

# ***Rocket Rumblings***

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## **Night before Oldsmas 2009**

**'Twas the night before Christmas, And all through New England,  
Our cherished Oldsmobiles are all stored awaiting that 2010 Nationals feeling.**

**We've been talking about this for several years,  
And now it's time to do it and alleviate our fears.**

**Our Olds are all ready and some are apart,  
But I'm sure we'll all be ready before the 2010 Nationals start.**

**Homework assignments have already been made,  
It's a good thing our members don't want to be paid!**

**NEOC can count on Glen and Bill,  
To lead and help with whatever you will.**

**We have our committees who are there at your call,  
We'll share a list so you have their names, all.**

**On chairmen they are Glen Morris and Bill Black, Contact us anytime and we will get back.**

**Ted Loran and Dave Richter will handle registration,  
Contact them for any pertinent information.**

**Glenn Johnson and Bryan Gagne are in charge of judging,  
Good word has it that bribes won't influence their budging.**

**Ed and Barb Palmieri have arranged all our trips, Pricing is good but they will accept tips.**

**Everett Horton and "Golden throat Earl", Will handle the swap meet and give it a whirl.**

**Don Jack and Steve Minore are plotting the show field for two thousand ten,  
This challenge will be real, and more real then.**

**Bill La Pierre (Prez) and Larry Gagain are planning the banquet and welcome party,  
They expect you to attend so don't be an old farty.**

**Jim Schmitz and Mike Barillaro are constructing the 2010 show magazine.**

**This promises to be the best show magazine we've ever seen.**

**And we cannot forget our friends from GMO,  
Who will be there in force throughout our show.**

**So let Santa exclaim before he sores into the night,  
"The 2010 Oldsmobile Nationals will be out of sight!"**

**Merry Christmas to all NEOC and their families.**

## **Dates to Remember**

Dec 5 - NEOC Christmas Party - Saturday

Elaine's Restaurant, Wethersfield, CT

2010 meetings - Watch the newsletter and email for updates!

**THANKS for all your help!**

**See you in 2010.**

**Glen**

## October Meeting Minutes

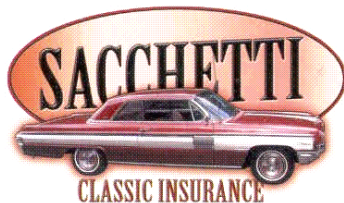
The August meeting was held in Steve Minore's Parts Place in Meriden, CT.

With 16 members in attendance, we went through the final financial report for the NEOC car show this year. With the good weather we ended up having for the show (once the clouds burned off), we decided to dip into the NEOC piggy bank to donate \$1,100 to the Shriners this year.

We also discussed the Christmas Party and Basil had the costs for the restaurant, our cost is \$31.50 per person and kids under 13 were approximately \$8.00. We decided that we would like to encourage more members to attend and so we elected to subsidize the party and only charge members \$20 per adult and let the kids eat for free.

Glen and Bill also went through a pretty detailed update on the Nationals for everyone and quite a few discussions were taking place for quite a few different areas.

Once all the discussions were over, we spent the rest of the evening, bench racing, shootin' some bull and talking Oldsmobiles. **RR**



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## November Mtg Minutes

In November the membership headed out to the far reaches of civilization in northwest CT to head out to the Schmitz's place in New Hartford, CT.

After a dozen members showed up and got a bite to eat we started into the meeting and Dave Richter informed us that the first check that was sent to the Shriners was lost in the mail. Dave insists that this did not go to cover a new transmission he for his '67. With a "stop payment" and another check the sShriners should be all set.

Bill brought up the elections and we had some nominations for office.

President - Bill LaPierre  
Vice Pres - Glenn Johnson  
Secretary - Larry Gagain  
Treasurer - Dave Richter  
Membership - Glen Morris

If you are looking to run for an office see one of the current officers at the Christmas party (or contact them prior if you can't make the party). We will hold the elections at the Christmas Party. Glen reminded us that dues for NEOC are up as of the end of December. Why not add your dues to the check for the Christmas party and hand it to Dave?

In addition to the NEOC dues, every year we get audited by OCA to see how many of our members are current on their OCA dues. We have OCA membership as a requirement to be a member of our chapter. There will be a list in the newsletter with those who currently owe OCA dues or will soon expire. Please get your dues up to date!

On the Nationals, there are still a few kinks to be worked out. The trailer parking situation is not ideal but we are working on resolving that. The swap meet should be ready to go. Everett spoke to the property owner and we can trim back some of the brush and low hanging branches. Also, it appears that camping will be allowed in the swap meet area. We will need chaperones for the trips, see Ed Palmiere for details. We are finalizing the layout for parking cars and can finalize the class layout once registration is complete. Glenn is diligently working through the judging emails for us. With that we officially adjourned so Everett could go grocery shopping for meat on the way home. **RR**



## 2009 Christmas Party

We are less than a week from the Christmas party, all that much closer to the annual NEOC Christmas Party.

Once again Basil and Rosemary have worked with Elaine's to bring us a great meal. The menu is below and of course everything is served buffet style in a private room.

### **Elaine's Restaurant**

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

#### **Cocktails at 5 PM - Dinner around 6 PM**

This year's menu consists of; Assorted Cheese & Cracker Platter, Fresh Vegetables & Dip, Garden Salad, Vegetable, Penne Pasta Marinara, Roasted Red Bliss Potato, Baked Boston Scrod, Chicken Parmigiana, Roast Port Loin, Dessert & Coffee.

Don't forget, we will be having our annual raffle as well, so please bring a gift! This is 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!

This year there is a little additional twist on the Christmas Party, the club will be sponsoring a portion of it. With all the work that so many members put in, we typically end up giving most of it away but this year we are giving it back to the club. All adult meals will be only \$20 each and all kids under 13 eat for free. Keep in mind that even though we will not be charging for those under 13, the restaurant will be. So we still need to have an accurate heard count. Make sure you contact Dave Richter with your reservations, you can pay at the door. While you're at it, why not renew your NEOC dues? **RR**

*Make checks payable to: **New England Olds Club,**  
Bring them with you to the party and give them to;  
**Dave Richter***

## 2010 NEOC & OCA Dues

NEOC people; It's that time of year again. Time to re-new your NEOC dues as well as check and update your OCA dues.

ALL NEOC dues expire on 12/31 so we're all in the same position. NEOC also requires all it's members to be a member in good standing with OCA. This file shows your status according to OCA records as of 11/09. If you are "expired", you must renew immediately. If your "Dues are due", you need to renew with OCA by the date shown. If you "need to verify...", you need to check your OCA status and/or provide us with your OCA membership number.

Any questions or updates can be forwarded to me. Please renew or update as needed ASAP. This is a very important year for NEOC. We are the hosts for the Oldsmobile Nationals and we need to be able to say that we are 100% compliant.

#### NAME OCA# Status

Dan Alessandrini, #14715, Paid to 1/10, Dues due  
Lee Alfano, #28201, Paid to 1/10, Dues due  
Mike Babij, #8681, Paid to 1/10, Dues due  
Steve Bissell, Sr, #23428, Paid to 1/10, Dues due  
Steve Borruso, #99956, Need to verify OCA dues  
Joel Cammarata, #26377, Need to verify OCA dues  
Denis Chalifoux, Need to verify OCA number/dues  
Tom Comer, #39120, Need to verify OCA dues  
Robert Czaja, #40762, Need to verify OCA dues  
Scott Edele, Need to verify OCA number/dues  
Donald Ferrara, #27782, Paid to 1/10, Dues due  
Dean Franco, #40614, Need to verify OCA dues  
Bryan Gagne, #32782, Paid to 10/09, Expired 10/09  
Larry Hammare, #39554, Paid to 7/09, Expired 7/09  
Steve King, #27786, Paid to 1/10, Dues due  
Vincent Pellegrino, #3425, Paid to 12/09, Dues due  
Jean Roy, #24377, Paid to 1/10, Dues due  
Jeff Salinardi, #19614, Paid to 4/09, Expired 4/09  
Greg Schaller, #40876, Need to verify OCA dues  
Jason Scheinbart, Need to verify OCA number/dues  
James Schriber, #35691, Paid to 11/09, Dues due  
John Skorzewski, #36193, Paid to 12/09, Dues due  
Chris Stanco, #38647, Need to verify OCA dues  
John Suess, #14688, Need to verify OCA dues  
Mike Twist, Need to verify OCA number/dues  
John Welsh, #36504, Expired 1/09, Expired 1/09

THANKS for your compliance, Glen Morris

## Missing - (3) Hurst/Olds!

Just imagine waking up at an overnight car show to go wipe down your prized possession and see the parking stall where you carefully left it last night empty. Just imagine that sinking feeling in your stomach. Won't ever happen to you? Bet that's what these owners thought as well. Here is the write up from Indianapolis...

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Jennifer McGilvray

Edited by Jackie Carpenter

SPEEDWAY, Ind. (WISH) - Four car enthusiasts are arranging for alternative rides home after thieves stole their classic cars from a west side hotel Friday night. They were in town for the 25th Annual Hurst/Olds National Meet.

Hurst/Olds owners from around the country travel to the annual meets, staying at hotels and showing off their most prized possessions. In the 17 years that Linda and Orville Hardy have been coming nothing like this has ever happened. They along with other Hurst/Olds car owners were excited to return their cars to the track for the annual meet. "We are back at Indy where a lot of these cars were performed and ran pace cars here at the track," car club member Joe Spagnoli said.

However the normally festive mood changed dramatically because four cars were missing, stolen in the middle of the night from a Wingate Inn parking lot. "I've had goose bumps. Every time somebody brings up even the subject, I feel really horrible for these people. I really do," said Spagnoli.

Linda and Orville Hardy woke up early as they usually do before a car club meet to shine up their '79 Hurst Oldsmobile. "They are fun cars to drive. They are very showy. You stop at a stop light and people pay attention to you," Linda and Orville said. But the Hardy's car was missing, "We came downstairs outside and it was gone," the Hardy's explained. "I was very shocked, very surprised."

Three other cars that look similar to these vehicles were also stolen. Car club members believe the thieves knew the club was in town and targeted these specific vehicles. The stolen cars could be valued around 30 to 40 thousand dollars. "A lot of these cars you can take apart individually and almost get more money selling parts than you can selling the whole car," Spagnoli said. To the owners, though, the cars are priceless. Spagnoli is offering \$10,000 to for the safe return of all four cars, "But you took somebody's heart. You can go sell a shifter, a seat, a door or a fender and make more money than the car is probably worth but you took people's family, you took their heart, you took their first born."

The hotel does have surveillance video however police are not releasing it yet. It shows a group of people jumping out of a white extended cab pick up truck and stealing the vehicles in the middle of the night.

The car club organizer says the hotel has arranged from tighter security for Sunday night.

Call Crime Stoppers at 262-TIPS if you have any information.



## Wanted: Your Contributions

Yeah, its that time again... Time when we ask all of you to sit back with a nice adult beverage and dig through some of your old photos. Send us a story about your first love (the car, not the significant other), or about the one that got away. Don't worry about style or form, just jot the facts down and send them to us. Our staff of crack writers will make anyone sound good! And don't forget the photos! **RR**



## New Carjacking Scam?

**H**ere is a Heads up for you! You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside. You start the engine and shift into Reverse... When you look in the rearview mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into Park, unlock your doors, and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, that is when the carjackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car.

And guess what ladies? I bet your purse is still in the

car. So, now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised!

If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, just drive away. Remove the paper later. And be thankful that you read this notice. I hope you will provide this information to friends and family, especially to women. A purse contains all kinds of personal information and identification documents, and you certainly do NOT want this to fall into the wrong hands.

Guaranteed, this will NOT happen to those of us driving cars that wouldn't even qualify for the cash for clunkers!

**RR**

## NEOC Officer Elections

**E**lections, yes we realize you probably just got done voting for new local officials, but per our bylaws, it is time to conduct biannual elections to our Executive Board. We discussed this in detail at the November meeting on Thursday 5th at Jim Schmitz' place in New Hartford, CT. If you wish to hold one of these coveted positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer now is the time to act. If there is someone you know of that is interested in holding any of these positions please nominate them, but please be sure they are willing first!

At the November meeting we took official nominations and set up the ballot. We are hoping to have this all wrapped up by the end of the year. Traditionally, we announce the Executive Board at the annual Holiday party in early December. If you are looking to run for an office see one of the current officers at the Christmas party (or contact them prior if you can't make the party). We will hold the elections at the Christmas Party.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, demands, nominations, etc. Email me at [bill.lapierre@cox.net](mailto:bill.lapierre@cox.net) or call me at 860-763-3134. **RR**

### NEOC Official Ballot

December 5, 2009

#### **PRESIDENT**

☐ Bill LaPierre

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (write in)

#### **VICE PRESIDENT**

☐ Glenn Johnson

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (write in)

#### **SECRETARY**

☐ Larry Gagain

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (write in)

#### **TREASURER**

☐ Dave Richter

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (write in)

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

☐ Glen Morris

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Questions? Contact Glen Morris, Membership Coordinator @ 203-269-4365  
or e-mail [GMorris@aol.com](mailto:GMorris@aol.com) or check our website at [www.NEOLDS.com](http://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.



# Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

In **December** we will not have a separate meeting as any business (including elections) to be taken care of will be handled at the Christmas Party on **SATURDAY December 5th at 5 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.  
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The **January and February NEOC Meetings** have not yet been set. We will try to do this at the Christmas Party on **Saturday December 5.**

Thinking of hosting a meeting?

Let Bill LaPierre know at the Christmas Party!

Meeting notices will be in the next newsletter as well as emailed to all with an email address.



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

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