



# **Puget Sound Rocket**

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

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**Charles Wascher's 1970 W30 – Best of Show**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Hello Olds Club Members,*

Hoping all these sunny days are prompting you to get your Olds out and about. Still lots of car shows to attend.

Our Zone Car Show went well. Only 15 Oldsmobiles, 4 Pontiacs and 1 Buick as it was also the BOP Show. It was a small gathering, but we still had a great time, thank you to the members who showed up. Also, a big thank you to Hugh Russell who donated his model car collection to the club. We let each member pick a car. We have scheduled next year's show for July 13, 2024, at the Francis Anderson Center.

Longtime member, Hugh Russell sent me a letter recently, requesting pictures or stories of winners of his donated wagons. Unfortunately, we have not kept a list of winners over the years, and many were not members. Hope some of you might have a picture or story.

We need to talk about the club and if we are going to continue as a club next year. November is election time, and we will have an in-person meeting to vote for board. Right now, we only have a President and Treasurer along with an editor and zone rep. We need a Vp and Secretary and possibly an editor. Ed Konsmo is thinking of retiring the job as editor. If we do not get some people to step up and take office, we may need to disband the club. So, please call or email by October if you are willing to take an office. We will still have the show next year.

Ed Straw  
President  
425-485-3093

## EDITORIAL

### CHAPTER NEWS UPDATE

#### Member Notes and Chapter Info

An update on chapter member, Hugh Russell.

Hugh is still in the adult home in Seattle. He cannot understand why he cannot have his tools to build his famous wagons. At age 96, Hugh still has energy!

### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

#### September

13 - Dorothy Barlow  
22 - John Bumb  
23 - Kristin Parr

#### October

7 - Ed Straw  
12 - Steven Parr  
18 - Jamie Cox  
20 - John Hogan



It looks like the car show season is drawing to a close. It has been a very disappointing year. Very few Olds owners took the time to attend Puget Sound Olds Chapter sponsored events. There were two Oldsmobiles at the BOP Show in Puyallup and less than 20 at the Annual Zone Show in Edmonds. Where is everyone??

As chapter president, Ed Straw, commented in his column, will it be viable to continue the chapter with such little participation of the members. Is it worth the time to continue to publish a newsletter if most of the members never show up at events?

This newsletter goes out to more than just members of the PSOC. It would be interesting to hear from non-members regarding their participation at our car shows.

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

*Your editor 253-576-1128*

On page three of this newsletter, are photos of the cars in attendance at the Annual Zone Show in Edmonds on July 8. The weather was typically cool in the morning warming up to a nice low 70's in the afternoon. The showing of Oldsmobiles was disappointing with only 15 on the show field.

We did attract four Pontiacs and one Buick as we opened the registration to the other brands in the hope of attracting more vehicles for the show.

Also in the newsletter on page five are photos of the cars on the field at Griot's Garage for the Annual South Sound 442 Club's show and picnic. Your editor and Pam are members.

The attendance at the 442 Show was less than usual. A discussion was held regarding how to encourage more members to attend. It is evident that the Puget Sound Olds Club is not the only club suffering from apathy.







## **BETWEEN THE BUMPERS**



American classics bound for auction in Monterey

### **1954 Oldsmobile F-88 Concept Car**



Despite the obvious C1 profile, this was Oldsmobile's Motorama vision of what an Olds sports car might look like and gave showgoers a preview of what was to come from the marque.

Indeed, the only Corvette DNA in the F-88 concept is the C1 chassis found underneath the fiberglass bodywork. Everything else not experimental is pure Olds, right down to the 5.3-liter (324 cubic inch) Super 88 V-8. It caused quite a stir at the time of its Motorama debut, and as Chevrolet wasn't quite sure what the future held for the slow-selling Corvette, production considerations were explored for the F-88 before the Corvette picked up speed and resources were allocated elsewhere.

In addition to the original show car, two extra F-88s were built for GM execs. One is presumed to have been dismantled in-period, while the other was rebuilt into the F-88 Mk II show car, and subsequently lost to time. Thus, Broad Arrow's gold example is the only known example and is strongly believed to carry most of its components from the original Motorama appearance.

Among American show and concept cars from the '50s, the F-88 is among of the most recognizable. Expect a mix of Corvette and Oldsmobile superfans to bid it up to the \$2M-\$3M estimate.

**Editor's note:** This will be the second time this car has come up for auction. It was originally purchased by The late Olds Collector, Gordon Apker. According to auction results, the F-88 did sell at Monterey for \$1,765,000, substantially less than estimated.



Photos from the Pacific Northwest Zone Show in Edmonds, July 8.

**Best of Show**



Charles Wascher's 1970 W30

**Favorite 1950-1959**



Beau Stone's 1958 4 Door Sedan

**Favorite 1960-1969**



Bob Campbell's 1969 98 Convertible

**Favorite 1970-1979**



Dave Tennent's 1972 Cutlass Conv.

**Favorite 1980 and newer**



Steven Parr's 1980 Custom Cruiser Wagon

**Favorite Olds in BOP Category**



Dave Lawrence's 1965 442 Convertible

**Favorite Pontiac in BOP Category**



Dennis Loeber's 1966 Pontiac



Ed and Pam's 1991 Cutlass with dog



Photos from the South Sound 442 Picnic/Show on July 16 at Griot's Garage





## CAR SHOWS IN SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

**SEPT 1 Enumclaw, WA; Thunder Dome Beer Garden**

*Cars, Eats & Beats - Indoor Beer Garden, with Live Music*

*Food and beer admission with donation.*

Thunder Dome Car Museum, 1920 Garnett Street, Enumclaw, WA 98022

5pm - 10pm. Adm. By Donation; 253-326-3689

**SEPT 2 Tacoma, WA; Caffeine & Gasoline - First Saturday of Every Month. Free donuts**

Griots Garage & Events Center, 3333 S. 38<sup>th</sup> St, Tacoma, WA 98409

8am - 11 am; Adm. Free; 800-345-5789; [customerservice@griotsgarage.com](mailto:customerservice@griotsgarage.com)

**SEPT 9 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. 325 152<sup>nd</sup> St E. Tacoma, WA*

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

**SEPT 10 Tacoma, WA; There's Still Another Car Show. Griots Garage & Events Center,**

3333 S. 38<sup>th</sup> St, Tacoma, WA 98409 8am - 3pm; Adm. TBD; 800-345-5789.

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Your editor received an email advertising a car show at Griot's Garage on August 26 sponsored by *Radwood*.

So, we signed up online for the show and lined up at 8:30am on Saturday. Wow, we had never been to a show with over 400 cars registered. We were about to leave the show at 1pm and discovered a sticker on the windshield of our Olds, "*Stick around you have been selected for an award*". When the awards were passed out, we were called to the stage and received one of the eleven awards. Below are photos of the show.



Our 1991 Cutlass Supreme Conv.



Our award for the "Baddest Domestic"

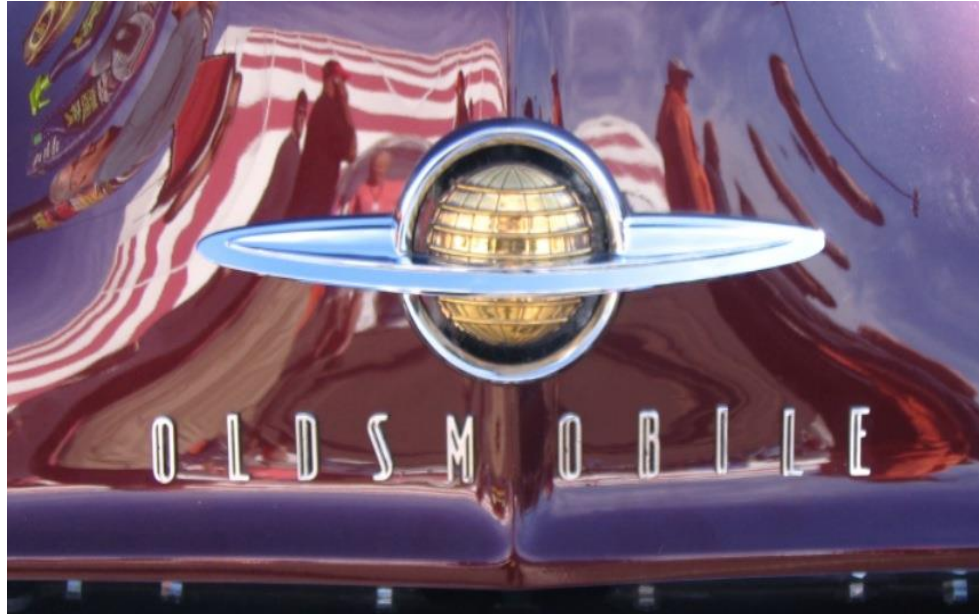




# Future Oldsmobile National Meets

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*

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_





# 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

**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](mailto:memoryshelf558@gmail.com), 503-393-4500, Keizer, OR.



**1953 Oldsmobile Super 88 – Settling Estate.** Contact Kevin Lee 303-513-7607. \$30,000 negotiable. 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!

**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, 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](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 mont*

## **NEEDS and LEADS:**

**NEED – Wheel rims for 1976/1977 Cutlass Supreme – Call Mike Challenger 425-753-3368**

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

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Believe it or not! This Cutlass runs with over 400,000 miles on the odometer. This is what Midwest salt does to a car.



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*Parting Shot*



*Now when you want to cool off in the oppressive hot weather, this is the place!*