

THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

June 2016



LeMay America's Car Museum Cruise-In

We had a record turnout for our first Cruise-In at ACM on Thursday, April 14 and the weather held for us! Thanks to the following clubs for joining us as April's featured car clubs: Gig Harbor Cruisers, Corvettes de Olympia and Kitsap Mustang Club. Join us for the next Cruise-In at ACM on June 9! Bring your own vintage vehicle, mix and mingle with other car enthusiasts while listening to music, vote on the People's Choice Award and enter to win the raffle drawing. Everyone is invited to come down and check out the vintage vehicles in attendance. The Museum is open for extended hours until 8pm during Cruise-Ins at ACM, so be sure to check out the new hot rods on display in the Summer Drive Series - Hot Rods in Route 66 exhibit. Standard admission rates apply to Museum access.

Future Cruise-In Dates - July 14, August 11, September 8 and October 13.

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President's Message

PSOC Members,

We are less than two months from our annual Zone Show. This year we are moving the show back to the Frances Anderson Center in Edmonds. The Country Village property has been sold for condos to be built.

Organizing the Zone Show is a large task and we would like to ask for your assistance if you are able. At the June 5th chapter meeting, we will be making the final arrangements for the show.

In past years, members of the chapter have attended the Ford Show at the Bellevue Community College across I-90 from the Newport Way Library. We meet about 10 am and then proceed to the chapter meeting about 12:45. It's a great show with cars of all makes attending. Let's hope for good weather.

I would like to extend thanks to Ed and Kathi for taking charge of the May meeting while Pam and I were on our cruise. This Mediterranean Cruise was fantastic and we will give a report to the chapter at the June meeting. It was the trip of a lifetime!

Have a fun and safe Memorial Day.

See you at the June meeting.

*Ed Konsmo
President*

“BETWEEN THE BUMPERS” ... By Ed

Small Block vs. Big Block

Premise: In general, for a given displacement:

- A larger bore x shorter stroke will make an engine that is easier to operate at higher RPM, and produces greater HP.
- A smaller bore x longer stroke will make an engine that runs at lower RPM, and produces bore = hp and stroke = torque

Small Block Advantages

The small blocks have a number of design advantages. One, the bore size on a 350 is not much smaller than that on a 455, and the bore size on a 403 is much bigger than a 455's bore. That means these two small blocks can use valves as big as or bigger than a 455 can, and with less valve shrouding for the 403 than the 455. Usually, the most restrictive item in the whole intake port of an engine is the valves; this means that a small block Olds engine's heads should be able to flow about as many cfm as a big-block Olds, and ultimately the maximum horsepower you can get from any engine depends only on the airflow. This means that: Gasp! A 350 or 403 Olds should be able to make as much or more horsepower than a 455, albeit at a higher rpm.

Want more? Okay, here goes.

The 455 has a longer stroke, meaning that more horsepower is wasted in internal friction, rubbing the pistons up and down through that longer stroke; other things being equal, then, the small-blocks should return better gas mileage, even if built to the same peak horsepower as a 455. The rod length/stroke ratio is bigger for a small block than a 455; this means more piston rod angularity for a 455, meaning still more friction with the cylinder walls, and also a lower redline before the connecting rods break from the strain (lower rod/stroke ratios put more strain on the piston rods by accelerating the piston in a more jerky fashion). Still more? Okay. The small block is lighter, so your Olds will be slightly less nose-heavy and will handle better. Also, your Olds is more likely to already have a 350 in it - surely Olds sold more 350 powered cars than 455's! It seems that Chevy 350 engines routinely exceed 350 hp in totally street able engines, and often get nearer the 400 hp mark with good cylinder heads. I can't see why the same power levels shouldn't be achieved with an Olds 350 or 403! The rpm capability seems to be there, with a shorter stroke and better rod/stroke ratio than the Chevy 350; all it would take is getting the heads to flow well enough, and then getting the rest of the combo right. Unless you're driving a full-size Olds that really needs the extra torque of a 455, or a drag-race oriented car, I would think that 400 honest hp from a small block would be enough for most folks who drive mainly on the street.

So how about it, folks? Can we get a few of you to forget your 455 obsession for a little while, and think about what could be done with a 350 or 403?

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(Small Block vs. Big Block continued)

Big block rebuttal:

Big Block Advantages

- Anything a small block can do, a Big Block can do at lower RPM and with fewer dollars, and less chance of breaking something.
- The additional weight of a Big Block, compared to a small block, is marginal, around 50-70 lbs.
- No small block can match a Big Block's torque output.
- Isn't Bigger always better?

As for which big block to choose, some folks prefer the stronger crank and shorter stroke of the 425 engine, even if it is 30 CID smaller. You can swap the internal reciprocating assembly, to make either a 425 or a 455 out of either block. While there's "no replacement for displacement," you should be aware that all 425's have forged cranks, whereas 99.9% of all 455's have cast cranks. Both have the same bore; the main difference is the internals: the stroke, rod length, piston compression height combination. 455's have been used extensively for high output engine building. They are certainly more obtainable than 425s, and they seem to live fairly well, so that the benefits of a steel crank may, in fact, be fleeting. The greater displacement has value, and obtainability does too, in terms of initial cost. If you've got a 425 build.

Editor's Note: This discussion is available at the 442.com website.

Find the entire discussion at <http://www.442.com/oldsfaq/ofbbb.htm#BBB> BigBlockAdvantages

Thanks to the Olds Club of Oregon for sharing this article.

LET'S GET PERSONAL



June Birthdays

<u>Date</u>		<u>Lives in</u>
1	Dona Simonson	Milton, WA
3	Jim Edwards	Seattle, WA
7	Linda Weyand	Yakima, WA
16	Ron Haave	Tacoma, WA Happy 90th Ron
19	Dave Soball	Delta - BC CANADA
21	Janet Monroe	University Place, WA
21	Robb Repp	Yakima, WA
24	Erma Booth	Tacoma, WA
25	Didrik Wallis	Bancroft, Ontario CANADA

2016 CHAPTER MEETING HOSTS *

May – Hugh Russell

*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, or call and leave a message, 253-845-2288.

The June meeting will be at the Newport Way Library on June 5 at 1 PM.

It is important to have as many chapter members assisting in the staging of the Zone Show on July 9. We open the field at 9 am and need four or five members to assist in parking cars. Would you be willing to help? If so, please attend the June meeting. If you are not sure of the location of the Newport Way Library, below are directions to the library.

Driving Directions to the Newport Way Library

From Exit 10 on I-405, drive east on Coal Creek Parkway SE. In about ½ mile turn left onto Factoria Blvd. SE. In ¼ mile, turn right on SE Newport Way to 142 SE Newport Way. The library is on the left. (SE Newport Way curves for about one mile thru the residential area to the library).

The "snack list" for meetings has not been filled for 2016. At this time, the June meeting needs a volunteer. If you are willing to bring the snacks to the June meeting, please call 253-576-1128 and leave a message if no answer. Thanks in advance

Chapter Meeting Minutes

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

MINUTES

May 1, 2016

Vice President Ed Straw convened the meeting at 1 p.m. 9 members were present.

The chapter treasury is solvent.

There were no minutes for the April meeting.

There are still five spaces available for the Greenwood Car Show on June 26.

Traditionally, chapter members attend the Ford Car Show at the Bellevue Community College before the June chapter meeting. The plan is to meet at the show at 10am and then move to the chapter meeting at the Newport Way Library at 12:45 for the 1 pm meeting.

The menu for the Zone Show picnic was discussed. The members in attendance expressed a desire for chicken and hot dogs. Further discussion for the picnic will take place at the June meeting.

No additional business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2 pm

**Ed Straw
Chapter Vice President**

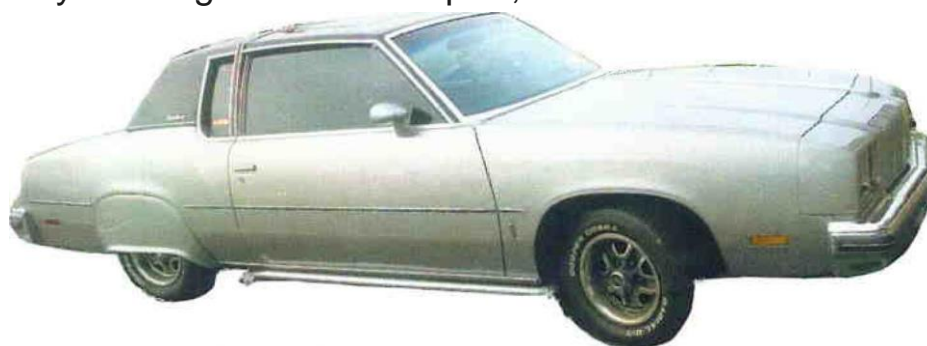
Swap Meets & Shows to attend in June

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

- JUNE 4 University Place, WA; Uptown 2016 Car Show**
City Hall, 3715 Bridgeport Way West, University Place, WA 98466;
9am – 3pm; No Adm. Fee; Reg. Fee - \$20; Vendor Fee - \$50; Uptown
Cruizin Association & American Legion Post 138; 253-381-6453;
bubbymaxhome@aol.com
- JUNE 5 Bellevue, WA; 43rd Annual Early Ford V-8 Car Show and Picnic**
Bellevue College, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue, WA 98007; 9am-4pm;
Adm. Fee - \$5; Reg. Fee - \$15; Puget Sound Early Ford V-8 Club;
425-226-5505; andersonb8@comcast.net; EFV8PSRG.ORG
Chapter members plan to attend the show from 10am – 12:45pm
At 12:45 we will proceed to Newport Way Library for the chapter meeting
- JUNE 11 Yakima, WA; 34th Annual Yakima Valley Swap Meet & Car Show**
State Fair Park, 1301 S. Fair Ave, Yakima, WA 98901; 8am – 4pm; Adm. Fee - \$5;
No Reg. Fee; Horseless Carriage Club & Apple Valley Model A Club; 509-453-2119;
www.testermail.com
- JUNE 18 Graham, WA; Mt. Rainier Chevy Club Swap Meet**
Frontier Park, 21800 Meridian S, Graham, WA 98338; 8am – 4pm; Adm. Fee - \$1;
No Reg. Fee; Mt. Rainier Chevy Club; 253-770-4015; tjandel@aol.com
- JUNE 18 Tacoma, WA; Kings Men 500**
Griot's Garage Store & Events Center; 3333 S 38th St; Tacoma, WA 98409;
11am – 3pm; No Adm. Fee; 253-5356-3582; King's Men Car Club of Tacoma;
<http://www.kingsmencarclub.com>
- JUNE 19 Graham, WA; Mt. Rainier Chevy Club 41ST Annual Car Show**
Frontier Park, 21800 Meridian S, Graham, WA 98338; 8am – 3pm; Adm. Fee - \$1;
Reg. Fee - \$15; Mt. Rainier Chevy Club; 253-770-4015; tjandel@aol.com
- JUNE 19 Puyallup, WA; All Classic Car Cruise-In**
Puyallup Meeker Days Celebration, Second and Main, Puyallup, WA 98371; 8am – 3pm;
No Adm. Fee; No Reg. Fee; Puget Sound Chapter, Pontiac-Oakland Club International;
360-426-3156; dans55safari@yahoo.com; <http://pugetsoundpoci.com>
- JUNE 25 Seattle, WA; Greenwood Car Show**
Greenwood Ave North & North 79th St, Seattle, WA 98103; 8am – 4pm; No Adm. Fee;
Reg. Fee - \$30; Greenwood Knights Car Club of Seattle; 206-789-6800;
info@greenwoodcarshow.com; www.greenwoodcarshow.com

OLDSMOBILE CAR SHOW

31st Annual Pacific Northwest Zone Show & Picnic
Hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America



Fred Steik- My Fathers' Oldsmobile 1978 Cutlass Supreme

Saturday July 9, 2016

9:00am-3:00pm

*****Frances Anderson Center*****

***** 700 Main St Edmonds WA 98020 *****

Dash Plaques Trophies People's Choice Awards Raffle Prize

Entry Fee \$15.00, pre-registered - \$20.00 Day of Show

Please make check payable to: Puget Sound Chapter OCA

P.O. Box 82042 Kenmore WA 98028

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

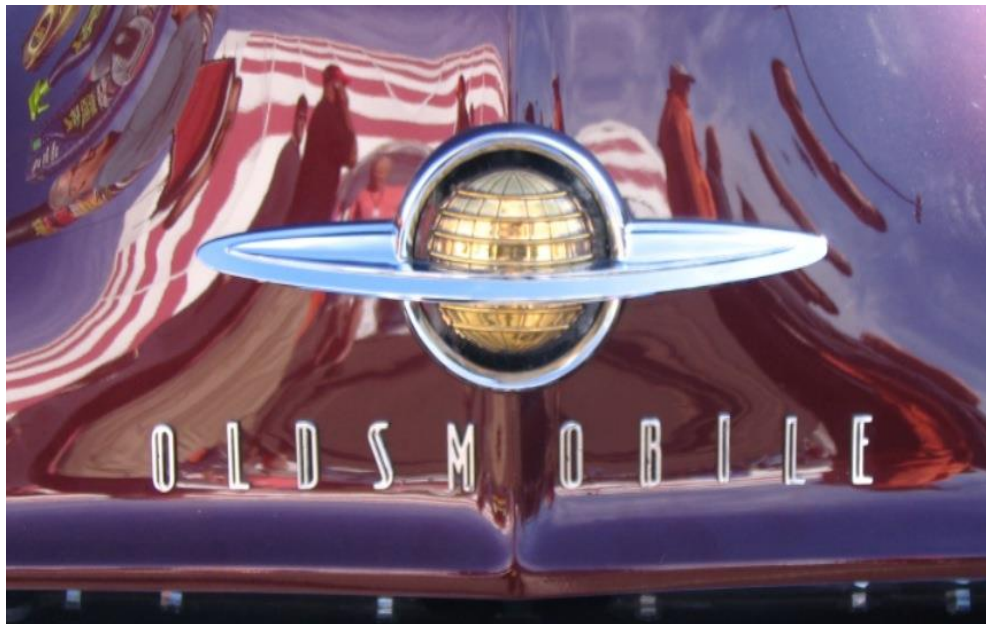
Car: Year _____ Body & Model _____

For further information, contact Ed or Kathi Straw 425-485-3093 ekstraw@comcast.net

FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED WITH YOUR CAR

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**
- 2018 No site selected**



***** 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>

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3rd ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America



September 4, 2016 9:00 AM-3:00PM

XXX ROOTBEER DRIVE-IN

98 Gilman Blvd Issaquah, WA 98027

For further information, contact Ed Konsmo 253-576-1128



GOODEGUYS
Rod & Custom Association

GIANT CAR SHOW!

**JULY
29-31**



29TH PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATIONALS

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR EVENTS CENTER / PUYALLUP, WA

ALL CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016

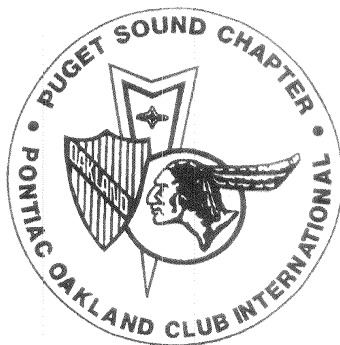
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We'd love to see some of your beautiful cars at our June 19 Cruise-In in Puyallup. **No entry fee, no awards.** Just show your cars and enjoy the activities of Meeker Days.

For years the Puget Sound Chapter of the Pontiac-Oakland Club sponsored an All-Pontiac show on Father's Day at this location. We have since moved our Pontiac show to Griot's in Tacoma but we maintained our date with Puyallup and now have a **"Cruise-In" – open to all classic car makes and models.**

The Puyallup Meeker Days Celebration makes for a great venue for a car show. There is a beer garden, live music, arts and crafts, a children's play area, and food, food, food!



June 19, 2016

Entrance at 2nd St. SE & E. Main Ave.
Downtown Puyallup, Washington

(commuter parking lot next to
the beer garden)

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA
PUGET SOUND CHAPTER
2016 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 _____

\$15.00 annual dues. Make checks payable to Puget Sound Chapter and mail to:

Kathi Straw
PSOC Membership Chairperson
P.O. Box 82042
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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

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:

- **1957 Olds Super 88 2 Dr Ht;** solid no rust car ready to restore. \$7500 Steve Sutton 604-535-7477. (2)

1957 Super 88 Fiesta Wagon; The car was purchased in Arizona and is truly a RUST FREE car. I've started the restoration about a year ago and haven't gotten very far. The motor and tranny are out of the car and also have \$6K in NOS parts that go with the car. The price is \$40K. I'm in Bremerton-call 360-479-9896 Thanks for all your help, Willie #044413

- **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 (3)
- **1963 F85;** 20,000 miles on the odometer; Call Jim at 206-618-7641 for price and information.
- **1963 conv** Robert Banks 425-454-2289 (3)
- **1965 Starfire;** Needs engine, rust free body. \$2000; Jim Long 360-893-8293 (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 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 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 (1)

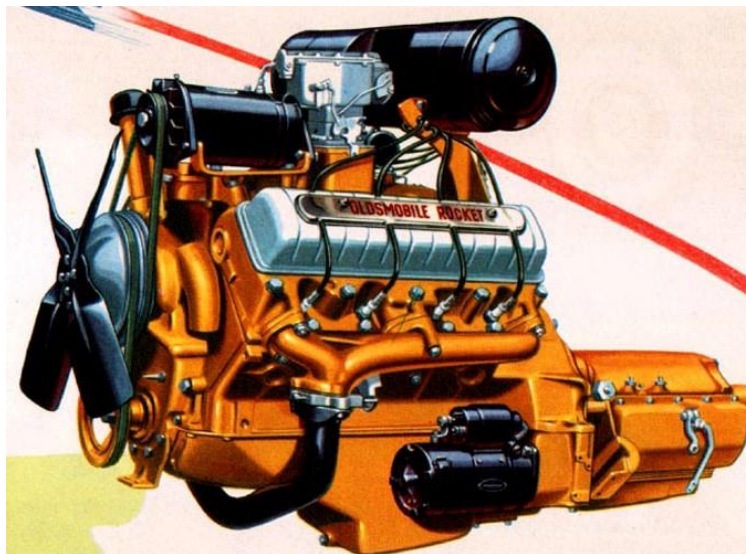
NEEDS:

- **Radiator shroud for '57, '58 or '59.** Call Erik (425) 433-6480 (1)
- **4 Barrel Carb for 394 Cu. In. motor** – Jim Long 360-893-8293
- **Fender skirts, driver's door latch and ash trays for 1973 98;** Hugh Russell 206-524-2785 (1)
- **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 (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 (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.



Parting shot...

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