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## 2010 NEOC Picnic

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 was the date chosen for our annual NEOC picnic. We wanted to take advantage of this occasion to re-group with some of the Nationals volunteers and show our thanks while enjoying each other's company.

we welcomed them with open arms. About 25 additional NEOC members arrived over the next 2-3 hours bringing a total of (8) Oldsmobiles. Dan didn't bring his Subaru this year by the way.



Late '60's to mid '70's A-Body's lined up at the picnic

Some of the regular attendees were not present on this perfect day: Mike Babij was reported to be at a tea party and Steve Minore was unsuccessful in trying to borrow someone's Olds in order to get to the picnic.



Fortunately (unlike the Nationals), this was a perfect picnic day with sunny skies and temperatures in the mid 70's. We opened for fun at 1:00 and Ted and Claire Lorz arrived first after a two hour ride from Medway, Massachusetts. This was a first for the Lorz's, and

The guys roamed the grounds, looked over Oldsmobiles, and reminisced about Nationals for the first couple of hours. There was even discussion about attending next year's event in Reno Nevada. With Everett Horton at the helm of the swap meet, I think there will be a good turn out of NEOC members. Everett reported on the site review for us also.

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## Dates to Remember

- Oct 7 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday 7 PM  
Charlie Roy's - East Hartford, CT
- Nov 4 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday 7 PM  
Mike Barillaro's - Kensington, CT
- Dec 4 - NEOC Christmas Party  
Saturday 6 PM - Manchester, CT
- Dec 25 - Yep, only 85 shopping days left. Best get you list going for the man in the red suit!

## 2010 NEOC Annual Christmas Party

Well, Fall has arrived and it's time to start making plans for the upcoming Holiday season. Once again our hard working party committee of Basil and Rosemary have been able to secure the first Saturday in December for our annual party. This year we have a location change to Manchester in a little different type of environment as we

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# September Meeting Minutes

By Larry Gagain

Thursday September 2 looked to be a nice night for a meeting at Larry Gagain's house in Somers, Ct. Unfortunately an accident on 91 Northbound closed that direction of the highway and 14 members managed to circumvent or persevere through the backup and make it to the meeting. After a bit of a late start the meeting was called to order at 8:15.

## Post Nationals

The additional clothing order has arrived...please contact Glen Morris if you ordered any. All the awards have been sent out to those that were not present to receive them. There are quite a few cookbooks left so if anyone would like to get one please contact Glen Morris. Hemmings Muscle did show up to the Nationals... there will be an article forthcoming. We have sent out donations and Thank You's have been received.

Bill Black and Glen Morris met via conference call with OCA president Jerry Wilson concerning some issues concerning future Nationals. A few topics were discussed including; Handling Trailer (box) cars along with the possibility of shortening the Nationals.

## NEOC Picnic

The annual club picnic was held on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September at Glen Morris's house in Wallingford. Many members took advantage of the picture perfect weather to drive their prized Oldsmobiles to the Morris Car Corral. No one but the hardiest of children took Glen up on his offer to jump in the pool! Grill master Glen served up some tasty burgers and dogs, complimented by a wide variety of appetizers, salads and desserts. Conversations flowed as freely as the beverages did and it's safe to say a good time was had by all.

## Christmas Party

It's confirmed, the annual club Christmas Part will be held on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> at Adams Mill in Manchester CT. The cost will be \$30 each with kids under 12 free. Unlike previous events, this year will be a sit down dinner with your choice of 4 meals. Reservations can be sent to Dave Richter or brought to either the Oct or Nov meetings. This would be a good opportunity to pay your 2011 annual dues of \$20.

## Board elections

The following positions will become available;

President

Vice President

Treasurer

News Letter Editor

Please submit nominations to Glenn Johnson

The October meeting will be held at Charlie Roy's house in East Hartford CT.

The November meeting will be held at Mike Barillaro's house in Kensington CT. **RR**

# NEOC Elections

November is the time for elections and whether you are looking to vote democrat or republican, your votes in the club will hit home just as hard. We are looking to fill a few offices as some folks that have served in office for a number of years are looking to give others the opportunity. Why not consider helping out and becoming active this year.

We are looking for nominations for the following positions; President, Vice President, Treasurer and News Letter Editor. You can submit nominations of yourself or another active member to Glenn Johnson. **RR**

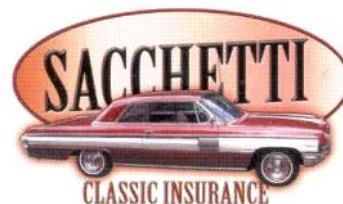
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## 2010 Nationals Merchandise

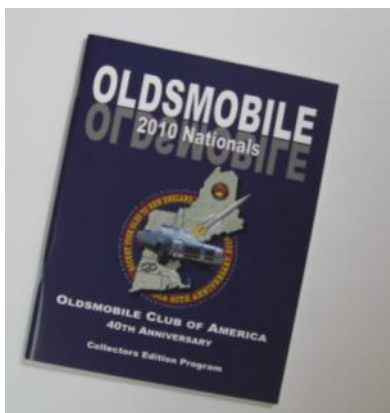
## Christmas Party (cont'd)



Amazing what good ideas flow as the adult beverages start to add up. During the picnic we realized we still had some Nationals items and rather than letting them collect dust a suggestion was made to make the items available to the general membership.

Here is a short list of available items and the corresponding prices. Remember, once this is gone, it's gone!

2010 Oldsmobile Nationals  
40th Anniversary Collector  
Edition Show Magazine \$7



2010 Olds Nationals Show  
Plaques \$10



2010 Oldsmobile Nation-  
als cookbook \$7  
(Christmas is coming!)



All include shipping and handling. Limited quantities available. Contact: Glen Morris 203-269-4365 or [gmorris01@aol.com](mailto:gmorris01@aol.com).

Thanks,  
Glen

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will be headed to a sit down meal as opposed to the buffet style. What this means is that you will need to pick your entrée when you make your reservations (similar to the Nationals Banquet). We will also be starting just a tad later than previous years.

Our party this year will be held at;

### The Adamas Mill Restaurant

165 Adams Street  
Manchester, CT 06042  
860-646-4039

[www.theadamsmill.com](http://www.theadamsmill.com)

Date: Saturday December 4, 2010

Time: Cocktails at 7:00 pm in the bar area (upstairs)

Dinner at 8:00 pm (downstairs, but don't worry... they have heat!)

All dinner selections needs to be pre-ordered. The 4 entrées that are available are:

#### 1 - Chicken Teriyaki

Fresh boneless breast, marinated and grilled then topped with a Teriyaki glaze and a fresh pineapple salsa. Served with rice pilaf.

#### 2 - Fresh Salmon Filet

Oven roasted with honey mustard sauce. Served with rice pilaf.

#### 3 - Baked Stuffed Shrimp

Four jumbo shrimp stuffed with seafood dressing and served with rice pilaf.

#### 4 - Prime Rib of Beef

A 12 oz prime rib served with garlic mashed potato.

All Dinners Include; baby greens house garden salad, dinner rolls, coffee (reg or decaf), tea and Carrot Cake for dessert. Price per person is \$30

Children's menu items can either be pre-ordered or ordered at the restaurant at the time of the party.

For Children under 12:

- ◆ French Bread Style Cheese Pizza
- ◆ Penne Pasta, Meatballs and Red Sauce or Butter
- ◆ Fresh Breaded Chicken Tenders
- ◆ Mini Cheese Burgers

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# Christmas Party (cont'd)

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- ◆ Cheese Quesadilla
- ◆ Grilled Cheese
- ◆ Kraft Mac'n cheese
- ◆ Honey Mustard Salmon
- ◆ Herb Chicken Breast, grilled
- ◆ Prime Rib of Beef

All children's entrees served with a choice of carrot sticks, apple sticks, garlic mashed, fries or rice pilaf.

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! **RR**

## Gentlemen, start your engines.

*Some guys will do anything to get their photo in the paper. Bill and Glen chat with the Record Journal (covering central CT) about the upcoming Nationals.*

By: Jesse Buchanan : Friday, July 16, 2010 7:40 pm

WALLINGFORD - What's it like to get thousands of Oldsmobile lovers in one place for a national car show? For Wallingford's Glen Morris, the show co-chairman, it's a rush, and a lot of work.

"It's exhilarating to say the least. It's thrilling," he said.

Morris and fellow co-chairman Bill Black, of Guilford, members of the New England Oldsmobile Club, will host the Oldsmobile Club of America Nationals next week, July 21 to 25, in Sturbridge, Mass. It's the first time the national show will be held in New England.

The show includes car judging, banquets and trips to local attractions such as Mohegan Sun Casino and Mystic Seaport. Morris expects about 400 cars and thousands of car owners, families and friends.

"We basically took over Sturbridge," he said. "It's a vacation for Oldsmobile lovers." It won't be a vacation for Morris or Black, though. As co-chairmen, they've been coordinating lodging, food, judging and Oldsmobile clubs from across the country in preparation for the show. Morris has judged in national shows before, but next week he won't have the time.

"We've been working on it for three years," he said. "To host a national event is a huge event." Morris said a number of members of the New England club will help run the event and judge cars. "You need your club to really step up," he said.

Morris said it's fitting that on the 40th anniversary of the national club, the show will be held in New England, where the club began. The New England club still has one of the original national club members, according to Morris.

Morris has two 1969 Oldsmobile Cutlasses, one of which he completely overhauled in time for the 1993 nationals. The work, over several years, paid off: The car got in the first-place category. "Everybody has their weaknesses," he said explaining his affinity for Oldsmobiles. "We like them."

Black is the third owner of a 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme convertible first owned by George Weiss, the late Yankees general manager and Mets president. Black said the car runs perfectly and despite its size and age gets decent highway gas mileage. In its time, the high-end car sold for about \$3,500, Black said.



Glen Morris, left, owner of the red 1968 Oldsmobile Cutlass S "Ram Rod 350" and gold 1969 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme and Bill Black, owner of the white 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme are shown at Glen's house in Wallingford on Thursday, July 15, 2010. The two men are co-chairmen of the first ever New England hosted 2010 Oldsmobile Nationals in Sturbridge, Massachusetts

"I always wanted to get a muscle car of some sort," Black said. For added authenticity at car shows, he displays an original, unused tire from an Oldsmobile he keeps in the trunk, although Black said he'd never use it.

Morris said the Sturbridge show is open to the public. Information is available at [www.neolds.com](http://www.neolds.com).

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# 2010 Nats - My Take

By Jim Schmitz

**I**t's over, man reigns supreme! OK, you're right, Mother Nature kicked our collective butts. Ever wonder how, in one of the driest summers in a long time, we managed to have rain for most of the Nationals?

Well we made it through. Just a little hair pulling and a few ruffled feathers, but we did it. The 2010 Oldsmobile Club of America National meet exists only in our hearts and minds (and a few thousand photos). With the conclusion of this event we have successfully hosted a national meet. Not to say it didn't have its issues.

Whenever you put on an event for the first time you WILL have unexpected problems, some that may have been foreseen with previous experience and some that wouldn't have mattered how many times you held an event, you just could not predict them.

It all started bright and early on Sunday as volunteers from NEOC and the GMO met at the host facility for one last time to prepare items for the event as well as the venue for the upcoming show. Needless to say we had quite a few volunteers and it showed as we were able to get a lot done in a relatively short period of time. One again, the organization skills of Bill and Glen are to thank for the smoothness with which this went off. Participants started arriving as early as Saturday and some were seen milling around the host hotel over the weekend.

Monday had a few folks in the hotel, Tuesday the members and volunteers really started to get things into position, setting up registration as well as the show field itself. It looked as if we would have plenty of elbow room in the swap meet as there were still spaces left on Tuesday. The indoor car display area was starting to show quite a variety of both Oldsmobiles as well as go-karts and pedal cars (good thing we kept Richter out of the go-karts). Being in New England, allowed several prominent local collectors to display cars that have not previously been displayed at a national meet. Hopefully you got to see this incredible collection of vehicles.

Wednesday, the participants started to arrive in earnest. The swap meet was also filling up, both in terms of the registered vendors as well as additional folks filling the previously available spots. A couple afternoon showers and the threat of potentially heavier rain prompted the move of the Welcome Reception indoors. While this took place I was working the lot and trying to get folks to unload their trailers around the parking lot that was in the process of having areas paved. Other than an errant semi looking to grab a meal, it was pretty uneventful in the lot (except for getting wet)!

Once again the rain kept a lot of the "box cars" hidden in their trailers until judging on Friday morning. In an ironic twist, Friday's rain got 'em ALL wet anyway!

Judging started out hot and humid and progressed to hot and wet. While the judging crew I was on did a fairly good job of moving through the classes we were assigned, some others thought the rains would subside and ended up completing judging in a rather substantial rain shower as opposed to a light drizzle.

In the evening I found time to take a look at the cars in the lot. It never ceases to amaze me as to the variety of not only the cars, but also the workmanship. You see some people showing up in "parts chasers" that take home Best of Class awards and you see people with rare cars held together by chewing gum and bailing wire.

One item that went fairly well was the banquet. I say fairly because even after several meetings including a short discussion that morning, some items that were on the agenda did not come to be. For any of you that have put on a large meeting or presentation. You know that if something doesn't go as intended, just go with the flow. And we did. However one highlight of the awards banquet was the guest speaker, George Berejik. This man is truly genuinely both in his love for Oldsmobile and the folks that restore and preserve these great cars. Another less obvious highlight (unless you were among those drifting off during a recent past National) was the timing of the event. Bill and Glen rearranged the order of the presentations so that the specialty awards were not handed out to an empty room. In addition, the awards ended at a reasonable time (hours earlier than previous events) giving everyone more time to socialize and relax with friends they weren't going to see for another year.

Sunday found most folks hitting the road for the journey home, hopefully safe and uneventful one at that. Members of the host club were packing and picking up. As we were relaxing and contemplating how much more fun it will be next year when we are mere participants.

After not only seeing "behind the scenes" at the Nationals but also having the "inside track" by being part of the host club. It is easy to see how easily hindsight can show you better ways of handling many of the issues. The problem with this is the 3+ years of planning and preparation that went into them. We all know you can't please all the people all of the time, but never is that more evident than planning an event for a large (yet unknown how large until just before the event) amount of people.

Yes, it seems, hindsight is ALWAYS going to be 20/20. If we were perfect and could foresee these things we wouldn't be living in the world we live in today because the military would be able to foresee upcoming rebellions, the economists would be able to foresee economic downturns, homeland security would find terrorists before they threatened the lives of citizens of our or any other country. Until then, we will plan, learn and do our best in light of the obvious shortcomings of these two legged imperfect creatures we call man.

If you ever want to see the happiest and most easy going folks at a national event, just look for those that put on LAST YEARS!!



# 2010 Picnic (cont'd)

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A few of the brave (?) younger offspring chose to jump in the frigid 67 degree water of our still open pool. Somehow, they survived long enough to eat.

I started burning burgers and dogs (and I do mean BURN-ING) around 3:00. There were numerous tasty salads and side dishes available

along with everyone's personal choice of cold drinks. It's funny how conversation slows down when everyone is chowing down and there was a definite lull in the noise level for a short time.



Things started winding down around 6:00. This was just about the time that Ed and Barb showed up unfashionably late. I hope they took it personally (kidding Ed!). Ed stayed until past my bedtime....I think.



Thanks to all who attended. Nancy and I enjoyed your company...again.

Glen Morris

Glen sears the burgers over the flames as a couple of members calmly watch.



Members just relaxing with a few adult beverages, like iced tea and lemonade.



Is that a PBR on the table?



"I don't care how much they look like the ones someone stole off of your car, I'm telling you, I BOUGHT these wheels!"



# Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **October meeting** will be hosted by Jean Roy on **Thursday October 7th.**

**Jean Roy - (860) 568-4280**

139 O'Connell Dr., East Hartford, CT

## **From the North, East and West;**

From I-84, take Rout 2 south out of Hartford towards Norwich/new London. At SR-2 Exit 5C, turn off onto Ramp. Turn LEFT (East) onto Maple St. for 1.0 mile.

Turn RIGHT (South) onto Forbes St. for 0.2 mi.

Turn LEFT (East) onto O'Connell Dr. and go 0.4 mi. to #139.

## **From the South;**

From I-91 (North) get off at Exit 25-26, for CT-3 / Glastonbury / Old Wethersfield.

Merge onto SR-3 [Maple St] (North) for 1.4 mi. Turn off onto Ramp and proceed 0.3 mi to Main St / Glastonbury.

Turn LEFT (East) onto Glastonbury Blvd for 0.3 mi.

Continue (East) on Griswold St. for 0.6 mi.

Turn LEFT (North) onto Prospect St for 0.4 mi. Continue (North) after Prospect turns into Forbes St for 0.2 mi.

Turn RIGHT (East) onto O'Connell Dr. Go 0.4 mi to #139

The **November meeting** will be on **Thursday November 4th**, hosted by Mike Barillaro in Kensington, CT.

**Mike Barillaro - (860) 828-3812**

228 Lower Lane, Kensington CT 06037

*Note: If you are using a GPS, you may have to use "Berlin" for town name instead of Kensington*

**From Hartford and points north:** I-91 South to Exit 22N (Route 9 North). Follow route 9 North for 2.5 miles. Take Exit 22. At the bottom of the ramp (there will be a vacant car dealership to your left), take left onto Frontage Rd. Follow Frontage Rd to the end (approx 2/10 mi). At the traffic light, take left onto Webster Square Rd. Follow Webster Square Rd to the end (approx 3/10 mi). Take right onto Mill St. Follow Mill St (Becomes Farmington Ave) for 4/10 mi, to second traffic light. Take left onto Lower Lane. Follow Lower Lane for 4/10 mi. #228 will be the white house on the right.

**From the South:** Take I-91 North to Exit 22N for Route 9 North and Proceed as above.

**From the East:** Take I-84 West to I-91 South and proceed as above.

**From the West:** Take I-84 East to Exit 39A for Route 9 South. Follow Route 9 South for 7.5 Miles to Exit 23 for Christian Lane. At end of ramp take right onto Christian Lane and proceed to the second traffic light (1/2 mi). Take a left onto Farmington Ave. Follow Farmington Ave for 3/10 Mi to first traffic light. Take right onto Lower Lane. Follow Lower Lane for 4/10 Mi. #228 will be the white house on the right.



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