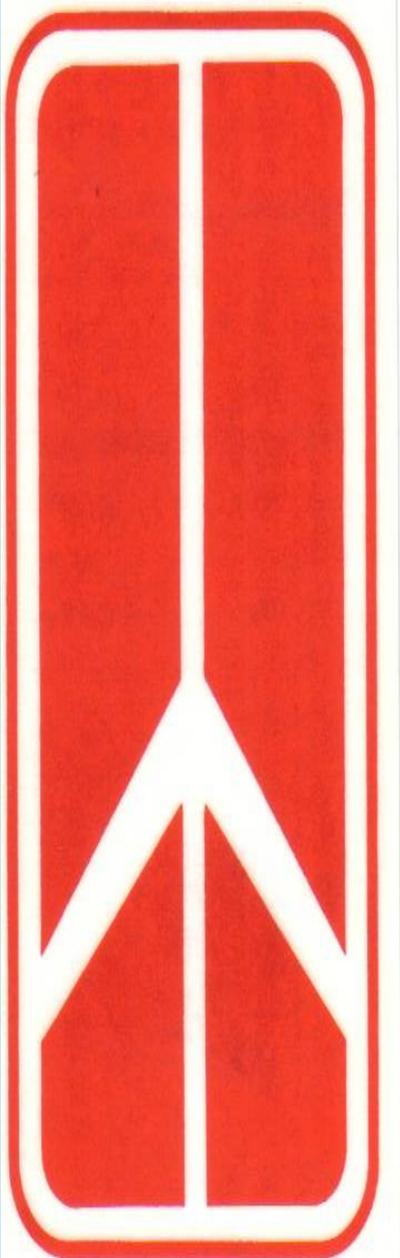


THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

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An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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On August 31, the Puget Sound Olds Club joined the Buick and Pontiac Chapters for what we hope will become an annual event. We have reserved the last Sunday in August 2015 for the Second Annual BOP Show.

We are proud to say that our Olds Club had the most entries with 12 cars. The Buick chapter had five cars with the Pontiac club bringing four cars. The weather threatened with rain but it held off during the show. The Buick and Pontiac chapters vowed to have more cars at the 2015 show.

The two '50 coupes pictured above traveled from Oregon to join the event. Their desire to visit the XXX Root Beer Drive Inn was their motivation. Hopefully, more of our members will be able to attend the 2015 show. Bringing his '56 88 Hardtop to the show was David Snyder of Monroe, WA. David was so enthused that there was a local Olds Club that he became a Puget Sound Chapter member before he left for home.

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President's Message



Our September meeting at the Triple X was short, but we achieved several things. We wished more of you had been able to attend, but those that did come had a great time. There were more Oldsmobile's there than Buick or Pontiacs – way to go PSOC!!!! While we were there we obtained two new members, we hope they are able to attend our October meeting, in Kent at Maggie's Restaurant, so we can hear about their Oldsmobile's. (See information in this newsletter regarding the time and location for our October meeting).

Jose and I had five gifts to hand out; one gift for each new member, and three to the Buick and Pontiac group. While we were there we booked August 30, 2015 for our next BOP get together at Jose's XXX Drive Inn (be sure to put it on your calendar).

Pam presented information to the club about the location and cost for this year's proposed Christmas get together. The Poodle Dog Restaurant, in Fife, is proposed. The date is December 13, and the time 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Information about meal choices and cost will be discussed at our October meeting.

A special thank you to all of you who joined us at the XXX and for those that didn't make it, we hope to see you at the next outing.

Nina Rogers
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



"BETWEEN THE BUMPERS" ... By Ed



This is a history of "Woody" wagons as published in "Hemmings Daily".

When Bill Mitchell scoured the country in the early 1990s to collect examples of every car his father, Don, had a hand in, he had a sizable task ahead of him. After all, Don Mitchell was behind Ionia Manufacturing and Mitchell-Bentley and built numerous woodies, station wagons, concept cars and prototypes for Detroit's automakers from the 1930s through the 1960s. Bill accomplished his task, and now 20 years later his collection will head to auction.

William F. "Bill" Mitchell (no relation to GM design chief William L. "Bill" Mitchell), who died in April at the age of 87, had worked for his father since 1947 and took over the reins of the company in 1972, but it was his father who would ultimately be christened "Michigan's station wagon king" for his successes building the wagon for all of Detroit's Big Three. Don Mitchell, a body engineer by training, but a salesman by trade, worked for a handful of Michigan auto suppliers until forming his own engineering firm in 1932. Four years later, he stepped in to help turn around Ypsilanti Reed Furniture Company of Ionia, Michigan, which he would eventually reorganize in 1942 as Ionia Manufacturing, with himself as president of the company.



Under Mitchell's guidance, Ionia began building wooden station wagon bodies for General Motors in 1938 and then again after World War II, starting with Chevrolet and Pontiac from 1946 through 1948, then Buick from 1949 through 1954. At the same time, Ionia supplied wood body components to Ford for the 1946-1947 Ford and Mercury Sportsman convertibles and to Chrysler for its 1946-1948 Town and Country models. Around 1951, Ionia's designers even took a crack at what would become the M-151 MUTT, though production contracts for the light jeep would ultimately go to other manufacturers.

After Detroit's automakers switched from wooden to metal station wagon bodies, Mitchell continued to supply automakers with station wagon bodies. In 1954, the company produced the Dodge Sierra's four-door station wagon bodies by lengthening the factory-built two-door bodies; it then built all of Buick's station wagon bodies from 1954 through 1964 and all of Oldsmobile's station wagon bodies from 1957 through 1964. "At that time he was the world's largest independent producer of station wagon bodies," said Don Nemets, caretaker of the Bill Mitchell collection. "At Ionia's peak, it employed 20,000 people."

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Mitchell expanded Ionia in the mid-1950s by merging it with the Owosso Manufacturing Company and renaming it Mitchell-Bentley, which would go on to supply automotive trim, build at least most of the Continental Mark II bodies for Ford Motor Company, and experiment with fiberglass automobile bodies.

After Mitchell-Bentley sold Ionia in 1964, Mitchell reorganized the company again as the Mitchell Corporation, supplying stampings, interiors, and trim. Don Mitchell died in 1972, and Bill Mitchell kept the company going until his death, though he had sold off the manufacturing portion of the company in the 1990s.

The collection he assembled in tribute to his father would go on to become the Mitchell Car Museum – located in a Mitchell-Bentley building in Owosso – and include plenty of Ionia-bodied station wagons, a couple of Continental Mark IIs, a MUTT or two, a Creative Industries-built fiberglass-bodied Packard-powered Mitchell Panther, a fiberglass-bodied 1964 Buick Wildcat, the restored Dodge Granada, and several Mitchell cars built from 1903 to 1923 in Racine, Wisconsin, by a distant family relative. Though rarely open to the public – Nemets said it was mostly for family and friends, open to the public only for charity events – Bill Mitchell still curated it more like a topical museum than like a warehoused collection.



LET'S GET PERSONAL

October



**Happy Birthday
to you!!**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Lives In</i>
7	Ed Straw	Bothell WA
8	Doug Gillmer	Milton WA
9	Sylvia Potter	Pleasant Hill OR
18	Jamie Cox	N. Saanich BC Canada
28	Joanne LaCrosse	Tacoma, WA
29	Esther Thompson	Seattle WA
30	MaryEllen Ferry	Blaine WA



UPCOMING CLUB MEETING HOSTS * **2014 MEETING HOST**

October... at Maggie's restaurant in Kent – no host required.

November..... Nina & Jim

December.....Christmas Festivities (being held in a restaurant)

***Host provides refreshments**

MEMBER NOTES & CHAPTER INFO

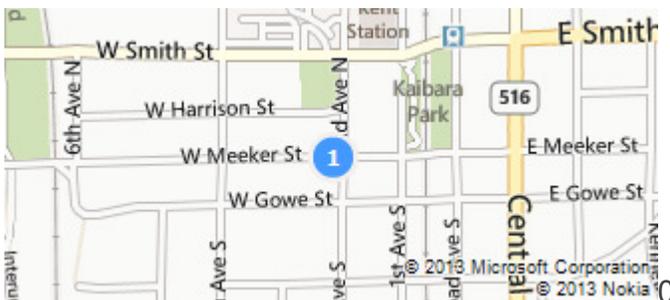
This page features notes of interest for and about our members. If you have something interesting to report, please send an e-mail to your editor at ekonsmo@msn.com, or call and leave a message, 253-845-2288.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

At the BOP show on August 31 at the XXX Drive Inn in Issaquah, the chapter members present voted to return to monthly meetings beginning in October. The *Puget Sound Rocket* will also resume monthly publication. This decision was made because the members who regularly attend chapter meetings desired to meet every month instead of every other month.

The October chapter meeting will be at Maggie's Restaurant in Kent at **1:00 pm on Sunday, Oct. 5**. 15 places will be reserved for lunch. This restaurant is one of the most popular family owned restaurants in the Kent Valley. The food is terrific and the portions are enormous! Our October 2013 chapter meeting was held at this location. If you were not able to attend in 2013, a map is provided for you below.

Maggie's is located at 307 W. Meeker in Kent just a few blocks south of the Kent Station. There is limited street parking but across the street is a parking lot for salon customers and we have permission to park in the lot.



CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

August 31, 2014

MINUTES

- President Nina Rogers convened the meeting at 1 pm.
- The 2014 Zone Show at the Country Village was a success with 29 cars registered.
- The 2015 Zone Show will be held on July 11, 2015 with an alternate date of August 8, if necessary.
- We have reserved Sunday, August 30, 2015, for the Second Annual BOP Show. The Buick and Pontiac chapter representatives stated that they will have a larger participation in 2015.
- The members present at the meeting voted to present \$50 to the Salvation Army which will be matched by an anonymous donor.
- The members in attendance voted to return to monthly meetings beginning in October. The members did not like waiting to meet every other month. The editor agreed to resume publication of the chapter newsletter every month.
- The Annual Christmas Dinner will take place on December 13 at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. There will be three choices from the menu. Pam will be presenting additional information at the October chapter meeting.
- According to the Bylaws of our chapter, we are to nominate members for the chapter offices at the October meeting with the election to take place at the November meeting. Would you like to volunteer for a position? The office of President, Vice President, and Secretary are all open. It is rumored that Kathi Straw would be willing to continue as chapter treasurer. Right, Kathi??
- We are pleased to announce two new members who signed up at the BOP Show. Welcome David Snyder and Kyle Hartman to the Puget Sound Olds Club family.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Here's my Ride ... cars at the BOP Show



The Rogers' '60 Olds next to Pam's '92 Cutlass



Rick Coffee's flamed '55



One fine GTO!



This is what makes the GTO go!



Just wait until Kyle finishes his '51 98 Hardtop!



This is one gorgeous '60 Flat Top!

Swap Meets & Shows to attend in October.

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

OCT 9 Tacoma, WA; Cruise In

LeMay – America’s Car Museum, 2702 East D Street, Tacoma, WA 98421;
5pm – 8pm; No Adm. Fee; No Reg. Fee; LeMay – America’s Car Museum;
253-779-8490; diane.fitzgerald@lemaymuseum.org; lemaymuseum.org

OCT 11 Monroe, WA; AARC Monroe Swap Meet

Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272; No Adm. Fee;
AARC Bellingham; 360-941-9460; fallswapmeet@gmail.com

Your editor will be in Bldg 607 – Bring money!!

OCT 18 Portland, OR; PIR Fall Auto Swap Meet

Portland International Raceways; 1940 N. Victory Blvd.. Portland, OR 97217;
7am – 5pm; Sunday 7am – 5pm; Adm. Fee - \$5; Reg. Fee - \$40; Portland Int’l
Raceways; 503-307-5420; twobauers@msn.com; www.portlandraceway.com

NOV 1 Bremerton, WA; 46th Annual Bremerton Auto Swap Meet

Kitsap County Fairgrounds, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd, Bremerton, WA 98311;
Adm. Fee - \$5; Olympic Vintage Auto Club; 360-779-3771;

Bremertonoldcarswapmeet@gmail.com; www.ovac.us

This is the last swap meet of 2014 – it usually rains – bring an umbrella!



This is the beginning!

Future Oldsmobile National Meets

- 2015 - July 22-26; Brookfield, WI; Brookfield Milwaukee Sheraton Hotel. Hosted by the Olds Club of America**
- 2016 - July 19-23; Kingsport, TN; Meadow View Resort and Convention Center. Hosted by the Oldsmobile Club Of America.**
- 2017 - Site to be determined.**



CLASSIFIED – For Sale/Leads & Needs

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:

- **1954 & 55 Hood Rockets** \$275; both show quality re-plated, never installed. Don Monroe 253 566-8488. (3)
- **Parting '55 Olds 2 door hardtop and '98 4 door hardtop.** Excellent front fenders, bumper cores, door cores, stainless, padded dash, windshield, power steering, set of four VG Fiesta wheel covers, two and four bbl manifolds. What do you need? Don Monroe, Tacoma, Washington, 253-566-8488. (1)
- **1955 Super 88, 2-door hardtop.** Green & white, with white on top. \$12,000 OBO. In Redmond, 425 868-1082 ask for Lynn Senior (2)
- **1986 Delta 98 Regency Brougham.** Always garaged, 100,000 miles, original. No rust, no dents, new tires. Call Steve Denmark for the price and additional information - 206-679-4980 (3)

NEEDS:

- **Need: Radiator shroud** for '57, '58 or '59. Call Erik (425) 433-6480 (3)
- **Need: Cornering light switch** for '65 "98 LS" Call Art Gamash (360) 683-4749 (3)

LEADS:

- **Two 1951 Oldsmobiles for \$500: A restoration project. V8 Rocket engine. Automatic transmission. 25704 miles. Four doors. A great deal at \$500 for both. Cobble Hill on Vancouver Island; 250-743-6941.**

'61, '62, '63 Olds---215ci aluminum engine, bored and stroked, never used, \$1,000.00. 425-771-1765

PARTS: '64 OLDS STARFIRE - Contact Bill Hemstock at hemsters@shaw.ca for the parts listed below. (3)

HT<http://www.kijiji.ca/v-auto-body-parts/calgary/vintage-olds-parts/589752379>

1965 Oldsmobile Starfire Convertible <http://www.kijiji.ca/v-classic-cars/calgary/limited-edition-1965-olds-starfire-convertible/514954641>

1964 Oldsmobile Starfire- 2 door HT <http://www.kijiji.ca/v-classic-cars/calgary/64-starfire/506259252>

1964 Starfire parts

1956/58 Tri-power manifold and 3 twin carburetors

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 issues.

"A PARTING SHOT"



Did you know that Elvis was featured along with a '50 Olds at LeMay Marymount?