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2006 Holiday Party December 2nd

Mark your calendars, it's that time of year again...

Time to gather with the other Olds fanatics and reminisce about the past collector car season at our annual holiday gathering. This year we have moved to location of the festivities to:

Elaine's Restaurant

1842 Berlin Turnpike
Wethersfield, CT 06109
860-257-4191

Cocktails at 6 PM - Dinner at 7 PM

Cost: \$26 per Adult and \$8 per Child

*Make checks payable to New England Olds Club and send them to:
Dave Richter, 372 Batchelor St., Granby, MA 01033*

Please remember we will be having our raffle as well, so please bring a gift!

Yes, only 64 days (as of this writing) and counting to Christmas. As in years past, we are having a Christmas Cruise on the first Saturday in December. This year we have changed locations so pay attention! We will be congregating at Elaine's Restaurant in Wethersfield, CT. The restaurant has received the thumbs up by our vast party committee and promises to be a good time for all.

Once again we will be having our raffle so be sure to include some nice gifts while you are out shopping this year. Remember that there are folks of all ages present and you needn't bring auto related gifts (although if you are going to pick up a spare set of Repro Polyglas' to bring, I sincerely doubt it would be frowned upon)! Seriously, the items do not need to be expensive.

The menu this year includes; Cheese and Crudités for starters, then a nice selection of Breads, Mixed Green Salad, Penne

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Dates to remember

- Nov 2 - Thursday 7PM - NEOC Mtg
Steve Minore's in Meriden, CT
- Nov 22 - Thursday All Day
Thanksgiving
- December 2 - Saturday 6PM
NEOC Annual Christmas Party
Wethersfield, CT
- December 25 - Monday
Christmas
- December 31 - Sunday
New Year's Eve... Party Hearty!
- January 1 - Monday
New Year's Day (don't forget the aspirin)
- January - Annual Car Show Meeting Stay tuned for day
and time

October Meeting Minutes

First of all thanks to the Roy's for their hospitality during our October meeting. El Presidente Minore got things rolling with some discussion on the car show. The final tally was 113 cars, a great turnout! Both the food vendor and photographer have indicated a desire to return for our next show.

Bill Black put his number crunching skills to work and determined what all of our costs and income totals were for the show. After some discussion we came to agreement on our donation to the Shriners. The photographer included a \$50 donation for the Shriners. The total check for the Shriners amounted to **\$1,550!!** Congratulations to everyone who helped make this show a success, both for the participants as well as for the children at the Shriners hospitals!

Basil gave an update on the status of the club clothing. Including the rather good sales at the show. If you're looking for clothing contact Basil or Rosemary (and you thought that club roster was only good for sticking under the leg of an uneven table).

It was decided that the club would update the software used for publishing the newsletter. This is to aid the editor in putting out a quality piece of journalism (wonder when this will actually start?) by eliminating software conflicts between current operating systems and the older software.

Some discussion was held on the election or rather lack of election of officers this year. Most officers are comfortable in their positions, although Steve did indicate he would be willing to step down as president if someone else wants to step up. If you're interested, give one of the officers a holler, their contact information is on the address page of this newsletter (so you can stuff your roster back under the table now).

Details of the Christmas party were discussed and are attached. **RR**



There's always action in the pit area between runs.

2006 Holiday Party

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Pasta Marinara, Roasted Red Potatoes, available entrées consist of Chicken Marsala, Baked Stuffed Sole Newburgh and Sirloin Tips Burgundy.

Cocktails start at 6PM (cash bar) with dinner starting about 7PM. The raffle will be held after dinner by your officers, Moe, Larry and Curly.

The costs have been held in line at only \$26 per person, children eat for only \$8 (no Dave you can't eat off the kid's menu, acting like a kid does not count).

So grab the family and get your check off to Dave Richter now! I heard Dave will also accept cash and money orders. If you need to use a credit card you will need to send Dave your card, debit cards require the card and pin number. When he's finished he'll return your card (he promised). **RR**

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Fall '06 Drag Day

Once again the speed demons headed up to that mecca of speed called Lebanon Valley Dragway for a day of "tuning" to see just what they can get out of their rides. The original day unfortunately saw some poor weather so the day was moved to the rain date of October 13, Friday October 13th to be exact. Dismissing the cloud of doubt brought on by a Friday the 13th date at a racetrack, members still made the journey to test their skill (or should I say luck?).

Because of the rain date there was a scheduling snafu that had another group at the track on the same day. This unfortunately led to lines and delays of the sort that we are just not used to. Because I had missed the initial sign up date I decided to go as a spectator. It was a nice day to jump in the W-30 for a nice ride through the countryside in three states.

Every so often it's fun to take a cruise and drive these cars like they were driven in their heyday, in traf-

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Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club 4th Annual Show

By Glenn Johnson

I hadn't driven my Oldsmobiles much this year and the season was quickly coming to an end. When I noticed the DVOC was having their fall show the same weekend as a college friend's annual pig roast/keg party I figured a road trip was in order. I decided to take the 69 Cutlass wagon for its roominess and the ability to sleep in the back if the house was full Saturday night. My son and I headed down to Pennsylvania early Saturday morning. The car ran well except that the original spring ring negative battery cable was losing its clamping force and making the car hard to start. A pair of vice grips on the terminal took care of that until I saw a NAPA and changed the cable.

On Sunday morning, my son went to his cousins and I headed to the DVOC show in Downingtown, PA. What a beautiful day, 80's and not a cloud in the sky. The show is held in Kerr Park, a nice location on pavement and surrounded by grass and trees. There are bathrooms there and a great playground nearby to keep kids busy. After being greeted by President Tom Aukzemas and VP Jeff Antonucci, one of the first people I ran into was one time NEOC member Rich Keller. Rick was there with his completed 69 Cutlass. I had only seen the car once at Riley-Scranton before he started working on it. He has restored the whole car, inside and out, and it looks great. It's now 455 powered and sounds real nasty. Rich lives in Southeast PA and the DVOC is his local chapter. He asked me to say hi to NEOC members.

Attendance was close to 70 cars. Although there were many beautifully restored cars present, I think my favorite was a low mileage unrestored 69 Vista Cruiser. No rust, original paint and the black interior was almost perfect. The owner had just purchased it the day before in the car corral at Hershey, what a find. It was a good time; I met a lot of nice people, including some I had corresponded with via email or on ROP

(a.k.a. www.RealOldsPower.com). Before the trophy presentation they did a 50/50 drawing and gave out some great door prizes. I won the "Long Distance" award having traveled about 300 miles to Kerr Park. The show concluded around 3:00 and most people sped out of there to get home to watch the Eagles take on the Cowboys which featured Terrell Owens return to Philadelphia.

My son and I headed back to Massachusetts Monday morning. The Olds ran flawlessly and interestingly seemed to get significantly better mileage on the way home than the trip down. Now I feel like I can put the cars away for the winter and not feel guilty that I didn't drive them.

The DVOC always has their fall show on Sunday the same weekend as Fall Hershey. So if you're heading home from Hershey, take a little side trip and check out the DVOC Oldsmobile show, you'll be glad you did. **RR**

Fall '06 Drag Day

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fic, on 2 lane country roads, ...

I arrived around 11 and was surprised to learn that they had just finished prepping the track and started racing. I saw



Steve Bissel in his '70 W-30 launches hard to get the jump on a Firebird

many of the old faithful there along with a few new faces. OK, maybe I can't remember the faces, but there were cars there that I had not seen owned by people I didn't know.

I decided to head up to the stands to watch all the action. Armed with a camera (or 3) I picked a nice perch high up in the stands from which to take some video and snap a few stills. I was fortunate to catch a large group of folks that had signed up with our group on video. Then we had a Camaro break an axle and roll over his now detached left rear slick, right after I had turned OFF the video camera of course! As they lifted the Camaro and its associated pieces from the track

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Membership Renewal

Fall '06 Drag Day



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NEOC MEMBERSHIP,

Well, another great Olds year has almost passed us by. So what does that mean? Time to hibernate the Olds? Time to buy Christmas presents? Time to file your tax return? Heck No! It's time to renew your NEOC membership.

Please renew as early as possible and also make sure that your dues with OCA are up to date.

You can fill out the renewal application in this newsletter or go to our website, 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.

THANKS for your early renewal.

Glen Morris
NEOC Membership Coordinator

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I took a walk through the pits and staging lanes. There were a



The wait in the staging lanes was longer than we're used to.

lot of nice cars there running some very quick times. I think the faster cars were much more prone to breaking and leaking which precipitated disappointment in the pits as those in our group simply were not used to so few runs at the track.

The track itself has seen some improvements, one is the timing system that is sooo much easier to read than before. A power surge unfortunately knocked them out for a little while further adding the long staging lines.

The day was a bit chilly and there was a wind, and several members were making good runs, I didn't hear anyone shatter any previous times.



Here we have a couple Oldsmobiles showing the Blue Oval and Bowtie boys a ting or two!



As I was packing up my camera and heading home I heard the announcement over the tracks loudspeaker that someone had kissed the wall. I just hoped it wasn't one of our Oldsmobile's as I slid behind the wheel of my Olds, safe and sound in the pits and headed for home.

Attached are a few photos snapped during the action. **RR**



NEW ENGLAND OLDSMOBILE CLUB

Membership Application and Renewal Form

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Renewal

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E Mail address: _____

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 Non compliance with this requirement can result in forfeiture of N.E.O.C. dues.

OCA member # _____ and expiration: _____

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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 or check our website at 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.

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Directions To The Next Meeting

The **November meeting** will be hosted by Steve Minore on **Thursday November 2** at the Presidential Palace in Meriden, CT.

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.

There will be no formal **December meeting**, any club business will be handled at the
Holiday Party on **Saturday December 2nd**.

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Note: ads only run for 1 month, please renew monthly.

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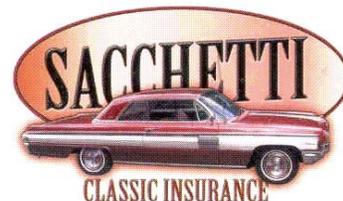
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