

THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

MAY 2022



The Pacific Northwest Zone Show is fast approaching!

The scene above is from the 2019 show at Frances Anderson Center in Edmonds. The past two years we have had an average about 20-25 cars in attendance. That is down from the 40-50 cars in years past. It would be great if we could have more cars attend in 2022. The pandemic has appeared to have subsided, and the car shows are returning to the attendance of past years. The date is July 9. Please put that date on your calendar and join us.

You have just a little over two months to get your Olds ready and polished for the show. The application is on page 7 of this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

Editor's note: Last month a photo on the cover page the newsletter was of a car for sale at the Almost Spring Swap Meet in Puyallup and was of a FORD! My apology for putting a Ford on the cover of an Oldsmobile newsletter. However, the car was purchased by a relative of an Olds collector for half of what was being requested.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Puget Sound Olds Club Members,

Hope you are all doing well and getting your cars ready for outings. We will not be having a May meeting, as the last 2 meetings only 3 other members beside us showed.

The June meeting will be either at the Newport Library or the Third Place Books in Lake Forest Park on June 5th at 1:00pm.

Elmo, with the Early Ford V8 Club, is looking for help with parking cars at the Monroe Swap Meet on Saturday May 21st from 7-12 in 2 hour shifts \$12 hr. If you can help, please call him 425-677-4042 or Dave White 206-999-8138.

With only 20 members renewed for this year, I am wondering if we will have enough cars for the car show. It costs \$80 for the field and \$100 for the insurance from OCA. We need a minimum of nine cars to have the show break even financially. Closer to 15 cars would be great! If you think you will be coming, please get your registration in early so I can cancel if not enough cars.

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



What you need to know about E15 fuel

Ethanol fuels are not new, but recent legislation targeting high-fuel prices has brought the biofuel back to the forefront of the conversation. What is this change and how will you be affected? It's pretty simple: Tuesday's announcement is merely an extension of a practice already in place seasonally.

The announcement made by President Biden earlier this week will temporarily allow the sale of E15-blend gasoline through the summer months, a time period in which it is typically banned. This cuts the amount of fossil fuels in each tank by raising the ethanol content of each gallon sold from the typical 10 percent to 15. Ideally, wider availability of a more ethanol-rich fuel will insulate consumers (and their wallets) from high oil prices and supply-chain issues.

Can your car safely sip this new cocktail? A 5 percent increase in ethanol content is not anything over which most drivers should worry, as most vehicles produced after 2001 are E15-tolerant. E15's compatibility with most 21st-century engines traces back to its first implementations in 2012 across a handful of midwestern states. The Environmental Protection Agency has previously been leery of approving E15 fuels for summer use due to the evaporation during warmer temperatures, which can lead to smog; hence why, in 2022, the wider availability of E15 expires this fall.

For classic car owners, E15 fuels are best avoided due to increased likelihood of corrosion from the ethanol content and probable system incompatibilities. For instance, traditional, rubber fuel lines are known to degrade faster with ethanol-blended fuels, which also result in increased deposits if fuel evaporates inside components like fuel pumps and carburetors.

Another issue, which applies to any vehicle running on E15, is the relative energy density of ethanol blends. Ethanol releases less energy when burned compared to gasoline. The 5 percent increase in ethanol content will cause fuel economy to dip, but the change would be about the same as a small change in driving style or variance in weather conditions (such as a light headwind). Studies have proven this decrease to be in the single digits: 3 to 4 percent fewer mpg when running on E10 rather than 100 percent gas, and 4 to 5 percent when using E15.

In short, this is a change that will have minimal impact on most drivers and their budgets. Classic cars and trucks should still avoid ethanol-blended fuels if possible. (There's little chance of E15 sneaking its way into your tank unannounced: Pumps must be labeled with what type of fuel the consumer is purchasing, and thus you will know whether you are putting E10 or E15 in your tank.) Use a site like Pure-gas.org to find whether there are stations near you with the option of ethanol-free fuels. Lower-ethanol, higher-gasoline fuel may be worth the extra coin for your classic engines, but don't fret overusing E15 in modern vehicles that are used on a regular basis.

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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.

No chapter meeting scheduled for May

The Greenwood Car Show is scheduled for June 25. Details to be announced in the June newsletter.



April meeting at Third Place Books in Lake Forest

- The meeting was called to order on April 10 by President Ed Straw.
- Present were five members.
- The Zone Show and BOP shows were discussed and are proceeding.
- Kathi Straw will check on the availability of a King County Library for the next chapter meeting.
- No further business was discussed.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.



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

16	Gary Johnson	Mount Vernon, WA
20	Jim Westerling	Seattle, WA
28`	Greg Martin	Marysville, WA
31	Michael Thompson	Bow, WA



Be sure to remember your mother and your wife on May 8!

Swap Meets and Shows in May

Swap meets and car shows are selected based on convenient locations

- MAY 1** **Issaquah, WA; Sunset Hiway Cruisers Spring Opener**
Triple XXX Root Beer Drive-In, 98 NE Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, WA 98027; 8am – 4pm; Adm. Free; Car Reg Fee TBD; Sunset Hiway Cruisers Car Club; 425-766-3514; dozerman@msn.com;
<http://www.sunsethiwaycruisers.comn>
- MAY 6-7** **East Wenatchee, WA; Classy Chassis Parade & Car Show**
Drive your classy chassis car in the parade on Friday, then put your car in the car show on Saturday. Eastmont Community Park 4Plex, 255 N. Georgia Ave. East Wenatchee, WA 98802; 6pm – 8pm; 12pm – 4pm; Adm. Free; Car Reg. \$25; Vendor Fee \$25; City of East Wenatchee; 509-886-6108; telmes@eastwentacheewa.gov
<http://www.eastwenatcheewa.gov/185classychassy-chassis-parade-car-show>
- MAY 6** **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>
- May 7** **Kennewick, WA; Ye Ole Car Club of TriCities 44th Annual Swap Meet**
Benton County Fair Grounds, 1500 S. Oak St, Kennewick, WA 99337; 8am – 5pm; Adm. By donation; Vendor Fee - \$25; Ye Ole Car Club of TriCities; williamblwh@yahoo.com
- MAY 21** **Enumclaw, WA; May 21st Car Show & Raffle Drawing**
Car Show, Food trucks, Music and more featuring Raffle Car Winner! Thunder Dome Car Museum, 1920 Garrett St, Enumclaw, WA 98022; 9am – 2pm; Reg. Free; Car Reg. Fee - \$20; Thunder Dome Museum; 253-326-3689; becky@thundermesuem.org;
- MAY 21-22** **Monroe, WA; Monroe Auto Swap Meet**
47th Annual Auto Sway Meet hosted by the Early Ford V8 Club – NW's longest Running swap meet, Evergreen State Fair Grounds, 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272; 8am – 5pm; 8am – 2pm; Adm. Free; Vendor Fee -\$45; Early Ford V8 Club; 206-999-8138; davidwhite@comcast.net

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

A car you may have never seen - A 1999 Shelby Series 1 by Oldsmobile



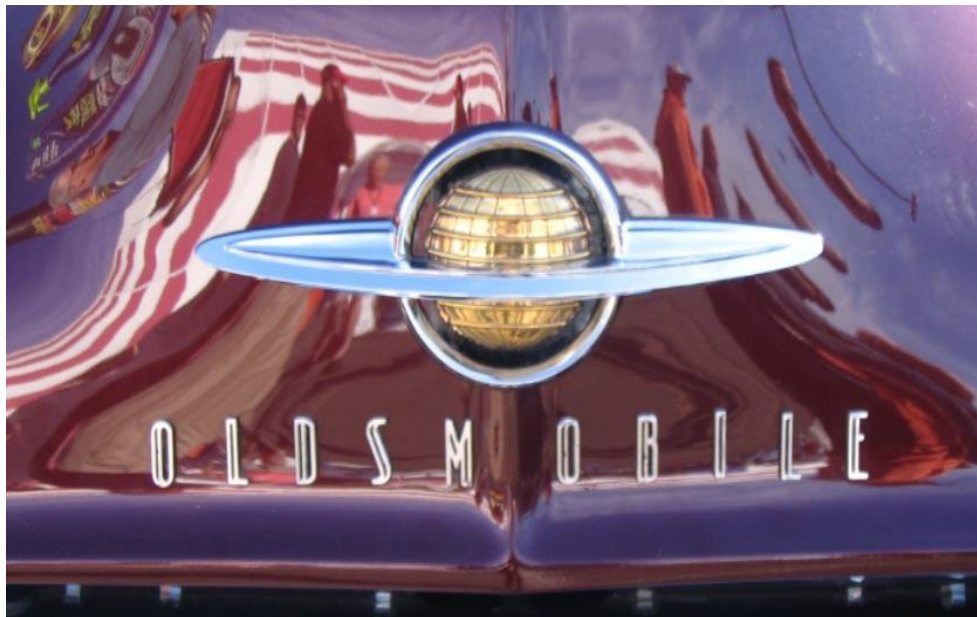
The [Series 1](#) was supposed to lend Oldsmobile some Shelby-performance cred like the Cobra and Shelby Mustangs had given Ford or the GLH/GLHS and Shelby Daytona had given Dodge. But Carroll Shelby's vision of an Olds-Indy-engine-powered race car for the street became bogged down in GM bureaucracy before production ever started. Several big Oldsmobile dealers, eager for the shot in the arm this all-new Shelby sports car might give them, grabbed the torch for the Series 1 and sidestepped GM, agreeing to fund the cars themselves. They took deposits from customers and wrote checks to Shelby American, but delays, production issues, and cost overruns nearly torpedoed the entire project. In the end, the Series 1 survived a corporate takeover at Shelby American, Carroll Shelby's ill-health before his kidney transplant, dozens of angry customers, and mixed reviews from the press. From 1998-2005, about 250 of these aluminum and composite sports cars were built, powered by Oldsmobile's DOHC 4-liter Aurora V-8. At the end, they were sold as component cars to be assembled by the buyer or a dealer. Today, they seem to come up for sale often, priced in the neighborhood of \$100,000-\$150,000. The example pictured, for instance, was sold by Hemmings Auctions last year for \$110,000. That's not a pittance, but it's a fraction of the cost of a Cobra and this is a unique rolling artifact from the dynamic history of Shelby American. — Mike McNessor

Editor's note: A 1999 Shelby Series 1 was owned by former chapter member Greg Hinton when he owned the Olds dealership in Mount Vernon.

Future Oldsmobile National Meets

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

2023 To be determined



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

Reservations for the 2022 Nationals are now open

The 2022 OCA Nationals will again be at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, TN on July 6-9. The Nationals will be one day shorter in 2022, starting on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. Call 517-663-1811 oldsnats@yahoo.com

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.

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 **\$6,500**. 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. \$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 – 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

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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: 1960 98 2dr Hdtp

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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...



A retired man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious, and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer... The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior." John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

