

# THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

## Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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### 1945 - The US flag is raised on Iwo Jima

Five days into the WWII Battle of Iwo Jima, U.S. soldiers raised their flag atop Mount Suribachi in Japan, which was followed by a second flag-raising on the same day. The latter was photographed by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal and went on to become an iconic picture of World War II and won the Pulitzer Prize. The month-long battle helped the Allied forces seize control of the strategically valuable island.

**(Editor's note: This iconic battle ended shortly after Feb. 23, 1945 and was one of the turning points of World War II in the South Pacific.)**

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# President's Message

PSOC Members,

Greetings,

**The March chapter meeting will be at the Mercer Island Library at 1pm on March 1<sup>st</sup>. (Directions are on page 5.)**

At the Early Bird Swap Meet in Puyallup, the president of the Buick Club asked if the Puget Sound Olds Club would like to participate in a joint event or picnic later this spring or early summer. Let us know if you have any interest in such an event.

As detailed in this newsletter last month, the BOP Show has been moved to the last Sunday in August instead of the first Sunday in September in 2020. This was done by the XXX Root Beer Drive In as a result of August having five Sundays. Our very first BOP show was in August. The shows at the Triple X are scheduled on consecutive Sundays. Please be sure to mark August 30<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the BOP Show.

If you forgot to renew chapter dues for 2020, a renewal form is on page 13 of the newsletter. Please make a copy and send your renewal to Kathi.

***Please try to join us at the chapter meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Mercer Island Library...***

***Ed Konsmo  
Editor***

## **DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE NEWSLETTER:**

Information to be considered for submittal into the newsletter needs to be received by the 25th of the month. Please send your information as an e-mail or attach it to your e-mail in word document form. If you have problems or questions, call Ed or Pam at 253-845-2288. Please e-mail your submittal to: [ekonsmo@msn.com](mailto:ekonsmo@msn.com).

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## “BETWEEN THE BUMPERS” ... By Ed



### Potentially Dangerous Mistakes You Make While Pumping Gas

**Like distracted driving, distracted fueling can be dangerous for your health—and your safety. Try these tips to protect yourself and your fellow drivers at the pump.**

You might want to think twice before seeking refuge from the cold, wind, or rain in your car while refueling. Getting in and out of your vehicle builds up electrical charges on your body, which you could then transfer to the dispenser’s nozzle when you grab it. That tiny spark can start a fire. To discharge any static, Virginia-based fire chief Gregory Wormser recommends touching something metal with your bare hand—such as the vehicle door—before reaching for the pump’s handle.

Most people fill up when they are en route to somewhere else, which means they are often in a hurry and distracted. But not paying attention at the pump can lead to serious (and hazardous!) mistakes, such as driving off with the nozzle still attached to your tank. Although breakaway nozzles will stop fuel from spilling out of the dispenser, it can still cost you a pretty penny to repair the equipment. Stay alert as you leave the gas station—trust us, your wallet will thank you.

Contrary to popular belief, using a cell phone near a gas pump cannot start a fire, per the [Petroleum Equipment Institute](#). But checking your email while your car refuels can still be risky, according to Jeff Lenard, spokesperson for the [National Association of Convenience and Fuel Retailing](#). “Retailers say that virtually all instances of someone driving off with the nozzle attached to the cars is because the driver was distracted by being on the phone,” Lenard says. For the sake of your safety, those emails can wait.

Just one or two last drops of gasoline can’t hurt, right? Not so fast. Those automatic shut-off valves are there for a reason, experts say. Because gasoline needs room to expand, overfilling the tank can build up the pressure in your car and lead to a dangerous leak. Plus, “you’re just as likely to spill a few drops as you get them in your tank, and that’s not cost efficient for you,” Lenard says. You’re better off sticking to the recommended amount of fuel.

There are approximately 40 million fill-ups on a daily basis, according to Lenard. With so many people visiting the gas pumps each day, criminals have started to take advantage of unsuspecting drivers. One of the most common practices is called “sliding,” where thieves steal purses or other valuables sitting in an unlocked car while the owner is preoccupied. Avoid becoming a victim by taking your keys out of the ignition and locking your doors before you refuel.

Another frequent crime at gas stations is called “skimming,” in which thieves steal credit card information from drivers who pay in plastic when they fill up. To protect yourself, Lenard suggests looking for external skimmers placed over the dispenser’s keypad; they are often loose-fitting and look newer than or different from the other equipment. A telltale sign of an internal skimmer, on the other hand, is when the dispenser’s door looks like it has been forced open

## Between the Bumpers - continued

One of the most common health hazards of pumping gas is accidental spillage on your arms and hands, according to experts at [Healthline.com](https://www.healthline.com). Because gasoline is toxic, it can cause irritation, rashes, or even burns if it comes in contact with your bare skin. Tap the nozzle against the vehicle's tank to get rid of any last drops before returning it to the dispenser

Over a long period of time, gas inhalation can damage your lungs and cause other dangerous health symptoms, such as difficulty breathing and severe headaches. But drivers, you can breathe easy: It's not likely that you will get gasoline poisoning just by refilling your tank. Still, you should always avoid directly inhaling gasoline vapor and never keep your car running in a confined space, according to [Healthline.com](https://www.healthline.com).

You might think this is just an occasional oopsie, but it could actually have dangerous consequences. Gas vapors from your car can mix with heat and electricity, creating static electricity that might start a fire. This is even more likely in colder months when the air outside is dry, according to the [Petroleum Equipment Institute](https://www.petrolium.com). Chief Thomas recommends checking that your car is in park and your keys are out of the engine before you reach for the nozzle.

These days, diesel pumps are clearly labeled with bright green handles and often don't fit into normal gas tanks, Lenard says. But it is not uncommon to mistakenly fill an unleaded-gas tank with diesel fuel, especially if you are distracted or in a hurry. To avoid serious damage to your car, experts say to keep the engine off and find an auto mechanic to drain the tank ASAP.

The next time you pull up to a gas station, take a minute to read the posted warning signs. "When people choose not to acknowledge the posted warnings and precautions and behave otherwise, they put themselves in harm's way," Chief Thomas says. Common warnings, such as not smoking and putting away your cell phone, can help drivers avoid dangerous mishaps at the pump.

(This article appeared In Hemming's Daily News)



## MEMBER NOTES & CHAPTER INFO

This page features notes of interest for and about our members. If you have something interesting to report, please send an e-mail to your editor at [ekonsmo@msn.com](mailto:ekonsmo@msn.com), or call 253-576-1128.

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**Please let us know if you still want your classified ad to run. A number of them have been running for a number of months.**

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**Chapter dues for 2020 are due now. The renewal application is on page 13 of this newsletter.**

**There are many members who have not sent in their renewal for 2020. If you are among those, please send your renewal today. Thank you.**

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### **DIRECTIONS TO THE MERCER ISLAND LIBRARY**

At Exit 11 on I-405, take ramp for I-90 West toward Seattle

At exit 8, take ramp right and follow signs for E. Mercer Way

Turn left onto E Mercer Way

Turn right onto SE 36th St

Road name changes to Gallagher Hill Rd

Turn right onto SE 40th St

Turn left onto 86th Ave SE

Turn left onto SE 44th St

Turn right onto 88th Ave SE

The library is on your left at 4400 88<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

# CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

## OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER MINUTES

**Feb. 9, 2020**

President Ed Konsmo convened the meeting at 1:10 pm. 9 members were present.

Treasurer's Report - Kathi Straw reported that chapter finances are in order.

Meeting minutes – January meeting cancelled. No meeting minutes.

Members Jerry and Sheila Van Zant from Oregon were welcomed to the meeting.

### **Old Business.**

Agenda item: 24 chapter members have renewed dues for 2020.

### **New Business.**

Agenda item: OCA Elections have been postponed for one month. There are six positions on the OCA Board of Directors that have not been filled for the election ballot. The election will now take place on April 15.

Chapter member Bob Gaunt has agreed to put his name on the ballot for the second Pacific Northwest Director position.

The March chapter meeting will be at the Mercer Island Library at 1pm on the 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm



***Happy Birthday  
to our Chapter Members  
and Their Spouses  
in March***

<b>14</b>	Randy Corrigan	Olympia, WA
<b>15</b>	Rod Hewiston	Olympia, WA

**2020 CHAPTER MEETING HOSTS\***

MARCH – Ray Fairbanks  
APRIL – Bob Kubeck  
MAY – Bob Gaunt  
JUNE – **OPEN**  
JULY – Zone Show  
AUGUST – Rhodes River Ranch Show  
SEPTEMBER – **OPEN**  
OCTOBER – Derik Martinson  
NOVEMBER - **OPEN**  
DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DINNER

**\*Meeting host provides snacks for the meeting**

## Swap Meets and Shows in March

Swap meets and shows are selected based on convenient locations

**MAR 7-8 Salem, OR; 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Salem Roadster Show**

Jackman Long Bldg. Oregon State Fairgrounds, 2330 17<sup>th</sup> St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301; 9am – 6pm; 9am – 5pm; Adm. Fee - \$11; Under  
17 free; Salem Roadster Show; 503-871-7573.

[classiccarinsurance@yahoo.com](mailto:classiccarinsurance@yahoo.com); <http://www.salem-roadstershow.com>

**MAR 14 Astoria, OR; Astoria Swap Meet**

Clatsop County Fair Grounds, 2037 Walluski Loop, Astoria, OR 97103.

8am – 2pm; Adm. Fee - \$3; Vendor Fee - \$30; Lower Columbia

Classics Car Club; 503-440-9481; <http://hemmings.com/clubsites/lccc/>

**MAR 14-15 Puyallup, WA; 40<sup>TH</sup> Annual Almost Spring Swap Meet**

Washington State Fairgrounds, 110 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SW 98371; 8am – 5pm.

9am – 3pm; Gallopin' Gerti Model A Ford Club; 253-472-0181.

[Almostspringsm@gmail.com](mailto:Almostspringsm@gmail.com); [www.gertieas.com](http://www.gertieas.com)

**MAR 22 Bellingham, WA; Leprechaun Daze Car Show**

Hardware Sales Parking Lot, 2034 King St. Bellingham, WA 98225

10am – 2pm; Adm. Free; Reg. Fee - \$15; 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Elites Car Club.

360-380-2733; [realtorrawls@comcast.net](mailto:realtorrawls@comcast.net);

*This is a St. Patrick's Day themed collector car show.*







## **Future Oldsmobile National Meets**

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| <b>2020</b> | <b>July 28-Aug 2 Murfreesboro, TN<br/>Hosted by the OCA at the Embassy Suites</b> |
| <b>2021</b> | <b>Still to be determined</b>   |



**\*\*\*\*\* OCA News \*\*\*\*\***

The OCA Board of Directors voted to require participation by chapters in the cost of insurance for hosting a show, swap meet or touring event. Beginning with events in 2020, the cost for insurance for a single staged event is \$45. Touring events will cost \$80 and if additional certificates are required, they are \$10 each. The fee will be required with the application for the event.

The Board of Directors has voted to delay the 2020 election by one month. Traditionally, the deadline for filing for a board position is Dec. 31. There are six positions that were not nominated, Vice President and five Zone Directors. Eighteen members are required to make up the BOD. The hope is that an additional month will fill the empty positions with the election taking place on April 15 instead of March 15.

# CLASSIFIEDS

**Classified ads are free, unlimited words, within reason. Ads will ONLY run for three consecutive months unless renewal is requested. Please submit your classified advertisement in electronic format by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to [ekonsmo@msn.com](mailto:ekonsmo@msn.com).**

## FOR SALE:

**1940 60 Convertible** – Frame off resto. New top. Yellow w/red leather; \$40,000 - Paul Leoine 250-826-0243 (1)

**1957 98 2 door** – 90% restored. New upholstery on the way. \$30,000 obo. Call Chris Nelson 206-915-4773 (1)

**1963 Cutlass Conv.** – Okay condition, runs great. \$14,000 – Call Bruce Lyle 360-799-1717(3)

**1964 Starfire** – Parts car. Fully loaded and complete. Special wheels. \$1800. No offer refused. Must go! Jim Long 360-893-8293

**1978 Olds 98 Luxury Sedan** – All power options; only 86,800 miles; 455 ci, 360 HP; Asking \$10,000; Call Robert F Chlipala, 148 141<sup>st</sup> Place NE, Bellevue, WA 98007; 425-747-8712 (1)

**1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Brougham** 5.0L V8 4BBL Coupe 2D 49,444 ORIGINAL miles - runs great! Car has always been in the same family. Free AutoCheck Vehicle History Report. Interested? Please email [oldsmobilecutlass85@gmail.com](mailto:oldsmobilecutlass85@gmail.com) Car located in Indianola, WA (1)

**1990 Trofeo** – 190k, Transmission issues – needs overhaul. \$500 obo, Call Ken Stacey; 425-259-3399(1)

**1992 Cutlass Supreme Conv.** – 62,384 miles. White with white top and gray leather. This is the editor's wife, Pam's car. \$4495 obo. Call Ed at 253-576-1128. **(213) PRICE LOWERED!**

**Chapter member, Jim Long, has a number of cars for sale and is offering bargain prices; Two 1970 Toronados - \$4300 for both; Call 360-893-8293 for more info. Jim also has several Cadillacs and a Chrysler Imperial for sale. (1)**

## NEEDS and LEADS:

**NEED - Intake Manifold** for 4-barrel 394 motor. Call Jim Long 360-893-8293 (1)

**NEED – 1936 – 6 Cylinder engine parts** – 213 CI; Frank Geyer 206-949-9087 (1)

**NEED -1941 98 – Rear axle shaft;** Call Ralph 253-222-5098; [TacomaRain@gmail.com](mailto:TacomaRain@gmail.com) (1)

**LEAD – 1955 88 – Fender skirts** – E-mail Russ at [m13rj@hotmail.com](mailto:m13rj@hotmail.com) if interested (1)

**LEAD -1968 Cutlass Convertible 442 (clone).** Has 350 block and power glide automatic. New interior kit ready to install. Paint is fantastic, just cut and polished. Runs and drives, just needs interior installed and dash/ electrical put back together. Low mileage. \$16,740 as is (interior parts included) or \$23,500 finished with interior completely installed and finished. Call Jim 206-406-1313. Located in Gig Harbor, WA. (1)

**NEED - 1970-1972 442, W30, W31, SX conv. or hardtop – OCA and PSOC club member looking for true collector car. The more original and documented the better. Prefer numbers matching. Any condition – from restorable car to showroom condition.**

**Also looking for NOS or used parts for these cars.**

**John Bumb, St. Louis, Mo. (314) 713-3444 or email me at [john.bumb@homevestors.com](mailto:john.bumb@homevestors.com) (1)**

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Call my any time

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**OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA**

**PUGET SOUND CHAPTER**

**2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check here if this is an address change

HOME PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY      MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE          MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_

**\$20.00 annual dues payable. Make checks payable to Puget Sound Chapter and mail to:**

**Kathi Straw  
PSOC Membership Chairperson  
P.O. Box 82042  
Kenmore, WA 98028**

**Please assist us in updating our roster by listing your current Oldsmobile(s) below:**

1) YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

2) YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

3) YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

4) YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print this form and mail to Kathi**

## The parting shot...

