

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 you were not at the 2007 Annual Puget Sound Olds Chapter Christmas Party and dinner on December 8th, you missed a great time! As you can see by the photo above of our own Bill Iverson, Membership Chairman, his smile is representative of the fun that was had by everyone in attendance.

As usual, Marie Callenders, at Northgate, and their staff made the evening "one to remember". Their famous pies and cheesecake topped off a fine meal.

In addition to the gift exchange which afforded some very nice items, the number of unwrapped toys that were brought for children less fortunate was impressive.

A great vote of thanks goes to Ed and Kathi Straw for making all of the arrangements that made this festive evening a fun time.

(Additional Christmas Party photos on page 13)

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MEETING MINUTES

None this month

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President's Message

Hi to you all,

Another year has come and gone. The holidays are over, but not forgotten. I hope Santa brought everyone what they wanted – and maybe even more!

Jim and I spent Christmas Eve with friends. We had a great Christmas, we went to Portland to spend the day with Jim's oldest son and family and Christmas day we spent with my daughter and her family.

I know everyone cannot attend all of our functions, but I thank all of you who participated in the Christmas Party. We had a great time.

In 2008 we are looking for ideas from our club members to make chapter events more enjoyable for all. Anyone with suggestions please let me know.

I'd like to get a head start on a few things...it would be great to have someone head up some of the events we know we will be doing next year. Perhaps a chairperson (or "chair couple") for the Fall Rally and the Christmas Dinner Party. How about someone to head up cruises and/or picnics that could be held in 2008? (either after a meeting, or in addition to a meeting).

I want to thank all of you for what you have given me – it's been a fun and rewarding year. It has been great getting to know more of our members as well as spending time with more of our sister club in B.C.

Be sure to contact Ed & Pam Konsmo with information for the column "*Here's My Ride.*" It's so interesting to hear how someone found their Oldsmobile – the story behind the story kind of thing. We can learn about you and your car.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2008 for you and your family.

Thank you all,

Nina



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 Konsmo



It is Christmas Day as I ponder what the content of the January column "Between the Bumpers" should concern. The word "thankful" comes to mind. During the past number of months it has been my privilege to share thoughts and ideas with all of my fellow "Olds enthusiasts" through the Puget Sound Rocket in this column.

Pam and I are thankful for the all of the kind words that many of you have expressed to us as your newsletter editors. We also are thankful for those who contributed to the "Here's My Ride" columns. We now have several additional "rides" to print in the months to come. If your car has not yet been featured, please send in an article and at least one photo.

We are thankful for all of the friendships that we have been able to cultivate over the years through the Puget Sound Olds Club. I have often said that I would rather spend an evening with an "Olds" friend than with some of my relatives.

Pam is thankful that the '50 is finished and the leak in the family budget has been plugged. She is also thankful that I am not contemplating another restoration, at least not for the present.

As 2008 begins in a few days, as your newsletter editor, I would like to encourage those who do not regularly attend the monthly chapter meetings to join us. The next chapter meeting is January 6 at 1:00 PM at the Redmond Library. We miss seeing many of you except at the annual show in Edmonds. Your participation in chapter events and meetings throughout the year will make all of us thankful.

An Important House Keeping Item:

We are approaching the annual OCA membership compliance check. If you have OCA dues with a January expiration (it is on the cover of your JWO), please send in your renewal NOW. Your dues need to be posted by January 15. (It is just like a credit card due date, if you miss the deadline, your dues will not post until next month.) The "magic" compliance date is February 1. Sending in your dues early assures that they will be credited in time. Last year the Puget Sound Chapter was one of eight chapters that achieved 100% compliance. As your OCA Vice President, I would like to congratulate all of you for making your chapter one of the eight!

Happy New Year from your Editors

“HERE’S MY RIDE!” - By: Mary Lindholm



When I first met Chuck in 1964, he had a '63 Olds F85 Cutlass convertible. It was white with a black top and black leather interior. Since he was first able to drive, he had wanted a convertible, but his dad didn't think they were safe and that the Ontario Canada area wasn't the ideal place for one. So he had several different cars over the years, but when he came to Seattle to work with the Monorail, he decided to make his dream of a convertible come true and he bought the Olds.

We went on our honeymoon in it, I learned to drive in it, we brought both our kids home from the hospital in it and had lots of fun trips with it. When our daughter was a baby, Chuck rigged up a platform bed in the back seat for her to use on long trips. (This was before today's safety requirements.) When our son was born, we felt the F85 didn't have enough room for us and all our stuff, so we decided to join the station wagon crowd. I didn't realize how hard it was for Chuck to give the car up and didn't know how determined he was to get that same model car again.

He started his search in the early 70's, hoping to find one that would not have to be restored from the frame up. After checking out a few prospects, he found "the one." The body was sound, but it had a few problems. The previous owner had taken out the automatic transmission and put in a four-speed box with a Hurst shifter on the floor. Taking the transmission out and getting a replacement at a local wrecking yard was the first step. It took a few tries to find a drive line that worked. The nest of wires under the hood was a real challenge, but his electrical skills enabled him to sort it all out. The previous owner hadn't been satisfied with the already powerful engine and had machined the heads down and put in domed pistons to get more compression. It would have needed jet fuel to be able to tune it.

The car didn't get much attention for several years and by that time parts were not so readily available. Chuck spotted an F-85 for sale in the Little Nickel. The owner thought it had a cracked block and it would be too much for him to repair. (The F85 has an aluminum block.) Chuck determined it was a bad head gasket and made an offer. The owner refused it at first, but after a few days called and said we could take it away. Chuck stripped the car of all the parts he wanted and asked me to call the junk man. When the man came, I had to pay him to haul the carcass away.

After having the engine and transmission rebuilt, we were able to drive the car. On a drive to Edmonds, we discovered the club's annual show. It was great to get acquainted with other Olds enthusiasts. We decided our car needed a new paint job before it would be showable. We wanted to keep it red and looked at lots of paint samples. One day, Chuck was at Alderwood Olds where a friend of his worked. His friend took him around to the paint department where he saw a Cadillac convertible that had just been repainted and decided that was the red he wanted. I had my fingers crossed until I saw the car finished and I had to agree with him.

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We enjoyed participating in our zone shows, going up to Vancouver for their annual show, taking a trip to Olds, Alberta, and going on numerous other cruises. A memorable trip was going to Lansing for Olds 100th Anniversary. We went on to Niagara Falls before heading home. Chuck and Harry Straw took the car to the Denver Nationals and had a great trip. Chuck was looking forward to our club's hosting the Nationals, but he passed away in November '04. Our daughter and her husband helped me get the car ready and we entered it as a tribute to Chuck.

I have continued to enter the car in the club's annual zone shows. We enjoyed participating in our zone shows, going up to Vancouver for their annual show, taking a trip to Olds, shows. Our daughter has driven the car in the annual Yarrow Point Fourth of July parade the past couple of years. Our 11 year old granddaughter hopes she will be able to be the driver one day. Our 3 year old grandson did not get to meet his grandfather, but his dad is planning to take him for a ride in the car when he visits at Christmas.

It is a unique car and so was the guy who owned it.



LET'S GET PERSONAL



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	
Charles O'Donnell	January 8
Shirley Repp	January 9
Jeff Rembaugh	January 10
Scott Mountney	January 12
Jim Lucia	January 15
Beverly Asbahr	January 17
Sharon Gaunt	January 21
Leonard Barlow	January 24
Ed Konsmo	January 25

Happy Birthday to all!!!

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CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Mark your calendar

Sunday, January 6, 2008 Monthly chapter meeting – 1:00 p.m. <i>Redmond Library</i>	
Sunday, February 3, 2008 Monthly chapter meeting – Time and place TBD	

MEETING MINUTES ... December 2007

No meeting was held – no minutes to report

Holiday Party was held, Saturday, December 8, at Marie Callender's near Northgate Mall. We hope you were able to attend – a good time was had by all. See some of the pictures in this newsletter.

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Signature Date

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER OCA

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Please make separate check payable to Puget Sound Chapter OCA and mail to Bill Iverson. Local dues \$15/Yr., run from January to December and are prorated at \$1.25/Mo. (for new members only). Local club renewal date is January 1st. **National membership is required for chapter membership.** Cars participating in club functions must carry insurance. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for your first newsletter.

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UPCOMING CLUB MEETING HOSTS *

Jan. '08 - Mary Lindholm
Feb. '08 - Ed and Kathi Straw
Mar. '08 - Don and June Wahlstrom
April '08 - Pam and Ed Konsmo
May '08 - Vicki and Erik Martinson
June '08 - **Still open for a volunteer**
July '08 - **Still open for a volunteer**
Sept '08 - Bill and Judy Iverson
Oct '08 - Fred and Faye Steik

• **Furnish refreshments and quality gift**

WHERE TO GO?? WHAT TO DO??

Jan. 12 – ALBANY, OR; **Mild to Wild Motorsports Swap Meet**; Expo Center Hours 8-2; adm. Chrg; Mild to Wild Motorsports, 38566 Parkside Rd NE, Albany, OR 97322; 541-926-8911 or 541-979-1024

Jan. 20 – CANBY, OR; **32nd NW Drag Racing Assn. Hi-Performance Auto Swap Meet**; Clackamas County Fairgrounds; hours 8-3; Adm Fee By NWDRA; 503-644-5707 or 503-656-0872

Feb. 9-10 – PUYALLUP, WA; **34TH Corvette & High Performance Meet**; Western Washington Fairgrounds; Adm chg; hours Sat 9:30 to 4, Sun 8-2; by Classic & High Performance Society, P.O. Box 7753, Olympia, WA 98507; 360-786-8844 or lwjohnson@covhp.com

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F.Y.I.

FUTURE OCA NATIONALS MEET DATES:

Listed below are future national meet dates:

- 2008 Nationals are **Re-scheduled** for July 29-August 3, 2008 in Detroit, Michigan
- 2009 Nationals are scheduled for July 22 – 26, 2009 at the Seven Springs Resort, near Pittsburg, PA

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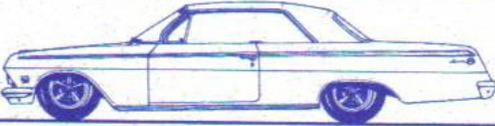
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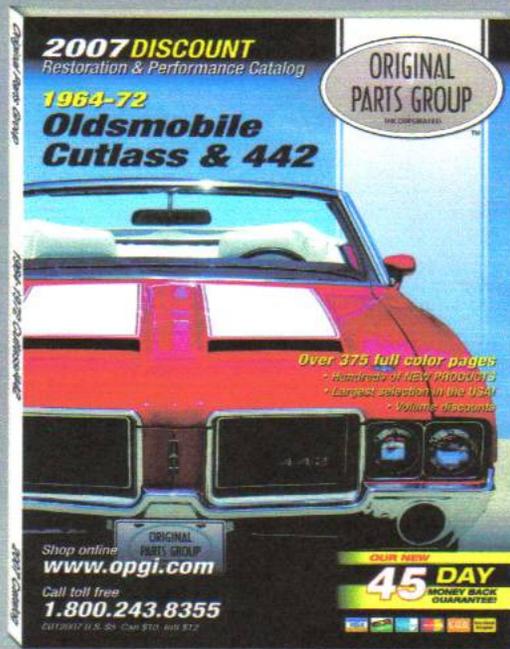
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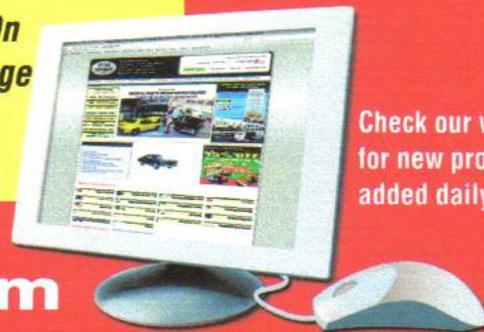
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Don and June Wahlstrom



**The dinner tasted great!
(Pam & Derald Owens)**



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And

**Bill Iverson
Membership Chairman**

PARTING SHOTS



A diet is “wishful shrinking!”

Here's to a great 2008 to you all.