

# THE PUGET SOUND ROCKET

## Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club

An Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

OCTOBER 2022



### Fall is here!

This is the time of the year that we watch nature turn the leaves on the trees to yellow and brown. Car shows are all but over for the season (only three listed on the car show schedule in our area) and we put our rides into their winter slumber.

In just a month we will turn out clocks back to Standard Time here in the Pacific Northwest.

October is the month that we return to chapter meetings after taking the summer off. With Covid restrictions lifted we can assemble again at the Newport Way Library in Bellevue. **The library has been reserved for our chapter meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm.**

The October meeting is very important as we need to nominate officers for 2023 as directed by our Bylaws. It would be great to have as many of our members attend this meeting as possible.

The photo above was taken last fall in central Arkansas.

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**Puget Sound Olds Club  
2022  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Position open**

**Secretary  
This position is open**

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**[Second position open](#)**

**PSOC Website:**

**[www.pugetsoundoldsclub.org](http://www.pugetsoundoldsclub.org)**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Olds Club Members,

Hoping you and your Oldsmobiles are enjoying this last week of warm weather.

We will be having our meeting October 2 at Newport Library at 1:00 pm.

We will be accepting nominations for officers to be voted on in November. Please consider running for a spot.

See you there,  
Ed

*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](mailto:ekonsmo36@gmail.com)



## BETWEEN THE BUMPERS



*As a famous broadcast used to say, “Now for the rest of the story.”*



*Hagerty member Tony dug up a real gem, when he told us that GMC stands for The Grabowski Motor Company. Tony says that “when William Durant was building General Motors, he wanted a truck to combat Henry Ford’s stranglehold on that market. He arranged to buy the Grabowski Motor Company, as they were highly regarded for their truck products.” But the terms of the sale included a requirement that the name will not be changed, “hence GMC stands for Grabowski Motor Company, and not General Motors Corporation.”*

*Editors note: Google this story to get the history of GMC.*

## 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](mailto:ekonsmo36@gmail.com), or call 253-576-1128.

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**An update on the health of Hugh Russell; Hugh is now at the Richmond Beach Rehabilitation Center for therapy for the hip he broke. He can have visitors. The address for the Center is 19235 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Shoreline, WA 206-546-2666**

**With sadness we were informed of the passing of Jim Edwards on Friday morning, Sept. 23. He had battled brain cancer for 143 days. Jim was a member of the Greenwood Knights and was a major part of the production of the annual Greenwood Car Show. Jim is survived by his wife Deneice. Services are pending.**

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**October is the month that we nominate officers for 2023. Would you like to assist the club in its operation with a position? If so, would you please send a message to Ed Straw, our president at [ekstraw@comcast.net](mailto:ekstraw@comcast.net)?**

**We will be meeting at the Newport Library on Oct. 2 at 1pm. It would be great to see many of you there!**

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# More photos of 2022 BOP Show Attendees

(Not included in the September Rocket)



## Oldsmobiles at the Labor Day Show sponsored by the Early Ford V8 Club



Chapter member Marlene Smith's '57 Super 88



Another beautiful '57



This '56 has a great stance!



Your Editors '91 Cutlass Supreme Convertible  
(Photo from the BOP Show)



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

1	Derald Adams	Richland, WA
1	Margo Mittge	Chehalis, WA
7	Ed Straw	Bothell, WA
12	Steven Parr	Bremerton, WA
13	Mary Adams	Richland, WA
13	George Kalata	Everett, WA
17	Crystal Shelton	Tenino, WA
20	John Hogan	Everett, WA
24	Ernest Rosengren	Seattle, WA
25	C.I. Mayo	Vancouver, WA



**MEETING  
MINUTES**

**No meeting in September**

## Swap Meets and Shows in October

*Swap meets and car shows are selected based on convenient locations*

*It looks like the scheduled shows are over for the year! Only three left!*

- OCT 8**      **Tacoma, WA; LeMay Private Garage Tour**  
LeMay Collection at Marymount, 325 152<sup>nd</sup> St E, Tacoma, WA 98445.  
10am – 12:30pm; Adm. Fee - \$25; LeMay Collections at Marymount.  
253-272-2336; [info@lemaymarymount.org](mailto:info@lemaymarymount.org);
- OCT 15**      **Tacoma, WA; Hot Rods for Hearts**  
Griots Garage and Events Center 3333 S 38<sup>th</sup> St, Tacoma, WA 98409.  
9am – 3pm; Adm. Free; Car reg. \$15; Griots Garage & Hot Rods for  
Hearts; 253-267-3074; [ttowntaz@hotmail.com](mailto:ttowntaz@hotmail.com)
- OCT 30**      **Bellingham, WA; Punkin Run**  
*Halloween Themed Car raising funds for Project Santa*  
*Decorate your car – wear your costume.*  
Hardware Sales parking lot. 2012 King St. Bellingham, WA 98225  
9am – 2pm; Adm. Free; Car Reg. \$15; 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Elites Car Club;  
360-380-1733; [realtorawls@comcast.net](mailto:realtorawls@comcast.net)  
<http://www.FourthCornerElitesCarClub.com>



Introduction of the Oldsmobile Hydro-Matic Drive in 1940



# Future Oldsmobile National Meets

**2023 August 9-13 Dayton, Ohio  
University of Dayton Marriott**



**\*\*\*\*\* OCA News \*\*\*\*\***

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**The location for the 2023 National Meet has just been announced. The room rate will be \$159/night. More details will be made available in the JWO.**

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to [ekonsmo36@gmail.com](mailto: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.** This car is still available. A museum quality example with only 811 miles. Offered at a reduced price of **\$56,999**. Call Ed Konsmo for more details and photos. 253-576-1128

**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, \$2,000 each or best offer!

**1968 Cutlass Conv.** - new brakes, new belts, new radiator, new alternator, new tires, new shocks, new tune up plugs points cap and rotor. This is a survivor car not restored, not perfect. It runs and drives well. A fun car to drive and a real attention getter. \$14,950. no trades. This was my late wife's car. Howard Musolf 206-919-1949. [brasscarguy@comcast.net](mailto:brasscarguy@comcast.net)



**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](mailto:oldsmobilecutlass85@gmail.com) Car located in Indianola, W

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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](mailto: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.**

## **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. **SOLD!**

**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](mailto:jbc3735@gmail.com)

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# OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

## **PUGET SOUND CHAPTER**

### 2023 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 179<sup>th</sup> 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...

*Your Editor is one of the kids who survived the era that is described below!*

***TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE 1930's, 40's, and 50's !!***

**First, we survived being born to mothers who may have smoked and/or drank - hile they were pregnant.**

**They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.**

**Then, after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-based paints.**

**We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, locks on doors or cabinets, and, when we rode our bikes, We had baseball caps, not helmets, on our heads.**

**As infants and children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes..**

**Riding in the back of a pick- up truck on a warm day was always a special treat. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.**

**We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this. We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter, and bacon. We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar.**

**And we weren't overweight. WHY? Because we were always outside playing...that's why!**

**We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on. No one was able to reach us all day ... And, we were OKAY.**

**We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride them down the hill, only to find out that we forgot about brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.**

**We did not have Play Stations, Nintendo and X-boxes. There were no video games, No 150 channels on cable, No video movies or DVDs, No surround-sound or CDs, No cell phones, No personal computers, No Internet and No chat rooms.**

**WE HAD FRIENDS And we went Outside and found them!**

**We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and lost teeth, and there were no lawsuits from those accidents. We would get spankings with wooden spoons, switches, ping-pong paddles, or just a bare hand, and no one would call child services to report abuse.**

**We ate worms, and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.**

**We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, 22 rifles for our 12th, rode horses, made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and -although we were told it would happen- we did not put out very many eyes.**

**We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them.**

**Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. **Imagine that!!****

**The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of .. They actually sided with the law!**

**These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, oroblem solvers, and Inventors ever.**

**The past 60 to 85 years have seen an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.**

**If YOU are one of those born between 1925-1955, CONGRATULATIONS!**

**You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids before the lawyers and the government regulated so much of our lives for our own good.**

**While you are at it, forward it to your kids, so they will know how brave and lucky their parents were. Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it ?**

**NO MATTER WHAT OUR KIDS AND THE NEW GENERATION  
THINK ABOUT US WE ARE AWESOME !!!  
Our Lives are LIVING PROOF !!!**



We lost one of the most influential individuals of our generation this past month. Here Queen Elizabeth II is inspecting WWII vehicles in 2008 at Buckingham Palace.