

THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

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An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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Another collection of toys and stuffed animals that were distributed this Christmas to children at the Navy base. Thank you to the chapter members who brought toys to the Annual Chapter Christmas Dinner. Also thank you, Nina and Jim Rogers for making sure the toys were delivered. On page 4 of this newsletter are additional photos of the dinner.

Please try to join us for the first chapter meeting of 2019 at the Newport Way Library on Jan. 6 at 1pm. If you have not been to a meeting at this library, the address is 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue, 98006. We will be discussing chapter activities for 2019 and every member's input is valued.

Be sure to renew your chapter dues for 2019. The renewal form is on page 10 in this newsletter.

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None for December

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President's Message

PSOC Members,

2018 is in the history book and we now have a new year ahead of us. We had a very successful year of shows with the BOP Show in September having a record 75 cars in attendance. We recently had a show of support from the South Sound 442 Club for the 2019 show encouraging their members to attend the 2019 show. The 2019 BOP Show should be a great one!

The Christmas Dinner at Trotters was great, and the new venue was well received. Photos of the dinner are in this newsletter. Their sundaes were a big hit! If you were not there, we missed you.

Our first chapter meeting will take place on Jan. 6 at the Newport Way Library at 1pm.

It is that time to renew chapter dues. On page 10 in this newsletter is the renewal form. Would you please print off a copy and send it to Kathi along with your check for the 2019 dues? Better yet, complete the renewal form and bring it with you to the first chapter meeting of 2019 on Jan. 6 at the Newport Way Library.

See you at the January chapter meeting...

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.



“BETWEEN THE BUMPERS” ... By Ed



Ernie's 1930 GMC taxi from “It's a Wonderful Life.” Image courtesy of AACA Museum.



If you watched “*It's a Wonderful Life*”, you would have seen “Ernie the Taxi Driver” with this iconic vehicle. Rarely, does a vehicle from a high-profile movie survive to the present day.

After filming, the taxi was purchased and stored away, the owner planning on a restoration to its former condition that never happened. As the years went by, several buyers showed up at his door wanting to do right by the old car, but he refused to sell it, noting that he would one day get around to restoring it properly. Over 60 years later, the 82-year-old owner finally realized he was no longer able to do the restoration himself and he finally sold the car to the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage collection in 2008.

The NB Center decided to preserve the exterior and passenger compartment as they were, so as not to completely ruin the movie car's patina, and only restore the mechanical bits necessary to get the car running again. The restoration was performed at the NB Center's facility in Allentown, Pennsylvania, home to more than 150 of their own vehicles and the national laboratory for the Historic Vehicle Association. The facility houses restoration shops, a test track, and a restored drive-in movie theater screen, where films are presented in fair weather.

With that mechanical restoration work now completed, the HVA is presenting Ernie's GMC Taxi for public view, on loan to the AACA Museum in Hershey, Pennsylvania, from December 14 until the end of February 2019. It is presented as part of the HVA's ongoing exhibit that features significant vintage vehicles throughout the year, displaying several different vehicles for a few months before updating the display to feature other cars or trucks of historical significance.

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.

PHOTOS FROM THE 2018 CHAPTER CHRISTMAS DINNER



CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

No Minutes. The Annual Christmas Dinner replaced the monthly meeting.



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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

9	Shirley Repp	Yakima, WA
21	Sharon Gaunt	Fife, WA
24	Leonard Barlow	Des Moines, WA
25	Ed Konsmo	Puyallup, WA
29	Darrell Montz	Graham, WA

CHAPTER MEETING HOSTS*
JANUARY – Ed & Pam Konsmo
FEBRUARY – OPEN
MARCH – OPEN
APRIL – OPEN
MAY – OPEN
JUNE – OPEN
JULY – ZONE SHOW
AUGUST – RR RANCH SHOW
SEPTEMBER – BOP SHOW
OCTOBER - OPEN
NOVEMBER – OPEN
DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DINNER
*Meeting host provides snacks for the meeting

Swap Meets and Shows in January

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

JAN 5 Tacoma, WA; Caffeine & Gasoline

Griot's Garage, 3333 S. 38th St. Tacoma, WA 98409; **8am – 10am**; Adm. Free; No reg. fee; Griot's Garage; 800-345-5789; customerservice@griotsgarage.com

JAN 18/19 Albany, OR; Winter Rod and Speed Show

Linn County Fair and Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd, Albany, OR 97332; 7am – 10pm, 9am – 5pm; Adm. Fee - \$8; Reg. Fee - \$35; Vendor Fee - \$100; Burgerville; 503-370-9164; fairexpo@co.linn.or.us; http://www.capracing.com/winter_show.html;

JAN 24-27 Portland, OR; Portland International Auto Show

Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232; 10am – 10pm each day; Adm. Fee - \$12; Reduced Adm. \$7-10; Vendor Fee - \$1250+; Metro Portland New Car Dealers; 503-233-5044; jeff@portlandautoshow.com; <http://www.portlandautoshow.com>

JAN 27 Ridgefield, WA; NWDRA Hi-Performance Auto Swap Meet

Clark County Event Center, Clark County Fair Grounds, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield, WA 98642; 8am – 2pm; Adm. Fee - \$10; NWDRA; 503-644-5707; Jimmy613@comcast.net



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 20th of the month to 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)

1973 Delta 88 Convertible – Great condition, Wine color. One owner with only 74,000 miles; Call Carl Wener for the price; 604-266-0041 or 604-266-5127; or e-mail cwener@telus.net; Vancouver, BC (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 (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 (!)

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 (1)

LEAD – 1955 88 – Fender skirts – E-mail Russ at 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 -1963 F85 Convertible – free chrome parts – Don O’Kelly; 509-589-1201 (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 (1)

LEAD - 1973 442 – Portland, OR; Selling father’s car; Call Jim Dan anytime for price and details; 503-421-1510 (1)

LEAD - I have two 394 engines with slim-jim transmission attached if anyone is interested. I am in Marysville WA. and would love for someone to take them. They are both non-running. I hate to just scrap them. They are available \$300 or so for both. michaelcabe55@gmail.com (1)

421-1510 Call my any time

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ADS: We are starting 2019 with a (1) 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



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PUGET SOUND CHAPTER
2019 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. 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...



As seen at the 10th Annual 2018 Corvette and Muscle Car Show in Chicago
The 1969 Hurst Olds prototype that did not make it to production.

The spoiler over the fender was not approved.