

THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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Christmas Holiday songs and films the year you were born!



In 1964, "*Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer*", though invented in 1939, became a holiday character with his own feature film.

In 1958, The high pitched, "*Chipmunk Song (Christmas Don't Be Late)*" hit the radio waves.

In 1954, Bing Crosby sang the song "*White Christmas*" in the movie "*White Christmas*" starring Bing, Rosemary Clooney, and Danny Kaye.

In 1950, Gene Autry recorded the song, "*Frosty the Snowman*".

In 1947, the movie, "*Miracle on 34th Street*", debuted.

In 1946, the movie, "*It's a Wonderful Life*", was nominated for Best Picture.

In 1944, Judy Garland sang "*Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*" in the movie, "*Meet Me in St. Louis*".

In 1942, Bing Crosby introduced the song "*White Christmas*".

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President's Message

PSOC Members,

Here we are in the last month of another year in our lives. Hopefully, it was a good one for you.

As we move into 2018, we would like to encourage our chapter members to participate in as many chapter sponsored events as possible. We will try to make our events enjoyable for all.

At the November meeting, a number of decisions were made by the members present. Chapter dues had not be increased since 2003. It was voted to increase dues to \$20 which is comparable to dues of other OCA chapters.

The annual Christmas dinner will be on Dec. 9 at the Buzz Inn Steakhouse in Everett. This is a new location for the Christmas dinner. Thank you Nina for finding this restaurant. We have scheduled the dinner for 2 pm which will allow you to get home before it gets too dark. You may order your dinner choice from the menu. Reservations are not required. Just show up! Directions are in the newsletter on page 9.

If you plan to attend the Christmas dinner, please bring an unwrapped toy for our Toys for Tots collection.

As in past years, we will have an optional gift exchange at the Christmas dinner. If you would like to participate, we suggest a \$20 limit.

If you cannot attend the Christmas dinner, the officers of the chapter wish you a **Very Merry Christmas.**
We hope to see you at the Christmas Dinner

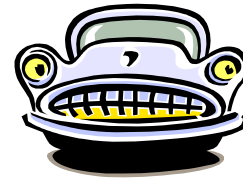
Ed Konsmo
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DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE NEWSLETTER:

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



Since one of the most historical events occurring in the month of December is the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, here is a very interesting little known fact involving a historic automobile.



Hours after Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his infamy speech to Congress the next day, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents weren't sure how to transport him safely.

At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than \$750, so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that, and nobody had time for that. One of the Secret Service members, however, discovered that the US Treasury had seized the bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was sent to jail in 1931. They cleaned it, made sure it was running fine and had it ready for the President the day after.

And run properly it did. Capone's car was a sight to behold. It had been painted black and green so as to look identical to Chicago's police cars at the time. It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio. To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac 341A Town Sedan had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows. Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7th, to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief. The car was sold at an auction price of \$341,000 in 2012.

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.

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We would like to extend a welcome to new chapter member, Greg Lange. Greg owns a 1963 Dynamic 88 Convertible and lives in Edmonds. Greg will certainly have a short drive to the 2018 Zone Show with his convertible.

As noted in the president's message and the meeting minutes, a new restaurant has been selected for the 2017 Christmas dinner. With the most of the members who usually attend the dinner living in Renton and north, we tried to have a location that would be the shortest driving distance. The number one requirement was to have a restaurant with a separate meeting room. Also, being able to order individually from the menu was an important consideration. Nina Rogers checked out a number of locations and found the Buzz Inn Steakhouse in Everett. They have 12 locations in the Puget Sound area and have a great experience in the restaurant business. A start time of 2pm for the dinner will get us home at an early hour. Please put the date on your calendar and join us.

Have you sold the item you have listed in the Classifieds in the newsletter? Or, if you are no longer looking for the item you have listed, would you please let us know so we can remove the listing? Just send us an e-mail or call my cell, 253-576-1128. Thanks for your help.

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Chapter dues for 2018 are due in January. Please take time to complete the renewal application on page 14 of this newsletter.



CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER MINUTES

November 5, 2017

President Ed Konsmo convened the meeting at 1:10 pm. 13 members were present.

Treasurer Kathi Straw reported that chapter finances are in order.

No corrections or additions to the October meeting minutes – approved.

Old Business;

No old business.

New Business;

Increase of chapter dues to \$20 was discussed. Most car clubs have dues of \$20-25. A motion to increase dues was discussed and passed.

Nina Rogers reported on restaurants that would have a separate room for our Christmas Dinner. The Golden Corral in Marysville does not have a room available on weekends. Nina checked out the Buzz Inn Steakhouse in Everett. They have a private room available and we can order from the menu. Saturday, December 9th was available and Nina placed a hold on the room. After some discussion, a vote was taken by the members present and the Buzz Inn Steakhouse was approved for the annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 9. We will again collect Toys for Tots. Please bring an un-warped toy. The annual gift exchange will take place and is optional.

Nominations for chapter officers from the floor was opened. There were none and the current Chapter Board was approved for 2018.

Charging \$20 for registration at the BOP Show was discussed and approved. The primary reason is to provide additional awards and not have the show be a cost to the Puget Sound Chapter. We will be meeting with the Buick Chapter and Pontiac Club in January to discuss what kinds of awards to have.

Hugh Russell gave a report on wrecking yards in the Pacific Northwest that might have parts for Oldsmobiles. Many yards have gone out of business. All American Classic in Vancouver USA has a great inventory of old cars that have not been crushed.

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Donations to local charities was discussed. Donating \$50 each to five charities was approved. They are Northwest Harvest, The Millionaire Club, The Salvation Army, Make a Wish Foundation and the Seattle Gospel Mission.

New members Jay Holman and Jeannie Perry were among the chapter members in attendance. Welcome Jay and Jeannie!

The first chapter meeting for 2018 will take place on Jan. 7 at the Mercer Island Library at 1pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Submitted,

Robert Kruse
Secretary





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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Vivian Ralls	Edmonds, WA
8	Ken Thompson	Seattle, WA
15	Barbara Rogers	Spanaway, WA
28	Erik Martinson	Maple Valley, WA
30	Larry Weyand	Yakima, WA

2017 CHAPTER MEETING HOSTS *

December - Christmas Party

****Host provides refreshments***



***Puget Sound Olds Club
Annual Christmas
Dinner
Saturday Dec.9
At the Buzz Inn Steakhouse
Everett, WA
2 – 5 pm
Directions on page 9***

Welcome Friends and Neighbors to the Buzz Inn Steak House

Directions to the Buzz Inn Steakhouse in Everett

Drive North on I-5 from Seattle or North on I-405 from Renton/Bellevue

At exit 192 on I-5, take ramp right and follow signs for Broadway

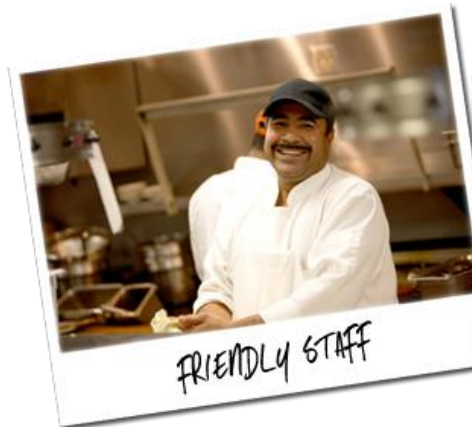
Bear right onto Broadway Ave

Continue on Broadway Ave to 3121 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

The Buzz Inn Steakhouse

The last intersection is 32nd St

If you reach Pacific Ave, you've gone too far!



Swap Meets & Shows to attend in December

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

- DEC 2 Tacoma, WA; Caffeine & Gasoline**
Griot's Garage, 3333 S 38th St. Tacoma, WA 98409; 8am; No Adm. Fee;
No Reg. Fee; 253-922-2400; info@griotsgarage.com; <http://griotsgarage.com>
- DEC 2 Stayton, OR; Santa Cruise-In & Breakfast**
Stayton Fire Station, 1988 W Ida St, Stayton, OR 97383; 7am – 11:30am;
Adm. Free; No Reg. Fee; Stayton Fire Station; 503-930-8976;
stros cars@wvi.com; www.stros.biz
- DEC 3 Issaquah, WA; 16th Jingle Bell Cruz – Toys for Tots**
Triple XXX Root Beer Drive-In, 98 NE Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, WA 98027
10am – 3pm; Adm. Free; No Reg. Fee; Sunset Hiway Cruisers;
425-766-3514; dozer-man@msn.com; www.sunsethiwaycruisers.com



Future Oldsmobile National Meets and OCA News

2018 July 31-Aug 5 Gettysburg, PA; Hosted by the OCA

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



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

At the 2017 National Meet, the Board of Directors worked on revisions and updates to the OCA Bylaws. Among the changes made was the removal of the requirement to have the National Meet being held in June, July or August.

The OCA has a new Swap Meet Chairman. Scott Winn has been appointed by the BOD. Scott has owned Cutlasses since he was 16 years old. Over the years he has been the owner of 92 Cutlasses. If you need any parts for your Cutlass, Scott should be your contact. Previous Swap Meet Chairman Everett Horton submitted his resignation. Everett served the OCA for many years from his home in Rhode Island. Best of success to Everett.

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:

- **1950 88 4-dr Sedan;** Dark green, 303 cu, 3 speed on column. Good cond. Sun visor, new tires. Call Jose for price; 209-252-5647. Car located 15 mi. from Modesto, CA (1)
- **1959 Fiesta Wagon** 4 doors and a hood for sale. Contact at Kathleen Gamble at snohomishironinc@hotmail.com (2)
- **1963 conv** Robert Banks 425-454-2289 Please call for a price. (3)
- **1972 Cutlass Supreme;** Parked since 1998, some rust. The car is located in Bow, WA; E-mail Jeff Moller at uwarrior@hotmail.com. (2)
- **1973 Delta 88** – Wine color, 74,000 miles, one owner; Call Carl Werner, 604-266-0041 or 604-266-5127; Vancouver, BC (1)
- **1976 Omega Coupe;** 260 V-8, 2 BBL turbo-hydrumatic; Gray paint, Red interior, bench seats, car is a California vehicle; second owner. Contact Ron Tanciar; Tanciar50@gmail.com (3)
- **1978 Cutlass Supreme w/T-Tops;** Project car. Engine is out and interior needs to be finished. Call Mike at 360-516-9108 for the price. (3)
- **1978 Cutlass.** 109,000 miles, new head liner. Call Susan Nordeen at 360-384-2904 or e-mail at 360-384-2904 or e-mail ssnordeen@gmail.com for a price.
- **1983 98 Regency** – New engine 4 years ago. 60k on the odometer. Belonged to my mother now in a rest home. Needs some work to make it drivable. Call 206-522-2801 for information and price. (3)
- **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)
- **1986 442** – 98k Canadian car; \$9,000 Canadian, very good condition, nor rust, painted once; call Jack & Faye Dugan, 604-465-9356 (2)
- **Olds Delco Radio** – 1994 Cutlass Ciera S radio \$45; stevenlavoie557@gmail.com (2)

NEEDS and LEADS:

- **Intake Manifold** for 4 barrel 394 motor. Call Jim Long 360-893-8293 (2)
- **Radiator shroud** for '57, '58 or '59. Call Erik (425) 433-6480 (2)
- **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 (3)
- **1941 98 – Rear axle shaft;** Call Ralph 253-222-5098; TacomaRain@gmail.com (1)
- **1957 Super 88 Conv.** – A So. California car. Restoration completed in 2017; Call Mike Pike at 310-326-3615 to make an offer. (If interested, ask Ed for a photo.)
- **1963 F85 Convertible** – free chrome parts – Don O'Kelly; 509-589-1201 (3)
- **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. (2)
- **1970 442, W-30, W31, SX convertible or hardtop, any condition. Prefer matching numbers and as original as possible.** Call John Bumb at 314-713-3444 or e-mail at johnbumb@charter.net (3)

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.

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA
PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE: _____

____ Check here if this is an address change

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ CELL 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 shot...

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE AT CHRISTMAS:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus!

