

A trip to the '06 Nats!

By Glenn Johnson

Every year the Nationals becomes the place to see "Olds" friends check out a new area of the country and this year was no exception. Several NEOC members headed south to Dallas for the 2006 Nationals. Most choose a quick plane ride although some members did drive down. Glenn Johnson shares with us his account of the festivities!

June 27th, 2006 - Dave Richter and I got to Bradley Field to



catch a 7:30 am non-stop flight to Dallas. We ended up leaving an hour late. It seems the plane we were supposed to take was struck by lightning on the flight in to Bradley which cracked the windshield. American Airlines brought an empty

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Dates to remember

- Aug 3 - Thursday
NEOC Mtg - Bill LaPierre's, Somers, CT
- Sept 7 - Thursday
NEOC Mtg - Schaller Auto Wold
Show preparatory meeting
- Sept 10 - NEOC 10th Annual All Olds Show
New Britain, CT
- Sept 29 - Friday — Fall Drag Day
Lebanon Valley Dragway

Fall Drag Day is Here!

By Carl Dudash

Dear Friends, Enough of the hot, muggy weather. Let's think ahead to a cool, beautiful day on Friday, Sept. 29 when we'll be going back to Lebanon Valley for our Fall Drag Day. You'll find a signup sheet on page 4 of this newsletter. Please keep in mind that the roster is filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Drag Day News: A few of our regular drag day friends hit the big time at Hemmings Musclepalooza this past Memorial Day weekend. Glen Morris' '68 Olds Ram Rod was voted Favorite Oldsmobile in the car show. On the track Darrin Cubit and Randy Juliani faced off against each other in the finals of their bracket with Randy getting the win. Congratulations guys!

I talked to LVD owner, Howard Commander, today. He said they've had one of the worst seasons for weather in the history of the track. Think back to how many weekends were just awful this year. In spite of this Howard and his people are committed to making LVD better than ever. They've installed a brand new scoreboard.

There were a couple of racers at our May rental who were a bit disappointed when the track was closed earlier than expected. I mentioned this to Howard and, once again, he is bending over backwards to accommodate us. The closing time for our rental is officially 4 PM. This, however, is contingent upon people still running toward the end of the day. If after 3:30 nobody comes to the starting line for several minutes they're going to assume that racers are done for the day. We can't expect the track people to just stand around for a half hour if nobody is running. If you find you want to make some late day runs please let me know or tell someone in the office.

One other small change. I'm going to increase the number of openings on the roster from 60 to 65. We inevitably have some no-shows every time so we don't have the number of racers as expected and the track is out the money. I don't think an increase of 5 cars will have any real

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July Meeting Minutes

By Bill LaPierre Club Secretary

The weather on Thursday July 6th was just right for cruising to a NEOC club meeting. Five of the fifteen in attendance at Riley & Scranton Service Center in Glastonbury drove their classic Oldsmobiles. Several of those Rockets were newcomers including a rarely seen '73 442, an '86 Cutlass and a promising '65 Cutlass Convertible belonging to Dennis Bloking. Dennis was on hand to promote the infamous "Cruisin' on Main Street" collector car cruise extravaganza on August 6th in Manchester, CT. This cruise event is huge. Dennis expects over 2000 cars to attend!

After munching on pizza and discussing the finer points of Olds Rocket science, President Minore opened the meeting with discussion of the annual all Olds show on September 10 at Schaller Auto World Body Shop in New Britain, CT. The show dominated discussion topics for the evening. Minore reported that the Sphinx Temple has backed out of providing food service at the show. A food coach has been hired to serve food to the huge crowd that is anticipated for this most sacred of New England Olds car shows. In years past the Sphinx Temple had entertained the Olds faithful with their infamous clowns and mini cars. They also ran a great food booth. However, in recent years that involvement has declined significantly. A portion of the show's proceeds will still be presented to the Shriners Hospital for Children, as has been the tradition for many years.

Bill Black promoted his show booklet and requested that members recruit local businesses to purchase ad space. This booklet was very successful last year. Proceeds from this venture are part of the donation the club presents to the Shriners Hospital for Children. The raffle was also discussed. This is another important fund raising aspect of the show and a coordinator is needed. Please consider volunteering your services and/or a raffle item or two. Don't forget that the kids are the benefactors!

After show business discussion ceased Earl Bancroft passed around a set of reproduction 1966-67 Cutlass Hardtop/

Convertible Vent window frames for all to evaluate. These heavy, cast items are prone to pitting and cost a small fortune to plate. Good cores are very difficult to locate. Too bad Earl and I learned of these after sending 2 sets to a local plating shop this spring. We could have saved some money. These parts are available from Everett Horton. Contact him at ANTIQOLDS@aol.com.

The topic of discussion moved on to the Dallas, TX Nationals, which had just concluded before the meeting date. Attendees Dave Richter, Mike Babij and Everett Horton told tales of beautiful Oldsmobiles and hot Texas weather. President Minore then spoke of the commitment necessary to host a national meet. Perhaps, someday NEOC could host one of these events? The 2007 Nationals will be held July 17-21 in Bowling Green, KY about an hour north of Nashville, TN. Make your reservations and get that time off from work ASAP!

I will be hosting the August meeting at my 442 rendering and restoration facility in Somers, CT on the 3rd. Please bring your Olds, there will be plenty of free parking available. **RR**

It's coming...

Yes we are only a month away from NEOC's 10th Annual All Oldsmobile Show. A lot of folks have put a lot of effort to make this one of the best so come on out and help. Remember, "Many hands make light work."

There will be need for folks to help out during the show as well as judging. If you think you can't judge, think again. All it takes are two of your senses; a little common sense and a sense of fairness. Inexperienced judges are always paired off with more experienced judges.

See you at a meeting or the show. If you want to volunteer for something specific, give Steve Minore a shout! **RR**

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plane from Logan for us to take to Dallas. I guess those one hour auto glass replacement companies don't do 737's. An hour late wasn't so bad, it was a non-stop flight and we got to Dallas in 3 1/2 hours.

We got our rental car, a free upgrade to a van. Dave specifically requested something other than a Ford product and Enterprise obliged. Dallas was hot, in the mid 90's, however it was not humid so I didn't find it uncomfortable. In fact it was hot, dry and sunny every day. A pleasant change from the nearly daily rain we were having when we left New England. We found the Intercontinental, a large, upscale hotel with a parking garage. Hotel parking moved into the garage and the show was in the outdoor parking lots. The swap meet was next door in a grass and gravel lot. After checking in, we immediately went to the swap meet where we spotted Everett Horton who was vending along with a friend. Mike Babij contacted Dave via cell phone that he was going to be landing in Dallas soon. We originally thought Mike was arriving on Wednesday. Dave and I headed to the airport to pick up Mike. We bought a cheap cooler and some supplies for the room on the way back. The Olds collection of cars arrived and were displayed indoors in a large ball room. That night we headed to Kobe Steaks, a Japanese steakhouse with steaks every bit as good as a Ruth's Chris at a fraction of the price. I had forgotten my roommates snore loudly and neglected to bring earplugs. Didn't sleep so great.

Wednesday: The cars started arriving. Car numbers were down this year, only 250 cars were registered. I assume fuel prices and the event ending during a holiday weekend had something to do with it. Checked out the swap meet repeatedly. The swap meet was quite a bit bigger than last year but I found much less stuff I had to have. I almost didn't need the extra empty suitcase I brought. While we were enjoying Dallas, Glen and Nancy Morris were spending 9 hours stuck in an airport in Chicago. They didn't arrive until late Wednesday evening. We went to a Mexican restaurant for dinner. We positioned ourselves in front of a TV with ESPN2 to see Pedro Martinez's return to Fenway Park. As always, the hotel bar and the show field were to places to hang out in the evening. Forgot to get ear plugs.

Thursday: We finally ran into the Morris's. They were still recovering from their all day travel mis-adventure. Dave, Mike, the Morris's and I were among the people who signed up for the trip to the JFK museum on the 6th floor of the Texas School Book Depository building. I found that extremely interesting along with checking out the Dealy Plaza area and the famous grassy knoll which is relatively unchanged from the early 60's. My research while there shows the Warren Commission was wrong. Back at the show there

was more swap meet and looking at cars. The muscle car classes were supposed to be parked near the swap meet. Unfortunately it was dry and dusty over there and many entrants were very upset. I heard someone even turned around and went back home. The Club managed to move all the muscle car classes over to the parking lots with the rest of the cars making the owners much happier. Dave and Mike spent a lot of time in the pool.

There was a new Race Car class this year which brought some cars you ordinarily would not see at the Nationals. I think it's great and a step in the right direction. We ate dinner at a weird place where all the wait staff was dressed as cartoon or comic book characters. We were disappointed we didn't get Wonder woman but she did bring us dessert. The Morris's had gone out during the day and bought me a huge box of ear plugs. They worked great.

Friday: Everett and I volunteered to judge cars. I received an OCA Master Judge hat and pin at the meeting. The lower car count made the judging go faster and they fed us lunch this year which was great. Friday night Dave went to the Rangers-Astro's game with the Fusick clan and the Memmers. Mike and I went to the Rodeo and BBQ. It was fun, Mike managed to make it more entertaining. He's got his own flank strap now.

Saturday: Not much happened until the banquet. Looked at cars, especially the 67 with 4 quadrajets on it. That's a story in itself. Talked about cars to all sorts of people. The Banquet was a great time. Naturally the meal included beef. We had a table of New Englanders including the Morris's, Everett, Tim Durant and his girl friend. Tim won the Helen Early award with his Cutlass which was pretty cool. For the first time a muscle car won the best of show Post War Award. Every car in the new race car class (which was the featured class) received an award. Everything went pretty smooth, only one minor glitch in the slide show.

Sunday: return van, board plane, go home.

Next year the Nationals are in driving distance! Start saving money for the gas now so you can bring your 10 mpg Oldsmobile to Kentucky. **RR**

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impact on the number of runs you'll be able to get and this would help the track meet the costs for the day. Remember, the people at LVD are providing a great venue for us to have some fun. It seems only fair that we do what we can to help keep them in business. I'm always open to suggestions on

how to improve Drag Day. I look forward to seeing you at LVD on Sept. 29.

Peace,
Carl Dudash

Fall 2006 Drag Day Signup Sheet

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Car #1 _____

Car #2 _____

Second Driver _____

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Drag Day Information:

Date: Friday, Sept. 29, 2006 **Rain Date:** to be announced

Location: Lebanon Valley Dragway, Route 20, West Lebanon, NY

Phone Hotline: (860) 542-5753 Call Thursday evening prior if rain is forecast.

Cost: \$70 to race all day. A \$30 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a place on the roster, the remaining \$40 to be paid the day of the event when you sign in at the track. Please make deposit checks payable to LVD (that's for Lebanon Valley Dragway). Write "Fall 2006 Drag Day" on the check memo line. Send this sheet and payment to: Carl Dudash, P.O. Box 200, Norfolk, CT 06058

Gates open at 8 am. Do not start engines before 9 am. Tech inspection starts at 9 am in the staging lanes. Racing is from 10 am to 4 pm. You are responsible to make sure your car passes tech. No re-funds if it fails.

You may have two drivers for a single car or one driver may bring two cars for a single entry fee. Crew members and spectators are free. All drivers, crew, and spectators must check in at the tower to sign the release waiver. Wristbands and run stickers will be issued.

Racing fuel will be available for purchase from 9 to 10 am and again from 1 to 2 pm.

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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
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(all cars that have won a first place trophy in our previous 2 shows)

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2006 REGISTRATION FORM

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Year of Car: _____ License Plate _____

Model: _____ Color: _____

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DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Directions To The Next Meeting

The **August meeting** will be on **Thursday Aug. 3** and will be hosted by Bill LaPierre in beautiful Somers, CT.
Bill LaPierre **860-763-3134**
27 Heather Lane, Somers, CT

Directions:

From I-91 North or South - take Exit 47E and follow Hazard Ave. (SR-190) East for almost 5 miles.

Make a right onto Maple Street for 1/4 mile

Bear left onto Pinney Rd. for another 1/4 mile

Then bear left onto Billings Rd.

Go to the second Somers Hill Circle and take a left (either way will get you there, but this is the most direct route!)

Take the first right which is Heather Lane. Follow it to #27!

The **September meeting** is tentative scheduled for Schaller Auto World on **Thursday Sept. 7th** and will be hosted by Bruce Plourde at Schaller Auto Body.

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

Rocket Classifieds

Club members are entitled to ONE free ad per issue.
Please submit ads by the 15th of the month. Written submissions are preferred.
Note: ads only run for 1 month, please renew monthly.

To submit a classified ad:

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Car Show Booklet

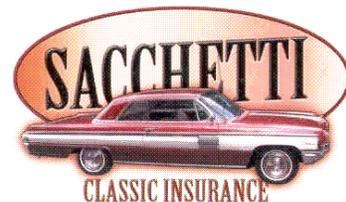
Well it's a little over a month and a half to go until our car show. The Show Booklet is coming along nicely and I'm confident we'll reach our goal this year (\$1,200 net). If anyone has solicited an ad, or is going to take one themselves, please try to get the information to me by August 20th. This will allow enough time to do the ad layout and get it to the printer. If you need a show booklet form I'm attached one, along with a receipt form to this email. You can make copies as needed. I will also have them available, along with last year's show booklet, at our next club meeting.

Thanks, Bill Black

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