

# THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

## Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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On April 7, the Puget Sound Olds Chapter will gather at LeMay's America's Car Museum at noon in lieu of our regular monthly meeting at one of the King County Libraries. We will be able to display our Oldsmobiles on the sidewalk (as you see the Mercedes above). If you bring a non-Olds, parking is \$5.

During the month of April, the featured car at the museum is the "Steve McQueen Bullitt Mustang" from the movie. This is the original Mustang that was discovered in New Jersey being used as a daily driver by the family that had owned it for years. The Mustang was also displayed at the Ford Motor Company introduction of the 2019 Bullitt now being offered for sale.

The admission to the Museum is normally \$18 but we have been granted the group rate of only \$12 per person. If you would like to attend this event and display your Olds, please call Ed at 253-576-1128 by March 31. We need to give the museum a head count.

We will be able to hold a short meeting in the café that overlooks the main display area. Please join us for the tour and lunch after.

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## President's Message

PSOC Members,

This message begins with the announcement of the passing of chapter member and secretary, Bob Kruse on Feb. 25. Bob suffered a major heart attack and left the Olds Family with a big void. He was one of the founding members of the NorCal Olds Club before he left to join us in Washington. Bob leaves a surviving sister. There will be a memorial service to be announced at a later date in California.

Last month we discussed the possibility of having our chapter meeting on April 7 at LeMay's America Museum in downtown Tacoma. This is a great opportunity to view the original "Steve McQueen Bullitt Mustang" that is on exhibit thru the month of April. If you would like to participate in this event, please call me at 253-576-1128. We need to give the museum a head count.

The regular admission to the Museum is \$18 but we have a group rate of only \$12, We will be meeting at noon for entrance as a group. We will also be able to park our Oldsmobiles on the sidewalk just in front of the museum for no charge. Otherwise, parking is \$5.

The Museum has a great café and we plan to have a short meeting and lunch after we tour the museum.

***Join us at LeMay's America's Museum  
on April 7...***

***Ed Konsmo***

### **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



### WHAT IF A FIRE THREATENED YOUR COLLECTIBLE/CLASSIC CAR?

The article below was written by Wallace Wyss and published in “*Hemmings Daily*”

Having had the unique experience of driving my Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing out of a burning building, I can add a little advice on protecting your classic car from the threat of fire.

Here are 10 tips to keep in mind:

**Store it with the key in it, or at least readily accessible.**

True, a thief could break in your garage or the garage working on your car and steal it but believe me — when the building is on fire, no one is going to take too long to search for the keys.

**Make sure neighbors know how to start your car and get it in gear.**

Let’s face it — in 2018, driving a manual transmission vehicle is a dying skill. Wouldn’t it be a shame if your Porsche or Ferrari roasted because someone didn’t know how to let out the clutch, or even put the car in neutral?

**Move it at the first sign of fire.**

Even if the fire is five miles away, move the car if you live in high-risk fire area. One report I read from Malibu cited a Ferrari Testarossa owner who moved his car to the beach; true, it will get covered by ash and salt-laden dew at night, but there’s less chance of it burning in a cement parking lot than in a wood-frame garage surrounded by shrubbery.

**Always keep the car on four wheels.**

Having the original wheels repainted? Put “slave” wheels on with old tires, thus enabling the car to be moved. A car can’t be rolled out of the garage if it’s on jackstands.

**Don’t pile stuff on it.**

You’ve let your non-running car become a shelf for boxes of old magazines and clothes? If a fire is coming, who has time to move all that (combustible) stuff?

**Don’t have non-valuable cars obstructing the path of valuable ones.**

An acquaintance has a pricey Italian sports car — worth more than his three-bedroom home — but it’s blocked by three or four junkyard cars in his driveway, likely worth little more than their salvage value. The pathway for rolling out the valuable car should remain unimpeded the whole time — don’t let a sentimental attachment cause you a financial hardship.

**Aim the car outward.**

Even if your significant other or neighbor can’t drive a stick, they can easily roll the car if it’s aimed out of the garage. Keep the wheels pointed forward, too — if the keys are lost and the steering wheel locks, the car may not make it out the door otherwise.

**Take neighbors for rides in non-fire season (assuming there IS a non-fire season).**

Let them drive your collector car and put it in reverse from a standstill. You may be 50 miles away when the fire alert comes, so having a dependable and knowledgeable neighbor — who can move your car out of harm’s way — gives peace of mind.

**Reduce combustible clutter in your garage.**

Minimize the amount of rags and drop cloths you keep on hand, and never store things like oily rags in your garage. Try to minimize the amount of combustible liquid, too, and beware of storing dangerous and highly reactive chemicals — like pool chlorine — in the garage.

**Keep an A-B-C rated fire extinguisher on hand.**

Though it won’t do much good in a wildfire, a fire extinguisher rated for A (trash, wood, and paper), B (flammable liquids), and C (electrical equipment) could be the difference between a minor inconvenience and a major insurance claim. Make sure it’s mounted in an easily accessible place inside the garage and checked regularly since extinguishers will lose pressure over time. It’s a good idea to practice with an extinguisher as well — putting out burning gasoline isn’t as easy as it looks.

# 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.

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We are sad to announce that our chapter secretary, Bob Kruse, passed away on Feb. 25. Bob was one of the founding members of the NorCal Olds Club in California. There were no services in Washington but a memorial will be held at a later date in California. Bob leaves his sister here in Washington.

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## DID YOU FORGET?

**In 2018, there were 47 families or individuals as members of the Puget Sound Olds Club. As of the printing of this newsletter, 35 members/families (including new members) have renewed their dues for 2019. 28 members from 2018 still have not paid membership dues for 2019. If you are still planning to remain a member, would you please take the time print a copy of the renewal form on page 11, complete it and send it to Kathi? Thank you.**

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**Grand opening of America's Car Museum - 2012**

# CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

## OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER MINUTES

**March 3, 2019**

President Ed Konsmo convened the meeting at 1:10 pm. 11 members were present.  
Treasurer's Report - Kathi Straw reported that chapter finances are in order.  
Meeting minutes – February meeting minutes approved as published.

### **Old Business;**

None

### **New Business;**

John Hogan, long-time chapter member joined the chapter meeting.

The announcement of the passing of chapter member and secretary, Bob Kruse, was made. At this time, final arrangements or a memorial service have not been announced. Bob's closest friend, Larry Camuso, will be assisting Bob's sister in making final arrangements.

It was discussed by the members present to perhaps create a plaque in Bob's memory at the Rhodes River Ranch. Bob was the person behind promoting the show every year.

Bob Kubeck presented information about a private home museum in Port Angeles that could be a possible chapter cruise.

The April meeting location was discussed. Because of the small size of the only room available at the Mercer Island Library, Ed K. will check to see if April 7 and LeMay's America Car Museum in downtown Tacoma would be available for the April 7 chapter meeting and tour.

The Greenwood Car Show on June 20 was again discussed. If enough members do not pre-pay for a space, the block that has been occupied by the Puget Sound Olds Club will still be available for any member who wishes to attend the show. Jim Edwards will bring additional information about the show to the chapter membership.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.



***Happy Birthday  
to our Chapter Members  
and Their Spouses  
APRIL***

10	John Vipond	Lakewood, WA
12	Bob Gaunt	Fife, WA
15	Maggie Salazar	Kent, WA
21	Mrs. Edgecombe	Renton, WA
23	Sue Bergstrom	Spanaway, WA
23	Dann Gadbois	Edmonds, WA

**CHAPTER MEETING HOSTS\***

APRIL – Erik Martinson  
 MAY – Kathi Straw  
 JUNE – Jim Edwards  
 JULY – ZONE SHOW  
 AUGUST – RR RANCH SHOW  
 SEPTEMBER – BOP SHOW  
 OCTOBER – Hugh Russell  
 NOVEMBER – Jim & Nina Rogers  
 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DINNER

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

# Swap Meets and Shows in April

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

- APR 4-6 Portland, OR; PIR Auto Swap Meet (This the meet on the race track)**  
Portland International Raceway, 1940 N Victory Blvd. Portland, OR 97217;  
8am – 5pm each day; Adm. Fee - \$7; Under 12 Free; 503-307-5420;  
[twobauers@msn.com](mailto:twobauers@msn.com); <http://www.portlandraceway.com>
- APR 5-7 Portland, OR; Portland Auto Swap Meet (This meet is at the Expo Ctr)**  
Portland EXPO Center, 2060 N Marine Dr, Portland, OR 97217; 7am – 7pm;  
7am – 5pm; 8am – 1pm; Adm. Fee - \$7; Under 12 free; Vendor Fee - \$75;  
Portland Swap Meet LLC; 503-678-2100; [pdxswap@aol.com](mailto:pdxswap@aol.com);  
**There is a shuttle to the race track if you wish to see both meets**
- APR 6 Tacoma, WA; Caffeine & Gasoline**  
Griot's Garage, 3333 S. 38<sup>th</sup> St. Tacoma, WA 98409; **8am – 10am**; Adm. Free;  
No reg. fee; Griot's Garage Store & Events Center; 800-345-5789;  
[customerservice@griotsgarage.com](mailto:customerservice@griotsgarage.com)
- APR 13 Junction City, OR; Junction 4 Junction Swap Meet**  
Junction City High School, football field parking lot, Junction City, OR 97448;  
5am – 4pm; Adm. Free; Vendor Fee - \$30; Junction 4 Junction; 541-954-0762;  
[danielcalley@yahoo.com](mailto:danielcalley@yahoo.com); <http://www.function4junction.com>  
(Junction City is a few miles north of Eugene on Old Hwy 99)
- APR 26-27 Ocean Shores, WA; High Rollin' Hotrods**  
Quinault Beach Resort and Casino, 78 Hwy 115 Ocean Shores, WA 98569;  
12 pm – 4pm; 7am – 2pm; Adm. Free; Reg. Fee - \$20; Quinault Beach Resort  
And Casino; 360-581-9911; [firstaidcpr@comcast.net](mailto:firstaidcpr@comcast.net); <http://pushrods.org>
- APR 27-28 Kent, WA; Spring Sprints**  
Pacific Raceways, 31001 144<sup>th</sup> St SE, Kent, WA 98253; 9am – 5pm both days;  
Adm. Fee - \$20; SOVREN; 206-427-1124; [rsp@integra.net](mailto:rsp@integra.net);  
<http://www.sovrenracing.org> (An opportunity to watch race cars on the track)

# Future Oldsmobile National Meets

**2019    June 26-30    Wichita, KS; Hosted by the OCA  
Hyatt Regency Wichita**

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



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

The OCA Board of Directors voted during the week of Dec. 9 to hold the 2020 OCA National Meet in Murfreesboro, TN at the Embassy Suites, July 28-Aug 2. Murfreesboro is south east of Nashville.



# 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:

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



He said it would be an easy restoration!

## NEEDS and LEADS:

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

**NEED - Power Antenna and the name of a Wonder Bar radio repair person.** Call Ed Booth; 253-752-6158 (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 - 1955** parts cars; 98 4 dr h.t., 55 88 2 dr h.t., 88 4dr sedan. Have 52/53 303 motor plus three 55 324 motors with 4bbl manifolds. All blocks good rebuild candidates. Don Monroe 253-566-8488. Tacoma WA. End of season prices. (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 –** OCA and PSOC chapter member. Looking for a '70-'72 442, W30, W31 or SX convertible or hardtop, any condition. The more original and documented, the better. Prefer numbers matching car. I would like to be the next caretaker of your prized Olds. Looking for any NOS parts or parts collection for these cars. Call John Bumb at 314-713-3444 or email [johnbumb@charter.net](mailto:johnbumb@charter.net) (1)

**NEED –** 1966 TO 1970 Toronado; Beauty rings and dog dish hub caps. Mine were stolen. Jim Long 360-693-8293 (1)

421-1510 Call my any time

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ADS:** It is now April and a (1) is after your ad and we will list it for the next three months. If you sell the car or item listed please let us know and we will remove the ad. The same applies if you find the item you are looking for, let us know. Thank you.



**OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**PUGET SOUND CHAPTER**  
**2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

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

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

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

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

Check here if this is an address change

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**\$20.00 annual dues payable. Please 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...



### **THE LAST OLDSMOBILE TO LEAVE THE PRODUCTION LINE**

There was no Rocket V-8 engine in the last Oldsmobile made, nor was there a “Cutlass” nameplate anywhere on the body. The last car from a brand that once defined middle-class aspiration was an Alero, a far from aspirational and totally forgettable compact. GM didn’t want to forget it, though, so the Dark Cherry Metallic four-door went to the GM Heritage Collection. Thinking better of it later, GM sold off the car in December 2017, and it fetched an entirely un-Alerolike \$42K.