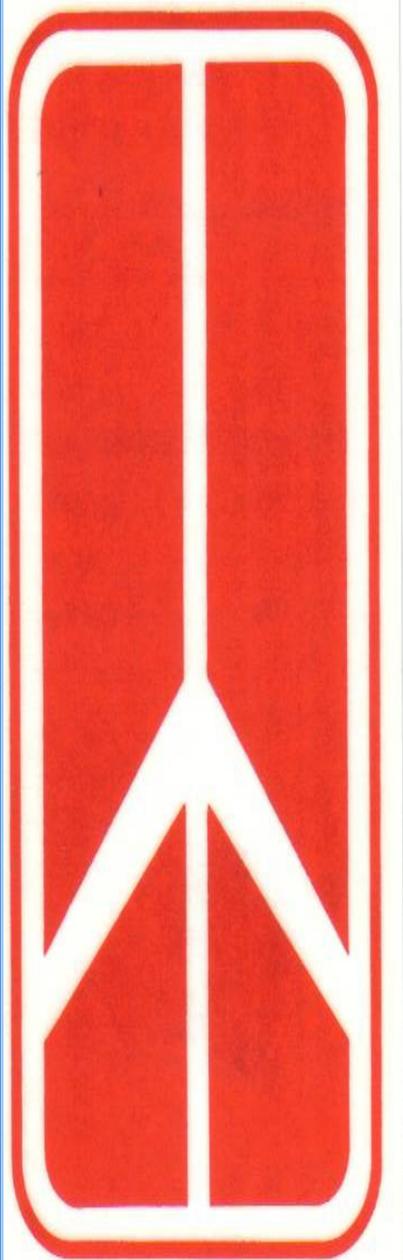


# THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

## Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

November 2011



Chapter President Pat Ellwood led the chapter cruise...after the October chapter meeting at the Redmond Library. In the above photo during a brief rest stop, Pam is telling Judy how much she loves her 1992 Cutlass Supreme convertible. The four Oldsmobiles in the photo were a few of the ones participating in the cruise. Also attending the cruise were Ed & Kathi Straw in their '57 98 convertible. Cruising in *another brand* was Ken Thompson & his crew of Rob "Rocket" Repp and Howard Von Presentin. The weather was great until we were just about back home and before the rain came.

The cruise took us out of Redmond (we won't mention that our wagon master, Pat, missed a turn) thru back roads to Snohomish and back to Issaquah where we were to have dinner at Jose's Triple X Drive Inn. Unfortunately we were not able to reach our destination as the Town of Issaquah was busting at the seams with over 100,000 people attending "Salmon Days", an annual event. So, we each went our way back home. It would be great if when the next scheduled cruise is planned, more of our chapter members would participate. If you weren't there, you missed a great time! Pat, thanks for the fun day.

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## President's Message

Hi all,

The year is winding down, time sure flies these days. It seems like I wake up Monday morning and go to bed Friday night and get nothing done in between. My little after meeting cruise was a hoot with me the leader getting lost trying to leave Redmond. I led half the group on a merry chase while Ed Straw and the other half had no problem getting out of town and then had to wait for their leader to show up. We had a nice drive thru the country side up to the town of Snoqualmie then down to Issaquah with the intention of having dinner at the Triple X. Second leader mistake, how was I to know the town was having Salmon days. Drove into town and got locked up with traffic detours, ended up taking the group down a dead end street. I then decided to call it a day. Stopped and told everyone dinner was off and good luck finding your way out of town. To top things off, I blew a power steering hose upon leaving Issaquah and had to make it home thru Seattle with no power steering. I will try to plan better next time; that is if there is a next time. It might be hard to get anyone to follow me anywhere again.

Remember we are electing new officers this month so if you haven't thrown your name in the hat, now is the time to do it. I am grateful that Nina has volunteered to be president again and that the remaining slate of officers has agreed to remain in office but I am also disappointed that no new people have stepped forward to run for office. I am concerned about the long term survivability of the club without more of our members showing up at meetings and being involved. It's unfair to have the same people hold these positions year after year. We have over 70 members and all I ever see are the same people at the meetings.

Don't take this wrong I like each and every one of you that show up and have had some good times with you. It's just that I joined this club to be with other Olds owners, gain knowledge about my cars, share experiences, go on cruises, even help work on other peoples cars and maybe ask for help when installing and engine. We mostly just meet have a few cookies, some coffee, talk about this or that and call it a day. I hope we find a way to re-energize this club to get more members involved or the future of the club does not look good.

This month's meeting is November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at the Newport Library. **DON'T FORGET, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY AT 2 AM...SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.**

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](mailto:ekonsmo@msn.com)



## "BETWEEN THE BUMPERS" ... By Ed Konsmo



### **ARE YOU DRIVING TOO SLOW? Yes, you can be too careful. A traffic ticket for driving too slowly can ding your driving record and cost you more on auto insurance.**

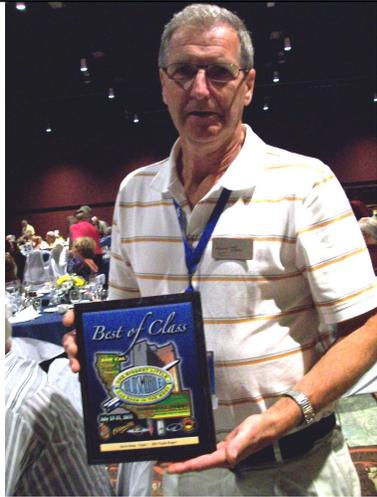
You're a careful driver and always travel at or below the speed limit, so you're shocked when you're pulled over on the freeway during your commute home. The officer takes your registration and license, spends 15 minutes on his squad car radio making sure you're not an escaped serial killer, and then brings you back your prize: a traffic ticket with "**Below minimum speed**" circled as your offense. Wait a second. You can get pulled over for driving slowly? That's right. Every state has a law on the books that says something along the lines of: "A person shall not drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed so as to impede or block the normal and reasonable forward movement of traffic."

But does anyone ever actually get pulled over and ticketed? Absolutely -- and the ticket counts the same as any other violation against your driver's license and car insurance. Making matters worse, the laws relating to slow driving and road safety can differ from state to state. Some states specify a minimum speed limit for highway driving. In Florida, that minimum speed is 40 mph on highways with at least four lanes; Michigan's minimum speed limit on freeways is 55 mph. Iowa's law says that a vehicle that can't attain and maintain a speed of 40 mph can't go on the interstate system. Additionally, laws in most states require a driver going slower than typical traffic flow to occupy the farthest right lane to allow other drivers to pass.

**Safer to go with the flow...** A couple of decades ago, Jim Gussler was pulled over while driving 60 mph in a 55-mph zone on Interstate 5 in California. "Traffic was crazy and whizzing by me," he says. "It was the first time I'd been to California and the first time I'd encountered traffic like that." He thought the officer was going to issue a ticket for driving 5 mph over the limit. "Nope," Gussler says. "He politely explained that I was impeding traffic and needed to match the flow of traffic. He also explained that a slower vehicle was more dangerous than a speeding vehicle." Gussler got off with a warning, but there's at least some research out there that supports that officer's claim.

In 1964, a U.S. government researcher named David Solomon wrote a paper on the subject of speed and crashes. He found that drivers going the median speed of all traffic -- not necessarily the speed limit -- had the lowest risk of collision. He also found that the crash risk increases more sharply at speeds below the average traffic flow than above. "What that indicates is that law enforcement should pay at least as much attention to slow drivers as it does drivers going a few miles per hour over the speed limit," says Gary Biller, the executive director of the **National Motorists Association**.

# Chapter members enjoying events this past year...



EDITOR'S NOTE: This page usually features member's rides. If you would like to have your car featured, please send a photo and a short article to [ekonsmo@msn.com](mailto:ekonsmo@msn.com).

# Christmas Lunch Details



**Where: POODLE DOG RESTAURANT, FIFE WA**

**When: Saturday, December 10. 2011**

**NO HOST COCKTAIL BAR      LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 1:00 PM**

**Menu choices:**

1.    **Fish & Chips** w/coleslaw, garlic toast and dessert
2.    **Chicken Fettuccini** w/salad, garlic bread and dessert
3.    **Chicken Caesar Salad** w/roll and dessert
4.    **Cobb Salad** w/bleu cheese dressing, roll and dessert
5.    **Salmon Filet** w/wine sauce, rice pilaf, vegetable, roll, salad and dessert

The cost will be \$18.00 per person to be paid to the club (the club will then pay the restaurant with one check that includes): room rent (\$150.00), Linens (\$35 to \$45), depending on how many attend. The Poodle Dog Restaurant will supply all of the Christmas room decorations, table decorations and a Christmas tree at no extra charge.

**If you wish to participate in a gift exchange:** Each man is asked to bring a wrapped gift for a man and labeled "man". Each woman is asked to bring a wrapped gift for a woman and labeled "woman". The value of this gift should average about \$20.00.

**Please bring an unwrapped new toy for the donation to the *Forgotten Children's Fund*.**



**Please print, complete and return this part with your reservation and payment.**

**Please RSVP by November 30th. Include your check for \$18 (per person)** payable to the PSOC. Mail your check to the chapter address; P.O. Box 82042 Kenmore, WA **98028**

**Number of people attending\_\_\_\_\_**

Meal choice(s)\_\_\_\_\_

## America's Car Museum Update

### Hard Hat & High Heels Gala: America's Car Museum Gives Sneak Peek to 650 Guests

*Museum's preview party includes dinner, entertainment, auction and fun!*



America's Car Museum (ACM) opened its doors Saturday, September 24th during a one-night-only soiree for 650-plus partygoers at the "Hard Hat & High Heels" fundraiser, the first event at the brand-new nine-acre Museum campus.

Set to hold its grand opening on June 2, 2012, ACM gave the sold-out crowd of members, benefactors and board members -- all of whom were encouraged to wear 'construction chic' attire -- a first look inside the four-level, 165,000-square-foot facility, which will be filled with up to 500 cars, exhibits and more between now and the grand opening.



"The reaction has been tremendous and gratifying for our team, which has been working for years to get to this point," said David Madeira, president and CEO of ACM. "We still have a lot of hard work to do in the next nine months, but this was an important milestone because it signifies 'we're open for business--NOW.' Even though the grand opening is next year, the Museum is ready to host meetings, conventions, parties and other event rentals. We already have events scheduled for next month and into 2014!"

## LET'S GET PERSONAL

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to one and all!!

Date		Lives In
2	Julie Pinardi	East Sound, WA
3	Charles Wascher	Arlington, WA
6	Victor Owens	Rochester, WA
7	Jim Rogers	Marysville, WA
10	Nina Rogers	Marysville, WA
14	Linda Thompson	Bow, WA
16	Randy Corrigan	Olympia, WA
24	Karel Giuntoli	Bellevue, WA
28	Kathi Straw	Bothell, WA

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS of the Puget Sound Chapter

**November 6 Chapter Meeting**  
**Newport Way Library – 1 PM**  
**Directions on page 8**

**Chapter Officer Election**  
**Write in candidates accepted!**  
**November Meeting! Daylight Saving Ends.**

### UPCOMING CLUB MEETING HOSTS \*

#### 2011 MEETING HOSTS

*November...Jim & Nina Rogers*

**December...Christmas Party - no host**

#### 2012 Meeting Host List:

**January:** *Kathi & Ed Straw*

**February:** *Mary Lindholm*

**March:** *Vicki & Erik Martinson*

**April:** **Volunteer needed**

**May:** *Pam & Ed Konsmo*

**June:** *June & Don Wahlstrom*

**July:** **Zone Show – no hosts**

**August:** *Jane & Pat Ellwood*

**September:** *Faye & Fred Steik*

**October:** **Volunteer needed**

**November:** *Nina & Jim Rogers*

**December:** **Christmas Party – no hosts**

\* *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](mailto:ekonsmo@msn.com), or call and leave a message, 253-845-2288.

**THE MEETING WILL BE AT THE NEWPORT WAY LIBRARY.  
The meeting will start at the usual time of 1 pm.**

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT!**

### Directions to the Newport Way Library from the north (on I-405 S)

1.  1 Traveling South on I-405
2.  2 At exit 11, take ramp right for I-90 East toward Spokane 1.5 mi
3. 3 At exit 11A, take ramp right for SE 37th St toward 150th Ave SE 0.6 mi
4. 4 Turn right onto 150TH Ave SE 0.4 mi
5. 5 Turn right onto SE Newport Way 0.4 mi
6. 6 Arrive at 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue, WA

### From the south (on I-405 N)

1.  Traveling North on I-405 from Kent/Renton area
2. 2 At exit 10, take ramp right for Coal Creek Pkwy toward Factoria Blvd SE 0.2 mi
3. 3 Turn right onto Coal Creek Pkwy SE 0.4 mi
4. 4 Turn left onto Factoria Blvd SE 0.3 mi
5. 5 Turn right onto SE 43RD St / SE Newport Way 1.1 mi
6. 6 Arrive at 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue, WA

## CHAPTER OFFICER CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT – Nina Rogers

VICE PRESIDENT – Ed Straw

SECRETARY – Mary Lindholm

TREASURER – Kathi Straw

Write in candidates welcome

# OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

## 2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

OCA# \_\_\_\_\_ (It's on the cover of your JWO)

**If your OCA membership expires in December or January, please be sure to renew by Jan. 1, 2012 to keep our chapter 100% compliant.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check here if this is an address change

HOME PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_

**\$15.00 annual dues payable by December 31. Make checks payable to Puget Sound Chapter, OCA and mail to:**

**Bill Iverson, P.S.C. Membership Chairman  
13819 139th Ave. S.E.  
Renton, WA 98059**

**Please assist us in updating our roster by listing below your current Oldsmobile(s) :**

1) YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

2) YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

3) YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

4) YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

5) YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print this form and mail to Bill Iverson before December 31, 2011**

## MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES  
OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA  
PUGET SOUND CHAPTER  
October 2, 2011

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Pat Ellwood, president.

Treasurer's Report – Kathi Straw – report approved.

Minutes – Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Membership – Bill Iverson – We currently have 77 members.

Nationals – Erik Martinson – Erik has a copy of the National board meeting minutes available for members to read. Pat asked Ed Konsmo for comments on the judging at Nationals. Ed reported they are addressing the problem of lack of written comments on why deductions were made. There were 50 first-time judges at Reno.

Christmas Party – June Wahlstrom – June had checked with Johnny's at Fife and the Poodle Dog. After reviewing the information June provided, it was agreed to have the party at the Poodle Dog, Saturday, December 10, at 1 p.m. June will make the reservation. Costs and food choices will be included in the newsletter.

2012 Zone Show – Ed Straw – The field at Country Village has been reserved for Saturday, July 28, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ed has a letter prepared to send in for insurance. The Village's reader board has been reserved starting the Tuesday before the show. It was suggested that Village merchants might be willing to contribute prizes for the raffle or provide flyers advertising their shops to include in the entry packets. Bill Iverson will submit show information to the annual Car Club Calendar. Opening our car show to other makes of cars and was discussed. Cruises with other clubs were also discussed. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

Election of Officers – Nina Rogers has been nominated as a candidate for president. Elections will take place at the November 6 meeting.

Raffle Results

	Quality Gift/Meeting Hosts – Faye and Fred Steik	
	Quality Gift – Polisher/Sander – Faye Steik	
\$25 – Bill Iverson		Fuzzy Dice – Ed Straw
Apples – Ed Konsmo		Truffles – Erik Martinson
Headlamp – Faye Steik		Mints – Pat Ellwood
Socket Set – Hugh Russell		Wheel and tire cleaner – Mary Lindholm
Battery Float Charger – Faye Steik		Hand wipes – June Wahlstrom
Wine – Faye Steik		Shop towels – Bill Iverson
		Glare Guard – Erik Martinson

## November Car Shows/Swap Meets to attend

The Car Show and Swap Meet Season is coming to a close. There are only two listings for the month of November.

### **NOV 5-6 Bremerton, WA; Bremerton Swap Meet**

Kitsap County Fairgrounds, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Road, Bremerton, WA 98311; 8 am – 5 pm Saturday, 8 am – 2:30 pm Sunday; Olympic Vintage Auto Club; [www.ovac.us](http://www.ovac.us)

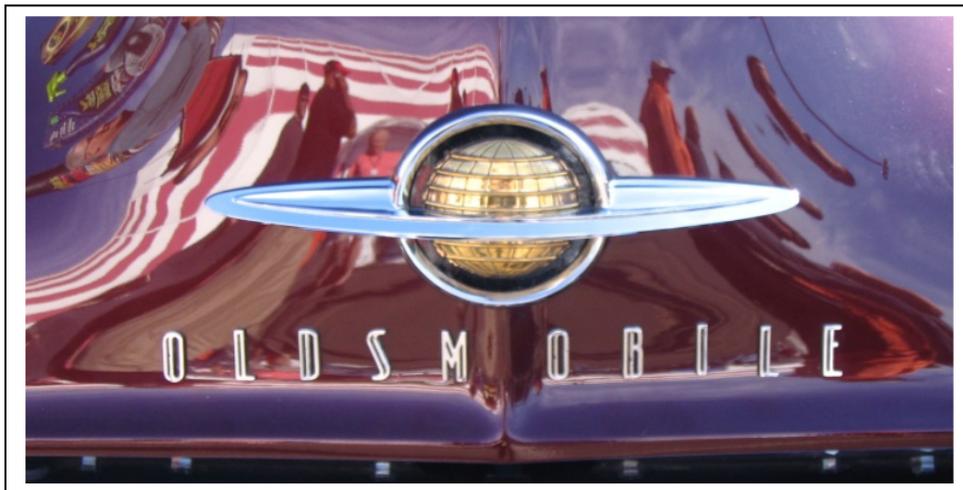
### **NOV 19 Albany, OR; Albany Indoor Swap Meet**

Linn County Exposition Center, Off I-5, Exit 234, Knox Butte Ave, Albany, OR 97321; Opens 8 am; Adm. Fee - \$4; Vendor Fee - \$25; Enduring A's Chapter, MAFCA; 541-926-3972; [linharding47@aol.com](mailto:linharding47@aol.com)



## Future Oldsmobile National Meets

- 2012 - July 4 – 7; Des Moines, IA; Iowa Events Center (The first Indoor Olds Nationals ever); Hosted by the Olds Club of Iowa.**
- 2013 - July 24-28; Springfield, IL; Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn Express; Hosted by the Illinois Valley Olds Club and the Archway Olds Club.**
- 2014 - July 23-27; Cincinnati, OH; Holiday Inn Suites; Hosted by The Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter.**



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### FOR SALE

- **1956 324 Motor**, 2 barrel manifold with '56 Hydramatic. Core motor complete w/heads; Call Erik Martinson 425-228-4422 (2)
- **1957 "98" Starfire Holiday Coup**, color is (60) Alcan White, (66) Royal Glow, (62) Sunset Glow. J2, wonder bar radio, clock, auto eye, all electric, all power. Call Ed Booth for any additional information 253 752-6158 (3)
- **1963 '98 Body parts** – Interior and exterior; Call Hugh Russell (206) 524-2785 (1)
- **1957 "98" Parts**; Set of 235/75/15 white wall tires on rims; Ed Booth 253-752-6158 (3)
- **1973 Delta Royale 2-dr. H.T.** nice, low miles. \$2,800 or best offer. Call Don (253) 752-8920 (2)
- **2003 Alero** \$,4000 Call 360-683-4749 (2)

### LEADS:

- **1934 8 Cyl.Engine with Transmission** – Call Larry Nave; 360-378-6039 (1)
- **1955 324 Engine with transmission** ; Asking \$400 obo; Call Jim Johnson 406-490-5030 (1)
- **1966 & 1967 Toronado parts**; Two storage units filled with bumpers, fenders, trim, transmissions, etc, plus three 425 engines; \$1500 for all; A 425 engine with low miles, \$700. Call Thor 425-481-9775, weekends. (2)

### NEEDS:

- **Need help in finding parts for '68 442 convertible that I am restoring.** Bob Bass 435-483-6727 [cindybob@comcast.net](mailto:cindybob@comcast.net) (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”



Your editor's booth at the Monroe Swap Meet.



Newly acquired inventory of '48 Olds fenders and bumpers.