

THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

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CHRISTMAS DINNER?

Above is a photo from the 2019 Christmas dinner at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. The toys were donated to a local agency for underprivileged children.

Due to Covid restrictions, we were not able to have the dinner in 2020. Here is the question: Is there an interest in attending a Christmas dinner next month? **If you are in favor, would you please send us your decision by e-mail by Nov. 9? Or you can call your editor at 253-576-1128.**

The Poodle Dog Restaurant has space available for up to 15 people. You can order from the menu for a meal of your choice.

If there are enough members willing, we will make the necessary reservation and announce the date and time.

It would great to meet as a chapter again.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Chapter Members,

We held the October chapter meeting at the Plum Delicious Restaurant on October 3. Only four members plus your editor and Pam were in attendance. Evidently, the Seahawks game took preference.

Nominations for 2022-chapter officers were to take place as per the chapter Bylaws. With only six members in attendance, there were no nominations made. In the absence of any new nominations, the current officers will continue in 2022.

Due to Covid restrictions, we were not able to have our annual Christmas dinner in 2020. **Is there any interest in having the dinner this year? When you read this newsletter and are interested in attending a dinner, please call me at 253-576-1128 by November 9th.** If there is enough interest, we will arrange a location.

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



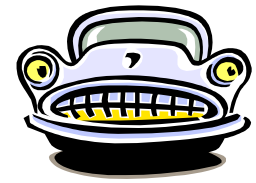
*Ed Konsmo
Editor*

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



Just Like New: Five facts about vehicle interior cleaning

1. Before You Begin When it comes to a serious deep clean of your vehicle's interior, you may already have some of the most useful and effective cleaning implements and chemicals on hand, while others can easily be acquired through online sources. A shop vacuum—especially a wet/dry version—with brush and slender crevice attachments is great, but even a powerful regular vacuum with an extendable hose can be effective. Microfiber towels that can be washed (a reminder to avoid fabric softener and line dry) are inexpensive, as are various-sized soft-bristle brushes—yes, your old toothbrushes can be useful, so save them for car cleaning!

As to the products you'll want at your disposal, a biodegradable or citrus-based general purpose, low-sudsing cleaner/degreaser, diluted with water and handled conscientiously, can be safe for use on most interior surfaces. When it comes to interior dressings/ultraviolet light (UV) protectants, detailing pros tend to be selective. Some of the most commonly available brands are silicone-based, which gives them the propensity to attract dust and—as they evaporate—to haze interior glass. Water-based dressings are generally preferred for those reasons, and tend to impart a desirably natural, low-gloss appearance.

2. Under Foot A thorough vacuuming—including under the seats, in seat seams, the dash top, center console, and don't forget the rear shelf, trunk, or cargo area, should remove built-up dirt and dust. A towel misted with all-purpose cleaner and rubbed on the carpet can lift dirt and greasy marks and, with repeated passes, treat many types of stains. If a vacuum and rag-applied cleaner aren't doing the trick. A household-type steam cleaner may work as a last resort: "The key is to not soak the carpet, because there's padding underneath; if that gets wet, you could end up with mold growing."

3. Upholstery Do's and Don'ts. Whether your vehicle's seats are covered in fabric, vinyl, or leather, you should be able to freshen their appearance with a bit of elbow grease. Ensure your seats are vacuumed, paying attention to seams and other low areas where dust and debris collect. If pet fur has become stuck in the seats and carpet, Brian recommends wiping those surfaces with a silicone brush or water-wet latex glove, before a final vacuum pass. Follow this with a cleaner that is appropriate to the material: Most fabrics will respond well to the light, microfiber/towel-borne application of diluted all-purpose cleaner, and of course, don't saturate the surface. Vinyl can be cleaned in a similar fashion, and then sparingly treated with interior dressing/protectant.

Automotive leather is a natural substance that is typically colored through spray-applied surface dyeing. It's subject to abrasion and degradation through contact with body oils, so it requires regular attention with dedicated products. Gil suggests choosing ones specifically intended to clean and condition leather, preferably sourced from a retailer who specializes in this material. To clean and condition the hides, apply the treatment using a microfiber towel or foam pad—don't dispense directly on the leather—and follow with a fresh towel to remove excess. **(Continued on page 4)**

Pros recommend cleaning and conditioning leather upholstery four times a year if a vehicle is used daily, or one to two times a year if it only gets limited seasonal use.

Approach a dirty fabric headliner with caution, as this delicate trim is typically affixed with glue that weakens with age. Dab the area—applying very light pressure using a microfiber towel misted with diluted all-purpose cleaner or citrus fabric cleaner until it’s barely damp—then gently wipe it.

4. Out, Damned Spot! Removing stains from carpet and cloth can be tricky, especially if they’re set in. You may find spots that don’t respond to the diluted all-purpose cleaner treatment or even applications of a household citrus-based fabric cleaner, so you’ll then have to try a specialist treatment like Folex or Spot Shot. To make sure your affected areas are colorfast in the face of a stronger chemical, find a hidden area to test before applying it to the stain, agitating with a soft brush, and removing residual moisture with a towel or wet-dry vacuum.

If you’re faced with something like an ink spot on fabric or vinyl, target that stain carefully and with patience. Dabbing and blotting with a lightly dampened cotton swab or clean microfiber spritzed with isopropyl alcohol may lift the ink, but it could also remove or otherwise damage the finish underneath; proceed with caution, and if need be, seek help from an interior detailing professional.

5. And Don’t Forget. The tight and tricky areas of your dashboard, air vents, center console, and interior door panel cubbies—probably largely plastic or vinyl—will all benefit from dusting with a clean microfiber cloth lightly spritzed with diluted all-purpose cleaner and, when dry, wiped with a clean microfiber or foam pad carrying a UV-rated interior cleaner and protectant. A soft detailing brush, lightly dampened with cleaner/protectant and chased with another clean towel, will improve the look of vents, buttons, cupholders, and more; be sure not to apply liquids directly onto buttons or vents.

When it comes to window glass, Brian suggests replacing traditional cleaning sprays with a melamine-based sponge (think, Magic Eraser) dipped in warm water and squeezed-out; wipe the glass with this sponge and follow with a microfiber or lint-free cloth. This sponge will also clean window frames and doorjambs.

And for owners of classic cars, he advises paying attention to areas of dry, brittle materials: “They can be treated with a leather rejuvenator product and allowed to soak overnight. Then, you can follow up with a normal UVA/UVB rated protectant, or a new-style ceramic protectant that claims to have further capabilities at blocking harm from the elements. These ceramic interior cleaners are also great for leaving a satin finish, and they repel dust!”

This article appeared in the October 2021 Hemmings News



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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At the October chapter meeting held at the Plum Delicious Restaurant, nominations were opened for officer positions for 2022. With only six members in attendance, it was decided that unless a member volunteers for a position, the current officers will remain in office. If you wish to hold an office, please contact Ed Straw or your editor.



The October chapter meeting convened at the Plum Delicious Restaurant at 1pm on October 3rd. In attendance were six-chapter members.

- The BOP Show was a financial success with all expenses covered.
- A discussion regarding a Christmas dinner in December was held. It was decided that an article will be included in the December newsletter inquiring any interest.
- No nominations were held for 2022-chapter officers. The current officers will continue In 2022.
- The date for the 2022 Zone Show has been reserved for July 9th.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm



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

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



Future Oldsmobile National Meets

2022 To be announced in December



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

No new news at this time.

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

OCA and PSOC club member looking for NOS or used parts for 1970-1972 442, W30, W31, SX conv. or hardtop.

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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 photo below?



What year and model is this Olds interior photo?

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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 PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH _____ DAY _____

SPOUSE MONTH _____ DAY _____

\$20.00 annual dues payable. Make checks payable to Puget Sound Chapter and mail to:

**Kathi Straw
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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 _____

Please print this form and mail to Kathi

THE PARTING SHOT...

THE LONELIEST ROAD IN THE AMERICA



Where the state of Nevada folds in half—from the elbow on its western arm at Lake Tahoe across to its Utah border—you’ll find the most direct route across the state. It crosses several communities, a handful of mountain ranges, a national park, and one reservoir, where bobcats, foxes, and wild horses roam free. There’s life, yes, but not a familiar way of life for many. It’s a place where the lines between John Wayne Westerns and everyday life blur, where ghost towns bleed into living ones. This is Route 50, the Loneliest Road in America.