



Puget Sound Rocket

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Olds Club Members,

Hope everyone is doing well. I'm sorry to say that we have recently lost 2 members. Derik Martinson was at our car show late on July 8th. He went to the hospital on the 14th and passed away that day. He had a couple of his dad's Erik cars. A service was held in August. One of our founding members, Hugh Russell, passed away Friday October 20th at the age of 96. No word yet as to a service. Both will be missed.

We are still uncertain about the future of the club. Two members did contact me after the last newsletter offering help. The problem is they do not live in the state so would be hard to come to meetings. If we can keep our editor doing the newsletter, maybe we will just forgo meetings and just have the car show. Please mark your calendars now for July 13th car show in Edmonds

ELECTIONS ARE IN NOVEMBER. Please consider running for office.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays as there will not be another newsletter this year.

Ed Straw
President
425-485-3093

EDITORIAL

CHAPTER NEWS UPDATE

Member Notes and Chapter Info

The Puget Sound Olds Club has lost another member. We just learned that that Derik Martinson passed away. Derik arrived late at the car show and checked into the hospital and died on July 14. A service was held in August. We do not know any further details.

Another founding member, Hugh Russell passed away on Oct. 20 at the age of 96. No services have been announced.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November

14 - Linda Thompson

28 - Kathi Straw

December

No member birthdays



Well, here we are at a crossroads. What will be the future of the Puget Sound Olds Club? The lack of interest by the membership has the officers and editor questioning the survival of the chapter. The last chapter meeting that we held last spring had only the officers and editor in attendance. No other members bothered to attend.

I have been the editor of the chapter newsletter for last 16 years and have enjoyed informing our members and non-members what is happening in the life of the chapter and events around the Pacific Northwest. With the lack of participation of members, the luster has worn off.

Unless there is a renewed interest in the chapter by the membership, this newsletter may not continue in 2024.

Please let me know if you still have an interest in the Puget Sound Olds Club and it's events.

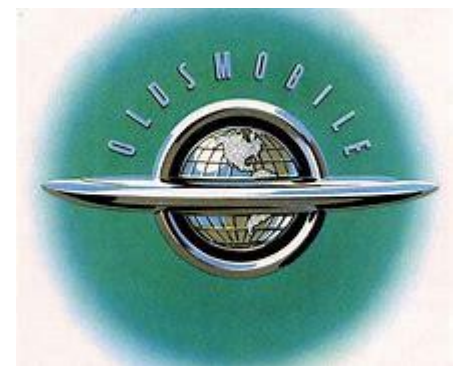
Your editor 253-576-1128

We would like to welcome to the chapter Bill and Julie Torsen of Bellevue. They are the owners of a 1983 Custom Cruiser.

The Buick Club has extended to the Puget Sound Olds Club an invitation to their annual Christmas Brunch on Dec. 9 in Tacoma. If any members are interested in attending, please call Ed at 253-576-1128 by Nov. 15th.

There were no nominations for new officers in the month of October. As a result, the current slate of officers will most likely continue in 2024.

For members wishing to continue membership in the chapter in 2024, there is an application in this newsletter. Please complete it and may it to Kathi. Thank you for your participation.





BETWEEN THE BUMPERS



5 tips for using jack stands.

The car show season is about over and many of you will be thinking about some under the car work. For that reason, here are some tips for safely using jack stands under your car. Working on cars requires a whole slew of relatively specialized tools. Often, we don't even realize how unique those tools and practices are until we talk to someone new to the hobby. Or someone who is on the outside looking in. Just one example: How casually we discuss (and practice) the act of lifting our multi-thousand pound vehicles into the air and then supporting them with separate load-bearing apparatuses that allow us to work on, disassemble, or reach under the vehicles. It's dangerous when done right, and deadly when done wrong.

That sounds scary, and to a point it should be. Being cautious when the risks are this high is not a bad thing. That's why we created a quick list of tips for using jack stands: good for newbies, but it's also a refresher for those experienced enough to have lifted a vehicle many times, in many ways over the years.

Buy once, cry never There are many factors in selecting jack stands, and price is one that many of us are forced to consider. While tools can and will be shopped based on price point, jack stands should not be one of them. These are critical safety items that should come from reputable and trustworthy sources. The Harbor Freight jack stand debacle of 2020 should be burned in our collective memory for a long time, as being crushed by your car is not the way to go. Cheaping out with jack stands is a fast track to a mere feeling of safety, rather than possessing actual safety.

Size appropriately Jack stands produced after 2015 are rated as a pair. Which means if you find some at the local parts store that say they are "three-ton" jack stands, the ability to support the claimed 6000 pounds requires both stands. Three-ton jack stands should be the smallest used in most home shops, as it gives a good safety margin when working on smaller cars, yet a set of four does have enough capability to hold a medium-sized truck or SUV in a pinch.

Trace the load path. Jack stand placement is as critical (if not more critical!) than proper sizing. The biggest jack stand in the world is useless if you place it in the wrong spot, letting the car fall down anyway. The service manual is the best place to look for jack points and jack stand placements. Even the owner's manual in the glove box, a book that's been shrinking over time and loaded with "please see dealer" language, likely still outlines the jack points for safe lifting. A quick internet search will likely reveal appropriate information too.

But sometimes that doesn't work, or what you are doing is something the original engineer from decades past could have never imagined. That's when a little bit of critical thinking goes a long way. Look under the car and locate a place that looks sturdy enough to place a jack stand, then follow what that is connected to. From there, imagine how it would support the load being placed on it. Supporting the rear of a car by placing stands under the rear differential makes sense because the entire weight of the car is normally supported by that part. Using a bumper or frame brace that doesn't support and wasn't designed for that load is a bad place to put a stand. If unsure, consult professionals.

Do the shake test. Now that your project is up in the air and supported by jack stands, there is one last step before you roll underneath: You gotta shake it. No, not the latest TikTok dance. Shake the car. Go to one of the corners and give it a good push and pull to make sure the car is stable, and the stands are not going to move or shift while you are underneath. This is the same thing that mechanics in shops do when putting a car on a two-post lift.

After all, now is the time to find that the ground isn't flat, or the stands aren't fully seated on their safety catch. Only after a good shake can you roll under the car with confidence that it will not be coming down on top of you.

Buddy system It feels strange to do when performing an innocuous task like adjusting a transmission shift cable or removing a driveshaft, but telling someone that you are working underneath a car with jack stands is a good practice. A text or call to a friend just to say "hey, I'm working on my project and am under the car for a bit" is enough of a heads up: if they don't hear from you in a while, they know to check on your wellbeing. Being pinned or injured under a car with no means to get help should be horrifying to you and encourage you to whatever is necessary to prevent it.

Keeping a phone on your person is one option, as is using smart speakers or other items that require nothing more than yelling at them to activate them. I personally have a Google Home Mini above my workbench, which allows me to broadcast a message to another speaker inside my house by just yelling at it. This lets me feel safe-ish when I am working on projects while my wife is inside. (Presumably enjoying her time without me.) This practice isn't for everyone, but it works for me. Find a system that works for you and use it.

This article written by Kyle Smith of Hagerty Media

CAR SHOWS & SWAP MEETS - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

NOV 5 Tacoma, WA; Caffeine & Gasoline - First Saturday of Every Month. Free donuts

Griots Garage & Events Center, 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma, WA 98409

8am - 11 am; Adm. Free; 800-345-5789; customerservice@griotsgarage.com

NOV 11 Tacoma, WA; LeMay Private Garage Tour

See the family's garages, home to over 300 vehicles. An old fashioned soda shop,

And general store. LeMay's Collection at Marymount. 325 152nd St E. Tacoma, WA

98445. 10 am - 12 pm, Adm. Fee - \$25. 253-272-2336

NOV 16-19 Seattle, WA; Seattle International Auto Show

Lumen Field Event Center, 800 Occidental Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134

Adm. Fee \$14, Reduced Fee \$15; Washington State Auto Dealers Assn.

310-531-5984 info@seattleautoshow.com

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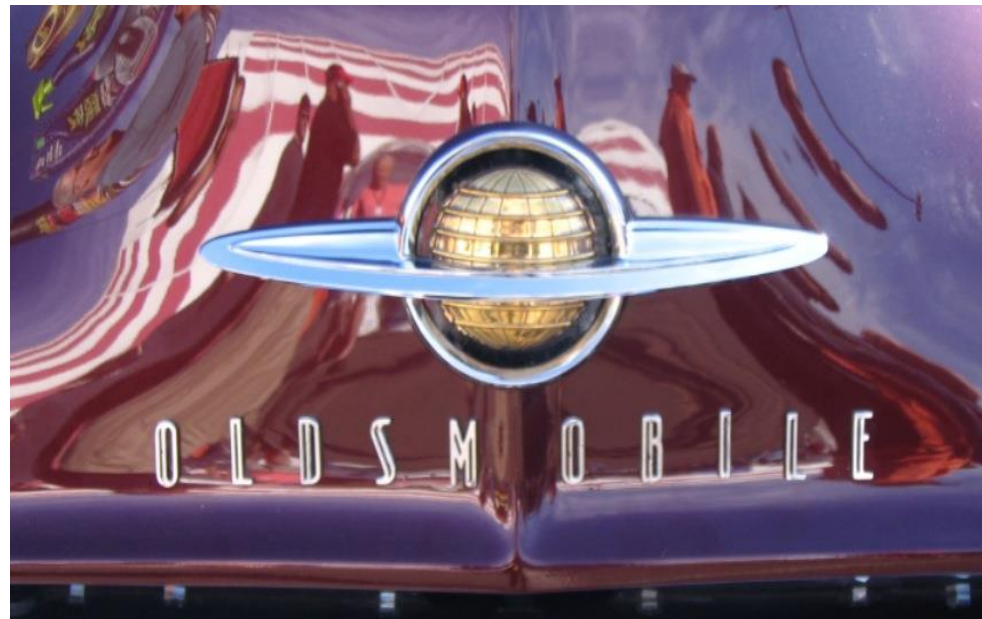


Happy Thanksgiving

Future Oldsmobile National Meets

2024 July 24-27 Springfield, MO

Hotel info to be announced.



A row of '50 Oldsmobiles and one '40



Membership Application
OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA
PUGET SOUND CHAPTER
2024 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 _____



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 509-659-1757.

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.



1953 Oldsmobile Super 88 – Settling Estate. Contact Kevin Lee 303-513-7607. Price reduced to \$22,500. The car is Located in Arvada. CO



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.

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

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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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Parting Shot

