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Heminger Scores Big at Osceola!

By Chris Heminger

My drag racing season was reasonably successful other than the travel expenses.

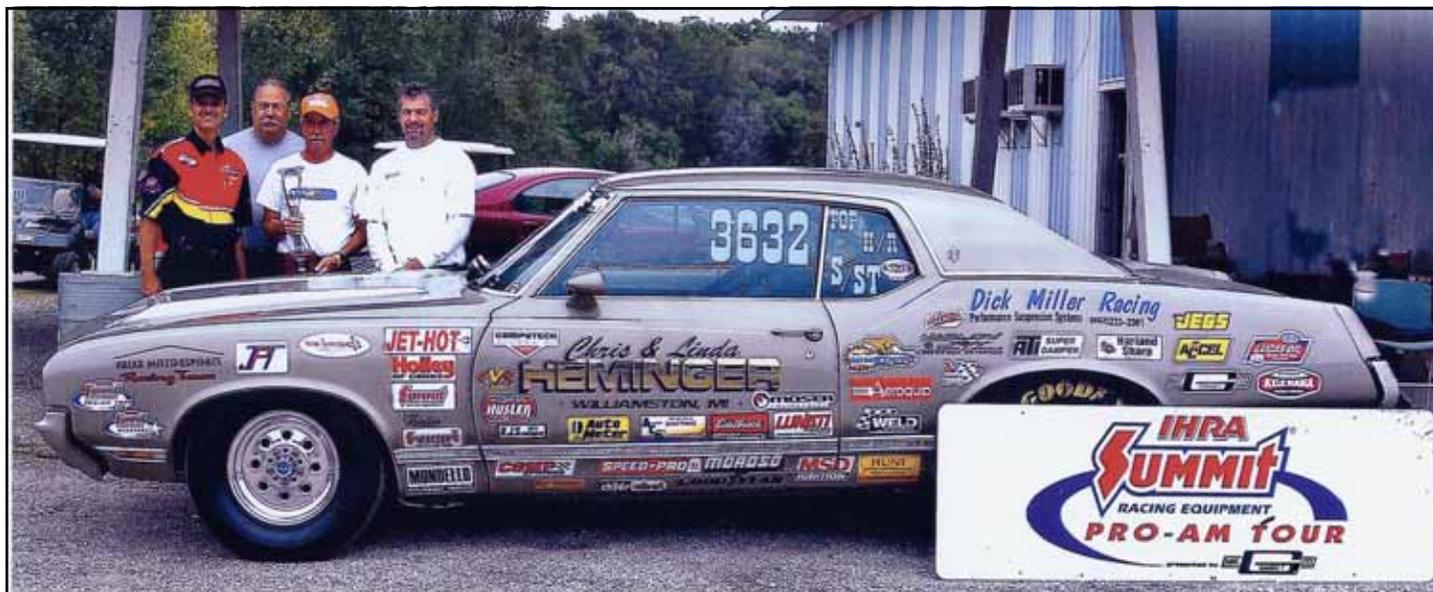
To make any money drag racing, a person must win or finish as runner-up. I hadn't done too bad points wise, but had only some "round money" to help with expenses. This round money fell way short of

covering expenses, however. Going into the divisional race at Osceola, I was in 9th place in the Division. I needed one round-win to make 5th place. I accomplished that during the Saturday race, losing in the 3rd round.

Sunday's race started out with my qualifying run. I went 10.933 on a 10.90 standard. Weather conditions were: temperature

48.5, humidity 78%, barometric pressure 29.46, and density altitude 77ft. I needed to change the timer by minus .05 seconds to speed the car up. First round of eliminations, I went 10.905 winning the round. In the second round, weather was: temperature 63.7, humidity 45%, barometric pressure 29.43, and density altitude 1107 ft. I needed to lessen

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Board members are elected for a one year period of time at the Annual Banquet Meeting. Officers assume their office beginning January 1st of the subsequent year in which they are elected.

General Club meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at various locations, but usually at the R.E. Olds Museum in Lansing. Contact Vicki May at the number shown above for more information.

Oldsmobile Homecoming Car Show committee meetings are held periodically through out the year. Please contact Don Cooper at: OLDSHOMECOMING@aol.com for more information.

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Oldsmobile Homecoming Car Show & Swap Meet

*Plan now to attend the 17th Annual
Oldsmobile Homecoming*



Notes from the Editor

Note that our

"Members Only" page on our Chapter web site will have the password changed beginning in January. If you use this site and have not yet received the new password, please contact me at webmaster@reolds.org, and I will send you the new password.

Some of the items you can view on this page are the Chapter newsletters which includes color photos, a Chapter membership listing, a complete copy of our by-laws, and our annual Chapter budget and Homecoming budget.

Don Cooper is attempting to restore some of our membership records. A few years ago, we started

to record the month and year in which each member joined our Chapter. Newer members are in our database; however, many of our long-time members' initial records have been lost. Specifically, **those members who joined prior to January 2005 - we need your join date.** If you can provide Don with that date, it would help in the restoration of our membership records. One way in which you might determine when you joined is to look at the first issue of our Chapter newsletter (if you still have it..) Contact Don at his email or phone number listed in the left-hand column on this page.

Until next issue,

Wayne

R.E. Olds Chapter Membership Application

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How to Join the Oldsmobile Club of America

Visit the Oldsmobile Club of America's web site: www.oldsclub.org for an application form, dues schedule and other club information and benefits.

RE Olds Chapter Dues

Dues are \$10 for 1 year or \$25 for three years, renewable each June for all members and payable to R.E. Olds Chapter. Mail to: RE Olds Chapter OCA, %Joe Pohl, P.O. Box 80101, Lansing, MI 48908-0101. A renewal form is not necessary. Your address label contains the year in which you need to renew your membership. For example, if the "RN" code after your name is "RN09", then your dues are renewable and due in June 2009. No additional renewal reminder will be sent to you.

Happy Birthday



January Birthdays - Michelle Ryder - 4th, Chris Heminger 5th, Ron Reichle 7th, Abel Gonzalez & Katherine Johnson 9th, Don Smith 26th, Jerry Garfield, Wayne May & Pennie Vance 28th, Roger Andrzejewski 29th, Alan Wilcox - 30th.

February Birthdays - Jill Gilbert 2nd, Veronica Bridson & Jan Hummer 5th, James Spalding 10th, Janet Shand 11th, Betty Mroccka 12th, Patricia Walker - 16th, Kurt Tillman & Eva Cooper 22nd, Willis Dennis 23rd.

If we don't list your birthday, send yours/spouses birthday information (month and day only) to wemas@comcast.net. In the subject line put R.E. OLDS. Or snail mail to:

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Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Club Meetings for 2009 are usually scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month at the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum at 7 PM. Scheduled meeting dates for this year are: **January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, September 1st,**

October 6th, November TBD (Annual Meeting), **December 1st.** At this time, board meeting are scheduled for January, April, August, October and December at 6pm immediately preceding the general meeting for that month. Board meetings may be added or deleted as the need dictates, so if you plan to attend a board meeting, please check with President Vicki prior to the scheduled meeting.



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time in the timer, because the weather conditions were worse and slowing the car. I took .01 sec out of the timer, and went 10.905 in the second round, and won the round.

In the third round, weather conditions were better, so I added .03 into the timer, thus slowing the car, but went 10.877. My competition went 10.854; because my competition broke out worse than I did (10.90), I got the win. In the final round, I reset the timer, adding .04 seconds more to slow the car. My competition gave me room at the finish line to blip the throttle and I won going 10.922. Needless to say, I was a pretty happy camper. With the win I put 2100.00 dollars in my pocket, and yes that does help pay some of the expenses.

Osceola, held the weekend of

HOT ROD

Chris Heminger's Olds Mobile Racing sponsored 77 2000 Buick Wildcat was the class of the Hot Rod and had a record 16 best lap times after winning a close match-up with Rudy Matthews.

CHAMPION CHRIS HEMINGER	RUNNER-UP RUDY MATTHEWS
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FINALS	Chris Heminger 10.90 010 ... 10.874 ... 124.38	Mark McKay 10.90 033 ... 10.909 ... 130.40
	Chris Heminger 10.90 030 ... 10.924 ... 123.25	Mark McKay 10.90 052 ... 10.854 ... 131.56
	Rudy Matthews 10.90 020 ... 10.966 ... 140.18	Craig Meyer 10.90 031 ... 10.924 ... 123.84
SEMS	Rudy Matthews 10.90 008 ... 10.900 ... 130.85	Larry Bates 10.90 051 ... 10.847 ... 128.27
	Larry Bates 10.90 069 ... 10.858 ... 125.70	BYE
QUARTERS	Rudy Matthews 10.90 048 ... 10.905 ... 121.26	Angelo Roberti 10.90 035 ... 10.846 ... 141.05
	Chris Heminger 10.90 048 ... 10.905 ... 121.26	Rod Cady 10.90 079 ... 10.873 ... 137.25

October 3rd and 4th, was the last race of the season. I finished in 4th place of Divisional racing, and placed 38th nationally out of 444 entrants in the Hot Rod Class. As for next year, time will tell. I need to re-evaluate my racing program. I'll need to freshen the OLDS engine, and transmission, and buy new rear tires. The engine and transmission are now out

of the car awaiting my decision, and the car is in winter storage.

Right now, I'm thinking I'll race at least one more year. It's rather hard for an "old kid" like me to give up a hobby that I've enjoyed for over forty years. So, I will most likely return in the spring of 2009, giving you racing updates!

MORE PIX FROM THE ANNUAL BANQUET OLDSMOBILE MODEL CAR SHOW



NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL BANQUET

The RE Olds Chapter's Annual Banquet was held on Saturday, November 8, 2008, with sixty-four people attending. Officers elected for the 2009 year were: Vicki May, President; Harry Emmons, Vice-President; Ed Shand, Secretary; Troy Collins, Treasurer; Eva Cooper, OCA Representative.

The Banquet was held in the dining room of the Great Lakes Christian Homes in Holt, with our meal being catered by Mary's Homestyle Catering. Marsha Nicholas, Vicki May and Jan Hummer made the delicious deserts.

Lori Emmons helped plan the meal, Eva Cooper ordered the tro-

phies, and Judy Badgley presided over the model car show. Ashley Jones planned the games, and did a masterful job of conducting the Oldsmobile/car trivia question session. Many attendees won numerous door prizes for their correct answers. Ken Nicholas presented Vicki with a gift for her able leadership as our Chapter President for the past two years.

Some out-of-state, new members who attended were Gregg & Carolyn Munro from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and John & Betty VanderTuin from Delaware, Ontario, Canada. John and Betty will be coordinating the 2009 Homecoming Swap Meet for the Chapter.

Attendees competed in seven categories in the Indoor Oldsmobile Model Car Show. The winners of the model car show were as follows: Best full-size Olds- Andy Gilbert with a red & white 55 Olds; Best Cutlass,442,Hurst/Olds- Eva Cooper with a blue 1972 442; Best Olds Convertible-Robert Shorman (display of cars); Best Display- Dave Sanders (included several Oldsmobiles and neon signs); Best hand-built Olds- Doug & Judy Badgley wood plaque of their 1931 Olds; Oldest Olds- Don Cooper with a Curved dash and life-size cutout of Ransom Eli Olds; Favorite/Best of Show- Ashley Jones with a large display of Hurst/Olds cars and memorabilia. Jill Gilbert won a prize for wearing the most Olds items, and Ashley Jones was given the Member of the Year Award for his work and contribution to the Chapter this past year.

Jan Hummer and Judy Badgley contributed to this article. Photos by Wayne Mason.

Left - Steve Zaban, at right, swears in the Chapter's new officers: L-R - Eva Cooper, Harry Emmons, Troy Collins, Vicki May, Ed Shand.



Right - Ashley Jones receives Member of the Year Award from President, Vicki May.



Left - Past President Ken Nicholas presents current President, Vicki May with a gift from the Chapter in appreciation for Vicki's leadership the past two years.



Joe & Barb Pohl's 1966 Toronado takes "Best In Class" at the 2008 Meadow Brook Concours d' Elegance

The Meadow Brook Concours d' Elegance, held on August 3, 2008, marked the show's 30th Annual Event. Participation in the event is by invitation only. Chapter member, Joe Pohl, received such an invitation to the prestigious event.

Joe's '66 Toro was grouped with six other GM Classic cars, which formed the "GM - Modern Art" category. In all, approximately 240 classic cars from 28 states participated in the 2008 event.

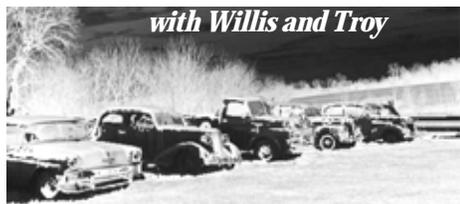
Joe received "Best in Class", and was awarded a beautiful, solid metal styled car trophy mounted on an onyx base. Congratulations, Joe!

For further information on the event, visit their web site at: www.mbconcours.org.



Joe poses with his "Best of Class" trophy.

Olds Parting



Gone Christmas Shopping! See you next issue.



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Secretary's Report



R.E. Olds Chapter General Session Meeting October 7, 2008

President, Vicki May called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM. There were 27 present at the meeting. There were two guests Jerry Mogg, Terry Fryer.

Presidents Report:

1. Vicki welcomed the members and guests and thanked all for attending. This meeting will be abbreviated as we will have a guided tour of the [RE Olds Transportation] Museum.
2. Jan Hummer updated the group on the annual banquet.
3. There will be an election of officers and there is a need of candidates to fill the positions of President and Treasurer. Please submit names to Troy Collins.
4. Chris Heminger presented his win for his racing this past weekend.
5. The normal reporting from the officers will be suspended tonight.

Board Meeting Items: The Board approved the 2009 Homecoming budget.

Vice Presidents Report:

Harry Emmons :

Treasurers Report:

The financial information presented at the Board meeting was carried over to the minutes of the General Session Meeting. Financial data was not presented to the membership. The balance on hand as of 8/31/2008 was \$20,548.42. Revenues for the month were \$20.00. Expenses for the month

were \$120.00. The balance on hand as of 9/30/2008 was \$20,448.42.

Motion to Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned and the Museum Tour was started.
Respectfully submitted: Ed. Shand,
Secretary.

There were no expenditures approved at this meeting.

R.E. Olds Chapter Annual Meeting & Banquet November 8, 2008

The evening started with a social time and model car set up.

- Vicki May conducted the President's toast
1. Vicki welcomed the group to the annual meeting.
 2. Tom Hummer offered the invocation.
- Dinner / Dessert / Games
1. Jan Hummer conducted the games

Business meeting

1. Treasurers Report: Dave Violetta reported the status of the financial stability of the club.
 - a. Balance on hand was \$20,448.42 on September 30, 2008
 - b. Revenue for the month was \$302.00
 - c. Expenses for the month were \$682.14
 - d. The month end balance as of October 31, 2008 was \$20,068.28
2. Secretaries Report: Ed Shand reported that minutes were taken at each Board meeting and General session meeting during the 2008 calendar year.
3. Vicki May provided some statistical information provided by Don Cooper on the club membership.

4. Wayne thanked all those that submitted an article for the newsletter throughout the year. We have need of additional articles for the newsletter coming up.
5. Vicki announced the member of the year award for 2008. The recipient of this award was Ashley Jones for his work with Homecoming and other things he does for the Chapter.

- Presentation of trophies
- Elections/ ballots: The following were nominated for officer positions.

1. President: Vicki May
2. Vice President: Harry Emmons
3. Treasurer: Troy Collins
4. Secretary: Ed Shand
5. OCA Representative: Eva Cooper.

The membership elected the officers unanimously with a raising of hands.

Steve Zaban Officially swore in the officers.

Classified Ads

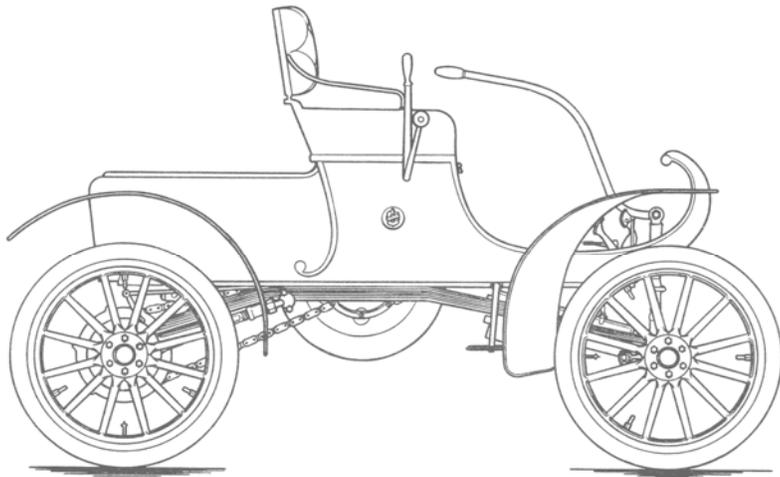
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