

# THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

## Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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## President's Message

PSOC Members,

At our January chapter meeting, the members present made a decision that will hopefully make a difference in attendance at our monthly meetings in 2016. **Our February meeting will be on the second Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

We will be meeting at the Plum Delicious Restaurant in Renton. For those who would like to have dinner, or a snack, we will meet at 6pm with the meeting to follow at 7pm. This is the same restaurant where we had our Chapter Christmas Dinner. The Plum Delicious staff is excited to host our meeting.

**Look for directions on page 15.**

The motivation behind the decision was to free up Sunday for family interests or the opportunity to attend additional car show events. There are many chapters around the country that do meet at restaurants during the week for this very reason.

If you have not sent in your membership dues yet, please take time today to fill out the renewal form on page 11 and send it to Kathi.

*Shine your Olds and join us!*

**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



### **Ultrarare, Low-Mileage 1970 Oldsmobile 4-4-2 W-30 (continued from pg.1)**

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Beth's W-30 was produced during the fourth week of December 1969 and was sold new to one Doug Paynter of St. Anthony, Idaho. The 4-4-2 came with a list of standard and optional equipment about as long as your arm that included all the good parts that made up the W-30 package, Platinum Metallic paint and black vinyl top, and interior amenities that ran the gamut from air conditioning and tinted glass to a powered bucket seat for the driver.

Paynter took excellent care of the 4-4-2. The car was sparingly driven and garage-kept. It had less than 20,000 miles on the odometer when it changed hands in the late 1980s. Chad Budge from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, was visiting Idaho and spotted and identified the W-30 parked in Paynter's driveway. At the time, the car was not for sale, but that didn't deter Budge from inquiring. A deal was struck, and Budge bought himself the low-mileage W-30 to add to his collection.

Budge eventually sold the car to a third owner, whose widow sold the car to Minnesotan Randy Wilcox in August 2000. Although the 4-4-2 was in pristine condition, Wilcox replaced the original carpet, which was showing signs of age. To his surprise, he found the original vehicle broadcast sheet hog-ringed beneath the back seat.

In 2013, another Minnesotan, Harlan Nelson, became the 4-4-2's fifth owner. He kept the car for less than two years before selling it to the Bimbis in February 2015. Other than basic maintenance, little has been done to the W-30, though it does still get driven around the neighborhood (and for magazine photographers) when the weather is right.

#### **At a Glance**

#### **1970 4-4-2 W-30 Sport Coupe**

**Owned by:** Beth Bimbi, St. Charles, IL

**Restored by:** Repainted by original owner

**Engine:** 455ci/370hp W-30 V-8

**Transmission:** TH400 3-speed automatic

**Rear end:** 12-bolt with 3.23 gears and Anti Spin

**Interior:** Black vinyl bucket seat

**Wheels:** Super Stock II

**Tires:** F70-14 Firestone Wide Oval

**Special equipment:** W-30 High Performance Engine Pkg. and all std, equip., W-25 Outside Air Induction System, power disk brakes, power steering, black vinyl top, air conditioning, tinted glass, window pillar bright trim, power driver's seat, interior operated hood lock, Hurst Dual-Gate shifter in sports console, Rally Pac gauges, Safety Sentinel Speed Minder, deluxe AM radio with rear speaker, super lift air shocks.

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## What Is a W-30?

All 1970 Oldsmobile W-30s (two-door Hardtop Coupe, two-door Sport Coupe, or convertible) have M in the VIN and were assembled in Lansing, Michigan. While the standard Oldsmobile 4-4-2 (if you can call them standard) were designated with W29 on the build sheet, the high-performance, 10.25:1-compression Ram Air version (called the W-Machine Package in marketing materials) was designated with W30.

The W-30 engine was about the closest thing to a factory blueprinted engine you could get. It featured a more aggressive camshaft, a set of Select-Fit aluminum pistons (weighed and concentrically matched to the bores), code-F cylinder heads with 2.072-inch intake and 1.625-inch exhaust valves with hardened exhaust seats, a Winters Foundry "snowflake" cast-aluminum W-30 four-barrel intake, and a specially jetted 750-cfm Rochester Quadra-Jet carburetor that worked in concert with the Outside Air Induction System (OAI) ram-air hood. The W-30 option also included a W-30-specific curved distributor and Y72 heavy-duty engine cooling and charging system.

While these engines were conservatively rated at 370 hp at 5,400 rpm, those in the know claim a real-world figure of 400 to 420 hp at 5,750 rpm and 500 lb-ft of peak torque at 3,800 rpm, making the 455ci motor a bona fide street thumper.

The 1970 W-30 automatics (120 Sport Coups produced) were outfitted with a special TH400 featuring a higher stall speed torque converter and a blueprinted valve body, with firmed up as well as higher shift points. The special "OW" code was stamped into an aluminum tag which was riveted to the side of the transmission. The stripes and badging on Beth Bimbi's Olds are understated—particularly compared to other muscle cars made for 1970—befitting the 4-4-2's position as an upper echelon performance car.

The 455ci W-30 big-block is about the closest thing you could get to a factory blueprinted engine back in the day. The General underrated its output at 370 hp for emissions and insurance reasons, but realistically these big mills put out more than 400 hp.

The interior in Beth's W-30 is all original save for the carpet. This well-optioned car was equipped with power steering and brakes, air conditioning, tinted glass, a console with a Hurst Dual Gate shifter, and the Rally Pac gauge cluster.

Additional photos of Beth's 442 are on page 5. This article was published in HOT ROD Network and written by Bob McClung.



## LET'S GET PERSONAL



## February Birthdays

<i>Date</i>		<i>Lives in</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>Trudy Gamash</b>	Sequim, WA
<b>2</b>	<b>John Haukom</b>	Lacey, WA
<b>6</b>	<b>Joyce Rose</b>	Qualicum Beach, BC
<b>7</b>	<b>David Simonson</b>	Milton, WA
<b>7</b>	<b>Liz McCaughan</b>	Des Moines, WA
<b>13</b>	<b>Carol Secord</b>	Redmond, WA
<b>20</b>	<b>Bob Bass</b>	Woodinville, WA
<b>21</b>	<b>Hugh Russell</b>	Seattle, WA

### **2016 CHAPTER MEETING HOSTS \***

*February – We will be meeting at Plum Delicious*

*March – We will be meeting at Plum Delicious*

*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](mailto:ekonsmo@msn.com), or call and leave a message, 253-845-2288.

### **Editor's Apology**

In the January newsletter, two member's names were omitted from the birthday list. Please accept my apology.

#### **Happy Birthday Ladies!**

Shirley Repp – January 9

Sharon Gaunt – January 21

### **Future chapter cruises**

At the January chapter meeting, member Ken Thompson asked for ideas for chapter cruises be directed to his attention. Ken would be pleased to be the "wagon master" for any event. If you have an idea, please contact Ken at [kenesther37@yahoo.com](mailto:kenesther37@yahoo.com). Perhaps a Sunday afternoon cruise would be in order with chapter meetings now on the second Tuesday of the month.

A blast from the past! On page 14 of this newsletter is a flyer from a cruise to Mt. Helens that was headed by Ken Thompson in 1986. A 360-mile cruise! How many chapter members remember this cruise?

### **Chapter Dues Renewal**

It's a new year and time to send in your dues for 2016. You will find the renewal form on page 11. Please print, complete it and send it off to Kathi today. We would like to have a chapter roster available for members by the first of March.

**Important note: Since we are meeting at the Plum Delicious Restaurant, no host with snacks and drinks will be required.**

# Chapter Meeting Minutes

**OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA  
PUGET SOUND CHAPTER  
January 3, 2016**

**MINUTES**

- President Ed Konsmo convened the meeting at 1:25 p.m. 12 members were present.
- Treasurer Kathi Straw reported that the chapter finances are in order.
- The app “Show finder” has incorrect information regarding our zone show. We will contact them to make corrections.
- Ed Konsmo conducted a survey of members' addresses to see where they are residing and if that might have an effect on attendance at meetings. He also reviewed what days, times and where other clubs held their meetings. After discussion it was decided to hold our next meeting Tuesday, February 9, 7 p.m., at Plum Delicious. We could meet at 6 for dinner and the chapter meeting would start at 7. Ed will check with the restaurant to see if it is available.
- Ken Thompson encouraged members to think about scheduling some tours for the coming season. A notice will be posted in the newsletter asking for suggestions.
- A flyer will be developed for the B.O.P. Show.
- Greater participation of our members in the Triple A show will be encouraged.
- Adding a way that visitors to our website could connect to a membership application was suggested. Making limited access to our membership list through the website was also suggested. Kathi will check with our web person to see if these things would be possible.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Mary Lindholm  
Secretary

## Swap Meets & Shows to attend in January

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

- FEB 5-6 Puyallup, WA; Corvette & High Performance Meet**  
Washington State Fair Event Center, 110 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Puyallup, WA 98371  
2pm – 8pm, 8am – 4pm; Adm. Fee - \$10; No Reg. Fee; Corvette & High Performance; 360-786-8844; [lwjohnson@corvettehp.com](mailto:lwjohnson@corvettehp.com); <http://corvettehp.com>
- FEB 6 Tacoma WA; Caffeine & Gasoline**  
Griot's Garage Store & Events Center; 3333 S. 38<sup>th</sup> St, Tacoma, WA 98409;  
8am; No Adm. Fee; No Reg. Fee; 253-922-2400; [infor@griotsgarage.com](mailto:infor@griotsgarage.com)  
<Http://www.griotsgarage.com>
- FEB 13-14 Puyallup, WA; Early Bird Swap Meet (Look for the chapter banner)**  
Washington State Fairgrounds, 110 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Puyallup, WA 98371  
Sat. 8am – 5pm; Sun. 9am – 3pm; Adm. Fee - \$5; Tacoma Model T Ford Club;  
253-863-6211; [charlieos@q.com](mailto:charlieos@q.com); [www.earlybirdswap.org](http://www.earlybirdswap.org)
- FEB 20-21 Salem, OR; 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Roadster Show**  
Oregon State Fairgrounds – American Center, 2330 17<sup>th</sup> St NE. Salem, OR 98302  
9am – 7pm; 9am – 5pm; Adm. Fee \$11; No Reg. Fee; Vendor Fee - \$250;  
Salem International Roadster Show; 503-363-6275; [gjroach@hotmail.com](mailto:gjroach@hotmail.com);  
[www.salem-roadstershow.com](http://www.salem-roadstershow.com)



## 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**



**\*\*\*\*\* 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>

**OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**PUGET SOUND CHAPTER**  
**2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

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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 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:snohomishironinc@hotmail.com) (1)

#### NEEDS:

- **Need: Radiator shroud for '57, '58 or '59.** Call Erik (425) 433-6480 (1)
- **Need: Fender skirts for 1973 98 and ash trays (1)** Hugh Russell 206-524-2785
- **Bumper Jack;** For 1950 Olds; Call Ken at 206-930-1741 (3)

- **Need: 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](mailto: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.



**Come Join the FUN ...**  
**Caravan in your**  
**Merry Oldsmobile**  
**to Mt. St. Helens**  
**Saturday**  
**Sept.13,1986**

**MEET AT SOUTHCENTER**

**DEPART AT 8:00 A. M. SHARP!!**

Trip is approximately 360 miles. So, pack your lunch -and plan for a grand tour. The scenery is beautiful and awesome.

Dinner is at "THE WHEEL" Restaurant in Morton.

Get *your OLDS* serviced and let's make this one of the Best tours ever. Call your friends get them to come along. Don't forget the CB ... This keeps you in touch with what's going on as we travel.

Dinners range from \$5.95 - \$15.95  
(for steak & lobster)  
Sandwiches available, naturally!

Call 982-8898 or 782-1393  
**TO RSVP**



## **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...**

**Dr. Oldsmobile creates a W-Machine.**

