



Puget Sound Rocket

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

November-December 2024

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2024
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Christmas is just a few weeks away and the officers and editor of the newsletter would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Olds Club Members,

Nice days are few and far between now, so I hope you have gotten your cars ready for the long winter months. Please be thinking of outings to do next summer.

We will be having an in-person meeting on November 3rd at 11:00 am at the Redmond Library. The address is 15990 NE 85th St., Redmond, WA 98052. I hope you can make it. We will be voting for officers. If you are interested in holding a position, please let me know.

Also, we will be discussing holding an orphan car show at our annual show July 12, 2025. I have been contacted by a person who used to put on the Edmonds car show. He would like to do an orphan car show.

Hope to see you Sunday the 3rd.

Ed Straw
President
425-485-3093

Member Birthdays

November

3 Charles Watcher

14 Michael Thompson

28 Kathi Straw

December

4 Dave Butler



Editorial

I recently received a call from an individual regarding the car show in Edmonds that we host every year asking if we would like to make the show an orphan car show. He recognized that we are having a difficult time attracting show participants each year. I replied that we would be having a meeting in November and would bring the question to the membership. Any thoughts??

The November meeting will be at the Redmond Library at 15990 NE 85th St., Redmond, WA 98052 The meeting is at 11am.

Meeting in November is for the election of chapter officers. Please join us.

Chapter Editor

Ed Konsmo



Member's Page

In this column we would like to update our members regarding anything of interest regarding our daily lives.

Regarding membership, last year we had 22 families registered. All but four families have renewed for 2024. It would be great to see more members renew in 2025. Please send your 2025 renewal to Kathi. Thanks.

Chapter dues for 2025 are now due. Please complete the form in this newsletter and send it to Kathi along with your check if you have not done so yet.

Thank you very much!





BETWEEN THE BUMPERS



Class winners at the 2024 Annual Zone Show

Since there are no car shows this month, we are showing the Zone Show again.



Best of the 50's - Larry Moore - 1957 Super 88 Conv.



Best of the 60's - Gord Lloyd - 1962 F88 Conv.



Best of the 70's - Charles Wascher - 1970 442 W30 Hardtop



Best of the 80's and newer - Ed Konsmo - 1991 Cutlass



Best of Show - Ray Angel - 1970 442

This article in Hemmings was so interesting, It needed to be shared.

Reminiscing: I Witnessed The Sales Demonstration Of A New Body Filler Called Bondo



“February 1956 was the start of a very good year for me. I had turned 16 and got my driver’s license, after which my parents gave me a 1951 Ford two-door sedan that was furnished with a flathead V-8 and a three-speed manual transmission. I proceeded to transform that Ford into a very nice hot rod - cars were everything to me then and tweaking a car had always been a plan of mine.

I also landed my dream job during that summer at Parkway Garage, which was located on the Berlin Turnpike in Berlin, Connecticut. It was a Tydol gas station and garage that a short time later became Flying A. My duties were to man the gas pumps and keep the shop neat and clean. I also had the good fortune to learn mechanical and body work.

One very warm July morning I was pumping gas when a car pulled up in front of our station and the driver jumped out asking if the owner or manager was available. It turned out he was a salesman, but he didn’t elaborate further before I told one of the owners, Stanley, or “Stosh,” as we called him, that someone wanted to chat. Stosh had some time and introduced himself and learned that the visitor was a sales representative for a new product called Bondo. He gave us the sales pitch and asked if we had anything we were working on with which he could provide a demonstration.

I just so happened that I was learning how to “lead” the quarter panel on a 1955 De Soto that was in for body repair. He said it was perfect, then ran out to his car and came back with a tool bag and a gallon of Bondo. The demonstration began when he put some Prepsall on a rag and wiped the area of the quarter panel clean where he was going to work. When that was done, he opened the can of Bondo and put a softball sized glob of the stuff on a piece of cardboard, to which he drizzled two or three ribbons of what he called hardener; he used a putty knife to mix the concoction. If I remember correctly, it turned a light shade of blue. The salesman then used a very wide putty knife to apply the Bondo to the quarter panel, covering the whole damaged area.

When he was finished, the salesman explained that he had used a little more hardener than usual to speed up the curing process for the demonstration. Without missing a beat, the guy retrieved a body file from his tool bag and tested a small section and stated that it was 85 to 90 percent cured. “No problem,” he said, and began to file the area. It didn’t take long to do, after which the Bondo was ready for 80-grit sanding using paper wrapped around a piece of 2×4 lumber. He worked incredibly fast; you could tell he was a very qualified body man. The patch was ready for primer, which he applied using our spray gun. While the primer was still wet, Stosh and co-owner Fred - who by now was absorbed by the demonstration as well - looked down the side of the car and smiled.

But the demonstration wasn’t over quite yet. The leftover Bondo had cured on the cardboard, and the salesman drilled a hole right into the middle of the glob, after which he chased the hole with a ¼-20 tap - the perfect size for the ¼-20 bolt he screwed into place. The Bondo held, and both owners asked the salesman how they could place an order. He sold them two gallons, plus the partial gallon left over from the demonstration.

This type of filler, of course, took the industry by storm, though at times it gets a bad rap because many a shade tree panel beater or ill-taught body shop tech uses it in a completely wrong manner.”

Article by Kurt Johnson

CAR SHOWS & SWAP MEETS - November-December

NOV 2 Tacoma, WA; Caffeine & Gasoline - First Saturday of Every Month.

First Saturday of every month. Hot coffee and donuts if you get there early.

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

8am - 10 am; Adm. Free; 800-345-5789; customerservice@griotsgarage.com

NOV 10 Bellingham, WA; Project Santa Cruise

Police escorted cruise from Cordata Center with gift and toys and cash for Sheriff's Project Santa. Bring a new toy for an underprivileged kid.

Cordata Center, 4255 Meridian St, Bellingham, WA 98225

10am - 1pm; Adm. Free; 4th Corner Elites Car Club of Bellingham;

360-380-2733 realtorrawls@comcast.net

NOV 16 Albany, OR; Albany Indoor Swap Meet

Linn County Fair/Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd. NE (I5-Exit 234)

Albany, OR 97322. 8am - 2pm. Adm. \$5. Vendor Fee \$30.

Enduring A's Chapter MAFCA; 541-928-1218

albanyswapmeet@comcast.net

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Future Oldsmobile National Meets

2025

Bowling Green, KY

July 16-19



Membership Application
OLDSMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA
PUGET SOUND CHAPTER
2025 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.

1950 Olds 98 Town Sedan – With a sad heart we are offering our Town Sedan “For Sale”. \$49,900 or best offer.

Call Ed at 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING THE SALE OF THIS OLDS: Unfortunately, Don passed in October 2023 and his widow, Pat, can be reached at 503-393-4500 (home) 971-374-4400 (cell).



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

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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 - I have a pair of inside window garnish moldings that appear to be for a 1950 Oldsmobile 4dr and maybe other models of Oldsmobile. If any member of the Oldsmobile club wants them, they can have them at no cost. I just hate to think about throwing them away. Mike Hammers Port Townsend, Washington kidd65@cablespeed.com>

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

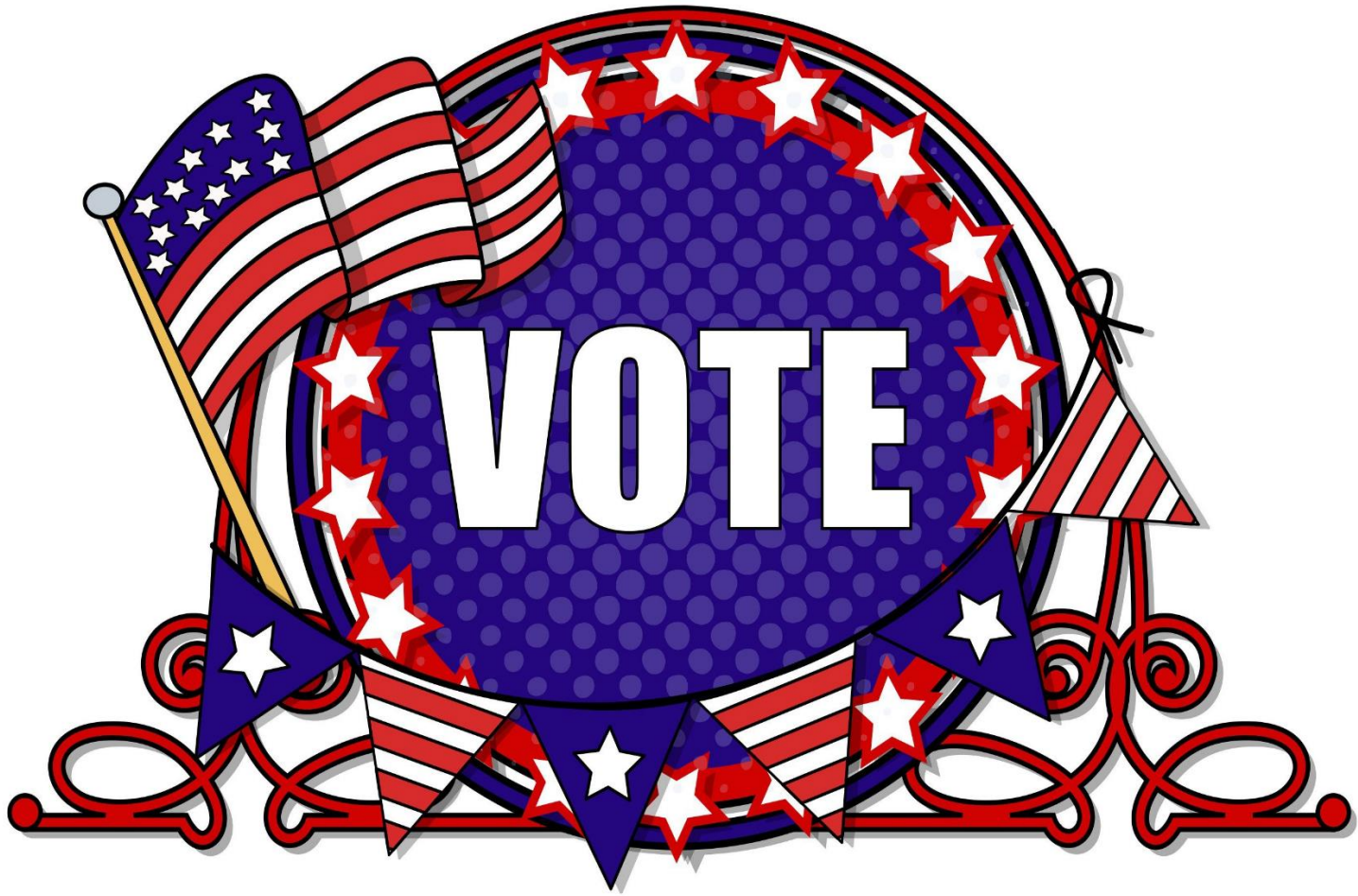
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Editors note: We have not had anyone with an ad let us know if you still want to continue with the ad or make any change,



Parting Shot



Be sure that you cast your vote!