

# THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

## Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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*A look at the 1954 Oldsmobile Cutlass Motorama show car.*

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Because the Cutlass had so many characteristics in common with its smaller companion, the Olds F-88 convertible, this dream car was simply called "the long wheelbase F-88" before its formal naming.

A complete history of the Cutlass to be featured in April.

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None in February

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings Chapter Members,

Two months of 2021 are behind us and we still do not have very many organizations willing to hold their events. The first event in our area is scheduled for March 6 at Pacific Raceways in Kent. It is a swap meet hosted by Pacific Raceways Motorsports. They have over 100 spaces sold thus far. Your editor will be there with the 1992 Cutlass Supreme Convertible that we have for sale.

The OCA Board of Directors will be meeting again by Zoom on March 3. One of the items on the agenda will be the National Meet scheduled for August. In a recent conversation with the OCA President, there is still a positive outlook regarding holding the National Meet.

The Issaquah Triple XXX Root Beer Drive-In is still working on their 2021 schedule with many of the car clubs still planning to hold their shows. It is still unknown what decision the governor will make regarding the gathering of more than 25 people at an event. His final decision will be the determining factor in clubs deciding whether to hold a show.

As we approach spring, the time that we usually consider what type of chapter events to attend, input from chapter members would be greatly appreciated. Since we may not have a location to hold monthly chapter meetings, an organized cruise might be an alternative. Who would like to help organize one? Let us know your thoughts.

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*Stay safe and we hope to meet again soon,*

*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](mailto:ekonsmo@msn.com).



## The story behind the Aurora...



Forget the Oldsmobile Aurora. Because years before Ransom Olds's namesake brand introduced its sleek Aurora flagship sedan, Cadillac applied the name to a no-less aerodynamic-looking sedan, which it pulled the wraps off of at the 1990 Chicago Auto Show.

The all-wheel-drive Cadillac Aurora concept reportedly cribbed its underpinnings from the boxy front-drive Cadillac DeVille. Unlike its chassis donor, which mounted its engine transversely, the Aurora featured a longitudinally oriented, 200-hp 4.5-liter V-8.

While the Cadillac concept's powertrain setup never made its way to a production car, its styling arguably did—albeit as an Opel that later found a home in the Cadillac model line. Yes, we are talking about the Catera. You know, the Cadillac that zigged?

Initially introduced across the pond as the Opel Omega, the rear-drive sedan entered the United States market as the Cadillac Catera for the 1997 model year. Despite ditching the windswept looks, aggressively raked windshield, and integrated rear-wheel fairings of the Aurora, the Catera still cribbed a number of design cues from the concept Caddy, including its ovoid headlight shape, grille decor, distinct fender-to-fender bodyline, and full-width taillights.

The Catera was a different beast under the sheet metal, though. In place of the Aurora's V-8 engine, the compact Cadillac sports sedan featured a 3.0-liter V-6, which sent its corral of 200 horses to the car's rear wheels. Although the combination of its Aurora-like styling and rear-drive architecture should have made the Catera a darling to enthusiasts, the entry-level Cadillac model never quite managed to make consumers' hearts race.

Would the sultrier lines or V-8 engine of the Aurora have overcome the production Catera's inherent deficiencies? Who knows? Fortunately, General Motors fans of the era looking for a relatively affordable luxury car with seemingly wind-tunnel-derived looks and a V-8 engine could find such features in the form of the front-drive Oldsmobile Aurora. **The Oldsmobile Aurora was introduced in 1994 and saw its final production year in 2004 as one of the Final 500.**



This article was written by Greg Fink of *Automobile*

## 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 253-576-1128.

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### 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.

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### 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](http://www.nwcareventscalendar.com).

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Please note that on page 11 of this newsletter, there is the Chapter Membership Application for the payment of 2021 dues. Please complete and send to Kathi.

There is still a large number of chapter members who have not renewed their dues for 2021. Please let us know if you are not planning to maintain chapter membership. Hopefully, you will decide stay with us as a member.

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

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Wow! Rod is the only member with a birthday this month.



## Swap Meets and Shows in March

Swap meets and shows are selected based on convenient locations.

# PACIFIC RACEWAYS MOTORSPORTS SWAP MEET

MARCH 6th, 2021

9am - 5pm

\$15 entry fee

Reserve your Vendor Spot **TODAY!**  
All spots are 20ft x 50ft for **ONLY \$50.**

31001 144th Ave SE Kent, WA 98042 | 253.639.5927 | [www.pacificraceways.com](http://www.pacificraceways.com)

# Future Oldsmobile National Meets

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



**\*\*\*\*\* OCA News \*\*\*\*\***

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**Good news! The OCA will be holding the 2021 National Meet in Murfreesboro, TN as planned! In a Zoom meeting of the OCA Board of Directors on March 3, the logistics of the Nationals were discussed. The State of Tennessee is open for business but mask wearing is still required.**



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to [ekonsmo@msn.com](mailto:ekonsmo@msn.com).**

## FOR SALE:



**1950 88 Convertible - 1500 miles!** This car has been in a museum for most of its life. It is currently. In England. Please call Ed at 253-576-1128 for contact information and additional photos.

**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)

**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](mailto:oldsmobilecutlass85@gmail.com) Car located in Indianola, WA (2)



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



**1965 Olds, V-8 425 engine Dynamic 88 Convertible**, Good engine, and Transmission. Needs power brake booster and convertible top. Good body. Best offer. Contact Bill Moore at (425) 821-4771. Redmond, WA.

**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](mailto: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 [jbcb3735@gmail.com](mailto:jbcb3735@gmail.com) (2)**

**OCA and PSOC club member looking for NOS or used parts for 1970-1972 442, W30, W31, SX conv. or hardtop. John Bumb, St. Louis, Mo. (314) 713-3444 or email me at [jbcb3735@gmail.com](mailto:jbcb3735@gmail.com) (2)**

Call my ++++++

**We will gladly include a photo of your car in your ad in the classifieds. Simply e-mail a photo to [ekonsmo@msn.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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...**

A nesting Falcon...

