

THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

JULY 2022



This is what a car show looks like in Edmonds!

The Puget Sound Olds Club will once again host the Annual Zone Show for 2022 in Edmonds on July 9 at the Frances Anderson Center. There is a flyer in this newsletter with an application for the show.

As of the printing of this newsletter, we have only six cars signed up for the show. Hopefully, there will be a large number of participants who will show up on the day of the show. Will you be in that group?

Summer is coming early to the Pacific Northwest, and we should have great weather for the show. So, we encourage you to shine up your Olds and join us on July 9. We know that you will have a great time!

If you require additional information, please call Ed Straw at 425-485-3093.

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Second position open

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Olds Club Members,

Summer finally showed up, with car shows everywhere.

Hope your car made it to one this weekend. The Greenwood Show, we did not make. But we went to the Sumner cruise from 6-9. Lots of beautiful cars. Main street was lined with people watching.

We will be having our car show on July 9th 10-2 at Frances Anderson Center, Edmonds. The weather forecast is 76, so it should be a nice day.

I hope that more members who have not rsvp'd yet will be able to make it.

See you at the Zone Show.

*Ed Straw
President*

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: ekonsmo36@gmail.com



BETWEEN THE BUMPERS



How To Read Tire Dates



This 2704 code makes this a nearly ancient tire as it was built in the 27th week of 2004.

This simple bit of knowledge can come in handy when buying a used car, pulling a car out of long-term storage, or inspecting used tires. The key thing to remember is that tires are not like vintage wine – they do not age well. Even without visual symptoms like stress cracks or splits in the tread, tires still deteriorate over time. According to the tire industry, the average effective lifespan is less than 10 years.

Tire manufacturers began dating tires in the 1970s, but the code changed at the beginning of the 21st century. The current process for any tire built since 2000 is an embossed code on the sidewall starting with the federal government's Department of Transportation (DOT) followed by a series of letters ending in four digits. The first two numbers are the week of manufacture with the second two digits being the year. So, a code of 2919 means that the tire was built in the 29th week of 2019.

Before the year 2000, the code was only three digits and far less accurate. Again, the first two numbers represented the week while the final number was the year. So, a date code listed as 299 would represent the 29th week of 1979, 1989, or 1999. This makes accurately determining the age of these earlier tires a guessing game. But frankly, any tire from even 1999 is well into its second decade and unless the tire is historically significant, it's certainly not worth using.

One way to date three-digit code tires would be based on the sizing. If the tire is using a P-metric designation like 255/40R16 for example, then this is probably a tire from the late '80s or perhaps early '90s, since that's when the P-metric sizing began. If the size uses the older alpha-numeric sizing (L78-15 for example), then that's likely a '70s tire as this designation started in 1967.

The tire industry standard for the age of tires maintains that a tire more than 6 years old, regardless of tread condition, should be replaced. This is not a hard and fast rule, but more of a safety guideline. In many states, like California, tire stores will not service a tire that is more than six years old, for liability reasons. But if you know the age of your tires, you at least will have some information that will make your next project a little safer.

Article above by Vinny Costa, Street Muscle Magazine

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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Editor's note: In a recent review of the chapter roster it is apparent that 44 members have not paid dues for 2022. If you are among that group, are you no longer interested in membership in the Puget Sound Olds Club? We have continued to include you in our monthly newsletter mailing. If you no longer have an interest in belonging, please let us know by phone or email.

Medical update: Jim Edwards is continuing to struggle with recovery from the operation for a brain tumor. His wife Deniece has moved Jim to an Adult Care Facility in Lynnwood for better care.



June Chapter meeting – Newport Hills Library

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Straw
Seven members present.

- Discussions as follows:
- It was decided to hold the car show on July 9 regardless of the number of advanced Number of applications. Hopefully there will be a number of “day of show” attendees.
- No further business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 2pm



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

11	Steven Chester	Kirkland, WA
12	Pam Konsmo	Puyallup, WA
13	Margaret Morgan	Bothell, WA
14	Rick Patterson	DuPont, WA
16	Robin McClelland	Mountlake Terrace
17	Tom Cathcart	Redmond, WA
18	Frank Tolliver	Graham, WA
21	Linda Fairbanks	Des Moines, WA
21	Phil McClelland	Mountlake Terrace
23	Annie Patterson	DuPont, WA



Swap Meets and Shows in July

Swap meets and car shows are selected based on convenient locations

- JULY** **Covington, WA; Friday Night Cruise in Covington**
*Friday nights is where it's at! Come and join us Friday Nights in Covington. (May – September) Walmart back parking lot, 17432 SE270th Place, Covington, WA 98042; 4pm – 7pm; Adm. Free; Maple Valley Street Rats 253-797-7071; the.beesknees11@yahoo.com
<http://www.maplevalleystreetrats.com>*
- JULY 3** **Fircrest, WA; 34th Annual Fircrest Picnic and Rod Run**
*Open to all special interest vehicles.
Fircrest Park, 555 Contra Costa Ave, Fircrest, WA 98466.
10 am – 3pm; Adm. Free; Car Reg. Fee - \$20; Fircrest Parks and Recreation.
253-238-4166; jschmidtke@cityoffircrest.net*
- JULY 4** **Auburn, WA; Auburn's 4th of July Car Show**
*FREE dash plaques to the first 200 paid participants – 15 awards, entertainment, Food and lots more!
Les Grove Park, 910 Ninth St. SE, Auburn, WA 98002; 11am – 4pm; Adm. Free.
Car show reg. - \$10; City of Auburn, 253-931-3043; kpachciarz@auburnwa.gov*
- JULY 9** **Kent, WA; Kent Cornucopia Days Car Show**
*Gates open at 8am. \$20 entry fee at the gate. Trophies @ 3pm;
Downtown Kent, 6th Ave and Meeker, Kent, WA 98042
8 am – 3:30pm; Adm. Free; Car Reg. Fee - \$20; Maple Valley Street Rats Car Club; 425-466-0615; marweg18645@comcast.net*
- JULY 9** **Edmonds, WA; 2022 Puget Sound Olds Zone Show**
Information flyer in this newsletter on page 7.
- JULY 10** **Renton, WA; Return to Renton Benefit Car Show and Cruise**
*Piazza Park, 3rd and Burnett, Renton, WA 98057
8am – 3pm; Adm. Free; Car Reg. Fee - \$25; Vendor Fee \$75.
Return to Renton Committee; 425-458-6638; rtrcarshow@gmail.com*
- JULY 17** **Tacoma, WA; South Sound 442/Cutlass Car Show**
*Griot's Garage, 3333 South 38th St, Tacoma, WA 98409; |
10am – 3pm; Adm. Free; Car Reg. Fee - \$20; South Sound 442 Club;
253-847-0737; cmcollect@yahoo.com*

OLDSMOBILE CAR SHOW

36TH Annual Pacific Northwest Zone Show

Hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America



In Memory of our members: Greg Hinton, Maggie Salazar, Gerald Giuntoli

Saturday July 9, 2022

10:00am-2:00pm

Frances Anderson Center

700 Main St Edmonds WA 98029

Entry Fee \$20. Please make checks payable to:

Puget Sound Chapter OCA 9113 NE 179th Pl Bothell WA 98011

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email address _____

Phone _____

Year _____ Body & Model _____

For further information contact Ed Straw 425-485-3093 ekstraw@comcast.net

FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED WITH YOUR CAR

BUICK OLDSMOBILE PONTIAC

9TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

HOSTED BY THE PUGET SOUND CHAPTER OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA



August 28th, 2022

9:00am to 3:00pm

XXX Root Beer Drive-In

98 NE Gilman Blvd

Issaquah WA 98027

For further information contact Ed Konsmo 253-576-1128

ENTRY \$20

Pam and I attended the Greenwood Car Show on June 25. Below are a few of the Oldsmobiles that attended. Only five could be found. The show drew over 600 vehicles again this year.



Nice '73 Toro



Pam's '91 Cutlass Conv.



Rallye 350



The Flamin' 88



Very nice '72 Cutlass Conv.

Future Oldsmobile National Meets

**2022 July 6-9 Murfreesboro, TN
Embassy Suites**

2023 To be determined



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

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:

1949 Sedan - In running condition. \$25,000 OBO. Call Erika at 509-659-1022 or 509-659-1757.

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.

1958 88 Holiday 4dr - A driving car \$16,000 Larry 206-779-8764

1963 F85 Cutlass Conv. – Okay condition, runs great. **PRICE REDUCED!** \$11,000 – Call Bruce Lyle 360-799-1717 Another Cutlass for sale – motor frozen \$3900

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 \$5,950. 63,350 miles. New top, new Delco battery, new A/C compressor, LOF just completed. Call Ed at 253-576-1128.



1970 442 Convertible

Matching numbers totally restored and ~90,000 miles. Twilight blue with white top, white stripes and pearl interior with black carpets. Hurst shifter, AM/FM radio, AC, and manual 4-speed transmission. Upgraded suspension, radiator, and aluminum intake manifold, W30 CAM, and Edelbrock carb. About 3000 miles since engine rebuild. I bought the car from a collection where it had been stored for 17 years. Suspension upgrade really makes the car hug the road, and the new intake and carb delivered a huge boost in power. All original parts were saved and can go with the car. So do a collection of all factory manuals and original sales brochures, paint chips, etc. A recent (~ 2 years ago) appraisal (which I can send to you) rated the car 1/1- with an appraised value of \$175,000. I have included a recent photo. I'll consider any realistic offer and would be happy to connect you with the professionals who did engine/mechanical and paint work to answer your detailed questions directly. **\$130,000.**

John Bumb 314-713-3444 or email me at jbc3735@gmail.com

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 - Olds 15" wheels -two ways. First set - Four powder coated with standard wheel covers \$160. Second set - Unpainted with either standard covers or dog dish \$150. Have four minimum mileage Coker 2-1/2" white for \$200. You pick up and inspect in Tacoma.
Don Monroe 253-566-8488**

**LEAD - "E" Heads. Re-manufactured heads for a 1970 455 block. \$695 (local pickup) New price!
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 – 1967 442 Both F/H & R/H lower rocker molding, chrome (pot metal) that runs along the bottom rear fender from the rear wheel to the rear bumper (approx. 30" X 2"). Also, the front L/H (driver side) side grill cover that goes on the kick panel (non-A/C car). Any help would be greatly appreciated.
Dave Lyle 360-678-6546**

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 jbc3735@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 car below?



What is the year and model of this Olds? Correct answer last month: 1954 Starfire

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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
Bothell, 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...

