

THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

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An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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If a swap meet were to be held, this is what it would look like!

Unfortunately, all of the 2021 swap meets in the Pacific Northwest have been cancelled for the first six months of the year. Until restrictions are relaxed, we will need to look for and buy parts on eBay. Hopefully, the second half of 2021 will find a more favorable outlook.

Car shows in some areas are still looking like they might be held. The registration forms are available for the NAOC meet in Post Falls, ID in June and the OCA Nationals in Murfreesboro, TN in August. Let's hope that these events will survive and not be cancelled.

The Puget Sound Olds Club has the Annual Zone Show on the calendar for July and we are taking the positive outlook of being able to hold the show.

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MEETING MINUTES
None in January

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Chapter Members,

Inasmuch as there is nothing happening in the "car show world", I thought that I would share our recent experience in traveling to Hawaii. The steps that were required to land in the Islands without the need to quarantine for 14 days were unbelievable.

Within 72 hours of a flight to Hawaii you must have negative virus test results. You then complete the Hawaii Safe Traveler form and upload a Pdf of the test. This gives you a QR code on your cell phone. Now getting this test is not as easy as you would think. There are only two places in Washington that are approved by the State of Hawaii, Walgreens in Tacoma, and the SeaTac airport. Due to a windstorm, the power was out when we went to Walgreens for our online appointment. That test would have cost \$129 per person. So, we drove to the airport for the test (we had made an appointment for Pam because Walgreens had no openings for me). They were very accommodating and were willing to test both of us. Our negative test results were ready in 30 minutes. We paid \$250 each for the test. Ouch! We received the required QR code for the trip.

Now, you are eligible to arrive in Hawaii and freely move about without the need to quarantine. Our first destination was the "Big Island." When we got off the plane in Hilo, we were required to get another virus test (no charge). If not negative, you get back off the Island or quarantine for 14 days. We tested negative!! When we checked into the Hilo Hilton DoubleTree Hotel, we had to prove that we had a QR code with the Safe Traveler approval. They do not trust anyone.

One more requirement, when you have completed your virus test in Hilo, you must request a Civil Defense letter authorizing you to rent a car! No letter, no car! We got the letter.

For the week that we stayed in Hilo, we had ONE day of sun. The last two days of our trip were spent in Honolulu with lots of sun.

What made this trip worth it was spending nine days with our daughter who now lives and works on the "Big Island".

So, you think that you would like to go to Hawaii? Are you sure?

Stay safe.

*Ed Konsmo
Editor*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE NEWSLETTER:

Information to be considered for submittal into the newsletter needs to be received by the 25th of the month. Please send your information in an e-mail and attach it in word document form. If you have problems or questions, call Ed at 253-576-1128. Please e-mail your submittal to: ekonsmo@msn.com.



Another Cutlass...



Pictured above is a 1953 Chance Vought F7u-3 Cutlass which is the namesake for the Olds Cutlass introduced in 1963. This aircraft was owned for 22 years by chapter member, Tom Cathcart. Tom found the Cutlass at the Berryman War Memorial Park in Bridgeport, WA where had sat since 1958. The plane was loaded on a trailer pulled by a Ford F350 to Ephrata, WA with State Patrol escorts to an old WW2 B-17 hanger for restoration. Here the paint was stripped, all markings recorded, and the landing gear made operational for transport to the Museum of Flight in Everett, WA.

A Bayliner boat manufacturer loaned Tom a trailer for the trip from Ephrata to the Museum of Flight restoration hanger at Paine Field in Everett in 1997. (The Museum of Flight is managed by Tom). One year later the two Westinghouse J-46 engines were run up and the various systems were cycled on the ramp. This was the only Cutlass to run its engines since 1959 and was the only F7u-3 in private hands. All others (4) were in museums and non-functional. The Cutlass was the first tail-less afterburning jet in the Navy. Tom sold it a few years ago to an airline pilot who had dreamed of flying one since he was 10. It had many advanced features but suffered mostly due to the J-46 WE-8B engines poor thrust and reliability.

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The first leg of the trip to Ephrata, WA



On the boat trailer to the Museum of Flight in Everett, WA



The Chance Vought F7u-3 Cutlass at its destination at the Museum of Flight in Everett, WA having the final restoration completed.

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 253-576-1128.

ANOTHER EVENT CANCELLATION!

It was just announced that the Ford V8 Club is cancelling the 2021 Spring Monroe Swap Meet in May. All fees paid will be moved to 2022, if desired.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

In a conversation with Peter DuPre, publisher of the **“Yellow Book”** listing car shows and swap meets in the Pacific Northwest, we were informed that there will not be a 2021 edition of the book published. There were not enough listings of events submitted for the year. It became obvious that there is still a fear of being able to host an event with the current restrictions in place.

For updates during the year, you can go to www.nwcareventscalendar.com.

Please note that on page 12 of this newsletter, there is the Chapter Membership Application for the payment of 2021 dues. Please complete and send to Kathi.





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

2	John Haukom	Olympia, WA
7	David Simonson	Milton, WA
13	Bill Bennison	Tacoma, WA
18	Bill Snyder	Monroe, WA
21	Janet Cathcart	Redmond, WA
21	Hugh Russell	Seattle, WA
23	Jerry VanZant	Portland, OR
26	Larry Bergstrom	Spanaway, WA
27	Gene Bush	Grapeview, WA

Please be sure to remember your Valentine!



Swap Meets and Shows in February

Swap meets and shows are selected based on convenient locations.

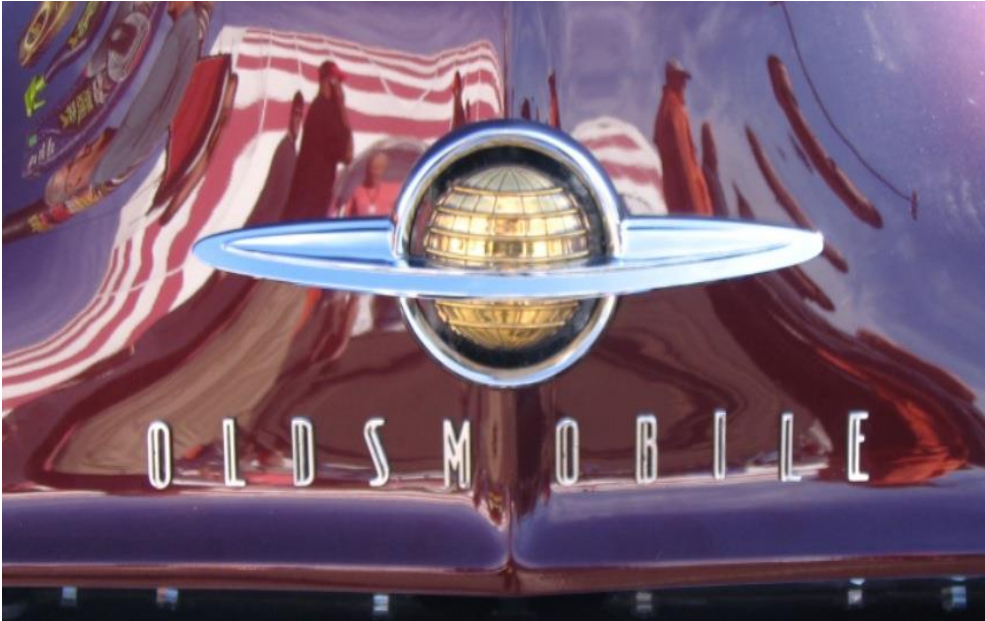
WASHINGTON -- In compliance with the actions announced by Washington Governor, Jay Inslee, plus state and local health officials' events with over 250 persons are hereby cancelled to help combat the spread of the Corona virus.

OREGON -- In compliance with the actions announced by Oregon Governor Kate Brown, Multnomah County, and health officials regarding any event with over 250 persons. All have been cancelled.



Future Oldsmobile National Meets

**2021 August 3-8 Murfreesboro, TN
Hosted by the OCA at the Embassy Suites**



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

The OCA Board of Directors approved a four-year contract with Modern Litho, current publisher of the JWO. The new contract was negotiated with a reduced cost per magazine thus saving the OCA a substantial amount of money.

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 20th of the month to ekonsmo@msn.com.

FOR SALE:

1963 Cutlass Conv. – Okay condition, runs great. **PRICE REDUCED!** \$12,000 – Call Bruce Lyle 360-799-1717(2)

1964 Starfire – Parts car. Fully loaded and complete. Special wheels. \$1800. No offer refused. Must go! Jim Long 360-893-8293 (2)

1981 Cutlass LS Sedan – All options available on the car. Garaged its entire life. The car located in Ferndale, WA. Call Paul St. Julien at 360-223-0997 (2)

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 Auto Check Vehicle History Report. Interested? Please email oldsmobilecutlass85@gmail.com Car located in Indianola, WA (2)

1992 Cutlass Supreme Conv. – 62,800 miles
New top! AC re-charged. LOF just completed.
\$8,995. Call Ed at 253-576-1128 (2)



Chapter member, Jim Long, has a number of cars for sale and is offering bargain prices. Two 1970 Toronados - \$4300 for both; Call 360-893-8293 for more info. Jim also has several Cadillacs and a Chrysler Imperial for sale. (2)

NEEDS and LEADS:

NEED – 1936 – 6 Cylinder engine parts – 213 CI; Frank Geyer 206-949-9087 (2)

LEAD – 1955 88 – Fender skirts – E-mail Russ at m13rj@hotmail.com if interested (2)

LEAD – Olds shirts for sale. Your choice - \$2.00 each. Call Ed Booth. 253-752-6158 (2)

LEAD – 1973 442 – This is a car that was used as a donor car for another restoration. Still has rust free body panels. Interior panels and dash are excellent. \$500. Call Gus at 206-571-3804. (2)

NEED - 1970-1972 442, W30, W31, SX conv. or hardtop – OCA and PSOC club member looking for true collector car. The more original and documented the better. Prefer numbers matching. Any condition – from restorable car to showroom condition. Also looking for NOS or used parts for these cars. John Bumb, St. Louis, Mo. (314) 713-3444 or email me at jbc3735@gmail.com (2)

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Beginning with the January 2021 issue of the Puget Sound Rocket, we will include a photo of your car in your ad in the classifieds. Simply e-mail a photo to ekonsmo@msn.com and we will include the photo with your ad. If you still have your car for sale in this issue, send us a photo and we will include it with the ad next month.



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2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE: _____

____ Check here if this is an address change

HOME 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
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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 SHOTS...

Do you remember when this style was cool?

