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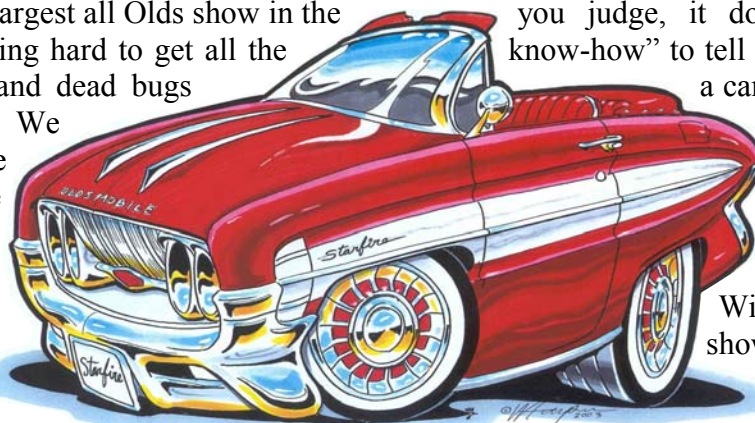
September 2008

It's Car Show Time!

As we get close to the largest all Olds show in the east, we are all working hard to get all the road grime, burnt rubber and dead bugs cleaned off of our cars. We polish and shine and maybe start to feel a little pressure to get that last coat of wax on our beloved Oldsmobiles.

Now imagine if you will, the pressure the organizers of the car show are under. Volunteers are what runs this club and the car show. At times it seems there is significantly more work to go around than volunteers to do it. This is especially true of the car show! Yes we have people in charge of the various aspects of the show, but they can ALWAYS use your help!

One area that can always use more volunteers is judging. We have tried to make it simpler as well as easier for both the novice as well as experienced judges. New judges are always paired with more experienced. When



you judge, it doesn't take any "automotive know-how" to tell nice shiny chrome or to see if a car's glass is free of scratches or to look and see if carpeting is worn or seats are torn. Almost anyone can help judge.

With over 100 cars expected to show up, there is a lot of judging to be done. If we can put together a dozen or more judging teams, the judging can be done in about an hour. That's it!

Now, if you feel that you may not want to judge, there are plenty of other areas where we could use your help in one of the other areas such as parking, raffle and club clothing sales.

As always, help on the day of the show is not only appreciated, it's needed! So come on out and see Steve Minore or one of the other car show crew and we'll put you where needed! **RR**

Dates to Remember

September 13 - NEOC Mtg - Sturbridge Host Hotel

11 AM SATURDAY, Sturbridge, MA

September 26 - Fall Drag Day

Lebanon Valley Dragway, Lebanon, NY

September 28 - 12th Annual NEOC Olds Show

Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA

Oct 2 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 pm

Jean Roy's in East Hartford

Nov 6 - NEOC Mtg- Thursday at 7 pm

Location to be determined

It's Almost Show Time

By Bill Black

"Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their club." Does this phrase sound familiar? If you ever took typing in school, then you had a typing exercise which was....*Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country.* It was meant as a warm up exercise to get your hands loosened up before you actually started to type. Well, the Show Booklet is starting to warm up and will be ready to go to press in three weeks or so. But the club needs your help. The tough economic times the nation is experiencing is also affecting contributions to our Show Booklet. Our initial goal was to net \$2,000 from this year's Show Booklet, but we lost a number of contributors from last year. We did, however, add a few new ads, and we appreciate it, but overall it looks like we will be several hundred dollars short of our goal.

So, if you know of any business or individual who would like to help us maintain our donation level to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, "*Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their club.*"

As I discussed in a previous article, you, as a NEOC member, can contribute individually by sending me a picture of your favorite Oldsmobile and have it displayed on a quarter page in the Show Booklet for just \$25. If we get ten members who want to show off their pride and joy, then we can make our Show Booklet goal. Any takers?

As to a time frame, I would like to get all the ads in by September 13th in order to lay out the booklet and get it to the printers on a timely basis. **RR**

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Fall Drag Day

By Carl Dudash

From correspondence I've received there seems to be some confusion about our upcoming Sept.26 LVD track rental. Hope this clears it up.

I am still taking deposits for the rental. The roster is about 60% full right now so there's still room for you. If you want a spot, send me a \$30 deposit check made out to LVD (my address is below). Include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). For those of you too young to remember when we had to send SASEs for just about everything, it is an unsealed envelope with your name, address and a stamp on it (no, I do not provide the stamp). I will put a numbered and signed LVD receipt for the track rental in your SASE and send it back to you. You must present that receipt at the track office when you sign in and pay the remaining \$40 of the rental fee.

I'll send another email when the roster is almost full to let you know when there are just a couple of spots left. Please don't wait till the last minute to send in your deposit and risk not making the roster.

See you at the track.

Peace,

Carl Dudash

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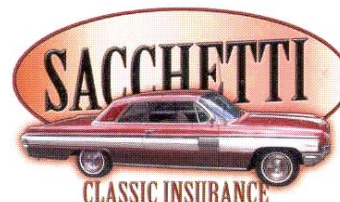
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Oldsmobile Nationals 2008

By Glen Morris

Well, another Oldsmobile National event is now behind us. NEOC was well represented at this great event in Dearborn Michigan. Bill Black, Nancy and I ventured out early Tuesday morning in our non-Oldsmobile. A little over 11 hours later, we arrived at the host hotel and attempted to get our bearings. Immediately we noticed a good display of signage and directions to different areas of interest.



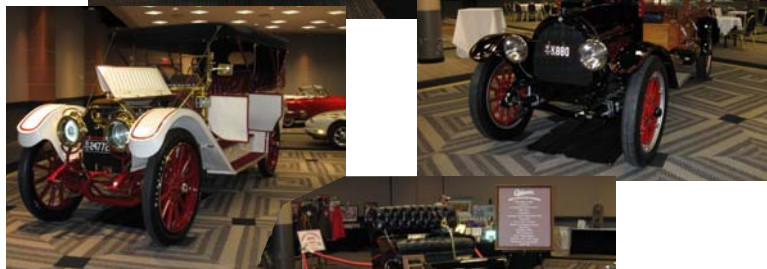
Hey, the NEOC is listed here! Must be the right place.



Bill and I wasted no time in setting up our display now that we are in the lime light.



We were surrounded by GM historic pieces...



Nancy and I went to historic Frankenmuth Michigan the following day for shopping, eating, and being away from Oldsmobiles.



And when we returned, the faithful were still manning our table.



So after a hard day, the NEOC regrouped and decided to do what we sometimes do best...EAT and DRINK!



Of course, Mr. Babij made friends (?) with our waitress almost immediately.



No doubt we were in charge upon leaving the restaurant...



We almost jump started an OCA golf cart, or is that steal? And if that was-

n't enough, we lounged in the hotel bar upon our return.



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2008 Nat's (cont'd)

And there were a few Oldsmobiles to be found the next day.....



El Presidente Yancy's Custom Cruiser (I had to help judge him!)



Continued 2008 Nationals coverage next month in Rocket Rumbblings...

Cousin Dave

My cousin Dave was born 4 months before me way back in 1955. From the first day that we acknowledged our existence, we realized that we were mechanically connected. We had a common bond in our interest in cars and stuff that went fast. Dave always had interesting cars during our high school and later years. Some of these included a 1969 Buick GS, 1970 Firebird Formula 400, 1967 Cadillac, 1973 MGB GT, 1970 Jeep CJ5 and others that I can't remember. His Dad, my Uncle 'Bud', would measure the depth of tread on Dave's cars on a regular basis to make sure he wasn't abusing them. I'm sure that never happened?!

I had always wanted to race Dave in his '69 Buick vs. my '68 Cutlass (with peace signs, mag wheels and 4 on the floor). But Dave was more concerned about borrowing my Steve Miller 8 track to see how "Fly like and eagle" sounded in his car. Of course it sounded better on his 4 speakers vs. my front and rear speaker. Dave always had better stuff than me!

We eventually grew up...somewhat. Dave had saved his money and bought a house in Florida in the late 80's. It was there that he started his dune buggie infatuation. So, we still shared the "gear-head" mentality although vastly different.

Dave last visited from his home in Florida early in August while his Dad ("Uncle Bud"), was ill and in the hospital.

Dave agreed that we needed to get together when he returned in October and "drink a lot of beers".



Dave's dune buggie of the month for March 2000

Unfortunately, Dave and I will never drink a lot of beers together. Dave passed away unexpectedly on 8/18/2008. Way too early. Life is too short. I want us to all "Fly like an Eagle into the future" as the Steve Miller song says to honor my cousin Dave. R.I.P.

Cousin Glen

New England Olds Club

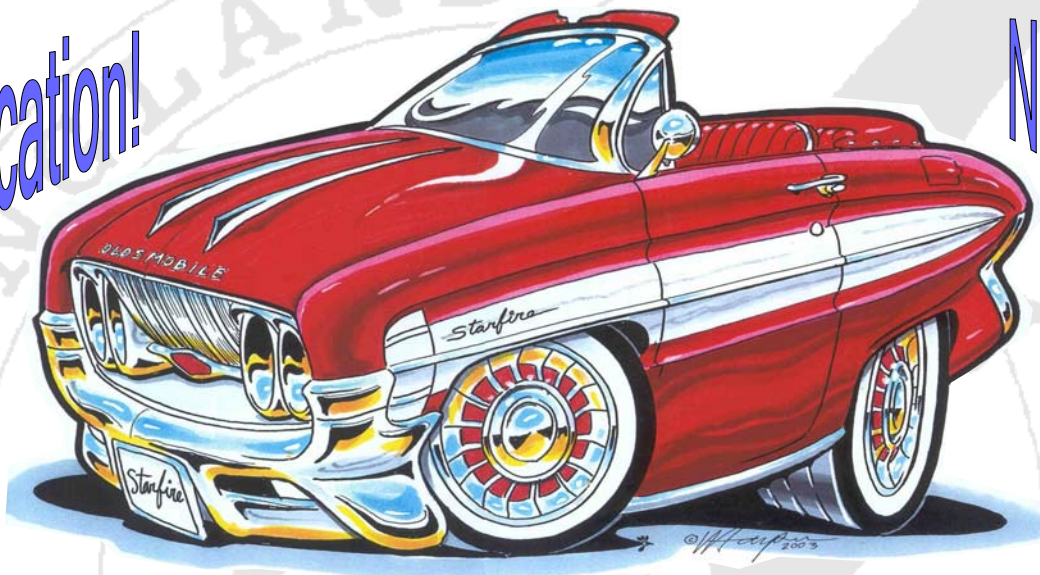
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12th Annual All Oldsmobile Car Show

to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children

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Sunday September 28, 2008 9am-3pm

Show will be held Rain or Shine!

Presented by:

The New England Olds Club

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Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center

366 Main St., Sturbridge, MA

- ★ Dash plaques to the first 100 cars (incl. all pre-registered)
- ★ Awards in 17 classes
- ★ 50/50 raffle
- ★ raffle prizes
- ★ food & beverages
- ★ goodie bags
- ★ D.J. music
- ★ club apparel



CLASSES:

- CLASS #1 - Stock, 1897 – 1963 all models ex F-85
CLASS #2 - Stock, 1964 – 1972 all models ex Toro, Cutlass, 442
CLASS #3 - Stock, 1973 – 1987 all models ex Toro, 442, Hurst
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
CLASS #12 - Stock, 1970 – 1972 442, W-30, W-31, Hurst, Rallye, SX, Hardtop
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
Make checks payable to:

The New England Oldsmobile Club
372 Batchelor St., Granby, MA 01033

For show information call:

Dave Richter 413-530-9391

Or email:

DMR67442@aol.com

Info via the internet:

www.neolds.com



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2008 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 / Sturbridge Host Hotel from all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgment or claims from what so ever.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

(Pre-registration must be postmarked by Sept 15. All others must register day of show)

Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The September meeting will be on Saturday September 13th at 11 AM.

This meeting will be held at this year's new show location at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, Ma.
Please come and help us get set for the car show... don't worry you have weeks before it needs to be washed and waxed!

366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566 (508) 347-7393

Directions:

Located on Route 20 West in Sturbridge, MA

From the North East & West, take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to Exit 9, Route 20 West. From the South, take either Interstate 84 or Route 131 to Route 20 West. The hotel is located less than one-quarter mile from the first set of traffic lights, on the shore of Cedar Lake.

The **October meeting** will be hosted by Jean Roy on **Thursday October 2nd.**

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, 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 #139

NEOC Picnic Coverage

No, we didn't forget about the picnic, with space at a premium in this month's issue, picnic coverage will follow in the upcoming months. **RR**

Coming Next Month

We will have our annual color issue of the newsletter will full NEOC car show coverage along with picnic and continued 2008 Olds Nationals coverage. **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

Snail mail: Jim Schmitz 860-379-5221
24 Pioneer Dr.
New Hartford, CT 06057

For Sale: 1984 Cutlass Supreme

I am looking to sell my '84 Olds Cutlass Supreme before 9/20/08. It has a 307 V8, 4 barrel, 2 door, white with dark red landau roof, red interior, 128K miles, newer whitewall tires, this car runs very well but has some minor rust spots, I am looking to sell it for \$1,200.

Contact Jeff Yatsenick at jyatsenick@hotmail.com or call 203-886-6718

Lead—For Sale: 1962 Starfire Convertible

Mike Babij ran into a gentleman selling his 62 Starfire at a car show. If you are interested please contact;

Doug Gardner Phone # 203-235-6189

84 Fairfax Ave

Meriden, CT 06451

Doug does not have email so you will need to call.

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