

# ***Rocket Rumbings***

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## **Night Before Oldsmas 2007**

T'was the night before Oldmas, we were all feeling fat.  
Not a creature was stirring, except for our cat.  
Out in our garage, our Olds were all cold.  
They may not get much use, but they aren't to be sold.  
Our kids are all grown and away from the nest.  
We miss them always, I say that in jest.  
Mom with her wine and I with my beer.  
Were about to nod off 'cause no one was here.  
When outside we heard what we thought was chatter.  
We opened the door to see what was the matter.  
The slippery roads had claimed an Olds 88.  
But we knew that this Olds had not yet met its fate.  
The faithful NEOC guys (what a crew),  
Were there to save this Olds and they could save yours too.  
The driver was hefty and called himself St. Nick.  
He asked if it was possible to fix this Olds quick.  
So Richter, Johnson, Minore and Welsh,  
Said "this ain't nothing, we'll fix it ourself".  
These guys were amazing as the snow was flying.  
Repairs for them were easy, ain't no lying.  
I'm sure it was less than an hour or so,  
when the NEOC guys had the 88 ready to go.  
St. Nick so hefty confessed to us now,  
That he drove the 88 just like a snow plow.  
He thanked NEOC and sat straight in his seat,  
Comfortable knowing that the repairs were complete.  
We shook all our hands after retrieving his keys.  
He was pleasantly surprised that we charged no fees.  
We heard him exclaim, I think it was then,  
"I'll see you guys in Sturbridge in 2010"

**MERRY CHRISTMAS to NEOC**

**Glen**

*An NEOC Christmas Carol*

# November Meeting Notes

On a clear November evening, 13 Olds fanatics converged on the home of Mike Barrillaro in Kensington. Once the members had something to eat the meeting got underway. There was discussion of some of the activities and functions we attended this year and the interest in attending similar functions next year. Some of these included Drag Days and D60 yno Days for those interested in performance (and aren't most of us?) as well as Cruise's and Shows.

Basil and Rosemary have the Christmas Party all set, Dave mentioned they need a head count for the by the 21<sup>st</sup>. It is also time for your membership dues, along with that we will be printing a Roster in the next few weeks.

Discussion moved onto the nationals. We discussed the possibility of holding a car show in Sturbridge at the host hotel. There would be minimal cost involved, but it would give us a little insight into what to expect as far as help and accommodations for the 2010 Nats.

There was discussion on the Logo for the Nats and John had a few different designs that were passed around and discussed. Glen also indicated the need for a theme and some suggestions were tossed around. New England lays claim to the beginning of OCA and 2010 will also be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OCA.

Along with the subject of the nationals was the date change for next year in Dearborn. See info in this issue.

Once everyone was done with the official business those with early wake up calls headed out and the bench racing began. **RR**

## 2007 Christmas Party

Don't forget the Christmas Party! The cost is \$31 for adults and \$7 for young ones (no Mike you are not considered a "young one"). We need to have a head count by the 21<sup>st</sup> so have your reservations (and check) into Dave Richter by then. And don't forget your raffle gift this is always a fun time.

The food and fun will start around 6:00 pm for cocktails and a bit of friendly chat. At 7:00 pm (or thereabouts) dinner will be served.

This year the menu consists of:

Appetizers:

Cheese & Cracker Platter



Dinner Buffet Menu:

Green Salad

Penne Pasta w/ Romano Cheese  
in a Creamy Blush Sauce

Roasted Red Bliss Potato  
Vegetable

Chicken Marsala-Chicken Sautéed w/ Mushrooms, Pro-  
ciutto, Marsala Wine Dem-Glaze

Sirloin Tips Burgundy -NY Sirloin Sliced and Topped  
with Burgundy Brown Sauce

Roast Pork Loin - In a Demi-Glaze

Dessert

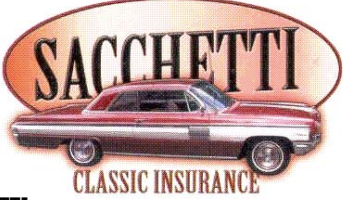
Coffee Station

Remember to make your check out to New England Olds Club as I heard Dave still needs more transmission parts and was talking of doing some home remodeling!

See page 7 for If you need any other details please con-

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# 2007 The Year in Review

## A President's Message by Bill LaPierre

NEOC's twelfth year was a great one! Our members had the opportunity to attend numerous club-sponsored events blessed by excellent weather. My first year as your President has seen mostly smooth sailing. There were no revolutions and I had the pleasure of presiding over our bid and subsequent selection to host the 2010 OCA national meet. With no Events Coordinator on the Executive Board, I took the initiative to organize several events over the summer. I am elated that they were a smashing success. I hope to plan more for next year.

Let's take closer look at what New England's Oldsmobilers were doing over the past year.

### 2007 Event Highlights

**2007 OCA Nationals** - Bowling Green, KY. Numerous members attended!

**Drag Day** - Not a club sponsored event, well attended by our club and a ton of fun!

**Cruise to Sturbridge** Host Hotel/Fenders Drive In - We should cruise like this more often!

**July Picnic** - Glen Morris hosted at his Oldsmobile ranch in Wallingford, CT.

**Hemmings Cruise** - My '66 442 was awarded the "Favorite Musclegar" trophy!

**Marks Classic Cruise** - Thirty Oldsmobiles, a Mark's single-marque record!

**Dyno day** - Nine Rocketeers learned what their cars are made of. Let's do it again!

**"Musclepalooza" V & VI** at Lebanon Valley Dragway - Hemmings Motor Publications Editors awarded "Favorite Oldsmobile" trophies to Scott Platt's '67 W30 and Scott Edele's '66 442.

**Hemmings Muscle Magazine** - Gene Miller's '79 Hurt Olds, Scott Pierce's '69 W31 and Rob Brainard's '64 442 were featured. Now that's some serious recognition!

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual NEOC All Olds show** - 90 of the region's finest Oldsmobiles were on display.

### Thanks to the hosts of our monthly meetings in 2007

January - Earl Bancroft Riley & Scranton Glastonbury, CT

February - Dave Richter Granby, MA

March - Glen Morris Wallingford, CT

April - Bruce Plourde Schaller Auto Body New Britain, CT

May - Steve Minore Meriden, CT

June - Basil Treco New Britain, CT

July - John Welsh Meriden, CT

August - Bill LaPierre Somers, CT

September - Bruce Plourde Schaller Auto Body New Britain, CT

October - Charlie Roy East Hartford, CT

November - Mike Barillaro Kensington, CT

Season's  
Greetings

Let's hear it for our hosts and thank them for graciously for inviting us into their homes and businesses. Perhaps you would be interested in hosting a meeting in 2008?

**Happy New Year to all, and to another great year in 2008!**

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## 2010 Theme?

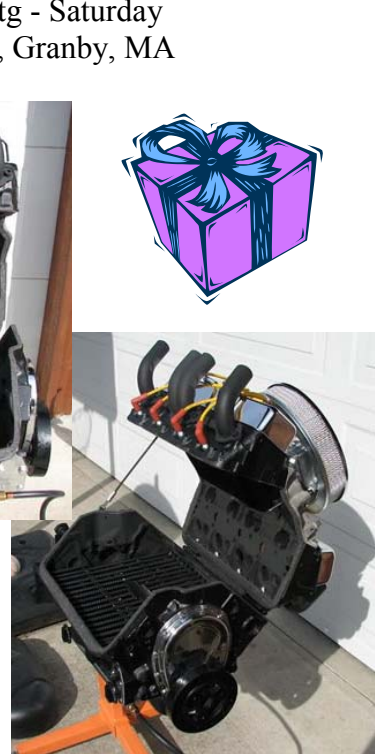
For those of you who couldn't make the November NEOC meeting, you missed a lot of discussion. One major topic was to ask for any thoughts on a "theme" for our 2010 National event. For anyone who has attended a National event, you might remember a slogan for the event; "The event to see in 93", Cherish the legacy", "Rocket into the 21st century" are a few from the past.

Bob Hellstrom reminded us that this will be the 40th anniversary for OCA, it was founded in 1970 in New England. So, it all started here and will be coming back in 2010! Bob has offered to put together some information to back this up and we will work this into our package. John Lenihan has some very good logo's for this event and will be working to finalize them for early next year. We are hoping to have our theme decided on by the so that John can incorporate it into the logo.

So, any thoughts or suggestions, please send them to Glen Morris. **RR**

## Gearhead Gifts

Not sure what to get for the auto aficionado in your family? Here are a few of the latest must have gifts! I've already got the fridge, now I need to update my grill with an Olds based unit! **RR**



## Has Your Time Expired?

There is a final membership reminder included this issue. Memberships expire at the end of December and annual dues are still only \$20. Just think of all the fun, camaraderie and info you gain from the club! If you have moved or never filled one out, fill out the form and send it in with your renewal. Also remember to get the newsletter electronically, you get it sooner, in color and can keep a copy on your pc.

You can fill out the renewal application in this newsletter or go to our website, [www.neolds.com](http://www.neolds.com), click on "join" and then "NEOC application page 2" to get a copy to fill out and send to our club address. **RR**

## Dates to Remember

December 1 - NEOC's Christmas Party  
Elaine's Restaurant, Wethersfield, CT

Starting in January our meeting will be held on Saturday's. It will typically be the first Saturday of the month (except Jan). Watch for details on the meeting location and times in the Newsletter and on the NEOC website.

January 12 - NEOC Mtg - Saturday at 12 noon  
Riley & Scranton (Earl's), Glastonbury, CT

February 2 - NEOC Mtg - Saturday  
Dave Richter's, Granby, MA



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## Membership Application and Renewal Form

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Check here only if you want your newsletter mailed USPS. Otherwise the newsletter will be in electronic format and available on line monthly in Adobe Acrobat format, allowing easy viewing, downloading and printing in full color.

Oldsmobile Club of America (OCA) membership is **mandatory**. If not a member, you can log onto the OCA website and apply on line at [http://www.oldsclub.org/joinOCA\\_2.htm](http://www.oldsclub.org/joinOCA_2.htm) Non compliance with this requirement can result in forfeiture of N.E.O.C. dues.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues are \$20.00. Dues expire on December 31.

Please make personal checks or money orders payable to: New England Oldsmobile Club.

Mail completed form and check to: **New England Oldsmobile Club**  
**372 Batchelor Street**  
**Granby, Ma. 01033**

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.

**New England Oldsmobile Club c/o  
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# Directions to the Next Couple of Meetings

The **January meeting** will be held on **Saturday** the 12th at noon and will be hosted by Earl Bancroft at Riley & Scranton Service Center in Glastonbury, CT. The main topic of discussion will be the NEOC annual car show.

**Riley & Scranton Service Center Glastonbury, CT 860-633-3669**

## **From north and south on Interstate 91:**

Take "Glastonbury/Putnam Bridge" Route 3 exit off of I 91 just south of Hartford.

Cross the bridge and bear right onto Route 2 East.

Take the Hebron Avenue exit. Turn right at end of ramp onto Hebron Avenue.

Turn right onto Main St. when Hebron avenue ends at stop sign.

Take immediate left onto Welles St.

Riley & Scranton Service center is on the left.

The **February meeting** will be on **Saturday** the 2nd and will be hosted by Dave Richter in Granby, MA.

Dave Richter 413-467-3690

372 Batchelor Street, Granby, MA 01033

## **From points North and South (but not East) of Granby,**

Take I- 91 to Exit 16, from the Northbound Lane take a Right, from the Southbound lane take a Left. Follow US Rt. 202 North over the bridge into South Hadley and take the 2nd Right on the rotary which keeps you on Rt. 202

North. Follow Rt. 202 into Granby Center, from there it takes 5 minutes until you come to the intersection of Rt.

202 and School St. There is a big sign for Holyoke Catholic High School and the Granby Café is on this corner.

Take a left at the intersection and follow school; street for about 1 mile. Take your first left onto Batchelor St. The 5th house on the left (#372) is where you want to be!

## **From the Mass Pike**

Take Exit 7 (Ludlow) at the end of the Toll Booth take a Right and follow Rt. 21 into Belchertown. When Rt. 21 meets Rt. 202, take a Left onto Rt. 202 and follow it into Granby. Watch for the sign for Holyoke Catholic High School and take a Right onto School St., Granby Café is also on this corner. Follow school; street for about 1 mile, take your first left onto Batchelor St. and go to the 5th house on the left (#372).

## 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.

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