



Puget Sound Rocket

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Official Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America***

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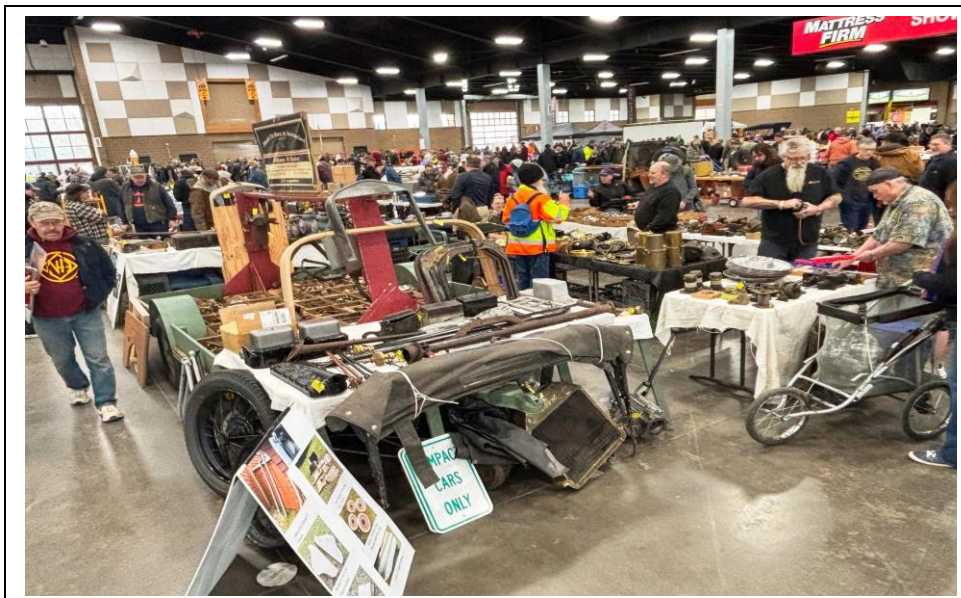
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Almost Spring Swap Meet in Puyallup - March 15th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Olds Club Members,

The last two days have been nice, thinking about getting the car ready to take out. The Dairy Queen in Thrashers corner is talking about starting up the weekly Friday car show.

Our car show is July 12 at Francis Anderson Center in Edmonds 10-3. We are hosting the Orphan car show also that day on the field. Invite your friends with orphan cars to join us. We will have Machoburger Food Truck available from 11-1. Hope we can have a good showing of Oldsmobiles.

If you haven't paid you dues yet, please do. We only have 9 members paid to date.

See you down the road.

Ed

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President

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Member Birthdays

March

9 Cathy Bumb

April

23 Dann Gadbois



Editorial

My apology for the lastness of the newsletter. Early in January I began having vision problems. I would wake up and the world would be completely out of focus. It would stay that way for several days. About 20 years ago I had cataract surgery in both eyes. I thought this was happening again. Three doctors said that was not the case. In the past month I have had a CTC scan, a Carotid MRI, and numerous other tests to find the cause. Today is one of the rare days of clear vision.

Unless a cause can be found I may have to give up putting out the newsletter. This has been privilege for the past 18 years.

Ed Straw has made an agreement with the Orphan Car Club to share the field at our 2025 Zone Show in July. Hopefully, this will kindle a greater interest in the event.

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.

No member news this month.





BETWEEN THE BUMPERS



Tools That Often Get Misused

Tools are the items and objects we use to complete the tasks we desire to do. At one point in human history we likely only had three tools: a pointy rock, a sharp-edged rock, and a blunt heavy rock. With those three things an industry was born, and it's one that is today closely linked to the automotive world. We need a lot more tools than those primitive three to get any project done these days, but sometimes we might have the right tool and still decide to use the wrong one. Here are four examples.

If Not Pry Bar, Why Pry Bar Shaped?

Screwdrivers can be precision instruments. They can also be the closest thing to your hand when you need to lever two pieces apart, and oh boy, is it tempting to take that flat-blade screwdriver and shove it in there, maybe even tapping the end of the handle with a hammer to help things along.

Sometimes that works fine, but why take the risk with your tools? Screwdrivers were designed for turning forces and thus it is surprisingly easy to bend the shank or fracture the tip once you start using them in a freestyle manner. If you're unable to find a pry bar or lever of the appropriate size for your projects, designating one tool for that task is the next best option, though still only half a step short of tool abuse. I have an old damaged flat blade screwdriver that is only used wrong these days. But most screwdrivers do not have shanks that extend completely through the handle, so be advised that any attempts to use a screwdriver like a chisel are likely to break the handle.

Designed to Twirl, Forced to Fight

Sockets are great at removing hardware, but the location of said hardware often means putting those sockets on some type of extension. These simple straight bars have both male and female ends for attaching a ratchet or breaker bar on one end and the socket on the other. That shape also makes them a perfect general-use punch. The broad tip doesn't focus force much and makes an extension just too perfectly suited for driving out large bolts like those found on suspension hardware. It's a tool that was designed and born to spin like a ballerina, but **often** has to pull duty on the offensive line as well.

“The Claw”

At some point a hammer is a hammer, but using a claw hammer under the hood just feels so wrong. Ball-peen hammers are much better for working in the tighter confines of an engine compartment, compared to claw hammers that were designed for framing houses. Ball-peen and dead-blow hammers are likely the most popular for automotive use and come in a range of sizes that help persuade stuck parts and hardware, but that doesn't stop many people from grabbing what is handy, and I guess we can't blame them.

It's a Lever off the Jack, too!

Hydraulic floor jacks make lifting our project cars easier than ever. Once the car is up in the air, there is usually (always? without fail?) some large bolt or nut that needs removed, and of course it's somehow stuck far tighter than the torque spec would suggest. So, it's time to get archaic. Even my two-foot breaker bar is not enough at times, and that's when the jack donates its handle to create the lever long enough to move most anything. If you're tempted to use this trick, be careful, the force can be enough to easily strip the teeth inside a ratchet, so it's best to stick to using a breaker bar. And even then, be sure to have solid socket engagement and a clear path for the long lever to swing in without hitting something else.



OLDSMOBILE CAR SHOW

39^H Annual Pacific Northwest Zone Show

Hosted by the Puget Sound Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America



In memory of our member: Dave Butler

Saturday July 12 2025

10:00am-3:00pm

Frances Anderson Center

700 Main St Edmonds WA 98020

Entry Fee \$20. Please make checks payable to:

Puget Sound Chapter OCA 9113 NE 179th Pl 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

By signing below, participants agree to hold PSOC and their representatives/volunteers

Harmless for any damages that may occur to property at the Car Show

Signature_____ .Date_____

FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED WITH YOUR CAR

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS - MARCH - APRIL

MAR 15-16 Puyallup, WA 43rd Almost Spring Swap Meet & Car Show

Vintage Cars & Parts, Classic Car Show, Antiques & Collectables. Vintage Motorcycles & Parts
Washington State Fair Events Center. 110 9th Ave SW. Puyallup, WA 98371. 8am - 5pm'.
8am - 3pm; Adm. Fee \$10 Gallopin Gerties Model A Ford Club 360-863-2877

MAR 17 Bellingham, WA Fourth Corner Elites Leprechaun Days

Hardware Sales, 2034 King St. Bellingham, WA 98225 9am - 1pm; Adm. Fee Free
Reg. Fee \$15; Fourth Corner Elites; 256-261-9551

APR 4-6 Portland, OR Portland Swap Meet

Portland Expo Center. 2060 N Marine View Dr. Portland, OR 97217
7 am - 5 pm; 8am - 1 pm, Adm. Fee \$13; Vendor Fee \$100
Pacific Service Center/Northside Ford; 503-678-2100

APR 19 Tacoma, WA Customer Appreciation Day

Griot's Garage and Events Center. 3333 S 38th St, Tacoma, WA 98409
10 am - 2 pm. Adm. Free 866-663-6265



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 – 1967 442 Parts - Dwight Wiest 425-679-2235

Heads

Valve Covers

Stock Intake Manifold

Stock Carburetor

Edelbrock Torquer 455 Intake Manifold

Holey 3310 Carburetor

Radiator

Taillight Assembly

Misc Chrome Body Parts

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



It dropped jaws when it debuted at the 2024 Detroit Autorama, so James Kryta returned with his stunning 1970 Olds 442 W-30. It features a restored experimental 32-valve 455 engine, which was dubbed W-43 during Olds' development in the late-Sixties. Kryta found most of the parts to one of two surviving engines years ago and had the missing parts recreated.