



# ***Rocket Rumbblings***



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## **It's Show Time!**



## **10<sup>th</sup> Annual NEOC Car Show**

**Sunday September 10, 2006 9am-3pm**  
(Rain Date: Sunday September 17)

It's that time you have all been waiting for! No, not Christmas! It's the New England Oldsmobile Club's 10th annual all Olds show. Come on out and show YOUR Oldsmobile! Classes for all years and models. This year looks to be larger than ever! A copy of the Flier is inside, fill it out and mail it in to guarantee your spot.

### **Dates to remember**

Sept 7 - Thursday  
NEOC Mtg - Schaller Auto World  
Show preparatory meeting  
Sept 10 - NEOC 10th Annual All Olds Show  
New Britain, CT  
Sept 27 - Oct 1 - Fall Carlisle  
Carlisle, PA  
Sept 29 - Friday - Fall Drag Day  
Lebanon Valley Dragway

Oct 5 - Thursday - NEOC Mtg  
Charlie Roy's in East Hartford, CT  
Oct 15 - Stafford Springs Swap Meet  
Stafford Springs, CT  
Nov 2 - Thursday - NEOC Meeting  
Location to be announced  
Nov 5 & 6 - Swap meet at Thompson Speedway  
Thompson, CT  
Dec - NEOC Annual Christmas Party

# August Meeting Minutes

By Bill LaPierre Club Secretary

Fifteen Olds enthusiasts met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at my place in Somers, CT for the August meeting. Unpredictable mid summer weather probably played a role in the low turnout of vintage Olds iron. It did, in fact, rain a tad while we were safe and cool inside my air-conditioned garage. Too bad, I look forward to seeing your cars at the meetings.

I tried something different for food this time around. I stopped off at Tacorral in Manchester, CT on the way home from work and picked up a 24 pack of fresh tacos with all the fixins. The guys quickly scarfed them up, leaving no meat behind. Remember when Steve Bissell, Sr. went way out on a limb and served pepperoni sticks and cheese at a meeting? Food and drink have been a part of meetings ever since. Thanks to Bill Nye for stopping by early and lending hand getting things setup.

President Minore called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM. The opening topic was, of course, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual all Olds show on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Wow, that kinda sneaks up on ya, doesn't it? The first topic addressed was the lack of a solid commitment for a food vendor as reported by Bruce Plourde. Perhaps we could just cut up a bunch of pepperoni sticks and cheese? Many options were discussed, but no specific course of action was decided upon. Perhaps a caterer is the best option?

Show promotion and goodie bags were next on the docket. Mr. Minore called for an inventory of bags. If the necessary number is not on hand, Fusick's has pledged that more would be provided. An ad in The Bargain News was then discussed and approved. An ad has already appeared in Journey with Olds. With the prospect of cooler weather, no competition from the huge Manchester cruise and improved promotion, it looks like we have a good chance to draw a lot more cars than we have in the recent past. It would be great to draw over 150 cars again! Bill Black discussed the progress of the show booklet. Basil Treco offered to print the booklets. Don Jack suggested that this year's best of show winner be featured on next year's plaque.

Basil passed around the latest version of the official NEOC baseball cap. I couldn't resist showing off the first and second versions from yesteryear that just happened to be hanging on the wall nearby. Dave Richter voiced some concern over the new gray shirts as he pointed out the original, silk-screened collectible hanging on the wall behind him. I retired that shirt several years ago, it served as a prime club promotion tool for many years.

Dan Alesandrini discussed the possibility of the club purchasing an air/fuel meter so the rank and file would have access to this important tuning tool. Richter pointed out that a bung would have to be welded onto a header pipe to sample the exhaust gasses. El Presidente was concerned that the tool would be damaged or lost. Gus Kutschker mentioned a Gtech performance-measuring tool as another possibility. Glenn Johnson thought it would be great for taking to the track to verify time slips. The conversation moved on to sponsoring a Dyno day similar to the GMO event of recent years. No specific determination was made on any of these topics.

Charlie Roy volunteered to host the October meeting at his home in East Hartford, CT. Thanks Charlie. The Fall/late summer picnic was discussed. Earl Bancroft has hosted this event for the past couple of years and the rank and file apparently like it there as they recommended volunteering Earl for this year's event. Too late for a late summer swimming pool event, but it's not too late for an October bash. Whaddaya say Earl? **RR**

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to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children

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1954 Olds F88  
Concept Car

**Sunday September 10, 2006 9am-3pm**

(Rain Date: Sunday September 17)

Presented by:

**The New England Olds Club & Schaller Auto World**

Held at:

**Schaller Auto World - Body Shop  
1-55 Veterans Drive, New Britain, CT**

- ★ dash plaques to the first 125 cars (incl. all pre-registered)
- ★ Trophies in 17 classes (juniors and Seniors)
- ★ 50/50 raffle
- ★ goodie bags
- ★ D.J. music
- ★ food & beverages
- ★ raffle prizes
- ★ club apparel



## CLASSES:

- CLASS #1 - Stock, 1897 – 1963 all models ex F-85
- CLASS #2 - Stock, 1964 – 1972 all models ex Toro, Cutlass, 442
- 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)

## REGISTRATION: \$15.00

Please send entry form and  
Make checks payable to:

The New England Oldsmobile Club  
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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## 2006 REGISTRATION FORM

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Year of Car: \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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# Vä-lən-'tir (s) Needed

Main Entry: <sup>1</sup>vol-un-teer

Pronunciation: "vä-lən-'tir

Function: *noun*

Etymology: obsolete French *voluntaries'* (now *volontaire*), from *voluntaire*, adjective, voluntary, from Old French, from Latin *voluntarius*

**1** : a person who [voluntarily](#) undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service: as **a** : one who enters into military service [voluntarily](#) **b** (1) : one who renders a service or takes part in a transaction while having no legal concern or interest (2) : one who receives a conveyance or transfer of property without giving valuable consideration

**2** : a volunteer plant

**3** *capitalized* [*Volunteers of America*] : a member of a quasi-military religious and philanthropic organization founded in 1896 by Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth

**A**s we get all the road grime, burnt rubber and dead bugs cleaned off of our cars we realize that there isn't much time until the largest all Olds show will be here. We start to feel a little pressure and begin to look to our families and spouses to help that last coat of wax on our beloved Oldsmobiles.

Now imagine if you will, the pressure the organizers of the car show are under. Although they have been planning for months, there is still an awful lot to get accomplished before the 10th of September is here.

Volunteers are what runs the club and the show. At times it seems there is significantly more work to go around than volunteers to do it. This is especially true of the car show! There is a dedicated group that "volunteers" a lot of their own time to set the show up, but can always use your help!

One area that can always use more volunteers is judging. We have tried to make it simpler as well as easier for

both the novice as well as experienced judges. New judges are always paired with more experienced. When you judge, it doesn't take any "automotive know-how" to tell nice shiny chrome or to see if a car's glass is free of scratches or to look and see if carpeting is worn or seats are torn. Almost anyone can help judge.

With somewhere between 100 and 150 cars expected to show up, there is a lot of judging to be done. If we can put together a dozen and a half judging teams, the judging can be done in about an hour. That's it!

Now, if you feel that you may not want to judge, there are plenty of other areas where we could use your help. We will be having a meeting at Schaller's the Thursday prior to the show and will be preparing for the show. Stop by and lend a hand opr "volunteer" to help out Sunday during the show!

So come on out and see Steve Minore or one of the other car show crew and we'll put you where needed! **RR**

~~Fall Drag Day 2006~~  
Sold Out!

Yep, you heard it right. Seems a lot of you have decided to see how much those improvements to your car have made in straight line performance.

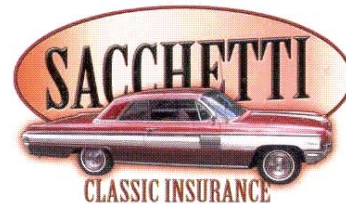
Not to worry, Carl maintains a list of those still wishing to go as a backup. If someone can't make it, you still get a chance!

For those of you that got your cash in early, looking to see how fast you go on September 29th! **RR**

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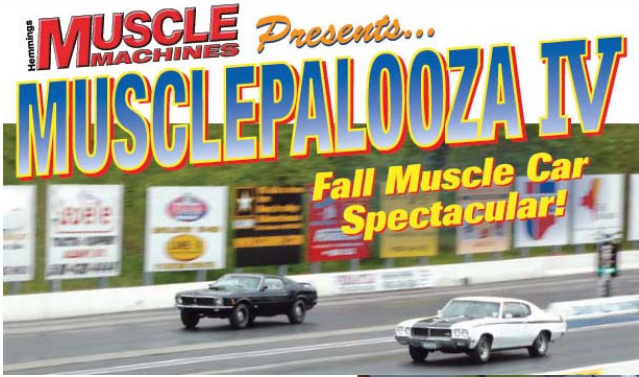


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# Musclepalooza IV



Sunday September 3rd is the next Musclepalooza put on by Hemmings Muscle Machines. This event, held at Lebanon Valley Dragway in Lebanon, New York is one of the last big muscle car events of the season. Here are a few photos from the event they held this spring.

There is a car show and for those with a heavy right foot, the drag strip will be open for some side by side racing. Why not check it out? **RR**



# Space Available

Yes sir, the feature article bin is getting mighty thin. Why not take a few minutes and send me some photos of your car and a little story behind how you acquired it, when it has been through, etc.

It is a lot of fun and we all like to hear about each others interesting stories!

Don't worry about spelling or punctuation, I can take care of that. Just send in something legible. If you wish to send photos in the mail I can scan and return

them to you. If you send them electronically, please send them at the highest resolution you can. I can make them fit the size required. **RR**

# Musclepalooza III Congratulations!

This past spring at Musclepalooza, Glen Morris took home the award for Best Oldsmobile and Rob Brainard took home the award for Best Paint!

Congratulations guys! Nice to see the hard work us Oldsmobile fans have put in get appreciated! **RR**



Glen Morris' 1968 Cutlass W-31

Rob Brainard's 1964 Cutlass 442  
Look for a feature on Rob's car in the new issue of Hemmings Muscle Machines!



# Directions To The Next Meeting

The **September meeting** is scheduled for Schaller Auto World on **Thursday Sept. 7th** and will be hosted by Bruce Plourde at our show site.

Schaller Auto World - Body Shop  
1-55 Veterans Drive, New Britain, CT  
860-826-2030

## Here are the directions to Schaller Auto Body:

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.

Bruce's phone number at the shop is 860-826-2030

The **October meeting** will be on **Thursday October 5th** hosted by Jean Roy in East Hartford.

Jean (Charlie) Roy — 860-568-4280  
139 O'Connell Dr.  
East Hartford, CT

## From the North, East and West;

From I-84, take Rout 2 south out of Hartford towards Norwich/new London. At SR-2 Exit 5C, turn off onto Ramp. Turn LEFT (East) onto Maple St. for 1.0 mile. Turn RIGHT (South) onto Forbes St. for 0.2 mi. Turn LEFT (East) onto O'Connell Dr. and go 0.4 mi. to #147.

## From the South;

From I-91 (North) get off at Exit 25-26, turn off onto Ramp 0.4 mi CT-3 / Glastonbury / Old Wethersfield. Merge onto SR-3 [Maple St] (North) 1.4 mi. Turn off onto Ramp 0.3 mi Main St / Glastonbury. Turn LEFT (East) onto Glastonbury Blvd 0.3 mi. Continue (East) on Griswold St 0.6 mi. Turn LEFT (North) onto Prospect St 0.4 mi. Continue (North) on Forbes St 0.2 mi. Turn RIGHT (East) onto O'Connell Dr. Go 0.4 mi to #147

# Rocket Classifieds

Club members are entitled to ONE free 25 word ad per issue. There is no charge for name, addresses and phone numbers. Additional words ar 10 cents each. Insert a photograph for only \$5.00 Please submit ads by the 15th of the month. Written submissions are preferred.

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

Please make checks payable to NEOC.

## For Sale:

Lots of 1968 Cutlass/442 chrome trim and parts. NOS emblems and more. Time to clean house here. E-mail for needs and prices. Very reasonable. Call Glen @ 203-269-4365 or [gmorris01@aol.com](mailto:gmorris01@aol.com).

## For Sale:

1966 Olds F-85 Club Coupe front bench seat and rear seat, needs reupholstering, B/O.  
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