

# THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

## Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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### “If only Oldsmobile had made a Toronado convertible”

The Mike Connors detective show “Mannix,” included a pair of custom cars for the title character. While Joe Mannix drove a series of stock FoMoCo products through the first few episodes of the first season, show producers decided partway through the season to ask George Barris to come up with a flashier car. After choosing a 1967 Oldsmobile Toronado (perhaps inspired by Barris’s previous experience building the 70-X Toronados for Esso for Expo 67), Barris cut off the roof and installed a semi-permanent tonneau cover behind the front seats, thus converting the coupe into a two-seat roadster (the top apparently did go up, as seen in one episode, but remained down for pretty much the entire run of the car on the show). A more prominent grille, full-time exposed headlamps, and hood reshaping redefined the front end while a subtle spoiler lip and full-width red translucent tail lamp cover added some flair to the rear. While the 425-cu.in. V-8 and front-wheel-drive package remained stock, Barris did add side pipes and fake knockoffs. In initial appearances of the Toronado on the show, it featured sealed-beam headlamps in oval surrounds and silver over black paint, but Barris would later refresh the car with European-style oval headlamps and silver over red paint. Barris also added ventilated heated seats to the interior at that time. A second Toronado, was used for stunt work, received similar modifications.

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## President's Message

PSOC Members,

It is that time again, Daylight Saving Time. It happens on the day of our chapter meeting, Nov. 5. Remember to turn your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday night so that you will arrive at the chapter meeting at the right time, 1 pm, PST.

The chapter meeting for November will be at the Mercer Island Library. Directions are in this newsletter on page 7.

There will be several important items on the agenda at the November meeting; the Christmas dinner location, chapter dues and of course the election of officers for 2018. It would be great to have a large representation of chapter members in attendance. If you can fit the meeting in your schedule, it would be appreciated.

*See you at the November Mtg.*

*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](mailto:ekonsmo@msn.com)



## “BETWEEN THE BUMPERS” ... By Ed



### R.E. Olds museum offered chance to buy its building from Lansing for \$2.



Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero has agreed to sell the building to the museum for \$2. The sale is currently pending approval from the city council as well as a 30-day public comment period. Since its creation in 1979, the museum has leased — for \$1 per year — the 25,000-square-foot building on the Grand River from the city. What once served as a municipal bus garage and later fell into a state of “complete disrepair” has since been turned into a space that not only exhibits Oldsmobile and REO vehicles but also celebrates the contributions Ransom Eli Olds has made to the city of Lansing.

Schwartzly, the manager of the museum, noted that the museum has responsibility for the building’s maintenance and upkeep — as stipulated in a 2005 amendment to the lease agreement — and doesn’t rely on the city to pay any of its bills. Yet because the museum does not own the building, it often misses out on donations or grants from individuals and entities that would like to be reassured of the museum’s permanence. “We know the city will never kick us out, of course,” she said. Yet the city administration has also in recent years adopted a policy of granting only short-term leases to nonprofits.

According to the museum’s most recent available 990 form from 2015, contributions and grants made up the largest single portion of the museum’s annual revenue: \$76,417 out of \$160,642, or about 48 percent. The museum’s total revenue, however, fell short of its total expenses two of the last three years.

Priority number one, according to Schwartzly, is to address the roof, which the museum last repaired in 1992 and which a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs is expected to fund. The museum also needs to upgrade its bathrooms to make them compliant with the Americans for Disabilities Act and museum officials would eventually like to set aside some garage space to teach teens how to work on older cars. As noted on the museum’s website, the museum has already undergone an appraisal, site survey, and environmental assessment in preparation for a handoff from the city. That appraisal came in at \$140,000, but estimates for roof repairs have come in at \$167,000, according to the *Lansing State Journal*.

While some in the city have suggested the building be sold to a developer rather than to a tax-exempt non-profit organization, Schwartzly said it’s doubtful any developer would want to buy a building in a floodway, and besides, it’s not as though the city would be losing a source of tax revenue by selling the building to the museum.

“It’s time for the city to give back to the museum,” she said.

## 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 and leave a message, 253-845-2288.

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### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!**

The November 5<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting will be at the Mercer Island Library. The meeting will be at the usual time of 1pm. There are a few very important items on the agenda. At the November meeting we will be electing officers for 2018. As provided in the chapter bylaws, we put in nomination names for the offices at the October meeting. If you would like to participate in the operation of your chapter and hold an office, please attend the November meeting and let us know your wish.

Also on the agenda will be the discussion of chapter dues. We have been at \$15 since 2003. The membership in attendance will be discussing an increase to \$20. Most chapters have their dues at \$20-25. Your input is valued.

We will be making the decision regarding the location of the Christmas dinner in December. Locations in the North Sound in the Everett/Marysville or the South Sound area will be considered. If you usually attend the annual Christmas dinner, your vote is important.

Locations for the chapter meetings in January, February, and March will be also on the agenda. If you have the day available, please consider attending the meeting.

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**Your editor owes an apology to the following chapter members who had birthdays in October. Somehow, the birthday page disappeared from the newsletter while in production. The "Cloud" must have taken it.**

### **A belated "Happy Birthday" to;**

**Jamie Cox, Mary Ellen Ferry, John Hogan, Ed Straw, Anne Wallis and Darlene Wascher.**

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**Have you sold the item you have listed in the Classifieds in the newsletter? Or, if you are no longer looking for the item you have listed, would you please let us know so we can remove the listing? Just send us an e-mail or call my cell, 253-576-1128. Thanks for your help.**

# CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

## OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER MINUTES

**October 1, 2017**

President Ed Konsmo convened the meeting at 1:10 pm. 11 members were present.

Treasurer Kathi Straw reported that chapter finances are in order.

No meeting minutes. The BOP Show took the place of a regular chapter meeting.

### **Old Business;**

Recap of the BOP Show; The show was a great success with 65 cars in attendance. The date for the 2018 show has been reserved. It will again be the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Jose, XXX Drive-In owner, requested that we remain at the XXX until 3pm as he brings in extra help and would like to have them to have customers for the full schedule of the show. This year we gave out awards too early and your president will take the blame. Most everyone had left an hour early. Next year we give out awards at 2:45. The Buick club expressed an interest in helping financially with the cost of awards for the show with more categories.

### **New Business;**

Dates for the 2018 Zone Show and the BOP Show were discussed. The Zone Show will be on July 14 in Edmonds from 10am to 2pm. The BOP Show will again be on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. These dates will be included in the "Yellow Book" for 2018.

Charging a registration fee of \$20 for the BOP Show was discussed. Most all of the clubs that hold events at the XXX Drive-In, charge \$20. In doing so, we will be able to provide more awards and not have it be a financial burden for our chapter. It was agreed that the charge should be \$20.

The Rhodes River Ranch Show will be on Aug. 4, 2018. The 2018 show will not have breakfast served, only lunch. Also, taking orders for food service on the show field is being considered.

The Greenwood Show will be on June 30 in 2018. The arrival time for the show was discussed. It was a general consensus that there needs to be a more relaxed time deadline. If we pay in advance for our chapter spaces, we should have the privilege of arriving up to the cut off time of 7:30 am. Jim Edwards was asked to bring our concerns to the officers of the Greenwood Knights.

Raising chapter dues to \$20 was discussed. The last time dues were increased was in 2003. Most of the Olds chapters charge \$25 or more. At the November meeting, a vote to increase dues will be on the agenda.

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The Christmas dinner location was discussed. Nina Rogers will check into locations in the Everett/Marysville area and your president will check into South Sound locations. The Golden Corral in Marysville and the Poodle Dog in Fife were mentioned. The dinner has been at both locations in past years.

Chapter officers for 2018 were discussed. The current chapter board of officers agreed to continue in office for 2018. Nominations from the floor will be open at the November chapter meeting. If you have a desire to serve your chapter as an officer, please attend the November meeting and volunteer when nominations are opened.

There was a brief discussion of the meeting locations for the first three months of 2018. In 2017, the meetings were held at the Plum Delicious Restaurant in Renton. This matter will be on the agenda at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Chapter Secretary  
Robert Kruse



**Remember...turn the clocks back one hour on Nov. 5,  
or before you go to bed on Nov. 4**

## **DIRECTIONS TO THE MERCER ISLAND LIBRARY**

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

***NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS***

<b>1</b>	<b>Dorothy Rodolf</b>	<b>Seattle, WA</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Charles Wascher</b>	<b>Arlington, WA</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Jim Rogers</b>	<b>Marysville, WA</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Nina Rogers</b>	<b>Marysville, WA</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Allen Yaros</b>	<b>Bothell, WA</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Linda Thompson</b>	<b>Bow, WA</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Kathi Straw</b>	<b>Bothell, WA</b>

**2017 CHAPTER MEETING HOSTS \***

*November – Erik Martinson  
December - Christmas Party*

**\*Host provides refreshments**





## Swap Meets & Shows to attend in November

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

**NOV 4 Tacoma, WA; Caffeine & Gasoline**

Griot's Garage, 3333 S 38<sup>th</sup> St. Tacoma, WA 98409; 8am; No Adm. Fee; No Reg. Fee; 253-922-2400; [info@griotsgarage.com](mailto:info@griotsgarage.com); <http://griotsgarage.com>

**NOV 4 Tacoma, WA; LeMay Annual Benefit Dinner & Dance**

Marymount Event Center, 325 152<sup>nd</sup> St. E, Tacoma, WA 98445; Starts 6 pm; Adm. Fee - \$35; No Reg. Fee; LeMay Family Collection Foundation; 253-272-2336; [info@lemaymarymount.org](mailto:info@lemaymarymount.org); [www.lemaymarymount.org/](http://www.lemaymarymount.org/)

**NOV 4-5 Bremerton, WA; Bremerton Auto Swap Meet**

Kitsap County Fairgrounds, 1200 Fairgrounds Rd, Bremerton, WA 98311; 8am - 5pm; 8am – 2pm; Adm. Fee - \$5; Reg. Fee - \$20; Vendor Fee - \$40; Olympic Vintage Auto Club; 360-779-3771; [BremertonOldCarSwapMeet@gmail.com](mailto:BremertonOldCarSwapMeet@gmail.com); [Http://www.ovac.us](http://www.ovac.us) (This is the last official swap meet in the area for 2017. Bring an umbrella – it ALWAYS rains!)

**NOV 9-12 Seattle, WA; Seattle International Auto Show**

CenturyLink Field Event Center, 800 Occidental Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134; 2pm – 9pm; noon – 9pm; 9am – 9pm; Adm. Fee - \$16; WA State Auto Dealers Assn; 310-531-5984; [info@seattlesutoshow.com](mailto:info@seattlesutoshow.com)

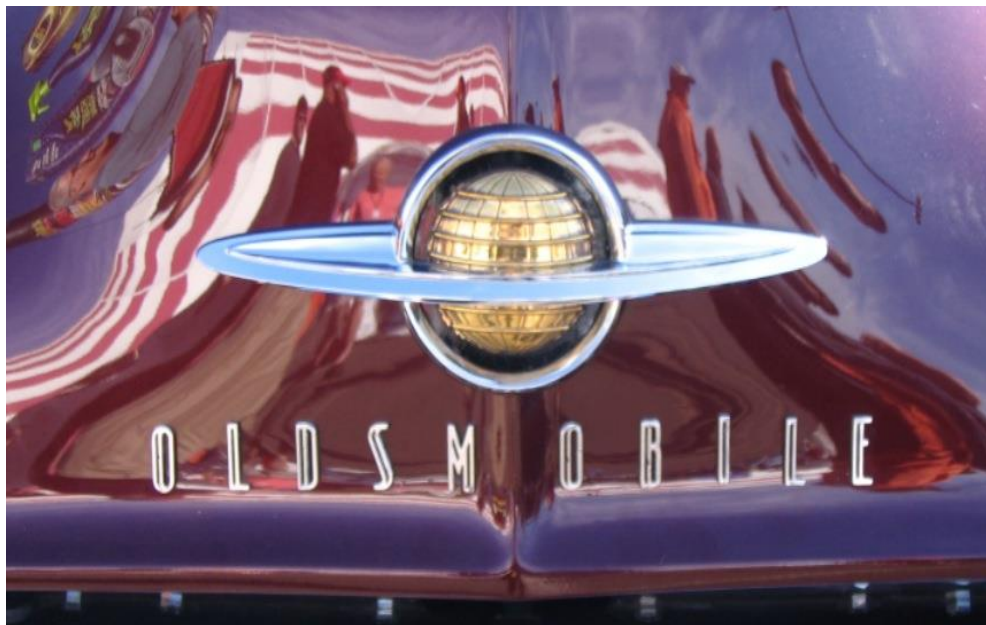


**Checking out swap meet parts in the rain in Bremerton**

## 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 \*\*\*\*\*

At the 2017 National Meet, the Board of Directors worked on revisions and updates to the OCA Bylaws. Among the changes made was the removal of the requirement to have the National Meet being held in June, July or August.

The OCA has a new Swap Meet Chairman. Scott Winn has been appointed by the BOD. Scott has owned Cutlasses since he was 16 years old. Over the years he has been the owner of 92 Cutlasses. If you need any parts for your Cutlass, Scott should be your contact. Previous Swap Meet Chairman Everett Horton submitted his resignation. Everett served the OCA for many years from his home in Rhode Island. Best of success to Everett.

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- **1959 Fiesta Wagon** 4 doors and a hood for sale. Contact at Kathleen Gamble at [snohomishironinc@hotmail.com](mailto:snohomishironinc@hotmail.com) (2)
- **1963 conv** Robert Banks 425-454-2289 Please call for a price. (2)
- **1965 442 Holiday** – Orig. 400 motor w/AT. Complete car needing total resto. Runs and drives. Needs trunk pan and passenger inner wheelhouse. Small amount of rust in driver's floor pan. Otherwise very solid. Rear passenger quarter replaced long ago and needs some work. Originally yellow w/black painted top with black buckets. Stripped to bare metal with sealer primer now. Floor Shift. All interior chrome excellent. Vacuum trunk release and other "appearance package" options. Originally had long chrome on top of fenders option but those strips are long gone. \$5,000. Pics available. Call or text Darin at 253-279-2713. Or email at [HD45WLA@gmail.com](mailto:HD45WLA@gmail.com) (3)
- **1972 Cutlass Supreme;** Parked since 1998, some rust. The car is located in Bow, WA; E-mail Jeff Moller at [uwarrrior@hotmail.com](mailto:uwarrrior@hotmail.com). (1)
- **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](mailto:Tanciar50@gmail.com) (2)
- **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. (2)
- **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. (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 AutoCheck Vehicle History Report Interested? Please email [oldsmobilecutlass85@gmail.com](mailto:oldsmobilecutlass85@gmail.com) Car located in Indianola, WA (1)
- **1986 442** – 98k Canadian car; \$9,000 Canadian, very good condition, nor rust, painted once; call Jack & Faye Dugan, 604-465-9356 (1)
- **Olds Delco Radio** – 1994 Cutlass Ciera S radio \$45; [stevenlavoie557@gmail.com](mailto:stevenlavoie557@gmail.com) (2)

## NEEDS and LEADS:

- **Intake Manifold** for 4 barrel 394 motor. Call Jim Long 360-893-8293 (1)
- **Radiator shroud** for '57, '58 or '59. Call Erik (425) 433-6480 (1)
- **Bumper jack, Driver's door handle w/key;** For 1950 Olds; Call Ken at 206-930-1741 (2)
- **Power Antenna and the name of a Wonder Bar radio repair person.** Call Ed Booth; 253-752-6158 (2)
- **303 rocket motor** with a single barrel Rochester carb. Has the hydramatic transmission still attached. Accessories are still on it. Motor has had a valve failure. May be good as a core. Trans turns good by hand and fluid seems ok. Just thought someone in your club may be interested. I will sell cheap, just think it's a piece of history and want someone to use what is good from it rather than scrap it. You can call me at 206.530.8905 I live in Kent, WA. (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. (1)
- **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](mailto:johnbumb@charter.net) (2)

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## Parting shot...



Always take time to smell the flowers!