

THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

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CHRISTMAS DINNER?

Not this year (sad). Last month we asked in the newsletter if chapter members were interested in having a Christmas dinner in 2021. The Covid restrictions did not allow a dinner in 2020. As of the publishing of the December issue, we received only one member indicating that they would attend a dinner. Maybe next year...



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Chapter Members,

For the past number of years, it has been my pleasure to serve as president of the Puget Sound Olds Club. Effective January 1st, I will be stepping down as your president. Ed Straw will assume the office of president. I will continue as the editor of the newsletter.

We will have two offices open to fill, vice president and secretary. If you might be interested in filling one of these positions, please contact Ed.

There will be one more office to fill. That position is Pacific Northwest Zone Director as I will not be running for the office in 2022. If anyone is interested in representing our chapter at the Annual National meet, please contact me.

As noted on the front page, there will not be a Christmas dinner this year due to the lack of interest.

It is time for renewal of chapter dues for 2022. There is an application in this newsletter. Please take a moment to complete it and mail it with your check to Kathi.



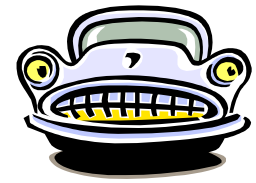
Ed and Pam Konsmo

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE NEWSLETTER:

Information to be considered for submittal into the newsletter needs to be received by the 25th of the month. Please send your information in an e-mail and attach it in word document form. If you have problems or questions, call Ed at 253-576-1128. Please e-mail your submittal to: ekonsmo@msn.com.



BETWEEN THE BUMPERS



10 Auto Restoration Dos and Don't

DO: Maintain insurance coverage

Anything can happen during the course of the restoration and, while the shop's insurance will provide coverage for some incidents, it's important to maintain your coverage for others. The shop could go out of business overnight, leaving you with only pieces of your car—or missing pieces of the more valuable components. Hedge your bets.

DON'T: Be afraid to ask questions

What kind and/or brand of paint does the shop typically use? Is it going to media blast the body or chemically strip it? If it doesn't do its own engine work, who does it typically use? Get into the weeds of your restoration, so you're clear about hows and whys of the work.

DO: Your homework

Be the champion for what's correct for your car, particularly if the shop doesn't necessarily specialize in your vehicle. Provide the guidance on surface finishes, model-year specifics, and other elements that will make the restoration more authentic

DON'T: Hover over the restoration shop

Let the shop do its work. Helicoptering over the project, because you live nearby, invites stress on your part and the craftspeople doing the work. A few in-person visits to track progress is fine, but don't make the shop your weekly haunt. You'll annoy the staff and interrupt the shop's workflow.

DO: Be clear about authenticity

Do you expect period-correct T-3 headlamps to be installed or are parts store replacements suitable? What about a date-coded fan shroud? Or NOS parts? The shop will build the car to your demands, so be sure to discuss and be clear about the level of authenticity you want in the vehicle.

DON'T: Change course midstream

It happens often: A simple repaint turns into a full-blown restoration, or standard resto turns into a concours-ribbon-chasing project. Changing course midway through the project inevitably requires the shop to backtrack and redo work. That adds time and money. Make your plan before the shop starts and stick with it.

DO: Hunt down the hard parts

If your vehicle needs hard-to-find parts, track them down yourself rather than relying on the resto shop to do it. You'll save the money it'll charge for spending hours on the internet doing so, while also ensuring the found items—especially used parts—live up to your standards.

Restoration article continued on next page

DON'T: Throw away the take-off parts

Rusty, beat-up take-off parts may take up a lot of space, but don't toss them out until after the restoration is completed. You or the restoration shop will likely need them at some point for reference, a missing piece of hardware, or even as the pattern for a fabricated component. Hold on to everything until the project is completed.

DO: Be patient

Restorations take a long time. It could take nine months, a year, or more, so get ready to wait. And sometimes the restoration shop is at the mercy of the schedule of outside vendors, such as upholsterers or chrome shops. Be patient.

DON'T: Expect to make money

Only a fraction of cars are worth more than what it costs for a full restoration. If you're committing to the project, do it for the love of the car and thrill of the project itself. If it's because you're harboring notions of turning a profit after the color sanding is completed, don't bother. For the vast majority of vehicles, it ain't going to happen.

How to make the most of your restoration investment

By Barry Kulczyk from June 2021 issue of Hemmings Classic Car



MEMBER NOTES AND INFORMATION

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 ekonsmo36@gmail.com, or call 253-576-1128.

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With sadness we were informed that chapter member Maggie Salazar passed away on Nov. 11 from the complications of Covid. Maggie is survived by her husband Pete and two daughters. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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Swap meet update

It has been a difficult time trying to find swap meets being held in our area. The Bremerton Swap Meet last month was cancelled. We called the hosts of the Early Bird Swap Meet that is held the second week of February.

Their board of directors is meeting in early December and they will be making the decision to “hold or cancel”. Since your editor paid for spaces at the end of the 2019 meet, hopefully it will be held.

The location of the 2022 OCA National Meet will be announced in the December issue of the JWO.



**MEETING
MINUTES**

No November meeting.



***Happy Birthday
to our Chapter Members
and Their Spouses
in December***

2	Cindy Bass	Woodinville, WA
4	Dave Butler	Snohomish, WA
9	Kristine Johnson	Mt. Vernon, WA
18	Bill Snyder	Monroe, WA
20	Staci Badgley	Lake Stevens, WA
30	Larry Weyand	Yakima, WA



Future Oldsmobile National Meets

2022 Tentative locations being considered:

Murfreesboro, TN

Kingston, TN



***** OCA News *****

No new news currently.

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads are free, unlimited words, within reason. IF YOU HAVE SOLD YOUR CAR OR ITEM, PLEASE LET US KNOW. Please submit your classified advertisement in electronic format by the 20th of the month to ekonsmo36@gmail.com.

FOR SALE:

1950 88 Convertible - 1500 miles! This car has been in a museum for most of its life. It is currently. In England. Please call Ed at 253-576-1128 for contact information and additional photos.

1963 Cutlass Conv. – Okay condition, runs great. **PRICE REDUCED!** \$12,000 – Call Bruce Lyle 360-799-1717

1966 Toronado – Great condition, \$3,000. Call Jim Long 360-893-8293. Jim also has two 1970 Toronados, \$4300 for both!

1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Brougham 5.0L V8 4BBL Coupe 2D 49,444 ORIGINAL miles - runs great! Car has always been in the same family. Free Auto Check Vehicle History Report. Interested? Please email oldsmobilecutlass85@gmail.com Car located in Indianola, WA



1992 Cutlass Supreme Conv. Price reduced to \$7,495. 63,350 miles. New top, new Delco battery, new A/C compressor, LOF just completed. Call Ed at 253-576-1128.

NEEDS and LEADS:

NEED – Wheel rims for 1976/1977 Cutlass Supreme – Call Mike Challenger
425-753-3368

NEED – 1936 – 6 Cylinder engine parts – 213 CI; Frank Geyer 206-949-9087

LEAD - “E” Heads. Re-manufactured heads for a 1970 455 block. \$895 (local pickup)
Call Ed at 253-576-1128.

LEAD – 1973 442 – This is a car that was used as a donor car for another restoration. Still has rust free body panels. Interior panels and dash are excellent. \$500. Call Gus at 206-571-3804.

NEED - 1970-1972 442, W30, W31, SX conv. or hardtop – OCA and PSOC club member looking for true collector car. The more original and documented the better. Prefer numbers matching. Any condition – from restorable car to showroom condition. Also looking for NOS or used parts for these cars.
John Bumb, St. Louis, Mo. (314) 713-3444 or email me at jbcb3735@gmail.com

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We will gladly include a photo of your car in your ad in the classifieds. Simply e-mail a photo to ekonsmo36@gmail.com and we will include the photo with your ad. If you still have your car for sale in this issue, send us a photo and we will include it with the ad next month.

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A new feature in the monthly newsletter – Can you identify the car below?



What is the year and model of this Olds?

Correct answer last month: 1970 Toronado GT

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PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE: _____

___ Check here if this is an address change.

HOME or CELL PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH _____ DAY _____

SPOUSE MONTH _____ DAY _____

\$20.00 annual dues payable. Please make check payable to Puget Sound Olds Chapter and mail to:

**Puget Sound Olds Club
9113 NE 179th Place
Kenmore, WA 98011**

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

1) YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

2) YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

3) YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

4) YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

THE PARTING SHOT...



You are supposed to park IN the garage...not on top of it!