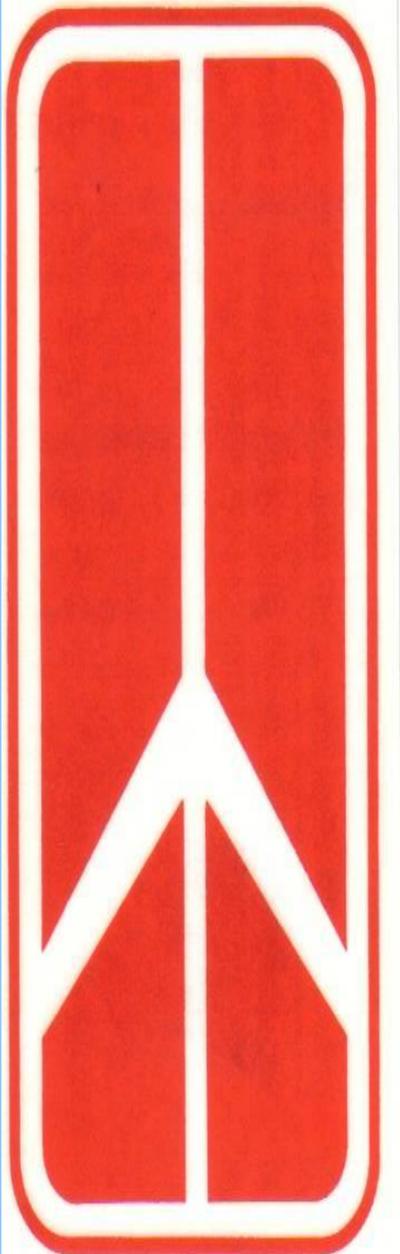


# THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

## Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

January 2015



Is this how you feel after all of the Christmas celebrations? Hopefully, you have enough energy to come to the January Chapter meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> at the Newport Way Library at 1pm. As we kick off the New Year, we would like ask you to share your ideas of how to rekindle the enthusiasm that our chapter had in past years. All suggestions will be considered.

Our Christmas Dinner at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife was a great success. As in recent years, we collected toys for the children of military families.

Please take a moment, copy the membership application in this newsletter, complete it and send it to Kathi Straw.

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## President's Message

PSOC Members,

Happy New Year!

My first task as your chapter president is to thank Nina Rogers for all of the years that she led our chapter as president. Her dedication to the chapter was without fault. Thank you, Nina!

In a few months we will be able to take our "rides" out of their garages and begin cruising and attending chapter meetings. Last August, Nina chaired a great event at the Triple X Drive Inn in Issaquah. We also have the same date, the last Sunday in August reserved for 2015. We will hopefully have a greater participation by the Buick and Pontiac chapters this year. As the weather improves, we will be suggesting more events to show off our Oldsmobiles.

In this newsletter you will find the renewal form for your chapter membership. Please take a moment, print the form and send it Kathi.

The January 4th meeting is at 1pm at the Newport Way Library. We would like to see you there.

*Ed Konsmo*

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



**I could not pass up the opportunity to share the bit of trivia with our members and friends.**

Ever wonder why a Top Fuel dragster gets a rebuilt engine after each run?  
Stay with this - even if you aren't a 'car nut', this is stunning.

\* One Top Fuel dragster outfitted with a 500 cubic-inch replica Dodge (actually Keith Black, etc) Hemi engine makes more horsepower (8,000 HP) than the first 4 rows of cars at NASCAR's Daytona 500.

\* Under full throttle, a dragster engine will consume 1-1.5 gallons of nitro methane per second; a fully loaded Boeing 747 consumes jet fuel at the same rate but with 25% less energy being produced.

\* A stock Dodge Hemi V8 engine cannot produce enough power to merely drive the dragster's supercharger.

\* With 3000 CFM of air being rammed in by the supercharger on overdrive, the fuel mixture is compressed into a near-solid form before ignition. Cylinders run on the verge of hydraulic lockup at full throttle.

\* At the stoichiometric 1.7:1 air/fuel mixture for nitro methane the flame front temperature measures 7050 degrees F.

\* Nitro methane burns yellow. The spectacular white flame seen above the stacks at night is raw burning hydrogen, dissociated from atmospheric water vapor by the searing exhaust gases.

\* Dual magnetos supply 44 amps to each spark plug. Which is typically the output of a small electric arc welder in each cylinder.

\* Spark plug electrodes are totally consumed during a pass. After 1/2 way thru the run, the engine is 'dieseling' from compression and the glow of the exhaust valves at 1400 degrees F. The engine can only be shut down by cutting the fuel flow.

\* If spark momentarily fails early in the run, unburned nitro builds up in the affected cylinders and then explodes with enough force to blow the cylinder heads off the block in pieces or split the block in half!!

\* Dragsters reach over 300 MPH +... before you have completed reading this sentence.

\* In order to exceed 300 MPH in 4.5 seconds, a dragster must accelerate an average of over 4 G's. In order to reach 200 MPH well before reaching half-track, at launch the acceleration approaches 8 G's.

\* Top Fuel engines turn approximately 540 revolutions from light to light!

\* Including the burnout, the engine must only survive 900 revolutions under load.

\* The redline is actually quite high at 9500 RPM.

\* **THE BOTTOM LINE:** Assuming all the equipment is paid for, the pit crew is working for free, &

**NOTHING BLOWS UP**, each run will cost an estimated \$1,000 per second.

0 to 100 MPH in .8 seconds (the first 60 feet of the run)

0 to 200 MPH in 2.2 seconds (the first 350 feet of the run)

6 g-forces at the starting line (nothing accelerates faster on land)

6 negative g-forces upon deployment of twin 'chutes at 300 MPH

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An NHRA Top Fuel Dragster accelerates quicker than any other land vehicle on earth. . Quicker than a jet fighter plane . . . quicker than the space shuttle....or snapping your fingers!!

The current Top Fuel dragster elapsed time record is 4.420 seconds for the quarter-mile (2004, Doug Kalitta).

The top speed record is 337.58 MPH as measured over the last 66' of the run (2005, Tony Schumacher).

Let's now put this all into perspective:

Imagine this.....

- You are driving a new \$140,000 Lingenfelter twin-turbo powered Corvette Z-06.
- Over a mile up the road, a Top Fuel dragster is staged & ready to 'launch' down a quarter-mile strip as you pass.
- You have the advantage of a flying start.
- You run the 'Vette hard, on up through the gears and blast across the starting line & pass the dragster at an honest 200 MPH...
- The 'tree' goes green for both of you at that exact moment.
- The dragster departs & starts after you.
- You keep your foot buried hard to the floor, and suddenly you hear an incredibly brutally screaming whine that pummels your eardrums & within a mere 3 seconds the dragster effortlessly catches & passes you.
- He beats you to the finish line, a quarter-mile away from where you just passed him.
- Think about it from a standing start, the dragster had spotted you 200 MPH.....and it not only caught, but nearly blasted you off the planet when he passed you within a mere 1320 foot long race !!!!

That, my friends.....is acceleration.

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**PUGET SOUND CHAPTER**

*2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL*

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

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

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

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

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**\$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



## 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! In this newsletter on page 5 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? Thank you.

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Our chapter needs a recording secretary for the monthly meetings. It is not a difficult task. Perhaps you have been thinking about becoming more involved in your chapter. All you need to do is write down what is discussed at the meeting and turn it in to the editor for publication in the newsletter. It's a very simple process and does not take a lot of your time. Perhaps you might be willing to just take the minutes for a meeting or two. Please call, or just show up at the next meeting and be willing to volunteer. Your participation will be appreciated!

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The Annual Chapter Christmas Dinner at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife was a great success and everyone enjoyed the evening. Most of all, many toys were collected for the children of our military families. It is our wish that these donations will have brightened Christmas for many children.

## CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

**NO MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.**

## 2015 LeMay America's Car Museum Featured Attractions



On March 27, 2015, the LeMay will debut an updated Route 66: Dream of the Mother Road exhibit, featuring vintage station wagons. Given the resurgence of interest in classic station wagons, likely in opposition to the growing population of crossovers and SUVs, the museum could hardly have chosen a more suitable vehicle for the exhibit, a 1950 Olds 88 “Tin Woodie.” Per Keller, “The station wagon is the ultimate road-trip car, which makes it appropriate to highlight in our exhibit dedicated to the most famous highway in the U.S. We all have a station wagon story.”

## Swap Meets & Shows to attend in January

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

**JAN 1 Bremerton, WA; Cool Cruise; 360-377-3312**

**JAN 11 Canby, OR; Canby Auto Swap Meet; 503-206-1136**

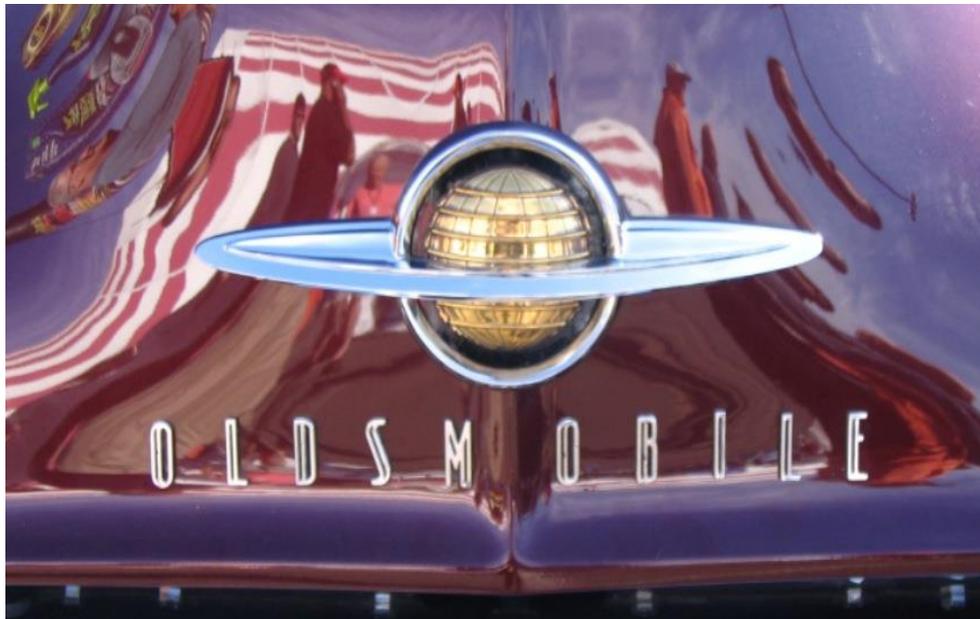
**JAN 25 Vancouver, WA; NWDRA Swap Meet Clark County Fairgrounds;  
360-910-2754; 503-644-5707**

**JAN 31 Salem, OR; Collector Car Auction; 541-669-6824**



## 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. (3)
- **1955 Super 88, 2-door hardtop.** Green & white, with white on top. \$12,000 OBO. In Redmond, 425 868-1082 ask for Lynn Senior (1)
- **1965 442 COUPE**—3,508 miles on rebuilt (09/07) 400 cid Olds V8; 4-speed with console and tach; black interior, Ice Blue exterior. Rechromed front bumper (02/07); new springs and shocks (04/08); new seat shelf (05/11); new weather stripping and Dyna Mat (5/13); new seat foam and upholstery (03/14); many extra parts and other updates. Asking \$32, 500. Call Scott at 503-351-1070 (1)

### NEEDS:

- **Need: Radiator shroud** for '57, '58 or '59. Call Erik (425) 433-6480 (2)
- **Need: Cornering light switch** for '65 "98 LS" Call Art Gamash (360) 683-4749 (2)
- **Need: 1958 98 Chrome Trim below the doors, wheel well to wheel well, driver's side.** Darrell Weisgerber, TN. 865-483-6334 (2)

### LEADS:

'38 Olds Front fenders, a seat and some garnish moldings; Mike Steckler;  
[mikepammikealex@msn.com](mailto:mikepammikealex@msn.com) (2)

**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.

## “A PARTING SHOT “



Photo by Graham Lloyd.

Since we now have diplomatic relations with Cuba, we might have to check out what Oldsmobiles might be available for restoration. Here is a good example, a '58 88 Convertible.