

THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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Is this your next movie outing?

A nostalgic staple of 1950s–60s America might provide a valuable escape from the current stay-at-home situation if U.S. officials allow it.

Drive-in theaters once a common form of entertainment here and abroad—mostly in rural areas—are already experiencing a resurgence in some areas of Europe and Asia as people look for safe distractions from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Federal guidelines do not specifically mention drive-in theaters, but state governments may choose to allow them to open since they are functionally so different from typical movie theaters. Drive-in movie-goers can easily maintain a safe distance from others outside of their own vehicle.

There are an estimated 320 drive-ins in the U.S., but *The Hollywood Reporter* says only 25 are currently open. Will more soon follow? And if they do, will people come?

“Regular German cinemas, like those across most the world, remain closed due to the coronavirus,” writes *The Hollywood Reporter* correspondent. “But drive-ins, those anachronistic remnants of a cinema industry from a generation past, are packing them in.”

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President's Message

PSOC Members,

Greetings,

As we move into the second month of having to comply with the order of the Governor to stay at home, we are faced with several decisions as a chapter. The April meeting was cancelled, and the May meeting will also be cancelled as the "shutdown" will not be lifted until sometime in May.

The King County Library system will not take any reservations until July. That leaves us without a meeting place for a June meeting. Many car clubs are canceling their shows that were scheduled in July. Our chapter needs to confirm the plans for our Zone Show to be held on July 11 along with the BOP Show on August 30.

For a June meeting place, Pam and I would like to open our home and hold the meeting in our shop on June 7 at 1 pm. If you would be willing to attend the "proposed" June meeting at our home in Puyallup, please reply by e-mail or text me at **253-576-1128**. If at least 10 members are willing to attend a June meeting, we will have a map to our home in the June newsletter. Bring your Olds. We will have a show!

If you forgot to renew chapter dues for 2020, a renewal form is on page 14 of the newsletter. Please make a copy and send your renewal to Kathi.

The OCA Board of Directors put on the Oldsmobile Club of America web page an announcement regarding the upcoming 2020 National Meet. That announcement is printed on page 10 of this newsletter.

Stay safe!

*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.

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“BETWEEN THE BUMPERS” ... By Ed



During the Governor mandated “stay at home” order this month I came across an interesting letter sent to your editor in 2008 from the very first president of the Puget Sound Olds Club, Howard Von Pressentin. (Howard passed away a few years ago – he has been missed)

“Here’s My Ride – Plus a Little Reminiscing” 1950 Oldsmobile 88

The car was found about four miles from my home. It is a 1950 Club Sedan Fastback (painted dune beige). That was on November 18, 1984. It sat outside for at least three years, but being somewhat of a gambler, I paid the asking price. I could see through all the grime that this could be a gem in the rough.

After many hours of cleaning and elbow grease, plus a little magic it was ready for show in the Unrestored Class. It has always done well.

I drove it to Lansing in 1987 for the 90th Anniversary and received First Place in the Unrestored Class. In 1993-94 it got new paint, rechromed and new upholstery. In 1997, it received a new set of radial tires. Why did I wait so long? It now drives like a new car.

I drove it to Lansing again in 1997 for Oldsmobile’s 100th Birthday. There was a cake for each year of Old’s, and I had the first piece of the 1950 cake.

In the 1997 Concours d’ Elegance at Port Gardner Bay it received First Place in Class. It has won many first-place awards throughout the Northwest. Yes, the 1950 Olds was truly a fabulous car. The car’s license plates tell it all – “FAB 50’S”.

I am also a member of the OCA since 1983 and was one of the founding fathers of the Puget Sound Chapter. I am also a member of the B.C. Olds Club. It’s been a great ride.

A Little Reminiscing...

As the first president, this was my first message, before we became a chapter of the OCA

As president of this chapter, this is a first for me. But I will give it my best shot and pass on a few words to all those brave folks that came out of rain into that small building at the Monroe Swap Meet, October 13, 1984. Followed by two more meetings at my home. A little more room and most could find a place to sit. We elected our officers on the first meeting here. They were listed in a letter on January 7, 1985.

As I write this, I see we have twenty-one dues paid members of our new chapter. There will be more, as there are a lot of OCA members out there in our great Northwest that do not know of us yet. We just must show them the way.

I have gotten a lot of help from Ken and Ester Thompson, Joe, and Kelly Brewer. I know editors Dan Smith and Joe Brewer have been working hard on our very first newsletter. Thanks for all the hard work. Also, I want to thank the gals for all the goodies. They were very tasty. The slide show on the ’50 was very good. Thanks, Ken.

As a new chapter we will be short of funds for awhile since our only income is from dues so far. Postage, supplies, banking, and charter costs will eat most of our funds early in the game. We should all put on our thinking caps. We will have to raise funds somehow. Anyone with thoughts along these lines can call my home, 782-1393 or bring your ideas to the next meeting. Think hard!

I am looking forward to the days of sunshine so we can hold some of our meetings outside. All our proper legal paperwork for the chapter from the OCA should arrive soon. We should be an OCA Chapter by our next meeting. I hear a voice coming from my shop and think it is my ’50 Olds calling. Yes, it is!

Editors note: The Puget Sound Olds Club became an official OCA Chapter on March 27, 1985.

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, or call 253-576-1128.

Editors note about the drive-in article on page 1. There are five drive-in theaters still in operation in Washington. They are in Shelton, Spokane, Oak Harbor, Bremerton and Kent. We will check on their opening dates and list them in the June newsletter.

Chapter dues for 2020 are due now. The renewal application is on page 14 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. You will receive two rolls of toilet paper with your renewal. They may be collected at the next chapter meeting we are allowed to hold.

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

No April minutes – Meeting cancelled due to Corvid-19



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

6	Dorothy Vipond	Lakewood, WA
28	Rick Dickson	Renton, WA
28	Greg Martin	Marysville, WA
29	Jim Westerling	Seattle, WA
31	Michael Thompson	Bow, WA

2020 CHAPTER MEETING HOSTS*

MAY – Meeting cancelled
JUNE – The Konsmo’s at their shop in Puyallup
JULY – Zone Show
AUGUST – Rhodes River Ranch Show
SEPTEMBER – BOP Show on Aug. 30
OCTOBER – Derik Martinson
NOVEMBER - OPEN
DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DINNER

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

Swap Meets and Shows in May

Swap meets and shows are selected based on convenient locations

WASHINGTON -- In compliance with the actions announced by Washington Governor, Jay Inslee, plus state and local health officials' events with over 250 persons are hereby cancelled to help combat the spread of the Corona virus.

OREGON -- In compliance with the actions announced by Oregon Governor Kate Brown, Multnomah County, and health officials regarding any event with over 250 persons. All have been cancelled.



OLDSMOBILE CAR SHOW

35TH Annual Pacific Northwest Zone Show and Picnic
Hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America



In Memory of our members: Robert Kruse Jim Rogers Ron Haave Erik Martinson



Saturday July 11, 2020
10:00am-2:00pm

Frances Anderson Center
700 Main St Edmonds WA 98029

Dash Plaques, People's Choice Trophies, Raffle

Entry Fee \$20. Please make checks payable to:

Puget Sound Chapter OCA P.O. Box 82042 Kenmore WA 98028

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email address _____

Phone _____

Year _____ Body & Model _____

For further information contact Ed Straw 425-485-3093 ekstraw@comcast.net

FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED WITH YOUR CAR

BUICK OLDSMOBILE PONTIAC 7TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

HOSTED BY THE PUGET SOUND CHAPTER OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA



August 30th, 2020

9:00am to 3:00pm

XXX Root Beer Drive-In

98 NE Gilman Blvd

Issaquah WA 98027

Entry Fee \$20.00

For further information contact Ed Konsmo 253-576-1168

AUGUST 1ST, 2020

CAR SHOW at Rhodes River Ranch

In Loving Memory of Bob Kruse, Car Show Chairman 2013-2018

New Chairman, Ben Sebastian 'Gentle Ben' 360.403.7727

Registration at 8 am | Show time 9 am - 2 pm

PRIZES AT 2 PM



\$30 Registration for car and driver

Includes a free lunch ticket for show registrants

Passenger & attendee lunch price \$20.00

Do you have a car that is as
unique as our location? Bring it here!

Join us at the base of the mountains, eat a fabulous lunch, enjoy an adult beverage,
sit back and enjoy your day while the horses run and play. There is truly nothing like it!!

Lawn chairs a must. Smiles and relaxation available for free.

**22016 Entsminger Rd
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Future Oldsmobile National Meets

**2020 July 28-Aug 2 Murfreesboro, TN
Hosted by the OCA at the Embassy Suites**

Oldsmobile Club of America Activity Update

The past weeks have been a challenge for all of us as we deal with community health issues. In efforts to ensure the health of our fellow citizens, government entities at the national, state, and local levels are doing their best to protect us from the effects of the COVID-19 virus. Virtually all of us have been impacted – and recent plans have been changed in the context of the evolving knowledge of the disease and how we can minimize the impact on society.

We have been corresponding with representatives of the Embassy Suites (our host hotel for the 2020 OCA National Meet), Gray Line Tours (our tour transportation resource for the 2020 OCA National Meet), and Music City Rockets, and have been assured that while events that were or are scheduled in March and April may have been impacted, there have been no changes for events scheduled in July and August. Accordingly, we are proceeding with plans for the event while monitoring the evolving situation. If there are any changes, we will notify members soon after we learn them.

Concurrently, we are aware that there are changes in plans for chapter and zone event activities. We are doing our best to update the OCA Website to reflect those changes (rescheduling and cancellations) for events by posting the information we receive. If you are aware of any changes, please send them to us so that we can make the appropriate updates to the website. In addition, please confirm that an event has not been cancelled before attending.

In the meantime, please pay attention to the guidance and direction that is designed for your health and safety.

We look forward to seeing you at local and national events when circumstances permit.

Oldsmobile Club of America Board of Directors



***** OCA News *****

Below is a message from Jerry Wilson regarding the 2020 National Meet.

Following is a summary of my conversation with our contact at Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, Tennessee:

- We are still scheduled for the OCA Nationals in July 2020.
- Right now, the hotel is busy dealing with current events – so nothing has changed for our event.
- Current occupancy levels at the hotel are approximately ten guests (in 283 rooms) per night.
- Many events have been cancelled for the next few weeks – room nights have plummeted, and food and beverage services have been curtailed.
- They hope that the current challenges will subside soon.

The message to our members is that the 2020 OCA National Meet is still on – and the activities are still planned.

We will continue to keep in contact with the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro and will provide updates.

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 20th of the month to 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 141st 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 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. \$4,995 obo. Call Ed at 253-576-1128. (2) **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 – 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 (1)

LEAD – 1955 88 – Fender skirts – E-mail Russ at 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 jbc3735@gmail.com (1)

OCA and PSOC club member looking for NOS or used parts for 1970-1972 442, W30, W31, SX conv. or hardtop.
John Bumb, St. Louis, Mo. (314) 713-3444 or email me at jbc3735@gmail.com (1)

Call my any time

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ADS: We will run your ad for another month. If you have sold the car or item listed, please send an e-mail to ekonsmo@msn.com and let us know and we will remove the ad. The same applies if you find the item you are looking for, let us know.

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 shots...



Coney Island – before “Social Distancing”

@snipit.sofare

I HOPE THE WEATHER
IS GOOD TOMORROW
FOR MY TRIP TO
PUERTO BACKYARDA.
I'M GETTING TIRED OF
LOS LIVINGROOM.