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Feature Cars Wanted!

Your car can be a star!

Have you ever dreamed of having your car on the cover of a national magazine? Well here's your chance. Rocket Rumbblings would like to feature a member's car every month (Ed, you there?). We would also like to find member who have had their car a long time and hear about you getting it, keeping it, fixing it up (if you have done that).

The following form will help you answer some basic questions about your car, what you have done to it or plan on doing to it. All you need to do is fill out the form and email or snail mail it back to me along with

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Dates to remember

Please pay special attention to the dates and days that the meeting will be on. As we work through this for the first time, I am sure someone is going to confuse the Thursday and Saturday meeting nights.

March 3 - NEOC Mtg - Saturday at 1 PM
Glen Morris's Glastonbury, CT

April 5 - NEOC Mtg - THURSDAY at 7 PM
Schaller Body Shop New Britain, CT

May 4 - Drag Day - Friday 10 AM
Lebanon, Lebanon, NY

May 10 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 PM
Steve Minore's Wallingford, CT

January and February Meeting Notes

Well here we are, ready to embrace a new year once again. After an unusually warm January, we are reminded that we ARE in New England and winter as a season is NOT going to simply pass us by. All the talks of global warming during January have been quieted now as we work through the deep freeze of February.

As we bundle up to work on your projects this winter, NEOC has been busy working on the club to make it more helpful, informative and more fun for all.

We have modified our meeting schedule to make it easier for folks to attend meetings in both the warmer months as well as the often unpredictable late fall/winter months.

We once again went through and pared the roster down to only those that paid and are also current on their OCA dues. I won't go into renewing your dues as everyone receiving this newsletter *should* be paid up! Every year we go through this exercise asking for your dues, post-

ing deadlines and every year we have the same drop off then spike as folks realize they haven't seen a newsletter in a few months and when they call they find out they forgot to update their dues. Next year let's try to make this process as smooth as possible.

New meeting dates

With the unpredictable weather and more members from the outskirts of our membership look to attend the meetings we have decided to change the days of meetings in the not always inviting late fall and winter. We have found that the Saturday meetings we have had the last couple years in January and February have drawn significantly more members during what many consider to be "hibernation season" for classic car folks.

In order to best serve the membership, NEOC now has a split meeting schedule. Meeting held during the months of April through October will be held on the traditional Thursday evening at 7 PM. Meetings for the months of November through March will be held early afternoon on Saturdays. The exact time will be determined by the member hosting the meeting but will typically fall into the 12 noon to 2 PM start time. We will "officially" start this with the March meeting that will be held at Glen Morris' in Wallingford, CT on Saturday March 3rd at 1 PM.

As we continue to grow as a club, we need more input from the membership. Hopefully the new meeting dates will allow some of you that couldn't make the meetings in the past to attend and offer suggestions, insight and constructive criticism. Take a few minutes and mark your calendars now so you won't miss a meeting! Those of you with the meeting safely saved in your electronic planner as the first Thursday of the month will need to be a bit more creative with your scheduling.

Speaking of electronic scheduling, it might not be a bad time to check your electronic scheduling software's ability to properly correct for Daylight saving. If you have an older PC that's not running Windows XP, your PC may not (read that as 'probably won't') correct for the new Daylight saving times. XP users will only be updated correctly if you have recently checked for and installed updates.

Just in case you are still waking from that long winter's nap, the new dates for Daylight Saving Time are; Sunday March 11 and changes back on Sunday November 4th. **RR**

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Vote at March Meeting

All members, please make every effort to attend the next NEOC meeting on 3/3, Saturday at 1:00 in the afternoon at my place. Aside from normal club business under the direction of our new President Bill LaPierre, we will take an official club vote for the support or denial to support a NEOC sponsored Nationals in 2010.

We have received many responses to our questionnaire and I have tabulated the results. These results will be made available at this meeting. The vote is a formality that we require in order to continue forward with necessary planning. Any comments and discussion before the vote will be encouraged.

If we vote to support this endeavor, we will also discuss chair persons and various assignments and responsibilities. Descriptions of each committee will be available for review. These descriptions were supplied by Pat Yancy and OCA.

Hope to see you all there,
Glen

Feature Cars

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any stories you have and some good quality photos. The photos can be digital (as large as possible) or paper (I can scan them). If you don't have any, call me and we can arrange to get your car photographed.

Don't worry about typing or spelling (despite popular belief, I DO have a spell checker), just get me interesting stories about you and your car and the highly experienced staff here at Rocket Rumbings will tweak it. **RR**

Meeting Day Changes

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President's Message

By Bill LaPierre

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Bill LaPierre and I am proud to serve as NEOC's 6th President. I joined NEOC in May of 1995 as member number 20. That pretty much means that I have been an active member since the early days of this club. Since then I have served as Membership Coordinator, Secretary, Whipmaster and Newsletter Editor. I live in Somers, CT with my lovely and understanding wife, Patty and our faithful Dog, Forrest. We don't have any kids, so that means that I have the time and almost enough money to maintain a stable of four Oldsmobiles. I spent much of the last thirteen years restoring a '66 442 Convertible. Over those years I documented much my progress in a series of articles in this very publication. I have also contributed numerous articles to Journey with Olds.

As your President, my duties are varied and numerous. The most conspicuous task will be keeping order while directing monthly club meetings. During the winter months (Jan, Feb, March) we meet on the 1st Saturday of the month. During warmer weather we meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. The locations of these meetings vary to encourage members from different locals to attend. We meet to discuss our annual All Olds car show and pertinent club happenings. Food and drink are served while members engage in parts swapping and car talk. Don't miss out on your chance to converse with fellow NEOC members and see their cars up close. I look forward to seeing you and your Olds at a meeting soon. By the way, we are meeting this coming March 3rd at Glen Morris's place in Wallingford, CT. The hot topic will be our club's quest to host the 2010 OCA Nationals! Look for driving directions elsewhere in this issue.

If there is anything I can do for you, or cover in this column, please let me know. I can be easily reached, check out my contact info below. **RR**

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- 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)

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Please send entry form and
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372 Batchelor St., Granby, MA 01033

For show information call:

Bruce Plourde 860-826-2030 Days or 860-621-4714 Evenings
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Or email:

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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 Meeting

The **March meeting** will be held on Saturday the 3rd of March at 1 PM and will be hosted by Glen Morris. The main topic of discussion will be voting on NEOC hosting a National Meet in 2010.

Glen Morris
77 West Dayton Hill Road
Wallingford, CT 06492

From I-91 North or South to Exit #13

- At the end of the ramp, take a left onto Route 5/Washington Ave..
- About ½ mile (just past Wharton Brook State Park) take a left onto Scrub Oak Road.
- Proceed to the Stop Sign (about ½ mile), take a left and then a quick right onto Pond Hill Road.
- Follow Pond Hill Road about 1 ½ miles, over the railroad tracks and past Pond Hill School to the Stop Sign.
- Bear right onto West Dayton Hill Road.
- Continue for ½ mile through the Stop Sign to #77 on the right side

Beige Colonial set back from the road **203-269-4365**

The **April meeting** will be held on Thursday the 5th of April at 7 PM and will be hosted by Bruce Plourde at the show site, Schaller Auto Body.

Bruce Plourde 860-826-2030
Schaller Auto Body
1-55 Veterans Drive
New Britain, CT

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. My phone number at the shop is **860-826-2030**

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.

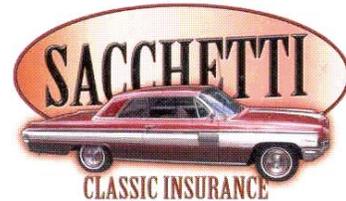
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