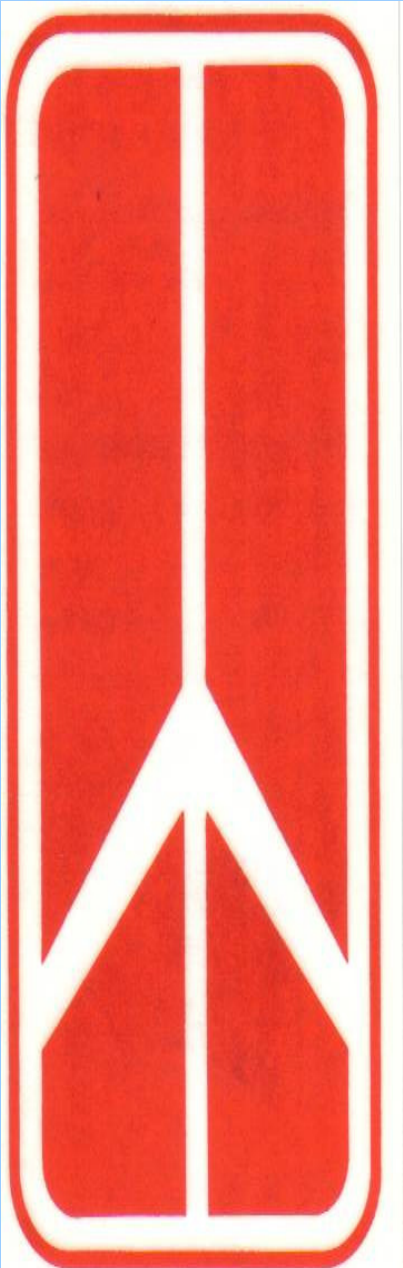


THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

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An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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In 2013 we lost these three longtime faithful members of the Puget Sound Olds Club, Bill Iverson, Don Wahlstrom and Howard VonPresentin. On page six of this newsletter are the names of additional members of our club who have left us in recent years. Please remember their families this Christmas.

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President's Message

Dear Oldsmobile members,

Can you believe it? Christmas is just around the corner!

At our November meeting we discussed the annual Christmas party. It will be held Saturday, December 7th at Mia Roma's in Bothell; the food is great. Since the reply from members showed that less than 20 would be attending, we will each order directly from the menu. (If 20 or more had replied we would have had the option of having a buffet). The prices range from \$10.00 - \$20.00 BUT, the club will cover \$10.00 for each member in our party. It was decided by those in attendance at the meeting that we will not do a member gift exchange among ourselves. We voted to continue bringing children's gifts that will be delivered to an organization to distribute them – (usually the fire department). The fire department was so appreciative last year, let's wow them again!

I want to thank Ken for setting up a great mystery cruise on November 9th. He's a great "wagon master", but he lost me a few times – I had trouble with east and south. It was a fun day. We ended at the XXX Drive Inn. I spoke to Jose; and we set up a meet for the Olds/Buick/Pontiac clubs all together for August 31, **2014**, at the XXX, of course. It will start at 10:00 a.m., be sure to put it on your new calendar for 2014!! Don't forget.

Someone asked me what I wanted for Christmas. My truthful answer was "I wish more members would attend our monthly meetings and Christmas party. It would mean a lot to me."

I wish each and every one of you a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2014!

Nina Rogers

President

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE MONTHLY 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



Tips to Keep Mice out of Stored Cars as printed in Hagerty News



Try Bounce fabric softener dryer sheets. Mice don't like the smell, but you'll like it better than moth balls."

If you're a classic car owner, chances are that you've had to store your car at some point. Check out readers' best ideas for nipping rodent problems in the bud, ranging from D-Con and dryer sheets to sulfur and steel wool. If you're putting your car away for the winter, keep reading for ways to keep those small, unwanted guests out of your classic.

1. Dryer sheets "I have had a 1966 Ford Fairlane 500 XL for 18 years, and I also have an acre in the country, so we see our share of mice. The best thing I've used is dryer sheets. Just go to the Dollar Store and buy a box. They don't have to be expensive. I just lay them all over the interior, under the hood, in the trunk, on top of the tires – even in the exhaust pipe. Then, in the spring, gather them all up and toss them. Not only will there be no mice, the car will smell like it just came out of the dryer. Works great for me!"

"Try Bounce fabric softener dryer sheets. Mice don't like the smell, but you'll like it better than moth balls. Use them in several places in the car."

One of the best things to deter rodents is to put multiple sheets of a fabric softener inside the car ("Bounce" is excellent!). There is a very low odor associated with the smell after taking the car out of storage, yet rodents hate this item!!! I have a car that I put in storage each winter and also have a 30-foot camping trailer that I store. I have never had one problem since I was introduced to this idea years ago, and I had many problems with rodents before using this technique."

"I've tried with a good amount of success using fabric softener sheets placed around the car and inside the vehicle. Bounce seems to work the best. I received this information from an upholstery shop that does a lot of work on vehicle interiors."

2. D-Con "The best (and most effective) means of removing all rats and mice from virtually any place is to place [D-Con](#) around in areas accessible by the mice and rats, but too small to be accessible by dogs, cats, or any other pets you may have. You may (or may not) detect a slight odor as they are killed off, but I can assure you will never be bothered by them again. I'm 75 years old and have used D-Con all my life, and have yet to see any signs of mice or rats beyond the third or fourth day of setting out the D-Con. I have an antique car, and I use D-Con in it while it is in storage to guarantee against any damage to upholstery or insulation in the car."

3. Traps "The best killer is the Victor snap traps with the 1-inch square plastic yellow tongue. It's more sensitive than traditional snap traps with the small metal tongue. I prefer a small smear of peanut butter in a center hole. You don't want much; just enough to give off the scent. The one downside of these traps is that if they sit long enough without a mouse going for the bait, crickets (and some small bugs) can eat all the traces of peanut butter without setting off the traps because they are so light. A combination of fabric sheets, snap traps, and building inspection and maintenance will keep your classic rodent free."

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"I have five classic cars and believe me; I have tried everything to keep the mice away. But I keep going back to the old faithful trap. You have to keep an eye on them, but they do work. I also have a commercial pest control company put out poison. So far (keeping my fingers crossed) I haven't had much trouble or damage from the varmints. Years ago I made the mistake of putting the trap inside the car. It was nearly impossible to get the smell out of the car! Don't make that mistake."

4. Mothballs

"The ultimate prevention to mice invasion, or any other rodent invasion, is the good, old-fashioned mothball. By the first of summer the mothballs are gone. By opening up the car and taking a few rides, the smell is gone as well."

"This is the second winter I've tried Bounce, in the car and under the hood. It worked OK last year, so hopefully it will continue to. But of course, there's that half box of mothballs spread around and under the car and in the far corners of the [old] garage, so it may be this combo that works. It sure keeps the chipmunks – destructive monsters compared to mice – out of the garage and from under the porch. "

5. Sulphur

"Garden stores sell granular or powdered pure sulphur. Mice, roaches and other vermin hate the smell. Cut an old pillowcase into 8" x 8" squares and put a spoonful of sulphur in the center. Gather the ends and tie into a small pouch. Place these bags around areas that may have a mouse or bug problem."

6. Steel wool

"In addition to the soap and mothballs, I put wads of steel wool inside the pipes on my modified '48 Willys Jeepster."

7. Other tips: Tape, jacks, 'Tom Cat,' lowered visors, no covers

"Don't forget to put tape over the tail pipe opening and the air intake. A friend could tell you a story about tearing down an engine and finding a mouse carcass on top of a piston."

"I maybe go a bit overboard, but I'd rather spend a few dollars and be safe than lots come spring. I put my car up on jack stands so only mice that can pole vault or jump really high can reach it. I also put lots of Bounce sheets inside and under the hood. I set about four or five mousetraps that I check every time the weather is warm enough to walk over to the garage where I keep it stored (it's only a 50 ft. jaunt, but at 20 below it seems like a mile). I also, since no pets can get into my garage, set out about six little caps of antifreeze. Most of these can be used year after year and so far have been very effective, or maybe I'm just lucky. Either way, when spring comes and everything is the way it was when I parked it, I'm happy."

"I reproduce interiors of vehicles; a procedure I inform my customers is to purchase "Tom Cat" mice packets. These are sealed packets (6/ box). Do not open the packets but place in trunk, under seats on floor, on top of the air filter cover under the hood. If packets remain closed the bait will remain fresh, if broken it will indicate the presence of an intruder,(who will not remain within the vehicle but leave and search for water). Remove the broken packet and replace with a new sealed packet. The indication of an open packet will remind one to view the vehicle more often. Unfortunately there is no inexpensive means to totally prevent the appearance of rodents, short of obtaining a complete air tight trailer; but this process has worked to assist in keeping the unwanted guests from a restored vehicle. I also recommend that vehicles not be stored in old barns or garages that present means for rodents to have access to the interior of the building. "

"This is not a method to prevent mice from getting in, but rather an extra precaution in case they do get into the interior. Mice have been known to 'nest' behind the sun visor and cause damage to the visor and headliner. Always lower the visor to eliminate the chance for the critters to establish residence on them."

"I learned not to cover the car because mice like dark areas to build their nests, usually out of the car's installation, hood blanket, seat cushioning material, etc. I live in Colorado and every fall mice and other critters look for a place to come in out of the cold."

Anyway, I now leave my trunk and hood both open and no longer have a problem."

LET'S GET PERSONAL

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to you all!!

Date	Name	Lives In
2	Cindy Bass	Woodinville
2	Jane Ellwood	Bothell
4	David Butler	Snohomish
6	Murray Moulton	Marysville
8	Ken Thompson	Seattle
18	Walter Wilson	Bellevue
22	Ann Nilsson	Sequim
26	Pat Ellwood	Bothell
28	Erik Martinson	Renton
30	Larry Weyand	Yakima

UPCOMING CLUB MEETING HOSTS * 2014 MEETING HOST

January.....Konsmo's	July.....Zone Show
March.....	September.....
May.....	November.....

*Host provides refreshments



MEMBER NOTES AND 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.

In 2013, the Puget Sound Olds Club suffered the loss of several of our most loyal members. During a recent discussion of why the attendance at our chapter meetings has fallen so much, we recounted the members who passed in 2013 and recent years.

We would like to remember the members listed below for their contribution to the Puget Sound Olds Club over the years.

Bill Iverson 2013 Don Wahlstrom 2013 Howard VonPresentin 2013

Harry Straw 2012 Mick Nelson 2010 Don Demello 2010

Rose Haave 2010 Sherry Soball 2010 John Lamb 2009

Chuck Lindholm 2004 Ernest Grayson 2008 Vonnie Thorp 2004

Bill Sandell 2003

Sandy Grayson 2007

The membership of the Puget Sound Olds Club would like to thank Mary Lindholm for her many, many years of service as chapter secretary. Mary decided that she would like a rest. Thank you, Mary.

The directions to the PSOC Christmas dinner at the Mia Roma restaurant in Bothell are on page 7. The restaurant opens at 4 pm for our dinner.

If you plan to attend the Christmas dinner, we will NOT be exchanging gifts between members this year. We WILL be collecting unwrapped toys to be delivered to a local fire station for children. Please try to bring one for a girl and one for a boy. Let's make a happy Christmas for many unfortunate children.

The best route to take is I-405 from the north or from the south. When you travel west on WA-522 from I-405 you will find that the restaurant is on your right when you arrive at 7620 NE Bothell Way.

From the south (on I-405 N)



- Depart I-405 N
- 1.2 mi
At exit 23, take ramp right for WA-522 West toward Seattle
- 1.1 mi
Bear right onto WA-522 / Woodinville Dr
- 2.7 mi
Arrive at 7620 Ne Bothell Way Kenmore, WA 98028

The last intersection is 77th Ct NE. If you reach 73rd Ave NE, you've gone too far

Mia Roma Italian Restaurant
7620 NE Bothell Way Kenmore, WA 98028

From the north on I-405 S



- Depart I-405 S
- 1.5 mi
At exit 23B, take ramp right for WA-522 West toward Seattle
- 0.9 mi
Bear right onto WA-522 / Woodinville Dr
- 2.7 mi
Arrive at 7620 NE Bothell Way Kenmore, WA 98028

MEETING MINUTES

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

Nov. 3, 2013

Meeting was held at the Newport Way Library

Meeting called to order by Nina Rogers, president.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report – Kathi Straw – Report approved. Kathi reported that we have received \$150 from Nationals in support of our car show.

Christmas Party – The date of December 7 will be confirmed with the restaurant. We will inquire about meeting earlier for a “happy hour.” It was decided we will not have a gift exchange, but will bring toys to donate to a charity.

Zone Director Position – Ed Konsmo – A decision needs to be made regarding a replacement for Erik Martinson. The zone director does not need to be a chapter member.

Car Show Schedule – The booklet is now available. Kathi will take orders for copies.

Meetings – Low attendance was again discussed. It was decided to discontinue having raffles and to have a 50/50 drawing instead. The monthly prize of \$25 will also be discontinued. Both will take effect with the January meeting.

Club Election Results – President – Nina Rogers; Vice President – Ed Straw; Treasurer – Kathi Straw; Secretary – Ed Konsmo.

Meeting Hosts – Jim and Nina Rogers

Raffle Results

Enviroscapes – Jim Rogers, Mary Lindholm

Wrench sets – Ken Thompson

Boat model – Ed Konsmo

Candle – Pam Konsmo

Tool bag – Ken Thompson

Folding chair – Jim Rogers

Cooler – Pam Konsmo

Mystery envelope – Ed Straw

Here's my Ride ... from 2013 Picnics and Shows



2013 Ford Picnic



2013 Ford Picnic



2013 Zone Show



2013 Zone Show



2013 Olds Nationals



2013 LeMay Open House

Swap Meets & Shows to attend in December

This is the last scheduled event for 2013

- DEC 1** **Issaquah, WA; XXX 12th Annual Jingle Bell Cruz/Toys 4 Tots**
Triple XXX Root Beer Drive In, 98 NE Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, WA
98027; 10am – 3pm; No Adm. Fee; Triple XXX Drive In; 425-392-1266
www.triplexrootbeer.com

Future Oldsmobile National Meets

- 2014 - July 30-Aug 3; Cincinnati, OH; Holiday Inn Suites;
Hosted by the Greater Cincinnati/Northern
Kentucky Chapter**
- 2015 - July 22-26; Brookfield, WI; Brookfield Milwaukee
Sheraton Hotel. Hosted by the Olds Club of America**
- 2016 - The OCA Nationals Site Selection Committee is
considering several sites. The location will be
announced in coming months.**



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 Hood lower front lip molding**, \$275. **Hood Rocket** \$275; both show quality re-plated, never installed. Package price \$525. Don Monroe 253 566-8488. (3)
- **1956 324 Motor**, 2 barrel manifold with '56 HydraMatic. Core motor complete w/heads; 371 Tri-Power Manifold, \$100; Erik Martinson 425-433-6480 (2)
- **1957 Super 88** 2 door hardtop, 371 4bbl, automatic trans., Banff Blue and three tone interior: light blue, dark blue and white. No rust, very clean. Asking \$38,000, OBO. (206) 284-4920 ask for Tom tometwotone@gmail.com (2)
- **1957 Olds parts and tires** - Four P225R75/15 w/ 1" ww tires on rims. Call Ed Booth (253) 752-6158 (1)
- **1997 Aurora** – Teal color; 78,000 miles; Show condition; For info call Blair Eastman, call 206-999-3256 or e-mail ecarole1@comcast.net (2)

NEEDS: Need: radiator shroud for '58. Call Erik (425) 433-6480 (2)

Need: Emergency brake switch and flasher for '53-'55. Ken Thompson 206 930-1741 or 106 932-8898 (3)

Need: Air control unit for '65 "98". Call Art Gamash 360 683-4749 (1)

LEADS: 14" Hub Caps – Four in VG condition - \$20 each; Call Don Lee at 360-928-2466 (3)

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ADS: A number at the end of each listing indicates how many months the ad has already run. If you have a **THREE** after your ad, you need to contact us if you wish to renew the ad for following issues.

"PARTING SHOT"

If you were in the market for a watch in 1880, would you know where to get one? You would go to a store, right? Well, of course you could do that, but if you wanted one that was cheaper and a bit better than most of the store watches, you went to the train station! Sound a bit funny? Well, for about 500 towns across the northern United States, that's where the best watches were found.

Why were the best watches found at the train station? The railroad company wasn't selling the watches, the telegraph operator was. Most of the time the telegraph operator was located in the railroad station because the telegraph lines followed the railroad tracks from town to town. It was usually the shortest distance and the right-of-ways had already been secured for the rail line.

Most of the station agents were also skilled telegraph operators and that was the primary way that they communicated with the railroad. They would know when trains left the previous station and when they were due at their next station. And it was the telegraph operator who had the watches. As a matter of fact they sold more of them than almost all the stores combined for a period of about 9 years.

This was all arranged by "Richard", who was a telegraph operator himself. He was on duty in the North Redwood, Minnesota train station one day when a load of watches arrived from the East. It was a huge crate of pocket watches. No one ever came to claim them.

So Richard sent a telegram to the manufacturer and asked them what they wanted to do with the watches. The manufacturer didn't want to pay the freight back, so they wired Richard to see if he could sell them. So Richard did. He sent a wire to every agent in the system asking them if they wanted a cheap, but good, pocket watch. He sold the entire case in less than two days and at a handsome profit.

That started it all. He ordered more watches from the watch company and encouraged the telegraph operators to set up a display case in the station offering high quality watches for a cheap price to all the travelers. It worked! It didn't take long for the word to spread and, before long, people other than travelers came to the train station to buy watches.

Richard became so busy that he had to hire a professional watch maker to help him with the orders. That was Alvah. And the rest is history as they say. The business took off and soon expanded to many other lines of dry goods.

Richard and Alvah left the train station and moved their company to Chicago -- and it's still there.

YES, IT'S A LITTLE KNOWN FACT that for a while in the 1880's, the biggest watch retailer in the country was at the train station. It all started with a telegraph operator:

Richard Sears and his partner **Alvah Roebuck!**

Bet You Didn't Know That!!!

