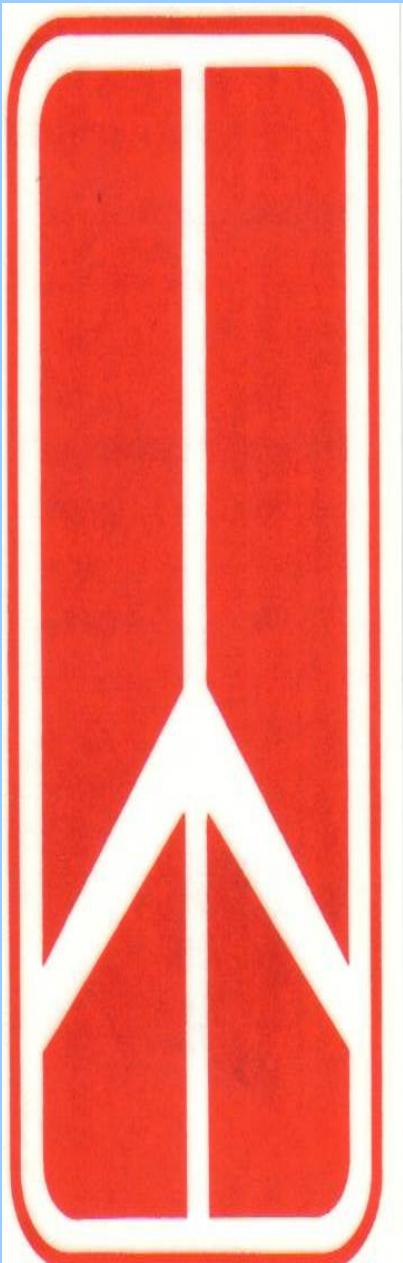


THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

July 2013



On Sunday, June 2, a few members of the Puget Sound Olds Club once again made an appearance at the Annual Ford Picnic at Bellevue Community College. While it is sponsored by the Early Ford V8 Club, it is open to all brands. They were kind enough to block off an area for our chapter. The weather was cool and threatened rain but seven members of our chapter braved the day.

The PSOC Annual Zone Show is just a few weeks away. In this newsletter is the registration form. If you have not sent yours in, please do it today. It would be great to have a large turnout of chapter members and their cars. Hopefully, we will be blessed with the same type of weather we have enjoyed this week.

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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

President's Message

Dear Club Members,

On June 5, 2013 we lost a very dear friend and member; Don Wahlstrom. I want to thank all of those attending the funeral. I was happy and so proud of all attending because it helped show our support to the family. During the service our Oldsmobile club was mentioned, and did you know Don owned 63 cars in his lifetime? Don left the Lady to his son Jim. Jim says he will take very good care of her.

Don't forget our upcoming car show, July 20. Once again, we will have a stuffing party at our home. We will stuff the goodie bags and have a potluck BBQ. Bring a salad, dessert or chips. Jim and I will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs; we will just have a fun day!

Jim & Nina Rogers
13209 Quil-Scenic Drive
Marysville, WA 98271
Phone: 360 651-6246

Look for driving directions on page 5.

I have had a preview of the trophies that Ed & Kathi Straw have ordered for the show – you want to win one of these, they are fantastic. See you at the July 20th show, in Country Village.

Nina Rogers

President

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:



"BETWEEN THE BUMPERS" ... By Ed



How to buy a collector car... a desired vehicle can be a source of joy for those passionate about cars. It can also be a source of anger, frustration and (potentially great) financial loss, as all too often the newly acquired vehicle fails to meet the seller's description (or buyer's expectation) of originality and condition.

First, there's no such thing as too much research. Before looking to buy a specific year, make and model of car, spend as much time as you can to learn about it. (The [Buyer's Guides](#) in *Hemmings Motor News*, *Hemmings Muscle Machines*, *Hemmings Classic Car*, and *Hemmings Sports & Exotic Car* are a good place to start.) Knowing the color combinations and option packages available from the factory can speak volumes about a car's originality, and knowing a particular model's weaknesses can help prevent future expense. Does the object of your affection have an appetite for now-out-of-production engine control modules? Does it require a new wiring harness to ensure any semblance of reliability? As a rule of thumb, the amount of time spent researching a car should be proportional to the financial outlay. While buying a roadside project car on a whim can easily be justified if the price is right, buying a Porsche 550 Spyder without first researching the car's history and ownership can be disastrous.

Never buy a car sight unseen. While this may sound like an obvious piece of advice, many buyers have learned the hard way that what's promised and what's delivered are not always the same thing. Unless the seller is trusted from past transactions, never buy a car without an on-site inspection; if you can't personally inspect the car, consider calling in a favor from a nearby friend, relative, colleague, or car club member who's knowledgeable about cars.

If a deal sounds too good to be true, it likely is. Realize that both the seller and the buyer need to benefit from any given transaction, and no seller is going to throw away thousands of dollars of potential profit without a very good reason. Scams abound, and not all sellers are diligent about listing facts like "sold under a salvage title" in the advertising. Be sure to [ask qualifying questions](#) in advance of traveling to see the car, and be particularly wary about any details that raise red flags, such as "I'm selling for the owner, who's currently out of the country."

Keep emotion out of the equation. Just as animals can allegedly smell fear, skilled sellers can smell anticipation on over-eager buyers, which only serves to strengthen their resolve on selling price. Regardless of how much time has been spent in researching and hunting down a specific vehicle, try to remain as detached as possible when discussing particulars with the seller. Set a target price and a ceiling price, and never go above the ceiling price. Part of the time spent researching a car should be devoted to current market pricing for cars in various conditions. Never make an offer on a car without first understanding its value on the open market;

(Between the Bumpers, continued on page 11)

LET'S GET PERSONAL



Happy birthday to you all!!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Date	Name	Lives In
7	Greg Hinton	(Mt. Vernon)
12	Pam Konsmo	(pay attention Ed)
14	Rick Patterson	(DuPont)
18	Kathy Weaver	(Oroville, WA)
21	LaVerne Gadbois	(Edmonds)
21	Jack Kemp	(Hoodsport)
23	Anne Patterson	(DuPont)
31	Lora Seaward	(Bothell)

UPCOMING CLUB MEETING HOSTS *

2013 MEETING HOST

July: No hosts – our Zone Show will be taking place

August: Erma & Ed Booth
September: Ned Peterson
October: *HOST NEEDED, can you help?*
November: Jim & Nina Rogers
December: Christmas Party – no host required

***Host provides refreshments**

*If you would like to help with “goodies” please let Pam know.
We need a few more folks to complete the year.*

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.

******* CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS ! *******

PLANNING AHEAD

If you would like to assist in the preparation of the Annual Zone Show, please mark your calendar for July 14. The Rogers will be hosting a “stuffing party” at their home to get all of the Goody Bags filled for the Zone Show on July 20. It will be a potluck beginning at noon. Driving directions are below.

Traveling on I-5 North; At exit 202, take ramp right and follow signs for 116th St. N.E.

- 0.3 mi
Turn right onto 116th St NE
Turn left onto Smokey Point Blvd / State Ave
Shell on the corner
- 1.3 mi
Turn right onto 136th St NE
- 0.9 mi
Turn right onto 51st Ave NE
- 0.3 mi
Turn left onto 132nd St NE
- 0.3 mi
Turn left onto Quil Scenic Dr
- 132 ft
Arrive at 13209 Quil Scenic Dr, Marysville, WA 98271

MEETING MINUTES

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER June 2, 2013

There were no minutes taken on June 2 (our meeting date), instead we enjoyed the Ford picnic held at Bellevue Community College. There were seven cars in attendance from our club: Faye & Fred Steik, Kathi & Ed Straw, Nina & Jim Rogers, Ken Thompson and his date Howard VonPressitin, Ned Patterson, Trudy & Art Gamash, and Pam & Ed Konsmo. Way to go PSOC!!! The live band and singer were fantastic. The hot dogs were pretty good and the ice cream bars w/nuts were tasty too. See what you missed???

Here's my ride...by Dave Wildenberg



I've been a car guy since I was a boy in the early 50s, and have always liked Oldsmobiles. My first Oldsmobile was a 57 Super 88 J2 that I bought in 1961 from an Oldsmobile mechanic in Sacramento, CA. I was in my early twenties at the time and paid \$500 for it. I was later told I overpaid for the car. I never forgot that Oldsmobile!

When I retired, my wife Merna and I relocated from Kirkland to Spokane in July of 2006. Shortly after that I was lucky enough to find another one ... a white 57 Super 88 J2 with a batwing air cleaner. I paid \$21,000 for that car and thought I got a good deal and a great car! I was a happy camper! We enjoyed that car until 2010 when a collector made me an offer I couldn't refuse.

So here is my current Oldsmobile - a 1949 Fastback! I traded a 67 SS 396 Impala convertible for it. I am very happy to have this Olds. The engine is a 400ci with a 350 turbo transmission. The suspension has been upgraded including power disc brakes, PS, Vintage Heat & Air, Leather Interior, Digital Dash, and an upgraded sound system. I have since added some personal touches such as wheels, tires, etc. Unlike my two 57s which were all original, the 49 Olds is an old school street machine! It will cruise all day long at 80 mph plus and not even breath hard. We enjoy taking this car to the various shows around the Inland Northwest and plan to hold onto it for awhile.

Thanks to all the members of PSOC for taking the time to look at our ride.

Dave & Merna Wildenberg
Spokane, WA.

OLDSMOBILE CAR SHOW

28th Annual Pacific Northwest Zone Show and Picnic
Hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America



Harry Straw 1962 Jetfire

Saturday July 20, 2013

10:00am-3:00pm

Country Village

23718 Bothell Everett Highway, Bothell WA 98021

Dash Plaques Trophies Peoples Choice Awards Raffle Prizes

Free picnic lunch 12:00pm for paid entries

Entry Fee \$15.00 pre-registered (7/15) \$20. Day of Show (2nd car free)

REGISTRATION FORM

Please make check payable to: Puget Sound Chapter OCA

Mail registration form and check to:

Puget Sound Chapter OCA

P.O. Box 82042 Kenmore WA 98028 www.pugetsoundoldsclub.org

For further information contact Ed or Kathi Straw 425-485-3093 ekstraw@comcast.net

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____

Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____

Attending Picnic Yes _____ No _____ How many _____

FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED WITH YOUR CAR

Swap Meets & Shows to attend in July

- JUL 4 Auburn, WA; Auburn's 4th of July Car Show**
Les Grove Park, 1005 12th Street SE, Auburn, WA 98002; 11am – 4pm;
No Adm. Fee; Reg. Fee \$15; City of Auburn; 253-931-3043;
kpachciarz@auburnwa.gov; www.auburnwa.gov/events
- JUL 5-7 Kent, WA; 25th Annual Pacific Northwest Vintage Sports Car Races**
Pacific Raceways, 31001 144th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98042; 8:30am –
4:30pm each day; Adm. Fee \$25; SOVERN Guild; pnhistorics@yahoo.com;
www.northwesthistorics.com
- JUL 6 Renton, WA; Return to Renton Benefit Cruise-In**
Downtown Renton, South 3rd Street & Burnett Ave. South, Renton, WA
98057; 8am – 3pm; No Adm. Fee; Reg. Fee \$20; Renton Youth Education
Programs; 425-430-7589; return_to_renton@yahoo.com;
www.gorenton.com/carshow.htm
- JUL 12-14 Spokane, WA; Spokane Swap Meet**
Spokane Fairgrounds, 404 N Havana St., Spokane, WA 99202; 11am –
8pm; 8am – 6pm; 8am – 2pm; Adm. Fee \$5; Reg. Fee \$20; Early Ford
V8 Club; 509-994-4924; bswenson@gmail.com; www.earlyfordv8ie.org
- JUL 13 Lakewood, WA; Lakewood Summerfest Car Show**
Fort Steilacoom Park, Steilacoom Blvd. & Elwood Drive, Lakewood, WA
98499; 9am – 3pm; No Adm. Fee; Partners for Parks; 253-405-9014;
bubbymaxhome@aol.com
- JUL 13 Roslyn, WA; Run to Roslyn**
Roslyn Park, 3rd St. & Idaho Ave. Roslyn, WA 98941; 8am – 3pm;
No Adm. Fee; Reg. Fee \$20; Strangers Car Club; 509-674-5018;
Run2Roslyn@gmail.com
- JUL 14 Tacoma, WA; 24th Annual 442/Cutlass Car Show**
Griot's Garage, 3333 South 38th St. Tacoma, WA 98409; 10am – 2pm;
No Adm. Fee; Reg. Fee \$10; South Sound 442 Club; 253-847-0737;
cmcollect@yahoo.com (If you can, attend this show – support an Olds show)
- JUL 20 Bothell, WA; 29th Annual Oldsmobile Show & Picnic**
This is our very own car show. See entry form on page 7

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JUL 21

Tacoma, WA; Tacoma SE Lions Car Show

Griot's Garage, 3333 S. 38th St. Tacoma, WA 98409; 9am – 2pm;

No Adm. Fee; Reg. Fee \$20; Tacoma SE Lions; 253-951-4610;

mlpersha@yahoo.com

JUL 26-28 Puyallup, WA; Goodguys 26th Pacific Northwest Nationals

Puyallup Fair & Expo Center, 110 9th Ave. SW, Puyallup, WA 98371;

8am – 5pm; 8am – 5pm; 8am – 3pm; Adm. Fee \$18; Reg. Fee \$45;

Goodguys Rod & Custom Association; 925-838-9876; info@good-guys.com;

www.good-guys.com



Future Oldsmobile National Meets

2013 - July 24-28; Springfield, IL; Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn Express; Hosted by the Illinois Valley Olds Club and the Archway Olds Club.

For hotel reservations, call 217-585-2871

2014 - July 23-27; Cincinnati, OH; Holiday Inn Suites; Hosted by The Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter.

2015 - July 21-25; To be announced



How to buy a collector car (continued from page 3)

If you do need to sell the car later on, finding out you've paid \$30,000 for a car worth \$15,000 on the high end is a painful lesson in economics.

Be fair with your offer. While buyers often complain about sellers who price cars far beyond their true market value, sellers complain about buyers pitching offers far below the market price. While few people expect to pay the listed price for a used vehicle, coming in with an offer that's significantly below the listing price (unless the car's condition warrants it) is a waste of the seller's time. If the condition is bad enough that the asking price isn't realistic, perhaps it's time to ask the question of whether or not the car is a good deal at any price.

As Ronald Reagan once said of the Soviet Union, "trust, but verify." A car may look impeccably maintained, but without documentation there's no way of knowing what kind of service has been done throughout its life, as well as what components have been replaced over the years. Here's where complete maintenance records pay big dividends, and as an added bonus they can often help to verify whether or not a vehicle's mileage is as claimed.

Don't put too much emphasis on vehicle history reports. The actual reports don't always deliver complete details on a particular vehicle, and most – if not all – such services only deal with 17-digit VINs, which means they don't offer reports on cars older than 1981. Accident damage not reported to police or insurance companies won't show up on history reports, meaning that a clean report is no guarantee the car hasn't been in an accident. That said, such reports can deliver valuable information about past owners, allowing a buyer to verify if a "one owner" car lives up to its billing.

Beware of Bondo and other undisclosed repairs. Always inspect a car in daylight conditions, paying particular attention to things like color match between panels, trim fit and panel gap. With the seller's permission, use a magnetic or electronic tool to test for Bondo and other fillers in place of metal. To tell if a car has been repainted, look for overspray on poorly masked trim, inspect fender bolts for chipped paint and feel for overspray on door edges. Inspect the overall quality of the paint, paying attention to things like orange peel and surface imperfections caused by improper prep work.

If the car represents a significant investment, consider bringing along an expert. At some point (which point differs with every buyer), a vehicle crosses the line from "used car" to "major investment," and cars that fall into the latter category should be thoroughly inspected by someone with expert knowledge of the marque. Much like buying fine art, when a car moves from the "hobby" column to the "portfolio" column, the money spent in hiring a consultant can be the difference between a sound investment and an irrecoverable loss.

Assuming it runs and is safe to operate, always test drive the vehicle. Nothing else will reveal a car's flaws quite like a thorough test drive. At start-up, look for signs of oil smoke in the exhaust and listen to the engine for any unusual sounds (and take seller commentary like "they all do that" with a grain of salt). On the road, is it smooth through all the gears, or is one particularly notchy? Does it accelerate smoothly, or is there a stumble at a particular engine speed? How does the steering feel, especially in quick transitions? Are the brakes strong, and does the car stop without pulling to one side or another? The more time spent on a test drive, the clearer the real condition of the vehicle becomes.

Don't forget to inspect the mechanicals. Those who already spend weekends spinning wrenches likely know what to look for, but buyers unfamiliar with the oily bits are well served by taking any potential purchases to

a competent mechanic for review. Most sellers won't object to this, particularly if they have nothing to be concerned about.

Finally, remember to enjoy the hunt. In many cases, finding the perfect collector car or project car can be an all-consuming task that stretches to months or even years. Once the purchase is made, the thrill of that hunt is over, (hopefully) replaced by the thrill of ownership or restoration. If the car was well researched and well bought, "buyer's remorse" should never factor into the equation.

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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:

- **1948 4 Dr. Sedan;** Zero rust, been stored 38 years, 6 cylinder; needs a little work to run, 95 percent complete. Interior in fair condition. Asking \$2000. Call Gary Viggers 360-880-0494 or e-mail [\(2\)](mailto:nancyviggers@aol.com)
- **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. [\(3\)](#)
- **1955 "98" four-door hardtop.** Parting out full power car, including: padded dash, all trim, glass, autronic eye, carburetor, cores, and gas tank. What do you need? Call Don 253 566-8488 or [\(3\)](mailto:don.monroe@comcast.net)
- **1956 324 Motor,** 2 barrel manifold with '56 HydraMatic. Core motor complete w/heads; 371 Tri-Power Manifold, \$100; Erik Martinson 425-433-6480 [\(1\)](#)
- **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 [\(1\)](mailto:tomietwotone@gmail.com)
- **1957 Olds parts and tires** - Four P225R75/15 w/ 1" ww tires on rims. Call Ed Booth (253) 752-6158 [\(1\)](#)
- **1979 Olds engine and transmission.** \$250.00. Call Howard (206) 782-1393 [\(1\)](#)
- **1985 Cutlass Supreme,** Burgundy exterior & interior. 4 door V8 4bbl. Original owner. Very clean. Asking \$1,800 (206) 284-4920. Ask for Tom or [\(3\)](mailto:tomietwotone@gmail.com)
- **Offy Dual 4-barrel Manifold with two Holley Carbs for 400-455 Olds,** \$400. Jim Long 360 893-8293 [\(3\)](#)
- **1997 Aurora** – Teal color; 78,000 miles; Show condition; For info call Blair Eastman, call 206-999-3256 or e-mail [\(1\)](mailto:ecarole1@comcast.net)

NEEDS: Need: radiator shroud for '58. Call Erik (425) 433-6480 [\(1\)](#)

Need: Emergency brake switch and flasher for '53-'55. Ken Thompson 206 930-1741 or 106 932-8898 [\(2\)](#)

Need: Air control unit for '65 "98". Call Art Gamash 360 683-4749 [\(3\)](#)

LEADS: 14" Hub Caps – Four in VG condition - \$20 each; Call Don Lee at 360-928-2466 [\(2\)](#)

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 SHOTS from THE FORD PICNIC"



The Steik's Cutlass



The Gamash's Toro and Pam's Cutlass



Ned Peterson's Cutlass



Ned.....it needs more chrome!



"Old Blue" parked next to the Roger's '60



Pam's Cutlass Convert reflected in Ned's door