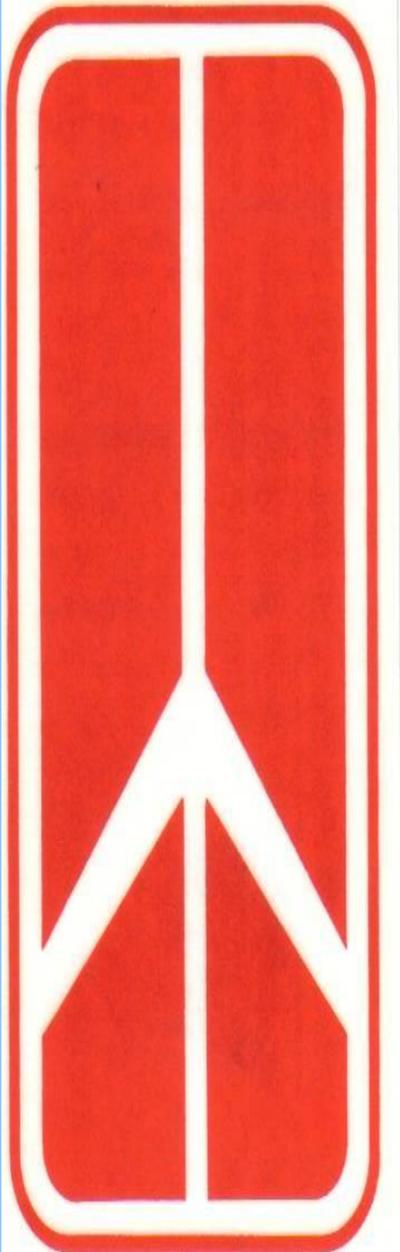


# THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

## Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

December, 2014



**Christmas is for kids!** Every year our Olds Chapter has collected and donated toys to children who are less fortunate. Many of them are living in single parent homes without enough income available to purchase Christmas gifts. On December 13, we will meet for the Annual Puget Sound Olds Club Christmas Dinner at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. Let's make a special effort this year to bring smiles and joy to as many children as we can. Thru the efforts of our Chapter President, Nina Rogers, many children received Christmas gifts that they would not have had otherwise. For the past several years, the gifts that our chapter donated were presented to the children of local military families. This is a great way to not only make a child's Christmas memorable but to also show our appreciation and support for our military troops. **So...start shopping!**

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## President's Message



PSOC Members,

Our November chapter meeting was the last one for 2014. With 2015 ahead of us, I believe that your new chapter president, Ed Konsmo, elected at the November meeting will most likely bring some new ideas to the chapter membership. (I am sure that he has some.)

I have been your chapter president for maybe six years and I have really enjoyed being the president of the Puget Sound Olds Club.

I hope to see everyone at our Christmas party. Don't forget that we are collecting new unwrapped gifts for our military children. When we started collecting gifts for them, they were so happy, surprised and thankful. The parents of these children have done so much for all of us.

News flash!! Our '60 Olds is in the car hospital.

We hope to see you at the Christmas party on Dec. 13 at the Poodle Dog in Fife.

**Nina Rogers**  
President

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

Information to be considered for submittal in to 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)



## “BETWEEN THE BUMPERS” ... By Ed



### Estimate Expectations

When it comes to having an old car or truck restored by a professional shop, always expect the unexpected. This isn't negative criticism aimed at restoration shops; I say it only because it's virtually impossible for the restorer to know ahead of time the condition of every single part on the vehicle. This is why you can't expect a shop to give you a set price on restoration work. A generous price-quote range is one thing, but a firm set price is just not practical. Keep in mind that restorers don't possess X-ray vision like Superman that will allow them to see the condition of the metal beneath all those layers of paint. They can't see any previous expert body repairs unless that paint is removed. They can't see the rust on the floor pan unless the carpeting is lifted up. They can't see the condition of the crankshaft bearings unless the engine is disassembled. They can't see how much rust is on the underside of the roof unless the headliner is taken off. There are literally hundreds of unforeseen circumstances that lie waiting to be uncovered, which is why you can't expect a shop owner to give you a set estimate on work that he doesn't know he may have to do. After all, if your employer told you that working overtime was mandatory but that you wouldn't get paid, would you want to work all those extra hours? Of course not, so neither should a restorer be expected to labor on a car an extra 40 hours without getting paid, just because he didn't know that the inner rocker panels were completely rusted through. No one can judge the amount of rust and body repair that might be required without disassembling the entire vehicle and inspecting every square inch of it. This is why those restorers who do operate with pre-set estimates will still include a clause in their contracts that states an additional charge will be incurred if extra work is required.

To better understand how the restoration process works, just forget for a moment that you are dealing with old cars, and compare it instead to those businesses that also rely solely on a skilled workforce to manufacture a finely finished product, such as a furniture maker, custom dress manufacturer, piano builder or even a restorer of century-old Victorian houses. Their common thread is that all these businesses rely on extensive use of hand labor, and that each part they make, carve, stitch, paint or assemble is done differently from the next. By understanding the construction process that a shop proprietor has to deal with, you will be better able to comprehend why he has to charge for each of those tasks accordingly. To obtain the best quality restoration work, always deal with shops that specialize in your particular car make and/or model. No restorer should be expected to know everything there is to know about many different types of cars and their parts, nor can they successfully solve all the inherent problems that are characteristic to each individual make of car. Keep in mind that if they've never worked on your type of vehicle before, your car or truck may be the experimental vehicle they are looking to learn on. Dealing with non-specialists will result in higher restoration costs because those restorers will take longer to do certain jobs, due to their unfamiliarity with that particular car. When you are being billed for every hour that your car is being worked on, every minute counts. Specialized restorers who have extensive experience with a particular model car or truck already know exactly how many hours of labor it will take them to disassemble that vehicle, restore its frame and rebuild the engine and suspension. This will allow them to charge a flat rate for each of those jobs, because the work really doesn't vary much from car to car, no matter if it's a 1965 Mustang coupe or a 1966 Mustang 2+2. However, when dealing with the body and all the hidden problems that lie beneath the paint, if extra repair work is necessary, expect to be charged at the hourly rate. Remember, because no two cars are alike or are in the same condition when their restorations begin, it would be unjust for you to compare your estimate with that of another vehicle. Each restoration is unique, thus a program must be outlined that is tailored to the specific requirements of your car and the quality of work you desire. - See more at: <http://blog.hemmings.com/index>.

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OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA  
**PUGET SOUND CHAPTER**

*2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**\$15.00 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 \_\_\_\_\_

5) YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

Please print this form and mail to Kathi Straw

**LET'S GET PERSONAL**

December  
December

**Happy Birthday  
to you ALL!!**

<i>Date</i>		<i>Lives In</i>
2	Jane Ellwood	Bothell
4	David Butler	Snohomish
6	Murray Moulton	Marysville
8	Ken Thompson	Seattle
9	Kristine Johnson	Mt. Vernon
18	Dave Snyder	Monroe
22	Ann Nilsson	Sequim
26	Pat Ellwood	Bothell
28	Erik Martinson	Renton

**UPCOMING CLUB MEETING HOSTS \***  
**2014 MEETING HOST**

December.....Christmas Festivities (being held at The Poodle Dog Rest.)

***NINE 2015 Meeting Hosts Are Needed***

<b><i>January.....Ed &amp; Pam Konsmo</i></b>	<b><i>February.....</i></b>
<b><i>March.....</i></b>	<b><i>April.....</i></b>
<b><i>May.....</i></b>	<b><i>June.....</i></b>
<b><i>July.....Zone Show</i></b>	<b><i>August.....</i></b>
<b><i>September.....</i></b>	<b><i>October.....</i></b>
<b><i>November.....</i></b>	
<b><i>December....Christmas Party</i></b>	

**\*Host provides refreshments**

## 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 and leave a message, 253-845-2288.

### **Time to renew your membership**

It is that time again! Another year is just about history. In this newsletter on page 4 you will find a chapter membership application. Will you please take a moment, fill it out and mail it to Kathi along with your check?

The Annual Christmas Dinner announcement is on page 12 of this newsletter. Please join us this year on Dec. 13 at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife, WA. **The dinner charge is still only \$20.** The chapter will be paying the balance of the cost of the dinner. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift for a gentleman and a lady. We will again be collecting Toys for Tots. The toys should be unwrapped. Let's make Christmas a joy for unfortunate children!

At the November chapter meeting, the members in attendance elected officers for 2015. Your new chapter president is also your editor, Ed Konsmo. Ed Straw was re-elected vice president and Kathi Straw will continue as chapter treasurer. The position of chapter secretary did not have any candidates and is now open. Perhaps one of you reading this newsletter would like to volunteer to assume that position of secretary?? It is not a difficult job.

The Puget Sound Olds Club has added two new members, Gary and Kristine Johnson of Mt. Vernon, WA. Gary and Kristine have a 1950 88 convertible, yellow with a black top. Welcome to our chapter, Gary and Kristine! And Happy Birthday to Kristine.

We would also like to welcome Matthew Kerns, of University Place, Wa. Matthew is the owner of a '64 Dynamic 88.

# CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

## OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER November 2, 2014

### MINUTES

- President Nina Rogers convened the meeting at 1:10 pm. 13 chapter members were present.
- Pam reported on the final arrangements for the Annual Chapter Christmas Dinner. It was suggested that the tables be decorated. Vicki Martinson, Mary Lindholm, Nina Rogers and Kathi volunteered to take on the task.
- Officers for 2015 were elected. They are: Ed Konsmo, president; Ed Straw, vice president; Kathi Straw, treasurer. The position of secretary did not have a candidate.
- The fact that the Pacific Northwest Zone does not have a representative was discussed. It was moved to send a letter to the OCA Executive Committee requesting that Ed Konsmo be appointed as the PNW Zone Director. The letter will be signed by President Nina Rogers and mailed to Dalene DeLong, OCA Secretary.
- The XXX Root Beer Drive Inn Show with the Buick and Pontiac chapters was a success. We are hoping to have a greater participation with those chapters at the 2015 show on Aug. 30, 2015.
- We will again collect toys for the children of military families at the Annual Christmas Dinner on December 13 at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife.
- The chapter website was discussed. There is a new site proposed and additional information will be presented at the January meeting.
- It was suggested that a reminder for future events be listed in the newsletter for better planning by chapter members. Your editor will make sure that will happen.
- Kathi Straw presented the membership application for new members, Gary and Kristine Johnson of Mt. Vernon, WA.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

## Here's my Ride ... a collection of 442's



## Swap Meets & Shows to attend in December.

**The swap meets and shows were selected based on convenient locations.**

**DEC 1 Issaquah, WA. XXX 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Jingle Bell Cruz/Toys 4 Tots**

Triple XXX Root Beer Drive In, 98 NE Gilman Blvd. Issaquah, WA 98027;  
10am – 3pm; No Adm. Fee; Triple XXX Root Beer Drive In; 425-392-1266  
[www.triplexrootbeer.com](http://www.triplexrootbeer.com)

**DEC 7 Stayton, OR; Santa Cruise-In and Breakfast**

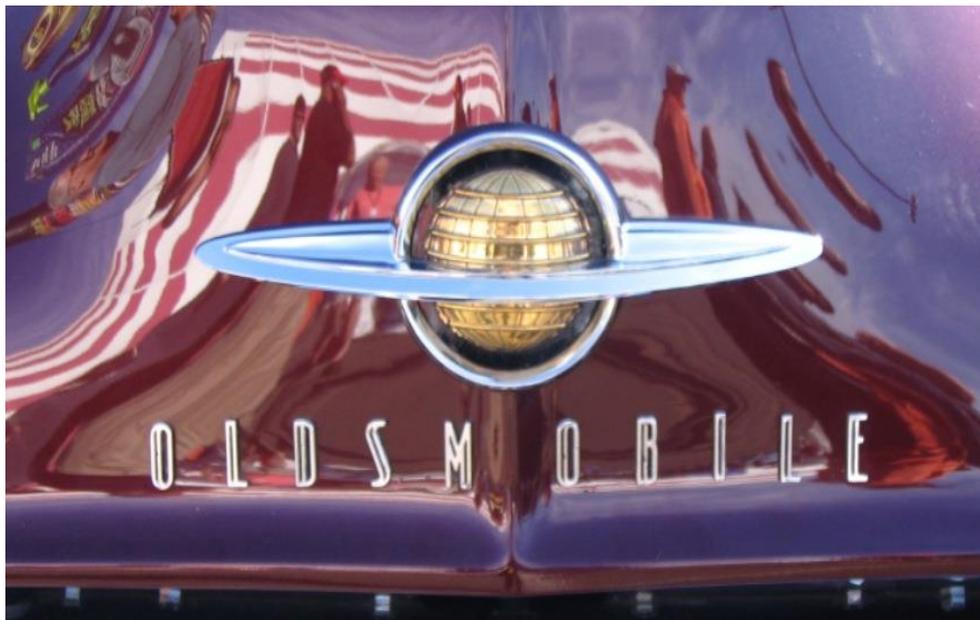
Stayton Fire Station, 1988 W. Ida St., Stayton, OR 97383; 8am – 11pm; No Adm. Fee; No Reg. Fee; Brent Strohmeyer Memorial Foundation; 503-930-8976;  
[strosars@wvi.com](mailto:strosars@wvi.com); [www.stros.biz](http://www.stros.biz)

**THERE ARE NO SWAP MEETS SCHEDULED IN DECEMBER – TOO COLD?**



## Future Oldsmobile National Meets

- 2015 - July 22-26; Brookfield, WI; Brookfield Milwaukee Sheraton Hotel. Hosted by the Olds Club of America**
- 2016 - July 19-23; Kingsport, TN; Meadow View Resort and Convention Center. Hosted by the Oldsmobile Club Of America.**
- 2017 - Albuquerque, NM – Date to be determined**



## CLASSIFIED – For Sale/Leads & Needs

**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:

- **Parting '55 Olds 2 door hardtop and '98 4 door hardtop.** Excellent front fenders, bumper cores, door cores, stainless, padded dash, windshield, power steering, set of four VG Fiesta wheel covers, two and four bbl manifolds. What do you need? Don Monroe, Tacoma, Washington, 253-566-8488. (2)
- **1955 Super 88, 2-door hardtop.** Green & white, with white on top. \$12,000 OBO. In Redmond, 425 868-1082 ask for Lynn Senior (3)

### NEEDS:

- **Need: Radiator shroud** for '57, '58 or '59. Call Erik (425) 433-6480 (1)
- **Need: Cornering light switch** for '65 "98 LS" Call Art Gamash (360) 683-4749 (1)
- **Need: 1958 98 Chrome Trim below the doors, wheel well to wheel well, driver's side.** Darrell Weisgerber, TN. 865-483-6334 (1)

### LEADS:

'38 Olds Front fenders, a seat and some garnish moldings; Mike Steckler;  
[mikepammikealex@msn.com](mailto:mikepammikealex@msn.com) (1)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ADS:** A number at the end of each listing indicates how many issues of the newsletter that the ad has already run. The ad will run for three months. If you have a **THREE** after your ad, you need to contact us if you wish to renew the ad for following issues.

# 2014 Puget Sound Chapter Christmas Dinner



**Where: POODLE DOG RESTAURANT, FIFE WA**

**When: Saturday, December 13, 2014**

**Social Hour at 4:00 PM**

**Dinner will be served at 5:00 PM**

## Menu choices:

1. **Roast Beef** with mashed potatoes, rolls, salad, beverage and dessert
2. **Turkey Dinner** with dressing, mashed potatoes, rolls, beverage and dessert.
3. **Salmon Filets** with butter sauce, rice pilaf, roll, salad, beverage and dessert
4. **Chicken Alfredo** with salad, garlic bread and dessert

Individual charge will be \$20.00 per person to be paid to the club. The chapter will then pay the restaurant with one check that includes tip. (Social hour drinks are not included)

**If you wish to participate in a gift exchange:** Each man is asked to bring a gift for a man wrapped and labeled "man". Each woman is asked to bring a gift for a woman wrapped and labeled "woman". The value of this gift should average about \$20.00.

**Please bring an unwrapped new toy for the donation to the *Forgotten Children's Fund.***



**Please complete and return this part with your reservation and payment.**

**Please RSVP by November 30th. Include your check for \$20 (per person)** payable to the PSOC. Mail your check to the chapter address; P.O. Box 82042 Kenmore, WA **98028**

**Number of persons attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **Meal choice** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal choice** \_\_\_\_\_ **Meal choice** \_\_\_\_\_

## “A PARTING SHOT “



A guy decorated this bathroom!