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It's Showtime!

Seems like just last week we were pulling off the car covers and dusting off our toys! Now that we've been to Bowling Green, Hemmings and Mark's it's time to shine 'em up once again for our own all Olds show on the 9th. You'll find the flyer with registration and show information a few pages back.

As always, help on the day of the show is not only appreciated, it's needed! We have a good core group of people but always need help with parking, raffle and club clothing sales as well as judging. Take a few minutes out of your day and give us a hand judging. It doesn't take any special talent (heck, even I've done it). And it really doesn't take that much time out of your day. The more judges we have, the quicker it goes and the more enjoyment everyone gets out of the show!

So shine that ride and join us for a fun day of Oldsmobile camaraderie on the 9th! **RR**

OCA Nationals 2007

By Ed Palmieri

What an excellent trip to the Bowling Green Nationals, a marathon run in fifteen hours. There was enough NEOC company to keep anyone busy at the swap meet / car show field / drags and even the hotel lounge believe it or not. As all of you know, we are now the 2010 hosts and with any luck the temperatures will stay under 100. The NEOC presentation went flawlessly, although Bill Black had trouble convincing the airlines of the importance that he land ASAP!!!!

We had an enjoyable time with all in attendance and even a (sorry) better time on our week long journey

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2010 Nationals Update

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The OCA web-site is already advertising the 2010 national in Sturbridge. Room reservations will be available soon and I am working with the hotel to assure that all committee heads get their choice of rooms. I will let everyone know any hotel updates and conditions as I receive them.

Dates to Remember

September 6 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 PM
Schaller's, New Britain

September 9 - 11th Annual NEOC Olds Show
Schaller Body Shop, New Britain, CT

October 4 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 PM
Jean Roy's in East Hartford

November 1 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 PM

July Meeting Notes

In his absence, Jim Schmitz asked me to write the August meeting minutes. No problem, I have done it before, so let's get on with it. Eighteen NEOC movers and shakers showed up at my place in Somers, CT for a dandy of an August meeting, the first after the Bowling Green Nationals.

The hot topic of the night was, of course, the 2010 Nationals. Still beaming from victory in Bowling Green, Nationals Czar Glen Morris discussed the status of his plans and called for committee leaders to step forward. Also discussed were some of the apparent shortcomings of the swap meet area. OCA is looking for more spots than can be currently accommodated in the 2-acre parcel we will be renting for the event. Glen is seeking ways to meet OCA's minimum requirement of swap spots.

After a lengthy Nationals discussion we moved on to the all Olds show on September 9th. Showfield layouts, the impending building addition at Schaller Auto Body and a request for volunteers to judge were among the hot topics discussed. A vendor had requested space to vend his products and it was agreed that he would be allowed to do so in lieu of a \$25 donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children. Dave Richter reported that pre-registrations for the show were not breaking any records. Too bad, you can cut your waiting time at arrival by pre-registering. If you haven't pre-registered by the time you are reading this you are too late. Just do it at the entrance gate.

We are always looking for members to host a meeting, especially those living in areas central to the core of the clubs membership in the Connecticut river valley between Holyoke and New Haven. If you are interested speak up at the next meeting or contact me and we can make it happen. See you on the road, Bill. **RR**

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home. Hope everyone's trip home was uneventful (how's the horse Earl??, and how about the Dave and Glen show?? Flight delays anyone—hope not). After Kentucky, we even caught a few hours in Nashville taking in Tootsie's place before heading on. After days of trees and mountains (and 1 speeding warning) as we traversed through the Smokey and Appalachian mountains we wound up the small town of Hagerstown Maryland. How we got there is anyone's guess. After finishing our trek through the mountains (Yea we saw bears / bobcats and an occasional deer) we were heading for Pennsylvania to visit our daughter in Lancaster.

On the way, we stopped at one of those Antique market joints, the Beaver Creek Antique market. Low and behold I found Oldsmobile memorabilia which I had to have. Although I'm not a curved dash guy, we are from NY and attended the '64 / '65 World Fair (as a mere child), so we had to have it. This button, as you can see, is from a curved dash show held at the fair in '64. Believe it or not, I still have my entrance ticket from '65, don't remember why it wasn't taken, maybe it was an extra????? (you know everyone has tickets) So after 2600 miles, some Oldsmobile memorabilia has been saved.



Oh we almost forgot, we did visit the Floyd Garrett Muscle car museum in Sevierville, TN before we hit the mountains. How could we forget that—Oh we know why, NOT one Oldsmobile out of their 90 car collection. If you are a blue oval or bowtie guy or if two Buicks and a handful of Mopars

are your gig you're in. If you want to see some Oldsmobile's, save your admission fee!! **RR**

President's Message

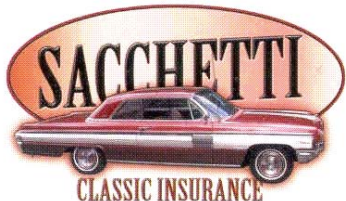
By Bill LaPierre

The Best Things in Life Come in Fives

I wasn't able to drive my '66 442 to Mark's cruise on Monday August 27th. She's in dry dock while I get her spiffed up for our show on September 9th. It was Olds night and I wanted to show up in an Olds, of course. Gene Miller knew this and made me an offer I just couldn't or wouldn't refuse. He insisted that I pilot one of his FIVE Oldsmobiles to the cruise. All FIVE cars are in great shape, registered, insured and ready for cruising at a moment's notice. Being the Convertible man that I am, I chose to drive the '94 Cutlass Supreme drop top to the cruise. This car is loaded with all the goodies including the way cool heads up display. I gotta tell you, it's real nice cruising in a modern, fully equipped car sporting fuel injection, driver air bag, 4 wheel discs and steering wheel mounted controls and climate control. I even fired up the a/c to cool things down. Why? Because I can, that's why.

On the cruise to the cruise, I followed Gene in his beautiful '79 Hurst Olds. Gene's lovely wife, Joan followed me in their mint '94 Supreme Hardtop. These three cars represented 10% of the evening's impressive turnout of thirty Oldsmobiles! The overall attendance was an amazing 779 cars! The competition in the Olds arena was excellent; we had a difficult time choosing amongst all of the cars in attendance. The level of quality was astounding! Mark's management told us that they have never had such a good turn out on a brand specific night! Gene's Hurst stole the show and was awarded a coveted Mark's cruise trophy. Check out the website at <http://www.markscruisenight.com/> for a picture of Gene receiving his award.

August was a fantastic month for NEOC cruising. We cruised to the Hemmings cruise in Bennington, Vermont. We learned what kind of power our Oldsmobiles are putting to the pavement at New England Dyno and Tuning. Thirty of us cruised to Mark's to represent Olds at the biggest cruise in New England. And now our eleventh all Oldsmobile show is just around the corner. This has been a great cruising season, I hope you have enjoyed as much as I have! **RR**



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2007 Old's Nationals

Are a few photos taken at the 2007 Oldsmobile Nationals. Look for additional photos in the coming months. If you have not been to the Nationals, consider checking it out some time. Next year they are in Dearborn, MI, in 2009 they will be held in a resort near Pittsburgh, and of course in 2010 they will be here in New England!



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CLASS #4 - Stock, 1988 – present all models ex Toro, 442, Hurst
CLASS #5 - Stock all Toro
CLASS #6 - Stock, 1961 – 1967 Cutlass, F-85
CLASS #7 - Stock, 1964 – 1967 442
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
CLASS #11 - Stock, 1970 – 1972 442, W-30, Hurst, SX, Convertible
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CLASS #13 - Stock, 1973 – 1987 442, Hurst
CLASS #14 - Modified, through 1969
CLASS #15 - Modified, 1970 - present
CLASS #16 & 17 - Seniors - Stock & Modified
(all cars that have won a first place trophy in our previous 2 shows)

REGISTRATION: \$15.00

Please send entry form and
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The New England Oldsmobile Club
372 Batchelor St., Granby, MA 01033

For show information call:

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2007 REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ CLASS #

Year of Car: _____ License Plate _____

Model: _____ Color: _____

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 ☐

In consideration of the right to participate: Entrants / Participants, by execution of this entry form, release and discharge The Oldsmobile Club of America / The New England Oldsmobile Club / Schaller Auto World from all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgment or claims from what so ever.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

(Pre-registration must be postmarked by Sept 1. All others must register day of show)

Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **September meeting** will be hosted by Bruce Plourde at Schaller Auto World on **Thursday Sept. 6th**
Please attend if you can as we will be making final show preparations at this meeting!

Schaller Auto World - Body Shop
1-55 Veterans Drive, New Britain, CT
860-826-2030

Here are the directions to Schaller Auto Body:

From 91 North, or South, take Exit 22N Rte 9 North follow to Exit 24 (left hand exit)

***There is no exit 24 coming from the other direction! ***

Kensington Rte 371 take first exit Willowbrook Park (where the triple AAA New Britain Rockcats Baseball team plays) you will see Schaller Honda on the right take right off exit 1st lot Honda dealer take a right Body Shop in back. Bruce's phone number at the shop is 860-826-2030

The **October meeting** will be hosted by Jean Roy on **Thursday October 4th.**

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 #147.

From the South;

From I-91 (North) get off at Exit 25-26, turn off onto Ramp 0.4 mi CT-3 / Glastonbury / Old Wethersfield. Merge onto SR-3 [Maple St] (North) 1.4 mi. Turn off onto Ramp 0.3 mi Main St / Glastonbury. Turn LEFT (East) onto Glastonbury Blvd 0.3 mi. Continue (East) on Griswold St 0.6 mi. Turn LEFT (North) onto Prospect St 0.4 mi. Continue (North) on Forbes St 0.2 mi. Turn RIGHT (East) onto O'Connell Dr. Go 0.4 mi to #147

Fall Drag day

If you missed getting your registrations in for Drag Day, I'm afraid you're out of luck. The roster is filled with folks just itching to see what their cars can do! If you are still interested in going, contact Carl to

get on the waiting list and if someone cancels, you have a shot! We will be there Friday, September 28 with a rain date of Friday, Oct. 19. Let's pray for good weather on the 29th. It might be snowing up there by Oct. 19! **RR**

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:

Email: Jim70442w30@aol.com

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When you add your photos and thoughts to my books, you'll have a piece of history to be treasured forever. I will have these for sale at the Olds Show in September.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at

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Thanks! See you at the show!!!

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