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President's Message By Bill LaPierre

How Cold is "Too Cold"?

I had to move my '66 over the weekend to make room for my racecar. I couldn't resist taking a short cruise since I had to warm it up anyway. It was only about 45 degrees and partly sunny. That's probably a bit cool for top down driving, but I couldn't control the urge to lower the top and crank the heat. Well, I can verify that 45 degrees is too cool for top down driving. I wouldn't dare to put the windows up, that ain't cool. Wearing only a sweatshirt, I got kinda cold even with the heat cranked and the fan blasting. I should have worn gloves! Oh well, I got some time behind the wheel with the top down and that's what's important. BTW, I stopped for gas and paid more than \$3.00/gallon for the first time in a long time. Where will it top out this year? The summer driving season hasn't yet begun and prices have shot skyward. I am seeing \$3.00/gallon for regular at some stations now. Perhaps \$4.00/gallon for Premium grades is in the cards? Let's pray for a hurricane-free summer with no supply disruptions from instability in oil producing regions or refineries going off line. Maybe I should convert my Olds to alcohol and pickup one of those home stills for making my own corn liquor motor fuel. Don't laugh, you can do this!

Motion Lotion is Getting Expensive Again

Mutant gas prices have been around for a couple of years now. Has it caused you to change your driving habits? Have you purchased a more fuel-efficient vehicle recently? Was it a domestic brand? It doesn't appear to me that there are any fewer cars on the road and there are certainly still lots of new SUV's and pickups cruising around. I read a letter to the editor of the Hartford Courant the other day that made me think about why I think the Big 3 is in trouble again. The letter was

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1911 Oldsmobile Limited 7 Passenger Touring Car
The "Limited" was an awesome vehicle, with a 138" wheelbase and a 6 cylinder engine having a displacement of 707 cubic inches. It had its "roots" in the 1908 and 1909 Model "Z" cars. Produced for three years - from 1910 to 1912 - only some 825 vehicles were manufactured. It was available in four body styles in 1911 and 1912 (three in 1910): Roadster (2-passenger), Touring (5 and 7 passenger), Limousine (7-passenger, and Tourabout (4-passenger).

(Photo and info courtesy of the REOlds Museum)



Dates to Remember

- May 4 - Drag Day - Friday 10 AM
Lebanon, Lebanon, NY
- May 6 - GMO Dust-Off - Sunday 8-3
Wellesley, MA
- May 6 - CSRA Swap meet
Lake Compounce, Bristol, CT
- May 10 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 PM
Steve Minore's Wallingford, CT
- May 19 - Hurst/Olds gathering - Saturday
Milford, CT
- June 7 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 PM
Basil Treco's, New Britain, CT

April Meeting Notes

We had another great turnout of twenty members at the April meeting at Schaller's. Much of the meeting focused on our show in September and our bid for the Nationals.

The details for the car show are coming together, Don had the dash plaques completed and at the meeting, the ad was approved and will be going into the Bargain News to help promote the show.

Bill Black is once again running with the ad book for the show and hopes to raise at least a couple hundred more than last year. See the form and info in this newsletter.

Discussion also continued on hosting the 2010 Nat's. There was quite a bit of discussion on the leading three sites and the relative advantages/disadvantages of each. Seems all have sufficient guest rooms, meeting rooms and banquet facilities. The differences are in the parking and swap meet space.

Hopefully for the next meeting, the different sites will have presented a package price to our show coordinators. It looks like we will need to present our proposal on Thursday during the Nationals. **RR**

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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: 1980 Cutlass Supreme Brougham

Turn-key Great Condition, 350-4bbl, th350, A/C, PW, PL, Keyless Entry, Leather interior. Contact for more info \$3,900 Brian McMahon, Bristol, CT 860-585-1441 or email mcmahonba@sbdglobal.net (see photo)

For Sale: 1970 442 Coupe

NOM 455, Turbo-400 trans, 12 bolt posi, Beautiful Matador Red urethane paint from bare metal. Black interior with buckets/console in very good condition, mint dash with original AM/FM. Performance enhancements include Edelbrock aluminum intake, Holley carb, 2 1/2" Flowmaster exhaust. This is a fast, great looking muscle car. Best reasonable offer! Please call for additional information Tom 203-294-1591

For Sale: Sears Compressor

3HP, 20 Gal. 8.5 scfm @ 40 psi, 7.0 scfm @ 90 psi \$25! This is what I used to paint my '68 with back in 1991. Works fine but might need a rebuild.

For Sale: 1954 Super 88 Hardtop

This is a one owner car, located in Northwest Connecticut, car is in pieces. Need the room will sell very reasonable. Please call for additional information.

Orson Benedict 860-309-9111

President's Msg. (cont'd)

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written by a guy who was upset that the Big three aren't selling quality fuel efficient vehicles and that they should not be fighting the proposed increases in the CAFÉ requirements for fleet gas mileage. Well, my uniformed friend, the big 3 were selling large fuel-inefficient vehicles because that's what America was buying. Coincidentally, larger vehicles are more profitable to build. Ford sold the Escort at a loss for years to offset the sale of V8 Explorers and Crown Victorias. Of course the Big 3 will make larger vehicles in this type of market. Heck, Nissan and Toyota are making monstrously large pickups and you can't buy a small truck from any manufacturer any more.

A Bigger, Thirstier Hibachi

The Japanese manufacturers have increased the size of their cars across the board and had to bring in foreign market vehicles like the Versa, Fit and Yaris to fill the void at the bottom of the market. The Honda Accord has grown by over 1000 pounds since its introduction 25 years ago. The Koreans have been quite successful in recent years in that market segment. As they also move upmarket the Chinese have been massing to exploit the small car market. Ya, the Chinese will be exporting millions of cars to our shores sooner than you might think. Chrysler recently signed an agreement to sell Chinese cars (Cheri, I believe) much like they sold Japanese built

Mitsubishi's in the 70's.

The reason all this is happening is because it is more profitable to sell larger cars and the Japanese, Germans, Swedes and Koreans have infiltrated all of those market segments in recent years. Competition in the largest market for cars in the world is tough. Americans buy larger vehicles and the manufacturers are more than happy to sell them, it's that simple. So please excuse the domestic industry for selling those gas guzzling Escalades, Tahoes, Hemi 300's and Hummers you have been snatching up in record numbers in recent years. The decline in SUV sales is only one of many complicated reasons why the domestic auto industry is hurting. I am going to buy one of those stills and make fuel out of table scraps and be done with it.

See you on the road,

Bill LaPierre

860-763-3134 bill.lapierre@cox.net

Win this Olds!



Spring Drag Day 2007

While you may not have the world famous Hurst Hairy Oldsmobile in your garage, you can still join us at Lebanon Valley Dragway on May 4th when everyone tries to see just how fast those Oldsmobile's are. If you would like to go but missed the cutoff, call Carl at (860) 542-5753 to check the backup list. If you just want to watch the drags, admission is free for spectators! **RR**

Drawing December 3, 2007 at the Annual Meeting

- Tickets \$50.00 each
- Maximum of 1000 tickets to be sold
- You do not need to be present to win
- Delivery, taxes and insurance are responsibility of the winner
- Tickets can be purchased at the Museum or by Mail
- All proceeds go to the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum Building Fund

For complete details visit the museum website at;

<http://www.reoldsmuseum.org/pages/Raffle.htm>

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The Car Show is Just Around the Corner!

By Bill Black

It's hard to believe, but in just over four months we will be celebrating our Eleventh Anniversary All Olds Car Show on Sunday, September 9th. It should be a great day for our club and everyone who helps out should be proud of their efforts.

Because of its success, we are going to have the Show Booklet again this year. For those donating it will provide a source for advertising their business. What better way to introduce your business then to have it permanently displayed and in the hands of those who can relate to it. For the NEOC it will allow us to put on a quality show, and maintain our donation level to the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

We're going to keep the same pricing levels as last year. A donation of \$100 will be recognized with a full page display. \$50 will be a half page and \$25 will be a quarter page. The inside front cover, the back inside cover

and the back cover will be reserved for the first three donations of \$200 or more.

By the end of May I will send out letters to each of our donors from last year, asking if they will help us with this year's car show. I will include a copy of their display from last year, along with the donation forms for 2007. I will also mention to them that they may be contacted by the club member who solicited their donation last year. So please feel free to talk to them because I've found that personal contact is always the best approach.

The donation and receipt forms are available in this newsletter. If you have any questions about the show booklet, you can call me at (203) 457-1459 or email at dragonflyfarm@earthlink.net I will bring a number of last year's Show Booklets to the next meeting, or if you need them ahead of time, let me know and I will mail some to you. They can be used as an ice breaker when talking to a potential donor. **RR**

NEW ENGLAND OLDSMOBILE CLUB

PAYMENT RECEIPT

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Made By: _____

Date: _____

Payment made to the New England Oldsmobile Club in support of the 11th annual all Oldsmobile car show and the Shriner's Hospital for Children

THANK YOU !!!

NEW ENGLAND OLDSMOBILE CLUB

11th ANNUAL ALL OLDS SHOW

HELD AT SCHALLER AUTO WORLD

1-55 Veterans Drive, NEW BRITAIN, CT

To Benefit the Shriner's Hospital for Children

Sunday, September 9, 2007 9AM-3PM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

NAME _____

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CITY AND STATE _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

NEOC MEMBER SOLICITING INFORMATION _____

AMOUNT OF DONATION _____

Please return this completed form, art work and donation (made out to NEOC) to: Bill Black, 134 Great Hill Road, Guilford, CT. 06437. Questions? (203) 457-1459, or email, dragonfly-farm@earthlink.net

Information to appear in the show booklet

Donation: \$100 full page
\$50 half page
\$25 quarter page
\$200 inside front and back cover; back cover (call first for availability)



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Contact Information:

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Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Vehicle Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Club Affiliation _____

Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **May meeting** will be held on Thursday the 10th of May at 7 PM and will be hosted by Steve Minore. Please note that this is the **SECOND** Thursday in May. This is due to Drag Day being held on the 4th of May.

Steve Minore 203-237-2001
37 Longmeadow Drive, Meriden, CT 06450

From Hartford and points North

Head South on I-91 from Hartford. At exit 17 turn off onto ramp (CT-15/W. Cross Pkwy/E. Main St.) Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto E. Main St. for 0.2 mi, Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Paddock Ave. for 0.8 mi. on the left. Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto Overlook Rd. for 0.3 mi. Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Longmeadow Dr. and proceed to #37.

From New Haven and points South

Head North on I-91 from New Haven. At exit 16 turn off onto ramp (E. Main St.) Bear **LEFT** (West) onto E. Main St. for 0.4 mi, Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Paddock Ave. for 0.8 mi. on the left. Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto Overlook Rd. for 0.3 mi. Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Longmeadow Dr. and proceed to #37.

From Waterbury and points West

Head East on I-84 from Waterbury, At exit 27, take I691 East. At I-691 exit 10, turn off onto ramp (CT-15/W. Cross Pkwy/E. Main St.). Merge onto SR-15 [Wilbur Cross Pkwy] South. AT SR-15 exit 67W, turn off onto ramp. Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto E. Main St. for 0.2 mi, Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Paddock Ave. for 0.8 mi. on the left. Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto Overlook Rd. for 0.3 mi. Turn **LEFT** (South) onto Longmeadow Dr. and proceed to #37.

The **June meeting** will be held at Basil & RoseMarie Treco's place in New Britain on June 7 (the first Thursday) at 7 pm.

RoseMarie & Basil Treco (860) 229-5156
343 Eddy Glover Blvd., New Britain, CT 06053-2411

From Hartford and points North

Head West on I-84 to exit 39A onto Route 9 South. At exit 30 Route 71 [Hartford Rd.] for 1.6 mi, Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto Eddy Glover Blvd for 0.7 mi. to #343.

From Waterbury and points West

Take I-84 (North-East) After the merge with Route 72, stay on 72 and exit at Columbus Blvd. Follow Columbus for 0.2 mi and make a **LEFT** (North) onto Washington St. in 0.6 mi. continue (North) onto Farmington for 0.3 mi, bear **RIGHT** onto Eddy Glover Blvd for 0.5 mi to #343.

From New Haven and points South

Take I-91 (North) to exit 17 [Wilbur Cross Parkway] US5/SR15 for 7.5 mi to SR72 [SR9] (West) for 3 mi, to exit 26 Columbus Blvd, in 0.5 mi turn **RIGHT** (North) onto Washington St. in 0.6 mi. continue (North) onto Farmington for 0.3 mi, bear **RIGHT** onto Eddy Glover Blvd for 0.5 mi to #343.

Rocket Classifieds

Rocket Classifieds are located on page 2 this month. **RR**

Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions (ads, articles, notices, etc.) is the 15 of the prior month. In other words, if you wanted an article to run in August, it would need to be submitted by July 15th. **RR**



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