

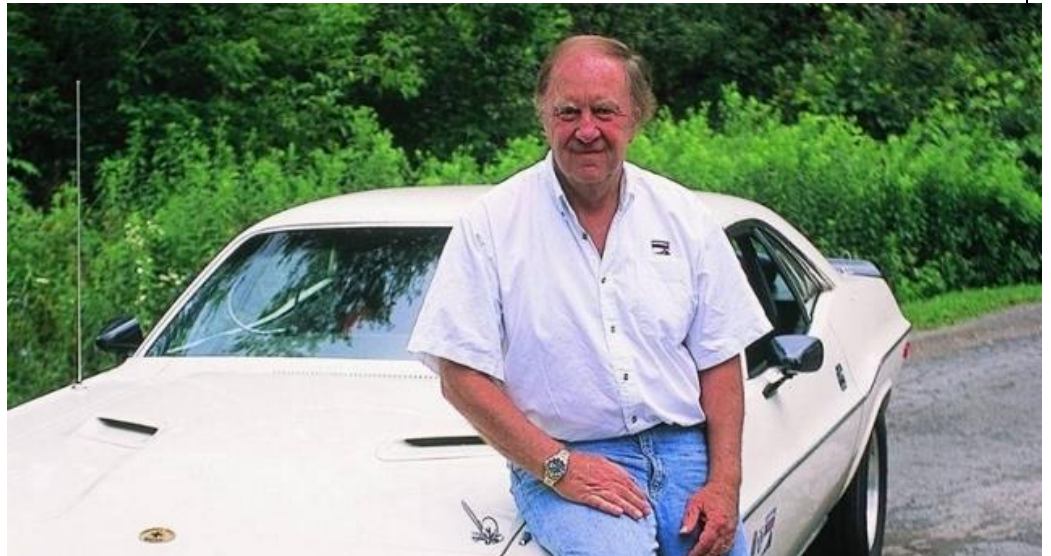
THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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BROCK YATES



For the readers of *Car and Driver* over the years, you will immediately recognize the face of Brock Yates. He was also responsible for organizing the Cannonball Coast to Coast Race.

Brock Yates was a writer, racer, visionary, and tireless champion of the art of driving. On Saturday, February 24, his widow Pamela and daughter Stacy Bradley will be at the International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC) in Watkins Glen, New York, presenting *Looking at the World Through a Windshield*, a talk about Brock Yates' remarkable life.

Some of the accomplishments of Brock's life are featured in this month's "Between the Bumpers" column as reported in the *Hemmings Daily* by Kurt Ernst.

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President's Message

PSOC Members,

The February issue of the JWO has reached your home and you have had an opportunity to review the ballot for the 2018 OCA election. Until the ballot was published, we did not know that Jamie Cox was not going to run again for Pacific Northwest Zone Director. My name on the ballot was supposed to fill the empty position and give our Zone two directors once again. With Jamie not running, we will again have an open spot on the Board of Directors. If you wish to become a member of the OCA BOD, please call me and I will walk you thru the requirements. The voting ballot must be postmarked by March 15.

The Almost Spring Swap Meet at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup on Mar. 17-18 will be the second local swap meet of the year. It is smaller than the February swap meet but still is worth the visit.

There are a number chapter members who have not yet sent in their 2018 renewal dues. If you have not yet renewed, please take time to complete the renewal application on page 11 of this newsletter and mail it to Kathi.

The March chapter meeting will be held at the Newport Way Library on Mar. 4 at 1pm.

[See you at the March meeting...](#)

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



Brock Yates (1933-2016)

Yates, who died in October 2016, led the kind of life that most can only dream about. During his four decades at *Car and Driver*, he drove the most interesting cars in the world for a living, dared to call out the very automakers that advertised in his magazine, and, in protest of the absurdity of artificially low speed limits, established the Cannonball Baker Sea-to-Shining-Sea Memorial Trophy Dash.

The first Cannonball – a proof of concept, really – took place in May 1971. Wanting to prove that U.S. Interstates could be safely traveled at Autobahn-like speeds by trained drivers, Yates, accompanied by his son, Brock Jr., Steve Smith, and Jim Williams, traveled from the Red Ball Garage in New York City to the Portofino Inn in Redondo Beach, California, covering 2,858 miles in 40 hours and 51 minutes. Their chariot of choice wasn't a 2+2 grand-tourer or a big-block muscle car; instead, it was a Dodge Custom Sportsman van dubbed the Moon Trash II.

Six months later, the first “real” Cannonball took place, with seven teams vying to cover the NY to CA distance in the shortest time possible, regardless of the chosen route. This time, victory went to Yates and co-driver Dan Gurney, who covered the distance in 35 hours and 54 minutes behind the wheel of a Ferrari Daytona. The following year, 1972, a Cadillac Coupe de Ville, driven by Steve Behr, Bill Canfield and Fred Olds, completed the trip in 37 hours and 16 minutes.

The race was run again in April 1975, at a time when the National Maximum Speed Law reduced Interstate speed limits to 55 MPH or lower. Enacted in 1974 as part of the Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act, the law was intended to reduce fuel consumption by 2.2-percent, though later research showed the actual savings to be less than one-percent. Faced with steep fines and even the risk of imprisonment, roughly 20 teams signed up to participate in the '75 Cannonball, with the winners (Rick Cline and Jack May, driving a Ferrari Dino 246 GTS) navigating from East Coast to West in 35 hours and 53 minutes.

Though no one knew it at the time, 1979 would be the last race. *Hemmings Motor News* even fielded an entry – a 1936 Ford panel van driven by Terry Ehrich, Dave Brownell and Justus Taylor – with the stated goal of “not finishing last,” which our team accomplished. The winning team of Dave Heinz and David Yarborough, driving a Jaguar XJS, made the trip in a record-setting 32 hours and 51 minutes.

Then, the Cannonball fell victim to its own success. With more teams signing up for each running, Yates realized that the event's near-perfect safety record simply couldn't be maintained as more drivers, with less training and faster cars, looked to participate. With zero fanfare, the Cannonball ended, though a Yates-envisioned replacement event called One Lap of America – still held today – emerged as a replacement in 1984.

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.

When you receive your March issue of the JWO, you will note that there is still a vacant spot on the ballot for the second position of Zone Director for the Pacific Northwest Zone. As noted in the president's message, we did not know until the ballot was published that Jamie Cox had decided not to run for the position in 2018. The OCA By Laws provide for two directors from each Zone. It is important that our Zone has two votes on the OCA Board of Directors. The election committee allows a write-in vote for any position without a candidate named. If you would like to fill the second position for Zone Director, please call and we can walk you thru the requirements.

The Northern Lights Olds Club will be hosting their "Rocket Round Up in Olds" show on July 21, in Olds Alberta. This will be the 25th Anniversary of the show. Jody Shaw of the BC Olds Club has booked a block of ten rooms in Revelstoke, BC and Olds, AB. Revelstoke is the half-way point in the drive to Olds. Pam and I will be taking our '50 Town Sedan (in the trailer) to the show and have made our reservations. If you are interested in making the drive to Olds, AB (it is about 700 to 750 miles from the Puget Sound area depending on where you live), we will get you the hotel information. The flyer for the show is on page 12 of this newsletter.

For our monthly chapter meetings, we still have two openings for members to provide the snacks. They are May and June. Cookies or cupcakes are a great choice. If you would like to volunteer for one of the months, please call 253-845-2288 or e-mail ekonsmo@msn.com.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 11 – SET YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR AHEAD!

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER MINUTES

February 4, 2018

President Ed Konsmo convened the meeting at 1:10 pm. 9 members were present.

Treasurer Kathi Straw reported that chapter finances are in order.

The January meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Old Business;

Jim Edwards reported that the Greenwood car show BOD did not discuss the issue of what the deadline time will be for arriving on the show field for chapters that have reserved spaces. Jim will make certain that the matter is discussed and settled. Members present requested that PSOC members attending the show desire a 7:30am time as the deadline for parking in their assigned area. Any earlier deadline is an inconvenience.

New Business;

Kathi passed out chapter rosters. Only four members renewed in January. There are 21 members who have not renewed for 2018.

The Monthly Snack list still has the months of May and June still open.

The Newport Way Library has been booked for the March meetings. Griot's Garage in Tacoma was discussed as a possible meeting location for the April meeting but it is not available. The Newport Library is not available for April and Kathi will try to book the Redmond Library.

The ballot for the 2018 OCA Election has been received and Jamie Cox decided not to run for Pacific Northwest Zone Director. There are specific requirements for the position. If a chapter member would like to fill the second position, write-ins are acceptable. Contact Ed K. for the requirements of the Zone Director position.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.



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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

7	Robert Kruse	Silverdale, WA
9	Cathy Bumb	St. Louis, MO
15	Rod Hewitson	Ocean Park, WA

CHAPTER MEETING HOSTS*

MARCH – Kathi Straw
 APRIL – Jim Edwards
 MAY – **OPEN**
 JUNE – **OPEN**
 JULY – Zone Show
 AUGUST – Rhodes River Ranch Show
 SEPTEMBER – BOP Show
 OCTOBER – Erik Martinson
 NOVEMBER – Jim & Nina Rogers
 DECEMBER – Christmas Dinner

*** Provides Snacks for the Meeting**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 11!

Swap Meets & Shows to attend in March

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

- MAR 3 Tacoma, WA; Caffeine & Gasoline**
Griot's Garage, 3333 S 38th St. Tacoma, WA 98409; 8am; No Adm. Fee;
No Reg. Fee; 253-922-2400; info@griotsgarage.com; <http://griotsgarage.com>
- MAR 10 Astoria, OR; Astoria Swap Meet Clatsop County Fairgrounds**
Walluski Loop, Astoria, OR 97103; 8am – 3pm; Adm. Fee - \$5; Vendor Fee
\$20+; Lower Columbia Classics Car Club; bynwc@msn.com
- MAR 17-18 Puyallup, WA; 38th Annual Almost Spring Swap Meet**
Washington State Fairgrounds, 110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA 98371; 8am –
5pm; 9am – 3pm; Adm. Fee - \$10; No Reg. Fee; Vendor Fee - \$45; Gallopin'
Gertie Model A Club; 360-863-2877; Gallop-GertieAs@msn.com
- MAR 25 Aberdeen, WA; Push Rods of Hoquiam/Midnight Cruizers Spaghetti Feed**
Aberdeen High School Cafeteria, 410 North "G" St. Aberdeen, WA 98520; 11am -
3pm; Adm. Free; No Reg. Fee; Push Rods of Hoquiam and Midnite Cruizers;
360-533-8619; riverrun323@comcast.net; <http://www.pushrods.org>



The 2017 Greenwood Car Show

Future Oldsmobile National Meets and OCA News

2018 July 31-Aug 5 Gettysburg, PA; Hosted by the OCA

2019 June 26-30 Wichita, KS; Hosted by the OCA



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

The 2018 OCA Elections will take in March. **Your ballot must be postmarked by March 15th.** When you complete your ballot, you may vote for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The only Zone Directors that you can vote for are the ones in the Pacific Northwest Zone. **If you vote for any other Zone's Directors, your ballot will be disqualified.**

This year, the only name on the ballot for Pacific Northwest Zone Director is that of your editor. As noted in the Presidents Message of this newsletter, a write-in vote is allowed for the second position. If you would like to fill that position, there are two important requirements. You must be willing to attend the Board of Director's meeting at the annual National Meet and have a computer available for OCA business that is conducted by e-mail.

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:

- **1950 88 4-dr Sedan;** Dark green, 303 cu, 3 speed on column. Good cond. Sun visor, new tires. Call Jose for price; 209-252-5647. Car located 15 mi. from Modesto, CA (3)
- **1959 Fiesta Wagon** 4 doors and a hood for sale. Contact at Kathleen Gamble at snohomishironinc@hotmail.com (3)
- **1963 conv** Robert Banks 425-454-2289 Please call for a price. (3)
- **1968 Ninety-Eight Luxury Sedan** – Extremely straight rust free. NO ENGINE OR TRANS. You will have to tow the car home. \$200 OBO. Jim Long 360-893-8293, Graham, WA (2)
- **1972 Cutlass Supreme;** Parked since 1998, some rust. The car is located in Bow, WA; E-mail Jeff Moller at uwarrior@hotmail.com. (2)
- **1973 Delta 88** – Wine color, 74,000 miles, one owner; Call Carl Werner, 604-266-0041 or 604-266-5127; Vancouver, BC (3)
- **1976 Omega Coupe;** 260 V-8, 2 BBL turbo-hydrumatic; Gray paint, Red interior, bench seats, car is a California vehicle; second owner. Contact Ron Tanciar; Tanciar50@gmail.com (3)
- **1978 Cutlass Supreme w/T-Tops;** Project car. Engine is out and interior needs to be finished. Call Mike at 360-516-9108 for the price. (3)
- **1978 Cutlass.** 109,000 miles, new head liner. Call Susan Nordeen at 360-384-2904 or e-mail at 360-384-2904 or e-mail ssnordeen@gmail.com for a price. (3)
- **1983 98 Regency** – New engine 4 years ago. 60k on the odometer. Belonged to my mother now in a rest home. Needs some work to make it drivable. Call 206-522-2801 for information and price. (3)
- **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 (3)
- **1986 442** – 98k Canadian car; \$9,000 Canadian, very good condition, nor rust, painted once; call Jack & Faye Dugan, 604-465-9356 (3)
- **1992 Toronado** – Owned by the late Art Gamash. White, 64k, asking \$5,000. Call Dan Gamash, 360-477-7807; dgamash@olypen.com.

- **2001 Aurora** – Owned by the late Art Gamash. Silver, 98k; Asking \$4,000; Call Dan Gamash, 360-477-7807; dgamash@olypen.com
- **Olds Delco Radio** – 1994 Cutlass Ciera S radio \$45; stevenlavoie557@gmail.com (3)

NEEDS and LEADS:

- **Intake Manifold** for 4 barrel 394 motor. Call Jim Long 360-893-8293 (3)
- **Radiator shroud for '57, '58 or '59.** Call Erik (425) 433-6480 (3)
- **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 (3)
- **1941 98 – Rear axle shaft;** Call Ralph 253-222-5098; TacomaRain@gmail.com (3)
- **1957 Super 88 Conv.** – A So. California car. Restoration completed in 2017; Call Mike Pike at 310-326-3615 to make an offer. (If interested, ask Ed for a photo.) (3)
- **1963 F85 Convertible** – free chrome parts – Don O'Kelly; 509-589-1201 (3)
- **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. (3)
- **1970 442, W-30, W31, SX convertible or hardtop, any condition. Prefer matching numbers and as original as possible.** Call John Bumb at 314-713-3444 or e-mail at johnbumb@charter.net (3)
- **1973 442** – Portland, OR; Selling father's car; Call Dan anytime for price and details; Contact Ed K. for photos if interested. 503-421-1510 (2)

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ADS: Some of the ads have already run for a number of months. This month most of the ads have a three (3) after the ad. If you have sold or no longer need the item or car, please let us know and we will remove the ad. Thank you

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

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CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE: _____

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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 _____

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Rocket Round up In Olds

JULY 21st, 2018



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REGISTER AND PAY ON LINE AT WWW.OLDSCLUB.CA

KEN: 780-417-4062

STEVE: 403-244-7007 president@oldsclub.ca

The Parting shot...



As the mother walked through the gate to see her family holding the mortifying signs, she immediately turned the other way and pretended she didn't know them. The signs got quite a few questionable looks from other passengers but the family will never forget the priceless look on their mom's face.