boston and a Quincy Market drop off 1pm to 3pm, re-

turning at 4pm.

New England clambake at the Host Hotel 6pm-9pm. This may include other fare and entertainment.

Friday

Ladies luncheon 11am-3pm. Place TBD.

Mohegan Sun Casino trip with incentive package leaves hotel at 4pm, arrives at Casino at 5pm until 10pm and return to hotel at 11pm.

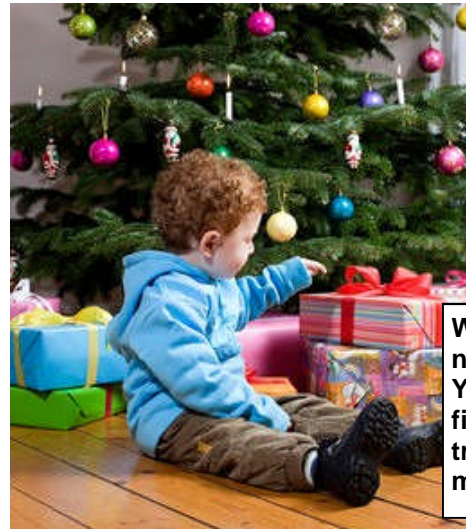
Saturday

Mystic Seaport, Mystic village, Mystic aquarium. Bus leaves hotel at 8:30 am, arrives at seaport 10am until 12:30 and leaves for Mystic Village for shopping, aquarium, lunch 1-3pm and return at 4:30pm

Awards Banquet 6pm – 10pm at Host Hotel

All told, we had a very productive meeting and were happy with these choices. We will be holding our next Nationals general meeting on January 25th at the home of Bill and Patty LaPierre. Details of that meeting agenda will be forthcoming.

Thanks to all who attended on 11/30. Let's keep this Oldsmobile rolling!



Glen

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President's Message

2008 The Year in Review

By Bill LaPierre

NEOC's thirteenth year was a wet one! Our members had the opportunity to attend numerous club-sponsored events plagued by rain-soaked weather. Funny, 2007 was a drought year. I have not given up hope for next year. My second year as your President has seen mostly smooth cruisin'. The rumored coup d'etat never materialized and it looks like I will live to serve you for a third year. Let's take closer look at what New England's Oldsmobilers were doing over the past year.

2008 Event Highlights

2008 OCA Nationals – Dearborn, MI. Oldsmobilers meet in Ford town, how ironic!

Drag day – Rain is a “drag”! I never got to run my race-car this year...

GMO Dust Off Show – My '66 442 is chosen Best of Show!

August Picnic – Many thanks to Glen Morris for allowing us to burn out in front of his house.



Hemmings Cruise – No go this year, torrential rains made top down cruising nearly impossible.

Marks Classic Cruise – After two rainouts, we got it done. Peers choose '67 W30 for trophy.

Dyno day – A night in the ER ended it for me, the others rocked! Let's do it again!

“Musclepalooza” VIII at Lebanon Valley Dragway - Hemmings Motor Publications Editors choose my '66 442 as “Favorite Oldsmobile”. Smoky burnout is first in that car!

Hemmings Muscle Magazine readers choose Scott Pierce's '69 W31 for Musclicar of the Year!

11th Annual NEOC All Olds Show –The region's finest Oldsmobiles look great wet, none melted.

Thanks to the hosts of our monthly meetings in 2008

January - Earl Bancroft at Riley & Scranton Automotive, Glastonbury, CT

February - Dave Richter, Granby, MA

March - Basil Treco, New Britain, CT

April - Steve Minore, Meriden, CT

June - Larry Gagain, Somers, CT

July - Bill LaPierre, Somers, CT

August - John Lenihan, Holyoke, MA (*Man, did it rain!!!*)

October - Charlie Roy, East Hartford, CT

November - Jim Schmitz, New Hartford, CT



Let's hear it for our hosts and thank them for graciously for inviting us into their homes and businesses. Perhaps you would be interested in hosting a meeting in 2009?

**Happy New Year to all,
and to another great year in 2009!**

2009 Meetings

We have several meeting scheduled for January 2009. In addition to the normal car show meeting in Glastonbury on the 10th, we have a 2010 Nationals meeting on the 25th at Bill LaPierre's in Somers, CT. Please do your best to come out and help us point these events in the direction you would like to see them headed. Remember, this is YOUR club! **RR**

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2008 Picnic Photos

As the cooler weather takes over New England, here are a few photos from the picnic to remind you of the fun you had cruising' this past summer in your Merry Oldsmobile! If you didn't get a chance to attend the picnic, try to put it on your calendar next year as it is always a nice relaxing time to get the families to-



I know I have the twins' number in here somewhere...??



Yup, it still runs!



Did anybody see my article laying around??



copy on your pc.



The food was cooked to perfection!



Gene only THINKS its his car!



Jeff didn't get to sit at the grown-up table on Thanksgiving either.

Are you "Up to Date" or has Your Time Expired?

NEOC Members, where did this year go? It seems like just yesterday we were worrying about another rainy show date. I guess we always worry about that, don't we? The 2009 NEOC Sturbridge show will be held August 30, 2009. In addition, do you all realize that we are only 19 months away from our 2010 New England Nationals? We have a lot ahead of us and look forward to a strong membership to support this undertaking.

I have recently been asked by OCA Vice President Ed Konsmo, to submit our club roster for the yearly review. This is to assure that the minimum number of our members are also members of the OCA. NEOC by-laws require 100% membership. PLEASE review your OCA membership status and renew if needed as soon as possible. If the review by OCA shows that you are not current, you will be dropped from the NEOC membership list as well. If your dues are current with OCA, THANK YOU.

And while you're at it, how about your NEOC renewals? Memberships expire at the end of December and annual dues are still only \$20. Just think of all the fun, camaraderie and info you gain from the club! Please take the time to fill a new application out and send it to Dave with your renewal check, especially if you have moved, never filled one out, or noticed that you haven't gotten a newsletter and yours dues are paid. Also remember when you get the newsletter electronically, you get it sooner, in color and can keep a

You can fill out the renewal application in this newsletter or go to our website, www.neolds.com, click on "join" and then "NEOC application page 2" to get a copy to fill out or you may contact me for a hard copy that can be mailed to you.

If we do not receive your renewal by 2/1, you will be removed from the mail list and roster. Please renew at your earliest convenience.

THANKS for your compliance,

Glen Morris NEOC Membership Coordinator

RR



NEW ENGLAND OLDSMOBILE CLUB

Membership Application and Renewal Form

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Street: _____

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Phone - home _____ Phone - cell _____

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☐ Check here only if you want your newsletter mailed USPS. Otherwise the newsletter will be in electronic format and available on line monthly in Adobe Acrobat format, allowing easy viewing, downloading and printing in full color.

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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Signature _____ Date: _____

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**
372 Batchelor Street
Granby, Ma. 01033

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.

Oldsmobile Rocket

vs.

Rice Rocket

By Bill Black

This is a story about a race between an Oldsmobile and a motorcycle, seems like it could never happen, but it did---to me---on the day of our car show. You probably think you know who won, but you may be surprised as you read on.

I was minding my own business, cruising along in my Cutlass on the way home from our annual all Oldsmobile car show. Doing about 60 or 65 on I-91 with the top up because of a threat of rain. I was going over the events of the day in my head. I thought the show went well. Attendance was on the low side as a result of the threat of rain in the Sturbridge area, and the constant rain all day in the Boston area. Despite this handicap all who attended seemed to enjoy the show. I also enjoyed it because I finally won a first place trophy. The Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center was wonderful to work with, and gave us a sense of what to expect in 2010 when we hold the OCA Nationals there. Everyone agreed with both Glen Morris' and my observation that all who attend in 2010 will have a wonderful time in New England and get a chance to experience the beauty in this part of the country we call home.

Well, I'm sure you are still wondering about the incident on I-91, so here goes. Like I said before, I was doing about 60 or so when a motorcycle pulled up along side me. A large helmet with a dark face plate obscured the rider's face. He was leaning over his ride and as I turned my head to look at him, he motioned with his head several times as if he wanted to race. I smiled and wondered---could this really be happening---a hot motorcycle racing a 1970 Cutlass---what a mismatch!

For a moment I flashed back in time when, as a kid, I used to drag race on the streets of New York City. My parents owned a 1964 Chevy Chevelle with a 283. It was a light car and very quick off the line. We raced from one traffic light to the next, one block away, so the Chevelle usually did okay. I still remember, however, racing a Corvette and beating him handily off the line. Unfortunately, the next traffic light was three blocks away and, as reality showed it ugly face, I just waved as he flew by me after a block or so.

So I just turned my eyes back on to I-91 and ignored the challenge----for about a half second. Then I buried the gas pedal to the floorboard and the Cutlass' four barrel responded instantly. I quickly moved to the right hand lane to go around a 'slow moving' car. I looked in the rear view mirror, saw the motorcycle more than a hundred yards behind me, and at 95MPH, remembering my Chevelle days, I declared the race over.

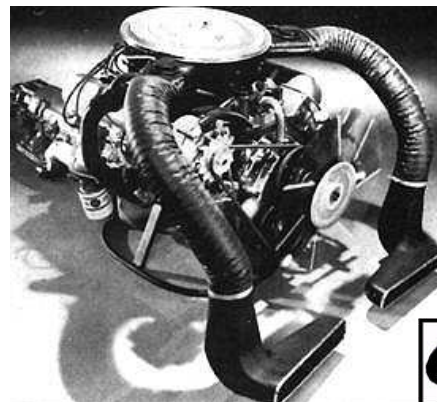
The Cutlass had won and won quite easily. Of course, I couldn't figure out why I won. I've seen motorcycles like this one before and no car is a match for them. Perhaps he had engine trouble. Or maybe he was laughing too hard and forgot to accelerate. It makes no difference, victory was mine.

As I let off the gas and the Cutlass started to slow down, the motorcycle pulled up next to me again. I turned my head and smiled, and he turned towards me and motioned up and down with his head, acknowledging my victory (at least that's how I interrupted it). Thinking about it later in the day, I believe he just wanted to see a muscle car in action.

He turned his head forward, and like a rocket (no pun intended), he disappeared out of sight in about ten seconds. I nodded my head in a symbolic gesture--- in a three block race he would be the victor.

So the next time you're out on the highway cruising along minding your own business and a rice rocket comes along side you, remember, you can "Just say no", or, well you know.

(Disclaimer: The above incident did not take place on a closed course nor were the participants professional drivers.) **RR**



Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

In **December** we will not have a separate meeting as any business to be taken care of will be handled at the Christmas Party on **SUNDAY December 7th at 5 - 10 PM**

Elaine's Restaurant

1841 Berlin Turnpike
Wethersfield, CT 06109
Ph: 860-257-4191

Directions:

From the North and East of Hartford;

From I-91 Southbound, take Exit 28 for US-5/CT-15/Berlin Turnpike.
Stay on US-5/CT-15/Berlin Turnpike for approximately 3.75 mi to 1841.

From Waterbury and West;

Take I-84 to Exit 34 CT-72/CT-9 for New Britain for 2.8 mi.
Merge onto CT-9 (North) for 1.9 mi. to Exit 29 CT-175/Cedar Street.
Take CT-175/Cedar St. for 2.8 mi, to US-5/CT-15 (North). Go 0.3 mi on US-5/CT-15 to 1841.

The **January meeting** will be held on **Saturday** the 10th at 1 PM and will be hosted by Earl Bancroft at Riley & Scranton Service Center in Glastonbury, CT. The main topic of discussion will be the NEOC annual car show.

Riley & Scranton Service Center
138 Welles Street, Glastonbury, CT
860-633-3669

From north and south on Interstate 91:

Take "Glastonbury/Putnam Bridge" Route 3 exit off of I 91 just south of Hartford.
Cross the bridge and bear right onto Route 2 East.
Take the Hebron Avenue exit. Turn right at end of ramp onto Hebron Avenue.
Turn right onto Main St. when Hebron avenue ends at stop sign.
Take immediate left onto Welles St., Riley & Scranton Service center is on the left.

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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Scrapbooks are better than photo albums. They allow you to write on the side of the page to tell your story and they are decorative. Most importantly, they will save your pictures from acid (contained in many photo albums) which eats away at the pictures over time.

If anyone is interested in purchasing an Oldsmobile Scrapbook Album I can e-mail sample pictures of pages upon request.

Albums are \$55.00 . If you purchase Scrapbook pages On-line or at Craft Fairs, they are \$15.00 per page. My scrapbooks have 20 ready made pages and some books include an Oldsmobile Vintage Badge.

Note: If you have any photos still in old magnetic albums, take them out! Many magnetic albums contain acid, lignin and PVC. A triple threat!

Interested Oldsmobilers can email me at: amandaalestrandini@yahoo.com
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