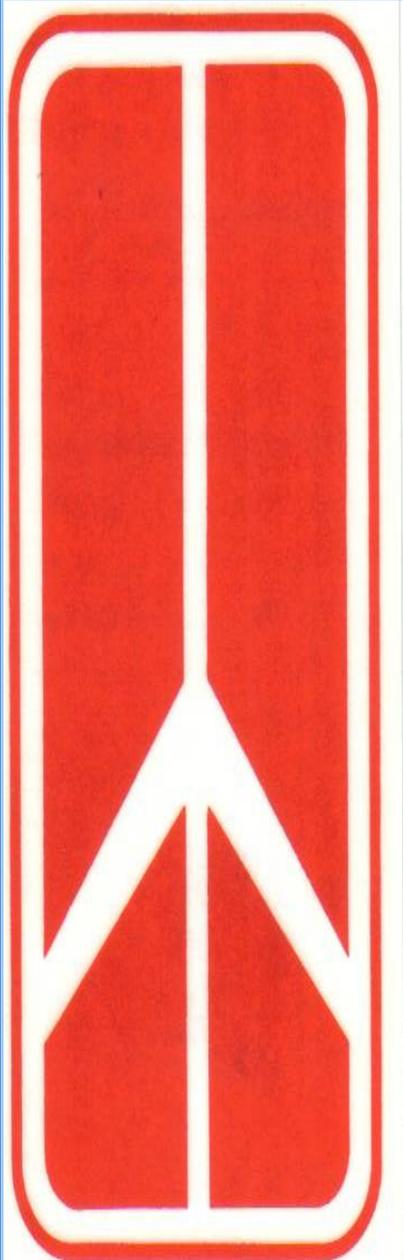


THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

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The 2012 LeMay Family Foundation Annual Open House featured a large amount of the memorabilia that Harold LeMay accumulated over the years, among the collection is this Olds dealer sign. Wouldn't this have made a great impression in your garage or shop? The weather was perfect and over 7,000 people enjoyed seeing what Nancy LeMay did not donate to the LeMay America's Car Museum. Your editor once again volunteered at this annual event which is always held on the last Saturday in August. 2012 was the 35th consecutive year that Nancy and her family have hosted the Open House. One of the most frequently made comments was, "I did not think that this Open House was going to continue when the LeMay America's Car Museum opened in downtown Tacoma." These are two separate collections and the LeMay Family Foundation Annual Open House has grown even larger with an additional investment and improvement by Nancy and her son, Doug. If you have never taken the opportunity to visit this great event on the last Saturday in August, mark your calendar now. So many have said, "I forgot and missed it." There is also the car show during the Open House which many of our members participated in last year. Maybe next year??

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President's Message

Dear Club Members,

Well, how did you do with the hot weather? I like the sun but 90 is just too hot for us. I couldn't work in the yard we mostly spent time in the house, a lot like the winter months.

During our last meeting we talked about the car show. We seemed to like the thought of doing more plaques next year. Here is what everyone present thought.

1. Best old car 40 and older.
2. Best 50's
3. Best 60's
4. Best 70's
5. Best 80's
6. Most likely to get a ticket.
7. Best car to take cruising
8. Best custom
9. Best paint
10. Best car in progress

If you can think of anything else, please let us know. At our meeting we will discuss anything else about the car show. We will also discuss the Christmas party, where and when? Now we need someone to look for a place for all of us. Maybe someone could look in the south end and someone could look in the central and someone in the north,

Jim and I are unable to attend this month's meeting but you will all be in our thoughts.

President
Nina Rogers

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



The following article is from Hemmings "Getting Started in the Car Collector Hobby"...

. One of the best ways to get involved in the collector-car hobby is to attend a local car show or cruise-in. Car shows and cruise-ins are great places to look for a classic or muscle car. Although many car shows do not allow any advertising of cars for sale, owners may be looking for a prospective buyer for a sale in the future, or know of a car similar to theirs that is for sale by another owner. If you do find a car that is available, a car show is a great venue for seeing a prospective purchase in person and to talk at length to the owner. This buying experience is much more desirable than buying a car from pictures online or from a classified advertisement. So what's the difference between all these events?

Cruise-ins are usually short, informal events, with most occurring over several hours on a weeknight or single weekend day. Generally, cruise-ins are free to attend, either for spectators or for participants. Cruise-ins are gatherings of people who drive their classic or muscle cars on a regular basis or people who just like to look at cars. The cars displayed at a cruise-in are often parked by arrival time, and friends who drive to the event together can park near each other, making the event more of a social gathering of friends. Sometimes, awards are given in different classes or categories, but the more informal the event, the less likely it is to have awards; each cruise-in is organized differently, depending on the sponsor or organizer. Judging at cruise-ins can be limited to people's choice or can be performed by established judges, often members of the sponsoring club. A cruise-in can be a great place to learn about the pitfalls and advantages of owning a particular year, make and model of car. Owners look forward to sharing details about their car and how difficult, easy or expensive the restoration was.

A car show is one of the best places enthusiasts can network with other aficionados: trading restoration secrets, parts sources and opinions about what is happening in the hobby. Generally more organized than a cruise-in, a car show is sure to offer some type of award. Car show judging can be a little more involved than cruise-in judging, and the judges usually look more closely at the little details. Correctness, quality of interior, exterior and engine bay: These are all important when differentiating a class winner from a nice classic car at a large car show. You will find that the more cars available to judge, the more discerning the judging will be, so consider this possibility when attending a car show. National car clubs, such as the AACA and others, sponsor many car shows, and class judging rules can be stringent. Many car shows are themed by make, model or nationality (Fords, Corvettes or British cars, for example), so a little homework before the event is recommended. **"Between the Bumpers" continued on page 4**

Most car shows will also have a car corral with restored or project cars for sale and some parts vendors who have inventories of good used parts and new items. Need a fender for a 1949 Ford? A car show is a good place to find one, and you will save on shipping, too. At the very least, you can talk with vendors face to face and see their parts and services firsthand.

A Concours d'Elegance is a little bit different from a car show or a cruise-in, in that you will find a more consistent showing of quality original and restoration vehicles presented for more intense judging. Concours events often require that participants be members of the sponsoring club or organization or that they submit entry paperwork well in advance of the event. Cars on display at a concours are by invitation only, and are often the very best examples available. Judging is scored by deductions at all AACA-sanctioned events. All cars receive a point rating on each judged item, and then points are deducted based on the appearance (cleanliness, fading or pitting of the chrome, dings or dents, correct bolts, etc.). Other scoring categories include suspension, engine compartment details, wheels, instrument panel, paint, frame and exhaust.

One thing that all three events have in common? They're great places to meet people in the hobby, and a perfect venue to find out what kind of car is right for you. It's an opportunity to ask questions, whether about a certain make or model, some facet of restoration you're interested in, a club you might be interested in joining or a restoration shop you've heard about. Take the opportunity and run with it. Car people are among the most informative, inclusive and friendly on the planet. If you are thinking of entering a car in one of these events, start by attending a cruise-in or car show before actually entering your car. Experience is the best teacher when it comes to showing your car and winning an award.

(Editor's note: This article from **Hemmings "Getting Started in the Car Hobby"** will hopefully stimulate more interest in cruises by members of the Puget Sound Olds Club. Our membership seems to have lost interest in organized cruises. The cruising season has just a few weeks left. How about a cruise to "Summer's End" in Lacey on Saturday, Sept. 15, OR the "Harvest Swap Meet" in Chehalis on Saturday, Sept. 22? If you are interested, please send an e-mail to your Editor or call him at 253-576-1128.)



Photos from the LeMay Open House



This '55 was the only Olds on the show field.



Your editor rode this bus in 1949, or one like it!



On the left, two 1948 Tuckers. Below, a '58 Edsel.



LET'S GET PERSONAL

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Date		Lives In
1	Charles Harman	(Yakima, WA)
5	Ed Booth	(Tacoma, WA)
5	Derald Owens	(Kirkland, WA)
13	Dorothy Barlow	(Des Moines, WA)
15	Pam Owens	(Kirkland, WA)
18	Ned Peterson	(Everett, WA)
20	Stephen Ferry	(Blaine, WA)

Happy birthday to one and all!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS of the Puget Sound Chapter

SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT!!

There will be a regularly scheduled chapter meeting on September 9 at the Newport Way Library at 1 pm.

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, 253-845-2288.

*****CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENT!*****

At the June chapter meeting, the members present discussed ways to encourage more members to attend the monthly meetings. It was noted that there are a large number of members that live within easy driving distance of where the meeting is held on the first Sunday of the month but they do not attend the meetings. The following motion was made and passed;

"Beginning in September at the regular chapter meeting, one half of the proceeds from the raffle (one half is about \$40 each month) will be awarded to the chapter member whose name is drawn from a container holding ALL of the chapter members' names. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN! If the member whose name is drawn is not present, the "pot" will be added to the next month's proceeds."

Who knows how big this pot could grow?? Will your name be drawn at the chapter meeting in September? Perhaps you should put the September meeting on your calendar.

MEETING MINUTES

OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA PUGET SOUND CHAPTER August 5, 2012

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Nina Rogers, president.

Minutes - There was no meeting in July.

Treasurer's Report – Kathi Straw – Report approved. Kathi reported that the zone show cleared \$60.64. We should receive \$100 from Nationals. 31 cars were on the field.

Thanks to all who made the show happen.

Holiday Party – Ed Straw will check on some possible sites.

Zone Show – Members reviewed and discussed the show. The following suggestions were made for future shows:

- Change show hours to 10 a.m. To 2 p.m.
- Line cars up according to model year.
- Have a combined show with the Buick and Pontiac clubs. We could share the cost of renting the field. Each club could have separate trophies.
- Schedule the show on a date that doesn't conflict with Nationals or Good Guys. The date for the 2013 show will be selected at the September 9 meeting.
- Be sure our show is listed in all possible car events calendars. Advertising it in the Antique Olds magazine was also recommended.
- Change the trophy classifications.
- Have a “recognition ceremony” at the show for trophy winners.

Raffle - Due to the low attendance at the meeting, no raffle was held.. The new 50-50 prize raffle will start at the September 9 meeting. You must be present to win.

Photos from the Zone Show by Ed Straw



Swap Meets & Shows to attend in September

Sep 2 Bothell, WA; Fall Car Show

Country Village, 23718 Bothell Everett Highway, Bothell, WA 98021;
Adm. Free; Reg. Fee - \$15; Fly By Night Cruisers; 425-483-2250;
infor@countryvillagebothell.com; www.countryvillagebothell.com

Sep 8 Arlington, WA; Arlington Drag Strip Reunion & Car Show

Arlington Airport, West Side, Ultralight Entrance, Arlington, WA 98223;
9 am – 4 pm; Adm. Fee - \$3; Reg. Fee - \$25; Port Gardner Vintage Auto
Club; 360-387-4818; www.arlingtondragstripreunion.com

Sep 9 Edmonds, WA; Edmonds Classic Car Show

Downtown, 5th & Main, Edmonds, WA 98020; 10 am – 4 pm; Adm. Free;
Reg. Fee - \$30; Edmonds Chamber of Commerce; 425-670-1496;
edmondscarshow@gmail.com; www.edmondswa.com

Sep 9 Tacoma, WA; Kirkland Concours at LeMay America's Car Museum

LeMay America's Car Museum, 2702 East D Street, Tacoma, WA 98421;
9 am – 4 pm; Adm. Fee - \$30; Invitation only; LeMay America's Car Museum;
253-779-8490; sandy.scott@lemaymuseum.org; www.lemaymuseum.org
(Your editors will have their '50 Town Sedan in the show)

Sep 15 Lacey, WA; Summer's End at Lacey

Huntamer Park, 618 Woodland Sq Lp SE, Lacey, WA 98053; 9 am – 3 pm;
Adm. Free; Reg. Fee - \$20; Lacey Parks & Recreation; 360-491-0857;
jseiler@ci.lacey.wa.us; www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events

Sep 16 West Seattle, WA; West Seattle Junction Car Show

West Seattle, California Ave SW & SW Alaska Street, West Seattle, WA 98116
8 am – 4 pm; Adm. Free; Reg. Fee - \$20; The Junction; 206-725-5175;
www.wsjunctioncarshow.com

Sep 22-23 Chehalis, WA; Harvest Swap Meet

SW Washington Fairgrounds, 2555 N. National Ave., Chehalis, WA 98532
8 am – 5 pm; 9 am – 3 pm; Adm. Fee - \$4; Reg. Fee; Centralia-Chehalis
Vintage Auto Club; 360-273-6961; www.ccvac.com

Sep 30 Snohomish, WA; Snohomish Classic Car and Hot Rod Display

Downtown Snohomish, 127 Avenue A, Snohomish, WA 98290; 10 am –
4:30 pm; Adm. Free; Reg. Fee; Snohomish Chamber of Commerce;
360-568-2526; manager@cityofsnohomish.com www.cityofsnohomish.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.**
- 2014 - July 23-27; Cincinnati, OH; Holiday Inn Suites; Hosted by The Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter.**
- 2015 - July 21-25; Marlboro, MA; Hosted by the Eastern Massachusettes GMO Chapter.**



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:

- **1947 Olds 66 convertible**, decent, titled solid car, all top bows etc; not running, needs restoration \$8200 OBO. Dave Sutton, 604-538-9871 (2)
- **1956 324 Motor**, 2 barrel manifold with '56 Hydramatic. Core motor complete w/heads; Call Erik Martinson 425-228-4422 (3)
- **1957 "98" Starfire Holiday Coup**, color is White top, Pink bottom. J2, wonder bar radio and switch, clock, auto eye, all electric, all power. 126" wheelbase. Call Ed Booth at (253) 752-6158 (1)
- **1957 Olds parts and tires** Call Ed Booth (253) 752-6158 (1)
- **1963 '98 Body parts** – Interior and exterior; Call Hugh Russell (206) 524-2785 (2)
- **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 (3)
- **1979 Olds engine and transmission.** \$250.00. Call Howard (206) 782-1393 (1)
- **Available: '62 and '63 98 body parts.** Call Hugh (206) 524-2785 (1)
- **Offy Dual 4-barrel Manifold with two Holley Carbs for 455 Olds.** \$400 Call Pat Ellwood 425-672-7664 (2)

*SSII 14X7 rims, 2 dated 11/1/71 MA, 2 dated 8/10/72 MJ, and one dated 7/10/74 (JJ 887?),

\$25/each or all 5 for \$100

*4 steel wheels 14X6 off of a '67 Delta 88, "S" code near valve stem, \$40

*4 late 60s/early 70s PO1 style hubcaps, 15", \$25/set

*4 1973-early 80s Omega/Cutlass poverty hubcaps, \$40/set

*1 '68 passenger bucket seat back, blasted and primed, \$40

*1 6-blade Olds clutch fan that has been chromed, \$40

*1 air cleaner base, code "OR", p/n 6484803, for '69 350ci or 455ci 4bbl engines, red, \$40

*1 oil fill tube cap from early 70s 455, blue, \$5

*1 '69 tilt-tele column, blue, auto on column, green tag (cornering lights),

Steering wheel needs to be restored, \$150.

*All prices plus shipping/delivery if applicable. Email Randy at rcorrigan5@comcast.net for questions/pics. (2)

More Parts/Leads and Needs on page 12

LEADS:

- **1987 Cutlass Supreme** – It's a #3 in the Old Car Price Guide. 96,231 miles. If interested, call Lorin Watson, 208-262-1091. (3)
- **1958 88 Holiday Coupe** – Very original car, engine needs work; has not been started in 18 months. Need the room, only asking \$8,000; paid \$12,000. Call John (604) 823-6754. twenty2@telus.net (3)
- **1962 F-85 Conv.** – Body, paint and chrome are restored. The interior and top need to be restored. Stored last 10 years; does not run. Have good extra engine. Asking \$6500. Call Mickey Michelich; 206-920-0929 (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.



"A PARTING SHOT"



This man Owned & Drove Same Car for 82 YEARS.

They certainly don't make them like that anymore.

Can you imagine having the same car for 82 years!

"How Long Have You Owned a Car?"

Mr. Allen Swift (Springfield, MA.) received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly-P1 Roadster from his father, brand new - as a graduation gift in 1928.

He drove it up until his death last year.....at the age of 102!!!

He was the oldest living owner of a car that was purchased new. Just thought you'd like to see it.

It was donated to a Springfield museum after his death.

It has 1,070,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent at any speed and is in perfect cosmetic condition. (82 years). That's approximately 13,048 miles per year (1087 per month)..