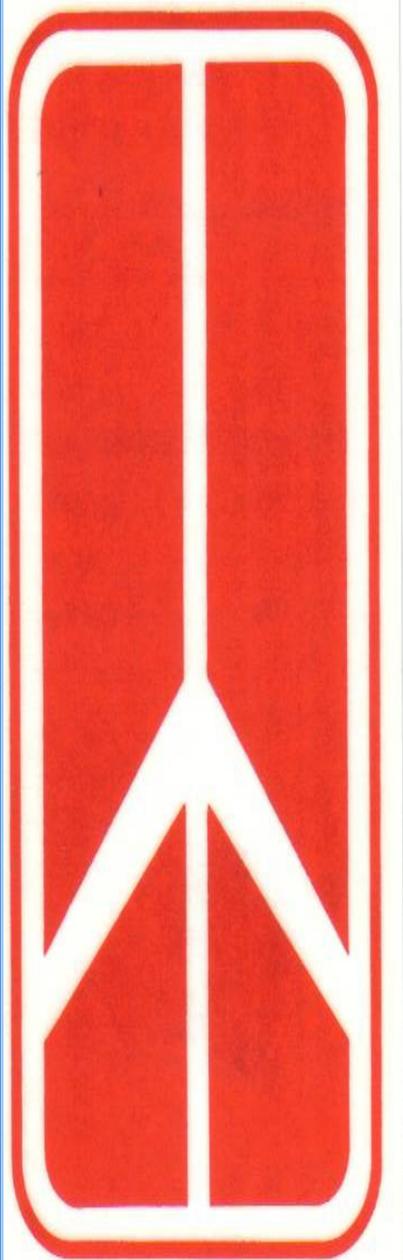


THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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It doesn't get any better than this! Your Olds next to a picturesque lake on a warm summer day with your picnic lunch spread for an afternoon of relaxation. No, your editor is not fantasizing. This is exactly how the 1932 Roadster of OCA member Doug Width was parked last year at the 2010 Nationals in Sturbridge, MA. In Class 2, Doug's Olds won Best of Class.

Have you signed up for the 2011 Nationals in Reno yet? If not, there are still a few weeks left for you to send in your registration and plan your trip. Perhaps you might even find a serene lake along the way to have your own picnic lunch with fellow OCA members along the way.

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President's Message

Hi all,

May is here, seems like we just had the April meeting yesterday. I have been busy traveling for my work so time has just slipped away. The good news is that the weather is getting better and soon we will be able to drive our toys and do some cruising around. It's been a long wet winter and spring and I am sure you're all looking forward to a nice summer I know I am.

Erik is doing better from what I read in Ed's e-mails which is great news, I have not heard an update on Pete's health I hope he is doing better as well. I know we all wish them the best and hope both of them a speedy recovery.

See you all at the Redmond library at 1:00 P.M., May 1st.

Regards,

Pat Ellwood

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



This month's column is taken from an article in *Runabouts to Rockets* written by Jim Schultz, Vice President of the Antique Olds Club, entitled "*The Overlooked Vacuum Advance*".

One of the most overlooked items on engine tune-ups is the vacuum advance. It is that round thing on the side of the distributor with a vacuum line running to it. A few years ago we had a tune-up seminar for the Olds Club of Arizona members to learn the basics of tune-ups on their cars. We had six member's cars at the seminar and all six had bad vacuum advances. This pointed out that indeed these are not checked as most of the cars had been recently "tuned-up".

The function of the vacuum advance is pretty much described by its name. It uses vacuum to pull the breaker plate in the distributor to advance the timing to achieve maximum performance under various engine loads. When this part is not functioning engine performance and fuel efficiency is reduced. I have seen where in the late sixties Oldsmobiles the vacuum advance has caused the #7 cylinder's exhaust valve to burn. Just about all of the Oldsmobile cars with that cylinder problem had a vacuum advance that was ruptured leaving a vacuum loss and retarded timing making that cylinder run lean.

To check functionality there are various ways to do so. The easiest is to disconnect the line running to the advance while the engine is running and see if the engine idle speed drops. This is when you feel suction from the line going to the advance. In the earlier cars you will have to disconnect the metal line running to the advance. If there is a drop in engine idle speed, then your vacuum advance is functioning. No change means that it is suspect. With the distributor cap off you also can hook up a clean piece of vacuum tubing (5/32) to the outlet or the metal tubing depending on the year and create a vacuum with your mouth and see if your breaker plate moves. If you can't create a vacuum or your breaker plate does not move, the advance is bad.

If you find that your advance is bad you can usually get one for your car, 1956 and newer, at most parts stores. The earlier ones are not as easily found but I do see them for sale from time to time on eBay. It is critical that when you check the timing, that you have the vacuum advance **DISCONNECTED!** I can't tell how many times I have seen engines timed with the vacuum advance connected. This creates overheating problems, loss of power and on the early fifties cars, hard starting hot. (Comment from your Editor; Our '50 98 has an overheating problem. You know what I am going to do!)

Final tune-up tip; Make sure your point dwell is at 30 degrees or .0016 for most V-8s. Start the engine and check your timing with the distributor vacuum advance disconnected. Once that is set, reconnect the vacuum line and let the engine warm up to operating temperature. The last step is setting the mixture adjustment on the carburetor. At idle speed, run one of the mixture screws in till the idle speed starts to drop then back it out. Then go to the other one and do the same. With one barrel carburetors you just set the one screw, then your idle speed. You will usually need to go back and forth a few times as one side can affect the other.

Here's my ride??



Would you paint your Olds like this?



A blue steering wheel?

LeMay Museum Update

The Puget Sound Olds Club members voted at the January 2010 meeting to become a part of the LeMay Museum. Each month we will bring you information regarding the progress of the Museum.

Sipping The Fruits of Victory

By: David Madeira,
President & CEO of LeMay - ACM

Now that we've moved past the halfway point on constructing AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM, it's a nice time to assess how we got here and what the future holds - a rather difficult task in merely 300 words.



Shortly after I came aboard as president and CEO in 2002, the ACM board and I decided we had to create a destination, not just a museum. We needed a show field to host everything from vintage car concours' to rock concerts. We wanted to show drive-in movies on the outside wall of the museum. (Think about a summer Saturday night with "American Graffiti" as the main feature.) Bottom line: We had to create ways to make this fun; make it a vibrant campus that would compel people to return over and over.



We decided this project would be built 100-percent through philanthropy, it would serve as the heart of the world's automotive culture and, after conducting a situation analysis, we agreed the museum would have to be marketed nationally and, accordingly, embraced by people across the country if we were ever going to succeed.

Fundraising moved along nicely until the recession of 2008 hammered us. Despite tough times, we finally attracted enough funding to begin construction in June 2010. After breaking ground, I invited a couple of my core leaders, who had been with me from the start, to open a special bottle of Madeira to toast our long, but fruitful journey. Man, that bottle of wine from my namesake island in Portuguese sure tasted good.

Today we're looking at completing the exterior of the Museum sometime this summer, and though still in the midst of never-ending fundraising, we'll soon be announcing plans for our 2012 grand opening. Sure, we've had our share of doubters along the way, but I invite them to see first-hand what has been accomplished. They can gladly join us in a celebration toast.



LET'S GET PERSONAL



MAY BIRTHDAYS

14	Fred Steik (Tacoma)
14	Sherrill COX (N.Saanich, B.C.)
27	David Yonich (Tacoma)
31	Michael Thompson (Bow)

Happy birthday to everyone.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS of the Puget Sound Chapter

May 1st Chapter Meeting
1 P.M. at the Redmond Library

Directions to the May 1st
Meeting are on page 7

UPCOMING CLUB MEETING HOSTS *

2011 MEETING HOSTS

June.....Don & June Wahlstrom

July.....Zone Show - no host

October.....Fred & Faye Steik

August...Pat & Jane Ellwood

November...Jim & Nina Rogers

September...Bill & Judy Iverson

December...Christmas Party - no host

*Provide quality gift & refreshments

MEMBER NOTES AND CHAPTER INFO

This page features notes of interest about and for 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 at 253-845-2288.

GOOD NEWS! Erik Martinson is out of ICU and in the physical therapy wing of the UW Hospital after having a pacemaker installed to stabilize his heart beat. Therapists are helping Erik to walk after being in a bed for almost seven weeks. It is possible that Erik may be able to go home in a couple of weeks.

PNW Zone Director Jamie Cox had eye surgery on April 5. The surgery was successful and he is recovering very well.

Pete Salazar is on the mend after having a new pacemaker installed.

The 2011 Zone Show flyer/application is on page 8. It is not too early to begin polishing and prepping your Olds for the show. You might even print a copy of the flyer and share it with an Olds owner that you might meet.

Directions below to the May 1 meeting in Redmond:

From I-405 North: Take Exit 18; Turn **left** onto NE 85th SR-908 toward Redmond; Continue east, name changes to Redmond Way; turn **left** at 160th Ave NE; turn **left** onto NE 85th St; the library is on the **left** at 15990 NE 85th St.

From I-405 South: Take Exit 14; take the ramp East onto Hwy 520; follow to W.Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE; turn **left** onto 154th Ave NE; turn **right** onto NE 85th St; the library is on the **left** at 15990 NE 85th St.

There is a seat waiting for you at the meeting on May 1...



26th Annual Pacific Northwest Zone Show and Picnic
Hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America

OLDSMOBILE CAR SHOW



Best of Show ..
Larry Genschorck's 1960 Olds Convertible

Saturday July 16 2011

COUNTRY VILLAGE

23718 Bothell Everett Highway Bothell WA 98021

Show 9:00am -3:00pm

Picnic 12:00pm

Dash Plaques

Peoples Choice Awards

Raffle Prizes

Trophies and Awards

Free lunch for paid entries

Entry Fee:\$15.00 advance registration (by 7/8) \$20.00 day of show (\$10.00 Second car)

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 98072

For further information contact Bill Iverson,425-271-0195 or billiver@aol.com

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Car Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____

Car Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____

Attending Picnic Yes _____ No _____ How many _____

FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED WITH YOUR CAR

MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES
OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA
PUGET SOUND CHAPTER
April 3, 2011

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Pat Ellwood, president.

Treasurer's Report – Kathi Straw – report approved.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Newsletter – Kathi Straw – Costs of having the newsletter copied and mailed by UPS were reviewed and compared with present costs. It was decided not to make a change.

Membership – Bill Iverson – We currently have 75 members.

Nationals – Ed Konsmo – There are 91 cars registered at this date. No one from our club or the Canadian clubs has volunteered to judge.

B.O.P. Cruise – Pat Ellwood – Russ Hazelwood of the Buick club suggested June 25 or 26 as possible dates. Saturday, June 25 was chosen. Pat will get together with him to plan an itinerary. It was recommended we meet at a state park or other picnic site for lunch rather than going to a restaurant.

Buick-Pontiac Car Show – Hugh Russell – The show will be held Saturday, July 30, at Fort Flagler.

Country Village Car Show – Sunday, June 19, 12-3 p.m. - For details, call 483-2250.

Self-Serve Garage – Ed Konsmo – Ed reported that George Patterson, the owner of the garage featured in the April newsletter, would like to host a meeting of the club.

Reno Nationals – Ed Straw – Ed reviewed the possible itineraries for leaving Monday, July 25, or Tuesday, July 26. There was a meeting after the regular meeting for further discussion.

Next Meeting – Sunday, May 1, 2011, 1 p.m., Redmond Library

Raffle Results

Meeting Hosts/Quality Gift – Ed and Kathi Straw

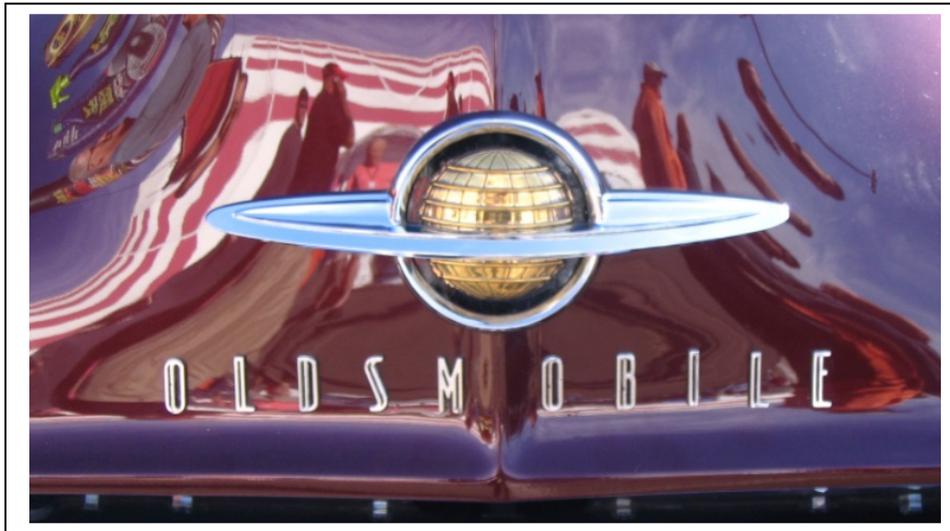
Quality Gift – Easter Basket – Erma Booth Olds jackets – Jim Rogers, Erma Booth
Timers – Howard Von Pressentin Mini-driver set, WD 40 pen – Ed Straw
Easter candy – Pam Konsmo Classic Cars DVD, Orange Hand Cleaner – Jim Rogers
Almond Roca; Bleach White Tire spray - Larry Genschorck
Classic Cars DVD – Jim Rogers
Octane booster – Judy Iverson
Terminal kit – Mary Lindholm
Flowers – Ken Thompson, Ed Booth
\$25 – Kathi Straw

WHERE TO GO...CAR SHOWS and SWAP MEETS

- MAY 6 Kent, WA; High School Drags (Might be fun to watch)**
Pacific Raceways, 31001 144th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98042; 3 pm to 10 pm; Adm. Fee - \$15; Reg. Fee - \$30; Green River Community College; 253-639-5927; info@pacificraceways.com; www.pacificraceways.com
- MAY 6 Covington, WA; Friday Night Cruise In (The season's first)**
Wal-Mart Parking Lot, 17432 SE 270th Place, Kent, WA 98042
4 – 8 pm, weather permitting; Adm. Free; No Reg. Fee;
Maple Valley Street Rats; 425-495-5712; marweg18645@comcast.net
www.maplevalleystreetrats.com
- MAY 14-15 Monroe, WA; Seattle Auto Swap Meet**
Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA 98272; 8 am – 5 pm;
9 am – 2 pm; Adm. Free; Puget Sound Region Early Ford V-8 Club
Of America; 800-645-4997; www.efv8psrg.org
(Your editor will be in Bldg. 607, Spaces 44-45)
- MAY 15 Issaquah, WA; XXX Spring Opener**
Triple XXX Root Beer Drive In, 98 East Gilman Blvd,
Issaquah, WA; 8 am - 3 pm; Adm. Free; Reg. Fee;
Triple XXX Root Beer; 425-392-1266; www.triplexrootbeer.com
- MAY 22 Auburn, WA; Terry Home Show & Shine – Fund Raiser**
Auburn Eagles Parking Lot, 702 M Street SE, Auburn, WA 98002;
8 am – 4 pm; Adm. Free; Reg. Fee - \$15; Terry Home; 253-833-5554;
afpmay@aol.com
- MAY 29 Bellingham, WA; Boulevard Park Antique Auto Show**
Boulevard Park, Bellingham, WA 98227; 10 am – 4 pm; Adm. Free;
Reg. Fee - \$10; Antique Automobile Restorers Club, Ralph Gardner;
360-738-4054; info@aarcbellingham.com; www.aarcbellingham.com
- MAY 29-30 Everett, WA; Cruzin' To Colby**
Controlled Cruise & Show'n Shine; Downtown Everett Streets, Colby
& Hewitt Ave, Everett, WA 98201; Sunday 1pm – 5:30pm; Monday,
8am – 4pm; Adm. Free; Reg. Fee - \$20; Seattle Rod-Tiques Car Club;
425-337-9335; ljlpsync@yahoo.com; www.seattlerod-tiques.com

Future Oldsmobile National Meets

- 2011 - July 27 – 31; Reno, NV; Grand Sierra Resort and Casino;
Hosted by the Nor Cal Olds Club.
Host hotel reservations: 800-501-2651
www.grandsierraresort.com
- 2012 - July 4 – 7; Des Moines, IA; Iowa Events Center (The first
Indoor Nationals ever); Hosted by the Olds Club of Iowa
- 2013 - The Illinois Valley Olds Club and the Archway Olds Club will
be presenting a joint proposal in Reno to host the 2013
Nationals.



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 25th of the month to ekonsmo@msn.com.

FOR SALE

- **1957 "98" Parts;** Set of 235/75/15 white wall tires on rims; Ed Booth 253-752-6158 (1)
- **1964 Cutlass,** 2 Dr HT, bucket seats, console, 330 c.i., 310 hp, 4 bbl carb., new dual exhaust. Hasn't run for four years, needs restoration. Call Corry 1-604-794-7066 (Canada) for more information. (1)
- **1965 Starfire** – Body green, very straight; no title; make offer – Jim Long 360-893-8293 (1)

1966 Toronado – 425 V8, AC, PB, good interior, needs paint; Parked inside since 1985. Engine has a miss. 127k on the odometer. Asking \$3,195. Call DAG at 206-280-2999 for more info or e-mail him at montz3974@comcast.net (2)



- **1966 Toronados; \$6000 and \$8000;** Call Garry Hart at 360-624-0885 (3)
- **1967 Toronados; \$2500 each;** Call Garry Hart at 360-624-0885 (3)
- **1967 Cutlass Turnpike Cruiser.** Edelbrock 750 carb. and manifold; Cyl. Bored 5 over. 82,772 miles. Straight body. Asking \$2500 or best offer. Mike Patrick trick442@comcast.net
- **1968 Toronado; \$4000;** Call Garry Hart at 360-624-0885 (3)
- **1969 Toronado; \$2500;** Call Garry Hart at 360-624-0885 (3)
- **1973 Delta Royale 2-dr. H.T.** nice, low miles. \$2,800 or best offer. Call Don (253) 752-8920 (2)
- **1970 Toronado** – White, 400 cu.in. 442 motor; Nice car, make offer; Jim Long 360-893-8293 (2)
- **4 Vogue Custom Towing Tires** - 205/75/14; \$250; Call Ken Thompson 206-930-1741; kenester37@yahoo.com (1)
- **Tire** – One BF Goodrich tire. G78-15 NEW \$25.00. Call Howard (206) 782-1393 (1)
- **1979 Engine & Trans;** Call Howard (206) 782-1393 (2)

LEADS:

- **1971 350 Engine incl. carb \$50;** Billet under drive pulleys \$80; Call Jerry Ward 360-387-7066 (3)

NEEDS:

- **1952 88 2-door post right door** and rear quarter panel/tin (253) 223-2466 or TBridges46@live.com (2)
- **Need help in finding parts for '68 442 convertible that I am restoring.** Bob Bass 435-483-6727 cindybob@comcast.net (1)

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.

"A PARTING SHOT"



THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR *Bennett*

No comment necessary, it's a fact!