

THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

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The catalogs and reference books all say it shouldn't exist, but according to both its owner and the shop that built it, the 1939 Oldsmobile Series 60 that won the Ridler Award at the Detroit Autorama not only came from the factory as a convertible but is also the last of its kind.

The short-lived Series 60 represented the most basic Oldsmobile one could buy in the late 1930s: a small six-cylinder-powered car fitted with the GM A-body shared with Chevrolet and Pontiac. While Oldsmobile introduced a convertible in the Series 60 lineup in 1940, for 1939 Lansing only offered a business coupe, a club coupe, a two-door sedan, and a four-door sedan. A literature check at the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing, Michigan, turned up no evidence of a convertible Model 60 from that year.

But Billy Thomas of Corpus Christi, Texas, claims that the car he started with when he set out to build a show-winning car was a one-owner 1939 Model 60 convertible, a claim reiterated by the shop that built the car for him, Customs and Hot Rods of Andice near Georgetown, Texas.

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President's Message

PSOC Members,

At the March chapter meeting, the members present voted to have the future chapter meetings at the regional King County Libraries beginning in May on the first Sunday of the month. We will continue to have the meetings at libraries on Sunday thru the summer and into fall. This will allow the opportunity to schedule cruising during the spring and summer months. We may consider the Tuesday evening meetings in the winter months later this year if members agree.

Daylight Saving time is here which makes it more convenient to make the drive to the April chapter meeting at the Plum Delicious Restaurant in Renton. In March, there were 11 chapter members at the meeting. If you can, please try to join us for the April meeting.

The April Chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, the 12th. Directions on page 14.

Once again, 6pm for dinner or snacks and the meeting convening at 7pm. By the way, they have a pie and cake selection that will surely impress you.

There are still a few chapter members who have not renewed dues for 2016. We will keep the application in this newsletter for one more month for your convenience if you have not sent your dues to Kathi.

See you at the chapter meeting.

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



“BETWEEN THE BUMPERS” ... By Ed



1939 Olds Ridler award article continued from the front page...

It was an original convertible when we started with it,” said Michael Kaiser, the shop manager at Customs and Hot Rods of Andice. “Both the title and frame say that it’s a 1939 Model 60 convertible.”



However, it started out, not much of the original car remains today in the custom that Thomas nicknamed “Olds Cool.” Kaiser estimated about 90 percent of the body has been reshaped or modified in some way. “The body evolved as we went, with input from myself, the owner, Levi Green, and Christian Dotson, who worked in GM Design for 12 years.” After using foam carvings to refine their ideas, they then created bucks from which the 18-gauge-steel body panels were formed.

The Art Morrison chassis that the shop started out with when building the car proved “a good basis to mock the car up with,” Kaiser said, but the shop eventually scrapped much of the frame for custom-fabricated sections. Despite the low stance, it uses static coil overs for its independent front suspension and banjo-style rear axle.

Power comes from an Oldsmobile 455-cu.in. V-8 that both Thomas and Kaiser said was massaged by Joe Mondello before he died. It now displaces 470 cubic inches and puts out about 650 horsepower, thanks in part to a one-off Wilson electronic fuel injection intake manifold with twin throttle bodies. A 4L60E automatic transmission backs the big V-8.

According to Kaiser, the staff at Customs and Hot Rods of Andice handled every aspect of the build except for the paint, which Charley Hutton sprayed in a custom-mixed color he called Kona Brown. The four-year build is the shop’s first Ridler Award.

This article written by Daniel Strohl, Hemmings Daily.

LET'S GET PERSONAL



April Birthdays

<i>Date</i>		<i>Lives in</i>
11	Faye Steik	Renton, WA
12	Mary Lindholm	Everett, WA
14	Art Gamash	Sequim, WA
21	Deniece Edwards	Seattle, WA
23	Dan Gadbois	Edmonds, WA

2016 CHAPTER MEETING HOSTS *

April – We will be meeting at Plum Delicious

*May – **Open***

*June – **Open***

July – Zone Show

August – Robert Kruse @ Rhodes River Ranch

*September - **Open***

*October – **Open***

November – Nina & Jim Rogers

December - Christmas Party

***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, or call and leave a message, 253-845-2288.

As mentioned in the president's column, beginning in May we will resume meeting at regional libraries on Sundays. The May meeting will be at the Redmond Library on May 1.

Chapter Dues Renewal

There are still a number of individuals who were Puget Sound Olds Club members in 2015 who have not renewed for 2016. We hope that this was just an oversight and you still plan to continue as a member of the chapter. If so, you will find the renewal form on page 11. Please print, complete it and send it off to Kathi today. We miss you!

CLASSIFIED LISTING UPDATE

If you still have items listed in the classifieds and no longer need to have them listed, please send an e-mail to have the classified ad removed.

The "snack list" for meetings has not been filled for 2016. At this time, the May and June meetings need a volunteer. If you are willing to bring the snacks to either meeting, please call 253-576-1128 and leave a message if no answer. Thanks in advance!

Chapter Meeting Minutes

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

MINUTES

March 8, 2016

- **President Ed Konsmo convened the meeting at 7 p.m. 11 members were present.**
- **Treasurer Kathi Straw reported that chapter finances are in order.**
- **Minutes of the February meeting were approved.**
- **A list of members will be given to the web page manager and a password will be set up.**
- **Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m., at Plum Delicious. (6 p.m. if you would like to have a snack or dinner before the meeting.) We will return to Sunday meetings for May and June. Kathi will reserve meeting spaces.**
- **Members approved registering for 9 spaces at the June 25 Greenwood Car Show. (Jim Edwards had registered previously.) To be sure we will have 10 spaces together, it will be necessary for 5-6 members to be there by 6:30 a.m.**
- **Fliers for our zone show will be available at the April meeting. It was agreed to hold a 50-50 drawing at the show.**
- **Members approved placing a \$25 ad in the Nationals program.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

**Mary Lindholm
Secretary**

Swap Meets & Shows to attend in April

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

- APR 5 Bremerton, WA; Cool Car Cruise**
East Bremerton (next to Cloverleaf Bar & Grill), Wheaton Way, Bremerton, WA 98311; 5pm – 8pm; No Adm. Fee; No Reg. Fee; 360-377-3312; rmuhlerman@hotmail.com (If you live on the Peninsula, this might be worth a try. No idea what kind of cars will show for the cruise).
- APR 9 Tacoma, WA; Drifters Car Show 2016**
Griot's Garage Store & Events Center; 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma, WA 98409; 8am; No Adm. Fee; No Reg. Fee; 253-922-2400; infor@griotsgarage.com [Http://www.griotsgarage.com](http://www.griotsgarage.com) (No idea what kind of cars participate but it might be worth a look).
- APR 22-23 Ocean Shores, WA; High Rollin' Hot Rods at the Shores**
Quinault Beach Casino & Resort, State Route 115, Ocean Shores, WA 98569; 12 noon – 4pm, 9am – 4pm; No Adm. Fee; Reg. Fee - \$20; Vendor Fee - \$25; Push Rods of Hoquiam; 360-532-1918; pushrodsofhoquiam@comcast.net
- APR 24 Corvallis, OR; Corvallis Swap Meet**
Benton County Fairgrounds, 110 SW 53rd St., Corvallis, OR 97330; 7am open; Adm. Fee - \$3; Vendor Fee - \$20; Corvallis Historic Auto Club; 541-926-3972; www.corvallishistoricautoclub.com
- APR 24 Tenino, WA; Annual Spring Coming Out**
Tenino High School, 500 W. 2nd St, Tenino, WA 98589; 10am – 2pm; No Adm. Fee; No Reg. Fee; Centralia Chehalis Vintage Auto Club (CCVAC); 360-273-6961; Tamitchell2@yahoo.com; <http://ccvac.com>
- APR 30 Warrenton, OR; Lower Columbia Classics 50's Cruz**
Camp Rilea, 33168 Patriot Way, Warrenton, OR 97146; 10am – 5pm; No Adm. Fee; No Reg. Fee; Lower Columbia Classics; 503-458-5445; regetchell@gmail.com; <http://clubs.hemmings.com/lccc/index.html>

OLDSMOBILE CAR SHOW

31st Annual Pacific Northwest Zone Show & Picnic
Hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America



Fred Steik- My Fathers' Oldsmobile 1978 Cutlass Supreme

Saturday July 9, 2016

9:00am-3:00pm

*****Frances Anderson Center*****

***** 700 Main St Edmonds WA 98020 *****

Dash Plaques Trophies People's Choice Awards Raffle Prize

Entry Fee \$15.00, pre-registered - \$20.00 Day of Show

Please make check payable to: Puget Sound Chapter OCA

P.O. Box 82042 Kenmore WA 98028

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

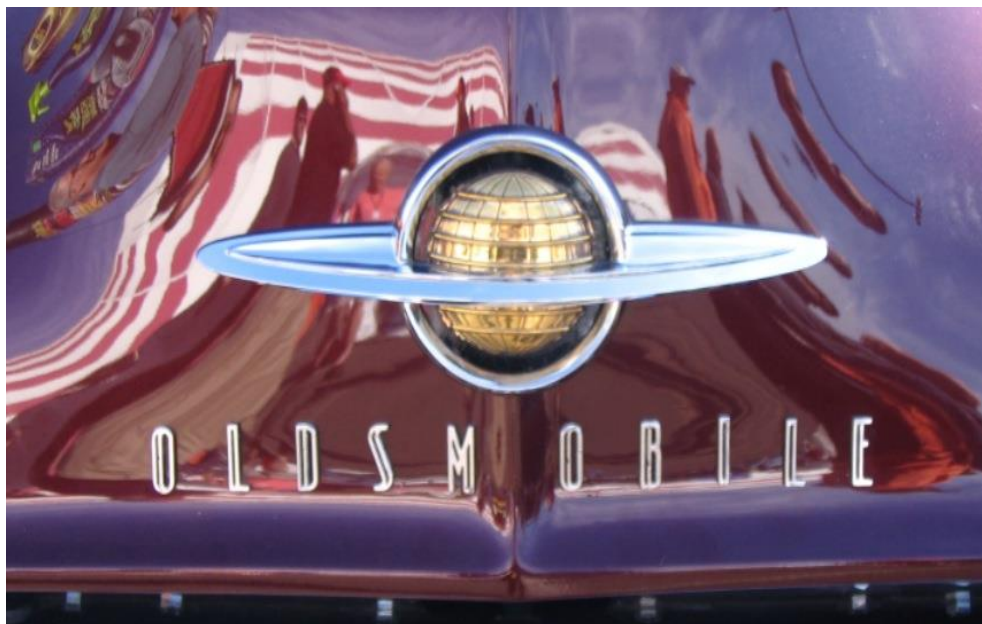
Car: Year _____ Body & Model _____

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

FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED WITH YOUR CAR

Future Oldsmobile National Meets and OCA News

- 2016 July 19-24; Kingsport, TN; Meadow View Resort and Convention Center – Hosted by the Olds Club of America.**
- 2017 July 18-23; Albuquerque, NM; Hosted by the OCA**
- 2018 No site selected**



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

Zone Director Jamie Cox sent to us the link to the new OCA Merchandise site.

Copy and paste the link below into your browser

<https://gm-photo-gifts-com.myshopify.com/collections/oldsmobile-club-of-america-collection>

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3rd ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America



September 4, 2016 9:00 AM-3:00PM

XXX ROOTBEER DRIVE-IN

98 Gilman Blvd Issaquah, WA 98027

For further information, contact Ed Konsmo 253-576-1128



OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME: _____

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____ Check here if this is an address change

HOME PHONE: (____) _____

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BIRTHDAY MONTH _____ DAY _____

SPOUSE MONTH _____ DAY _____

\$15.00 annual dues. 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

CLASSIFIED – For Sale/Leads & Needs

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:

- **1957 Olds Super 88 2 Dr Ht**; solid no rust car ready to restore. \$7500 Steve Sutton 604-535-7477. (2)
- **1960 Dynamic 88 Bubble Top**; New Motor and Transmission - \$28,000 OBO
Call Jim or Nina; 360-651-6246 (1)
- **1963 Cutlass Convertible**; Red with white interior; 215 V8, Automatic, PS, PB, Very good condition; Owned by Mary Lindholm; \$15,000 Contact Ed Straw 425-485-3093; ekstraw@comcast.net (3)
- **1963 conv** Robert Banks 425-454-2289 (3)
- **1964 442**. Excellent condition! \$52,900; Call Ned Peterson 425-316-3200 (1)
- **1969 350 Block**, Looking to sell or trade for an Oldsmobile diesel 350 block: 1969 Olds 350 long-block. Oil pan and original cast iron 4-barrel intake manifold included. Partially disassembled. Will consider any offer. It's just collecting dust in my garage and I'd like to see it go to a good home. Contact: samandw@gmail.com or 425-210-7040 (1)
- **1973 Olds Hardtop Parts Car** – Call Hugh Russell – 206-524-2785 (2)
- **1982 Toronado** – Need engine, body good. \$300 - Call Mick Preston, Cell 425-622-8294 (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 (2)
- **Intake Manifold** for 4 barrel 394 motor. Call Jim Long 360-893-8293 (2)
- **1959 Fiesta Wagon** 4 doors and a hood for sale. Contact at Kathleen Gamble at snohomishironinc@hotmail.com (1)

NEEDS:

- **Radiator shroud for '57, '58 or '59**. Call Erik (425) 433-6480 (1)
- **Fender skirts, driver's door latch and ash trays for 1973 98**; Hugh Russell 206-524-2785 (1)
- **Bumper jack, Driver's door handle w/key**; For 1950 Olds; Call Ken at 206-930-1741 (3)

- **Power Antenna and the name of a Wonder Bar radio repair person.** Call Ed Booth; 253-752-6158 (1)
- **Gravel guard for 1949 88 Coupe;** Call Brian McAdams – Cell, 206-618-8647 (3)
- **425 Engine for Delta 88 –** Call John Woolworth; 206-524-6142 or woolworthart@yahoo.com (1)

LEADS:

Bumper jacks; Call Hugh Russell; 206-524-2785 (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 issue.





DIRECTIONS TO THE PLUM DELICIOUS RESTAURANT

3212 NE Sunset Blvd, Renton, WA 98056

From Hwy 405, Take Exit 5 from the north or south to NE Park Dr., turn east up the hill. NE Park Dr. turns in NE Sunset Blvd. The entrance driveway is on your left just past the Goodwill sign. The restaurant is painted purple so it is hard to miss.

Watch carefully for traffic coming down the hill as you turn left into the parking lot.

Parting shot...

Cars that were ahead of their time...



Oldsmobile Jetfire

First off: Awesome name. Second: The Jetfire (and the Chevy Corvair Monza) was the first mass-produced turbocharged car in 1962. The Corvair had an air-cooled, rear-mounted, and turbocharged flat-six engine. The Jetfire has a 3.5-liter V8 that made 215 hp. It relied on "Turbo Rocket Fluid" to combat detonation problems. You know how almost all cars are turbocharged these days? These two started it all!

(The Oldsmobile Jetfire was in a list of 13 cars compiled by Road and Track)