



Puget Sound Rocket

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Olds Club
Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America

March-April 2023

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2023
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Groundhog Day 2023 occurred on Feb. 2nd. The weather predicting groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, emerged from his burrow to make his Groundhog Day prediction. Phil SAW his shadow, which means we'll have SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER. Hundreds of people gathered at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to watch Phil make his prediction, while thousands more tuned in to see the results. All of this means that we will need to keep the cover on our Olds for another six weeks. (Editor's note: My Day Lilies are coming up, could the Ground hog be wrong?)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Olds Club Members,

Old time member "Pinky" Ed Booth passed away earlier this month. Please see details in the newsletter and bring your Oldsmobile if you can make it.

It is good to see signs of spring coming, a few flowers blooming. Looking forward to days of warmer weather and getting our cars on the road again.

We are talking about changing our July 8th show to a BOP show, as TripleXXX did not give us a show date this year. We have invited the Buicks so far. Let me know what your thoughts are.

Ed Straw

President

Member Notes and Chapter Info

We were sadly informed that on Feb.4, Ed Booth passed away after a long illness. Ed will be remembered for his ownership of his pink '57 Olds 98 which gave him the nickname "Pinky". Please remember his wife, Irma, in your thoughts and prayers.

Information about Ed's service below.

Viewing with short service

Thursday, February 23, 2023
3PM - 5PM

Edwards Funeral Home
11020 South Tacoma Way
Lakewood, WA 98499
Phone 253-409-2861

Zion Lutheran Church

Saturday - Feb. 25

1PM - 3410 6th Ave
Tacoma, WA 98406

Veteran's Honor Ceremony

Friday, March 3, 2023
10:30 AM

Tahoma National Cemetery
18600 SE 240th Street
Kent, WA 98042

At Tahoma Cemetery - they start lining the cars up before the service so you should arrive between 15 minutes to 1/2 hour before the service.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

March

- 7 - Michael Challenger
- 9 - Cathy Bumb

April

- 2 - Larry Moore
- 10 - John Vipond
- 12 - Bob Gaunt
- 21 - Deneice Edwards
- 23 - Dann Gadbois

EDITORIAL

In January, your editor attended the chapter meeting of the South Sound 442 Club. At this meeting, 442 president Merle Severson brought up the subject of the lack of member participation and low attendance at the 2022 club show. There was a lengthy discussion about how more members could be encouraged to support the club. One of the ideas brought up was phoning members several weeks before the show. It was agreed that we all have a very busy schedule. In the end, if you are a member of a club, supporting it at scheduled events is your option.

The Puget Sound Olds Club is facing the same problem that the 442 Club has discussed in their meeting. Let's hope that our members will respond in 2023 by supporting chapter events.

This is the time of year for your membership dues.

Please complete the application in this newsletter and send it to Kathi. Thank you



MEETING MINUTES

While there has not been an official chapter meeting, there have been several decisions made recently regarding chapter events.

First, the BOP Show in August has been cancelled by the Sunset Hiway Cruisers, the hosts of the events at the XXX Drive-In. Last year we were asked to pay on the day of the show \$175 for porta potty use. The club refused and as a result, we were cancelled for 2023.

The Puget Sound Olds Club has been invited join the Buick Club at their event on June 17 in Puyallup. This show is held in conjunction with Ezra Meeker Days that closes all of downtown Puyallup. The entry application will be in the May/June newsletter. In return, we have invited the Buick Club to gather with our chapter at our Zone Show on July 8 in Edmonds.

On page 5 you will find the flyer for the 2023 Zone Show. Please put this date on your calendar so that you do not forget this date.

Submitted by

Your editor,

Secretary Pro Tem





BETWEEN THE BUMPERS



7 tips for cleaning car parts by Kyle Smith - Hagerty Media

Of all the unsexy projects and tasks that comprise the step-by-step of any project or restoration, cleaning the parts and pieces while everything is apart tops the list of most un-fun. It's a necessary evil though and a little attention to detail at this point goes a very long way in the final product. There is no sense in "saving time" by leaving everything dirty and dealing with grease and grime working its way back into places it shouldn't be and causing you to do the task twice.

Cleaning can be simple as wiping off some schmutz and as involved as soaking a bunch of little parts in a solution overnight before a thorough scrubbing. Regardless of how deep you need to clean, here are seven tips that will make sure your final product is one to be proud of.

Start soft. Start with the easiest and safest form of cleaning first. This often means a wipe with a clean towel or rag to see just how bad the situation really is. Sometimes just a clean rag is enough to remove everything that needs to go and leave the surface in acceptable condition. Otherwise, it will tell you just how bad it is and what the right course of action might be.

Glove up. This isn't an article about safety, but it bears a mention here. So many chemicals used in automotive processes are quite hazardous or damaging to the human body—and it might not be immediately evident. For example, brake cleaner is very common to use to remove oily residue, but it is also very rapidly absorbed by the skin and carried in the bloodstream to the liver where it sits, and sits, and sits. Our organs cannot process chemicals like carb or brake cleaner and therefore it just accumulates and can cause long-term health issues. Disposable nitrile gloves keep fluids and chemicals from being absorbed and while they can be inconvenient at times, but then again so is having to show up to dialysis on a regular basis.

Use the right stuff. There is a huge array of chemicals on the shelves of your local parts store or grocery market that claim to remove the nasty grime with a spray and rinse process. Sometimes those work easily, other times it causes chaos. One such example is a product like Simple Green, which is very useful to cut grease, but can leave residue on aluminum surfaces and cause corrosion if not rinsed thoroughly.

The same goes for rubber pieces. Warm water and a light detergent is often the best solution to prevent rubber from distorting, discoloring, or getting eaten up by aggressive solvents. On the other side oven cleaner can work miracles on cast iron pieces that have tons of baked-on grease and can only be chipped away with aggressive wire brushes before a water rinse. Match the product and process to your material for best results.

Be careful with your finish. A key thing to remember when cleaning is what the final surface finish will be. If you are painting or otherwise covering the part, it might not be a big deal that there are some scrub marks or a less than perfect surface finish. If you are painting or polishing the piece though, suddenly you want to exercise a lot of caution while cleaning so that any marks that happen during cleaning don't pop through or create more work to remove later.

A steel wire brush on soft aluminum is a prime example of something that can wreak havoc quickly. Plastic or brass bristles are much softer and will prevent scoring or damaging the finish and save you work in the end despite taking a little longer to remove grease and grime. Even a green Scotch-Brite pad can be too much for some rubber pieces, so be sure to check in an inconspicuous area to see if your plan will leave marks of damage before going to town scrubbing.

Article continued on page 11.

This space reserved for photos of car shows and swap meets in 2023.

The Last “Almost Spring Swap Meet” took place on Feb. 18-19 at the Washington State Fairgrounds. The Model T Club has decided not to continue with the swap meet in 2024. Their show will be missed.



Showplex at the Fairgrounds



One of the chrome vendors



Another chrome vendor



Our local 442 chapter



1909 Stanley Steamer on display for LeMay's Marymount Museum

OLDSMOBILE CAR SHOW

37TH Annual Pacific Northwest Zone Show

Hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America



In Memory of Ed "Pinky" Booth

Saturday July 8, 2023

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 Place Bothell, WA 98011

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email address _____

Phone _____

Year _____ Body & Model _____

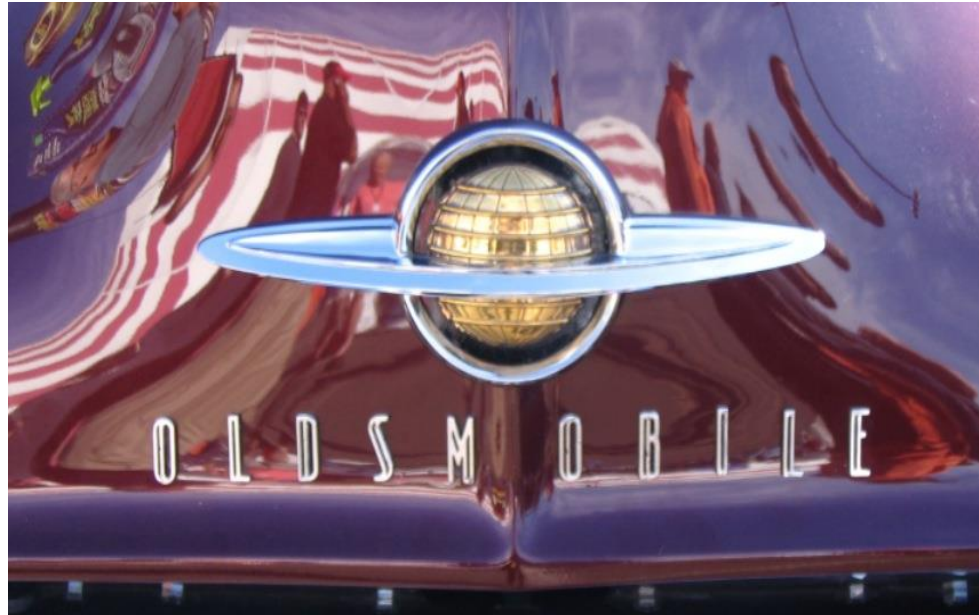
For further information contact Ed Straw 425-485-3093 ekstraw@comcast.net

FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED WITH YOUR CAR

Future Oldsmobile National Meets

2023 August 9-13 Dayton, Ohio

University of Dayton Marriott



Photos from the 2021 Nationals in Murfreesboro



Your editor setting up in the swap meet.

Membership Application

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 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 _____



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SWAP MEETS IN MARCH & APRIL

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

- Mar 5** ***Tacoma, WA; Caffeine & Gasoline***
First Saturday of Every Month. Free Donuts and Coffee. If you get there early!
Griot's Garage & Events Center; 3333 S. 38ty St; Tacoma, WA 98409
8am - 11am; 800-345-5780; customerservice@griotsgarage.com
- Mar 11** ***Tacoma, WA; LeMay Private Garage Tour***
See the family's garages, home to over 300 vehicles, an old-fashioned soda shop, general store, toys and more.
LeMay Collections at Marymount; 325 152nd St. E. Tacoma, WA 98445
10am - 12pm; Adm. \$25; LeMay Collections at Marymount; 253-272-2336
- Mar 18-19** ***Puyallup, WA; Almost Spring Swap Meet & Car Show***
Vintage cars & Parts, Classic Car Show, Antiques and Collectibles
Washington State Fair & Events Center, 110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA 98371
8am - 5pm; 9am - 3pm; Adm. Fee - \$10; Vendor Fee -\$45+.
Gallopin' Gertie Model A Car Club; 360-863-2877
Almotspringswapmeet@gmail.com
- Mar 31-Apr 2** ***Portland, OR; The Portland Swap Meet***
Six antique car clubs will host the 57th Portland Swap Meet once again!
Portland Expo Center; 2060 N Marine Dr. Portland, OR 97217.
7am - 7pm; 7am - 5pm; 8am - 1pm; Adm. Fee - \$10; Vendor Fee - \$100.
503-678-2100; pdxswap@aol.com; Your editor will be in Bldg. "D."
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- Apr 30** ***Issaquah, WA; Sunset Hiway Cruisers Spring Opener***
TripleXXX Root Beer Drive-In; 98 NE Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, WA 98027;
8am - 4pm; Adm. Free; Reg. Fee TBA; Sunset Hiway Cruisers Car Club;
425-766-3514; dozerman@msn.com



CLASSIFIEDS - (but no documents!)

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. 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

1950 Oldsmobile sedan delivery... custom built in Memphis, TN; interior completed by a custom upholstery shop in New Orleans, LA. **No, Olds did not build this car.** Olds' last sedan delivery was in 1934. **Firm price \$47,800.** Don Bougher, memoryshelf558@gmail.com, 503-393-4500, Keizer, OR.



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



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.

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 mont

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 – 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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Let's get started shopping! I don't see a salesman anywhere!



**"I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR ...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M LOOKING AT."**

Hide the evidence.

Dry or wet blasting are easier than ever with home kits available and cheap enough that it's not out of the ordinary for someone doing enough restoration work to make the investment to having a cabinet. The key to remember if you are so lucky is to make sure to blow out or rinse out all the blasting media from the nooks and crannies of whatever gets cleaned up. Having that sand, walnut shell, aluminum oxide, or glass bead pop out while painting or assembling is frustrating at best and downright damaging at worst.

Careful with the tags

It's important to not ruin the proper bagging and tagging of all the parts and pieces you did during disassembly when you go to clean everything up. If you have tags be sure they stay legible or be sure to transfer them after the cleaning is completed doing it piece by piece. If there are adjustments that you have to remove to fully get something clean—think carburetor adjustment screws or adjustable suspension components—be sure to document the adjustment so you can use it as a ballpark during reassembly.

Under pressure leads to failure

It's really tempting to toss that working transmission or rear axle in the truck and take it to a car wash and use the high-pressure nozzle to blast away the grease and grime quarter-by-quarter. Be careful though. Many of the gaskets are not made to withstand the high pressure pinpointed in one little area and can quickly fail and allow water and soap to flood inside and cause rust, corrosion, or leaks from the damaged gasket.

If a soap-and-water wash is required often the best course of action is to use nothing more than household hose water pressure. That pressure is low enough that it is safe for gaskets and seals while still getting things clean. It does mean you will spend more time scrubbing, but would you rather scrub or replace gaskets due to damage?

While tedious and oft annoying, cleaning your project will make for a much more satisfying assembly. Take the time to make every project something worth showing off and being proud of and it will elevate your DIY confidence far more than you might realize.



A mixture of soap and water



Nitrile gloves

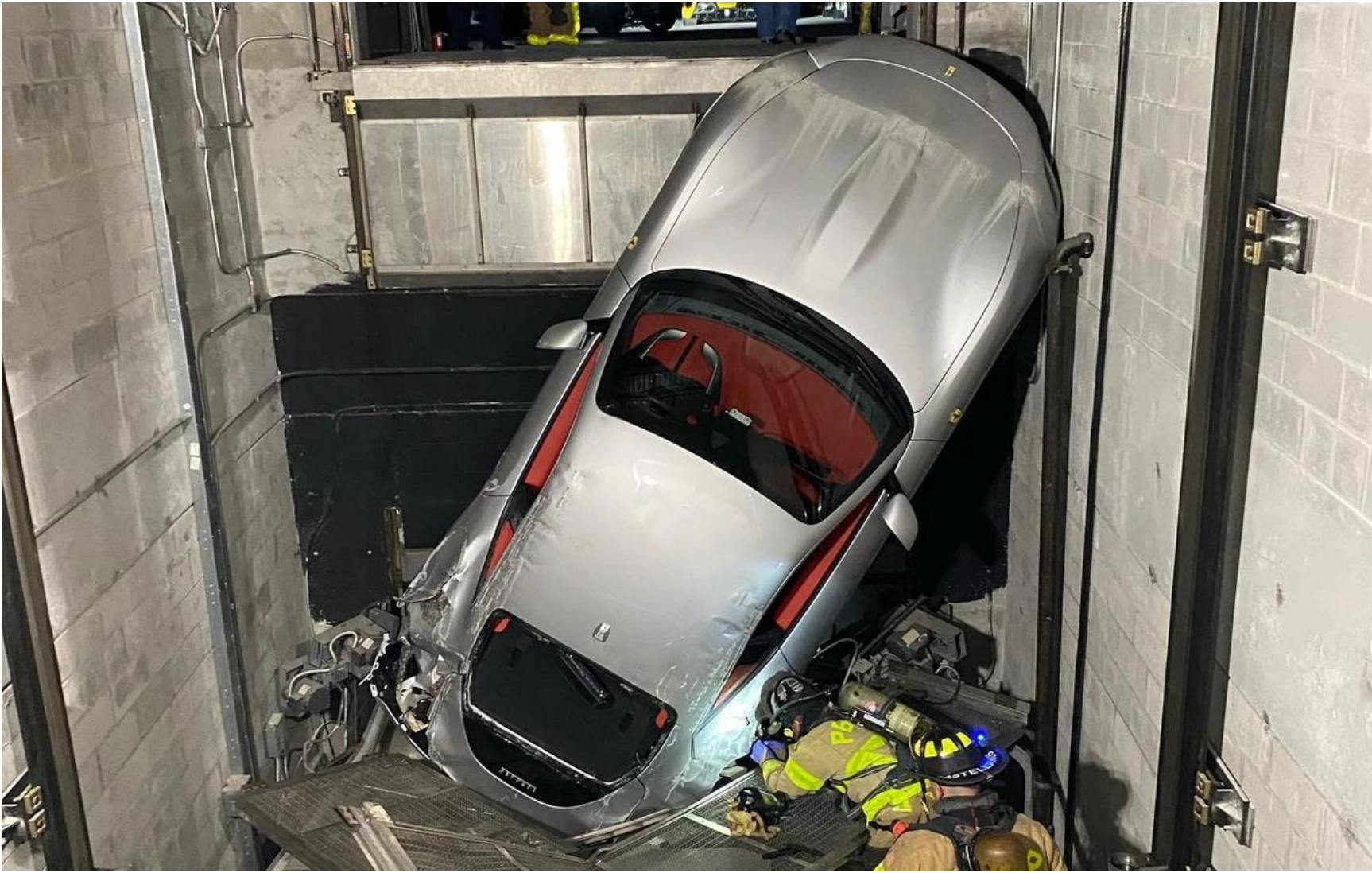


Steel wool works great



Tape flags work perfect for keeping track of wires

Parting Shot



OOPS!

The Palm Beach County Fire Rescue responded to an emergency call from a high-end car dealership in Palm Beach when a brand-new Ferrari Roma fell down an elevator shaft. A car elevator malfunction reportedly caused the catastrophe. The Ferrari was hanging nose-up when the recovery units arrived.

It took a total of four hours, a 45-foot boom and several 50,000-pound winches to safely lift the car from its precarious position. The Ferrari Roma is valued at around \$245,000 for a lower-optioned car. Building damages and recovery costs remain undisclosed.

We can only imagine how massive the insurance claim for this accident will be.