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## April Meeting Notes

April 5th turned out to be a nice day to take a ride to Meriden to visit the Minore homestead/Olds parts warehouse. 20 NEOC members did just that. After a little wheeling and dealing, we got down to business.

The May meeting will be held May 10th in Sturbridge, MA at the Host Hotel and conference center. The main topic at this meeting will be setup for the NEOC car show and undoubtedly there will be some Nationals discussion as well.

Folks looking to caravan to the GMO show on May 4th should meet at the Charlton rest area on 94 at 7:30 am. This show is always a good time so join us!

Other club days of interest are; Dyno Day, scheduled for April 27th, NEOC Cruise to Hemmings Cruise on July 24th, The OCA Nationals in Dearborn. Don't forget about the date change to July 30-August 2nd! Dan was going to check into an available Monday for Mark's Cruise.

We also chose an ad to be placed in the 2008 Nationals program. **RR**

## Dates to Remember

May 2 - Drag Day - Friday

Lebanon Valley Dragway, Lebanon, NY

May 4 - Eastern MA Spring Dust Off - Sunday 8-3

Haskin's Auto Sales, Wellesley, MA

May 10 - NEOC Mtg - Sturbridge Host Hotel 11 AM

Sturbridge, MA

June 5 - NEOC Mtg - Thursday at 7 pm

Larry Gagain in Somers, CT

September 28 - 12th Annual NEOC Olds Show

Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA

## Help Wanted

NEOC Members, we are looking for someone who can create and maintain a computerized lay-out for the parking and swap meet areas in Sturbridge for our 2010 National event. We have several hand drawn lay-outs, measurements and photos of the area at this time. I was hoping to find someone who has access to a computer program or equivalent and is proficient enough to handle a task such as this.

Don Jack has most of this information and is most familiar with the "lay of the land" in Sturbridge. We have identified 6 different parking areas as well as the swap meet area that Everett Horton is handling.

Ultimately, we will need to depict this lay-out in a large scale picture that shows the class areas, individual assigned and numbered show car parking spots, swap meet spaces and a traffic pattern. We could also use any preliminary lay-out to help us with our annual show in Sturbridge this year.

So, if anyone out there has the ability to help in this area, please let me know and I can help get you started. 2010 will be here before you know it..... **RR**  
Thanks,

Glen Morris

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# 2010 OCA Nationals Update

The 2010 Nationals team is still working our 2010 event although you may not see it. Here are the latest updates that we have:

Don Jack has been actively working the show field lay-out. He also has helped us to determine that we will need to limit show car registration to 450. A point of interest is that Don did a study of all the National events for the past nine years and determined that the *average* event had 453 show cars. We will need someone to help Don with a scale computerized lay-out in order to determine a safe traffic pattern as well as helping to show class placement. We can also use this information to help with our next annual show in Sturbridge.

Everett Horton will also need this above information to support his background work for the swap meet. Everett has been in touch with community officials and others to work through the logistics and legalities of holding a swap meet in the Sturbridge area. Earl Bancroft is Everett's right hand man and has offered several concrete suggestions to support this. Since Earl lives 15 minutes away from Sturbridge, this will be a great help to Everett.

Ted Loranz has a sample Access data base from OCA to work with for our event which will be primarily used for registration. We had several different data bases offered to us but Ted is more comfortable with Access and will probably use that. He will need several pieces of information to feed this database including the events calendar from Ed Palmieri, the logo from John Lenihan, and pricing which will be determined later.

Ed Palmieri has worked on several event activity schedules and is narrowing them down to something that we can begin to advertise. These include but are not limited to, a trip to Boston, one or two trips to a casino, a trip to Mystic Seaport, Women's luncheon and trip to Mystic Village and the aquarium, and others still being looked at. Steve Minore has joined Ed to help with these activities and especially to help coordinate any drag racing event activity at Lebanon Valley. We also need to determine bus transportation to support any ac-

tivity and are open to suggestions. We hope to have a tentative event schedule to present at the 2008 Nationals in Detroit this year.

John Lenihan has been using his creative talents to develop several logos to represent us in 2010. We have narrowed the selection down to three but have not yet determined the final choice. Because of the great choices, we may use one main logo for advertising and show apparel and a smaller logo for lapel pins and a pocket patch for shirt fronts. Stay tuned.

Bill Black and I (remember us?), will be working on a presentation for the 2008 Nationals for the OCA Board. We are entertaining a 70's theme for 2010 to go along with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OCA and are open to suggestions. Bill has also offered to make another trip to Sturbridge to talk with the Chamber of Commerce to establish contacts. We will both be at the GMO show to answer any questions and hopefully recruit some GMO members to help us in 2010. We also plan to start talks and make arrangements with Sturbridge area overflow hotels. *We are still looking for a chair person to support the awards banquet* and we need as many volunteers as possible to help the judging, registration, show field parking, and sight seeing committees.

If you would like to volunteer for a new committee, add to your old volunteer duties, or add ANY suggestions, please contact Bill and I and we promise to follow up.

Glen Morris  
Bill Black

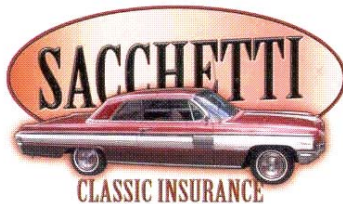
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# Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **May meeting** will be on **Saturday May 10th**.

This meeting will be held at this year's new show location at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, Ma.

We will have our May NEOC meeting at On May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. This is intended to allow us to check out the provisions of the hotel as well as make tentative parking plans. As you all know, this will also be the site for our 2010 OCA National event. Having our next annual NEOC show at this location will go a long way to help us get familiar with the area as well as establishing a relationship with the hotel and area businesses.

Our regular club meeting will start at 11:00 inside the hotel atrium area. This is adjacent to the lounge and grill so that we may order a lunch if desired after the meeting. So, come early if you would like to check the area, bring your Olds for another cruise type event, and even bring the family to visit the historic surroundings while we meet.

**Directions:** We are located on Route 20 West. 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 **June meeting** will be on **Thursday June 5th** at 7 PM.

This meeting will be hosted by Larry Gagain in Somers, CT.

**Larry Gagain 860-763-1394**

**465 Springfield Rd, Somers, CT 06071**

**Directions From I-91 North or South :**

Take Exit 47E and follow Hazard Ave. (SR-190) East for almost 7 miles. You will come to a traffic light just beyond the new Fire House (on your right), Sokol Rd.

At that light take a left onto Sokol Rd. and follow it for about 1 mile to stop sign.

Go straight through onto Avery Rd. and proceed to the end (about ¼ mile) at the stop sign.

Take a left onto RT83 (also know as Springfield Rd.)

My house is # 465 about 1 ¼ miles up on your left. (Grey Cape with Blue Shutters). There is a large yellow sign with a picture of a stop sign and an arrow pointing straight ahead...my driveway is directly across the street from that sign. If you get to the traffic light you went too far.

## 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:**

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Snail mail: Jim Schmitz 860-379-5221  
24 Pioneer Dr.  
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**For Sale: 1966 F-85 Parts**

1966 Olds F-85 Club Coupe front bench seat ( no armrest ) and rear seat. Needs reupholstering. \$175.

If interested contact Gene Horn at (860) 742-6806  
Gene Horn, 64 Gilead Rd., Andover, Ct 06232

**For Sale: 68-70 W-31 Parts**

Brand new Gardner Exhaust system for a 68-70 Cutlass W-31. Complete with stock mufflers, all correct hangers and clamps, \$700 Contact Steve Minore  
[casamperformance@sbcglobal.net](mailto:casamperformance@sbcglobal.net)

**Wanted: 1970 442 Parts**

Neutral safety / backup light switch with bracket for a 1970 442 with a Hurst Dual Gate.

If you can help, contact Doug Estabrook at;  
[dne442@comcast.net](mailto:dne442@comcast.net)

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