

The

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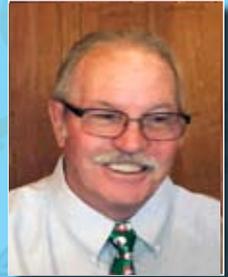
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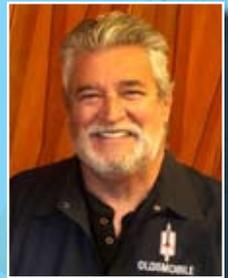
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President's Message

Dear NorCal Members,

Hello Oldsmobile Lovers!

Change is a constant, and I have a few changes to highlight in this issue:

Enclosed is your ballot for the Board Office election - each position is up for grabs this year and your Board has worked hard to vet excellent candidates! We ask for your support and votes; and we pledge to help each new member with a smooth and efficient transition. As always if you have any concerns or questions please reach out to me or other Board members but please do return your ballot asap. Thank you, that's how the Club stays in smooth operating condition. A real Tune Up; end of "plug."

We have just about 'outgrown' the available space for our Christmas luncheon, so please get your reservations in early. As always, it promises to be a fine meal and the 'company' is even better so please plan to be there and bring one or more toys to support for the USMC Toys for Tots program!

We have changed our membership terms and dues as you will see on the renewal. To simplify accounting, annual renewal form (one-year terms) is now the only option. And, after 20+ years we have increased dues to \$30 per year after very careful analysis and consideration. In short while costs have gone up more than 40% in those years (postage, printing, web site maintenance etc.) We have held the line and can not continue to do so. We are a "non profit" but can not operate at a loss.

I will be 'winterizing' my 442 in the next week, and hope each of you is navigating the change of seasons in good health with no "mechanical" issues personally or with your Oldsmobiles. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Club President over the last two years and be assured I will continue to support Club efforts and activities as best I can in the future. Your NorCal Club is truly exceptional and that is a result of YOUR contributions, energy and love for Oldsmobile. May they be ever stronger.

Bill

Editor's Message

Hello All,

This issue we cover our annual All Oldsmobile Show at Micke Grove Park, Lodi. We had a good amount of volunteer help. I usually take photos of all the cars but this year I asked Tony LaCentra and my brother to help too. Also Pete Clayton was there with his expert photography. He and Gil Zamora posted their photos on facebook. (Notice Gil's photo on cover) The results is all but one car is shown with the hood down which is always a challenge at these shows. Thanks guys for your help. Mike Garrett did a phenomenal job on the food! Photos and a story starts on page 9.

We also enjoyed Mike Garrett coordinating our display with our hosts, Aegis Living Care Facility in Fremont. Check out photos on page 15. Page 14 shows our Out and About with Oldsmobiles.

As mentioned above in President's message the Oldsletter is one reason the dues are going up. Dues have been \$25 per year for over 20 years and inflation alone indexed to 2023 would make the cost ~\$43. We are now asking \$30. I hope the \$5 doesn't keep you away as I strive to make the Oldsletter better with each issue for you to enjoy.

In this mailed issue you will receive a Christmas Party Luncheon flyer and ballots for our officer elections for '24-'26. (See page 8 for bio's). For those getting this electronically you will receive ballots and Christmas flyer by u.s. mail.

Cover: Dianne and Don McGuire's '49 Convertible waiting at Micke Grove gate Sunday morning, October 1, 2023 Photo taken by Gil Zamora.

Membership Report

10-08-23

As of October 8, 2023, our Nor Cal Olds Club membership is 141 members and 53 associates. Welcome new members since our September/November 2023 Oldsletter (all three joined at Micke Grove 2023 show):

- Carlos Herrera (San Leandro, CA) – 1971 Cutlass Supreme Conv.
- Allan J Ksiazek (Jamestown, CA) – 1937 F-37 Sedan
- Michael Harreld (Lodi, CA) – 1969 Cutlass Coupe

Also, welcome back Gary Hinman member #1440 (San Jose, CA) – 1966 Toronado & 1937 Business Coupe.

Forms for membership are located on our club website (www.norcalolds.org).

Thank you! Contact Bob Griffith with your membership questions.

Treasurer Report

10-08-23

Our club bank account is POSITIVE.

If you desire to look at our bank account statement, plan to attend a club event.

Bob Griffith, Treasurer.

V-8 Firing Order Trivia, *by Larry Ewing*

Last issue I talked about different orders on Olds V-8s and did get some interesting responses.

This from Colorado; Larry; Enjoyed reading the newsletter, particularly the firing order article. I also run a 455 with the 7-4 swap in my 66-442. I had not heard of that before but my friend built this engine for me. It probably has 450hp, but I have plenty of vacuum all the time.

Larry Ruppel,

President Rocky Mountain Oldsmobile Club

This from Montana; Hi Larry,

I read with interest your article about various V/8 engine timing and certainly learned a bit.

Like most “shadetrees” I simply look up an engine timing specs and follow that. Gotta say I have never committed to memory any one of the engine’s sequences.

I guess I always thought they were all the same. (V/8’s) that is. Anyway, thanks for bringing to light the various differences however, I will continue to research each engine’s timing.

As we say here in America

Muchas Gracias Amigo

Greg Childs.

This From SoCal;

Hi Larry,

You have certainly done some homework on this issue and yes, I have performed the 4-7 swap of the firing order on several 455 and 350 builds I have done but only because I used a 4-7 swap hydraulic roller camshaft specifically made to do this.

Gene Adams is correct that the horsepower gain is minimal but what it does afford is a smoother running engine with a bit better idle and part throttle vacuum so that a more aggressive cam profile can be used and still retain some street manners and the use of conventional power brakes using engine vacuum at the brake booster.

Grant Warner.

Olds Club Events 2023

Dec 2 Christmas Luncheon, Cattlemens' Livermore, Flyer insert in this issue.

May 17-18 Pacific Southwest Zone Show, Hilton Garden Inn, Pismo Beach, CA, flyer TBD

Regional & Other Events

Oct 13-15 Hot Rod Reunion, Famoso Raceway, Bakersfield

Nov 11-12 Goodguys, Alameda Co. Fair Grounds, Pleasanton.

Cars and Coffee Weekly, Tri-Valley: *Jim Kearney, every Friday morning 8:15 to 10:30 am. Sycamore Valley Shopping Center, 400-480 Diablo Rd, Danville. All makes and models welcome.* shadowmere64@comcast.net

Cars and Coffee Monthly, North: *Bill Crockett, first Sunday every month, 7 to 9 am, Vintage Oaks Shopping Center, Novato*

Bay Area: Mike Garrett & Larry Ewing, 2nd Saturday every month, 7 to 10 am, Ronnies C&C, Starbucks, Hillsdale at Camden, San Jose.

Sacramento Area: Beau Brown

(Call the above representative in your area to get time and location)

Our Next E-Business Meeting is on

Nov 30, 2023 at 7pm



This is a club officers Business Meeting but any member interested in participating, please contact President Bill Crockett for access.

Minutes of Club Board Meeting September 28, 2023

President Bill Crockett called the September 28th board meeting of the Nor Cal Olds Club to order at 7:04 PM.

Treasury/Membership report: Treasurer Bob Griffith reported that our club is solvent.

Editor report: Larry Ewing and the rest of the board report that dues for membership in our club will increase to 30.00 dollars a year because of increased costs. Also, Larry mentioned that the Christmas luncheon flyer will be included in this issue. We hope to see you all at the lunch!

Most of the meeting involved discussion and planning for new officers in the 2024 year. We are relieved to report that a number of people are stepping up to fill the roles of the outgoing officers. Be sure to vote this year as it is still your club and you should be involved as much as you can. The new officers may bring fresh ideas and plans to the club in 2024 and it is our hope many will continue, or start to be more involved. See other sections in this edition for more information and there is still time to put your name in the hat for a board position!

Larry finalized plans for Micke Grove and we are looking forward to a great show October 1st. Larry has also finalized lodging for the 2024 Zone show; it will be held at Pismo Beach with some GREAT room rates. Check out more information as it comes out.

President Bill closed the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beau Brown

Nor Cal Olds Vice President/Secretary

Ask Your Zone Director By Jon Manji

OCA Board Elections: Coming up early next year! Nominations will be accepted from November 15th through December 30th of this year. If interested in running for an office, please contact me or the OCA Office Manager for more details. Just a friendly reminder, we have a vacant Pacific Southwest Zone Director spot that needs to be filled. I will be running for re-election, but we really need to have two Zone Directors representing our Zone as most of the other Zones do.

Over the years, most of the content of this column has been summaries of the OCA Board meetings. This was another banner year for OCA National Meet attendance, and due to the very strong turnout by the members, our need for volunteer staff was such that I had to miss most of this year's in-person Board meeting to help lead trailer parking and show field duties. I was briefed on the Board proceedings that I missed, and was able to attend the entire General Membership Meeting, where a summary of the Board meeting proceedings was presented. So this month's Board summary is shorter and has less detail than in the past, but I can answer specific questions about the proceedings if there are any.

At this year's National Meet, we had about seventy-five more cars than last year, along with a few hundred more people. We also saw large increases in Meet activity participation. Many other national car clubs have reported declines in their national meet attendance this year, so I am pleased to report that we are bucking the trend in a good way. However, as our National Meets grow larger, so does the need for more volunteer staff.

In-Person Board Meeting (at the National Meet): Minutes of the 2022 Board meeting and Summary of Board Actions (2022-2023) were adopted and approved. Treasurer Jeff presented his report on the Club's finances. We ended 2022 in the black, 2023 will depend upon success of National Meet. The major expense of concern is the constantly rising cost of printing and distributing Journey With Olds (JWO). Jeff recommended that we review and adjust our advertising rates and increase the JWO advertising content (now about 20%, industry standard is 30%). It was also suggested that we continue to promote e-memberships, perhaps place a promotional article in JWO.

Scheduled Meet guest Linda Vaughn had to cancel her appearance at the last minute due to health reasons. (We did make available oversized Get Well and Happy Birthday cards for the Meet attendees to convey their best wishes to Linda.)

The possibility of a membership dues increase will be considered. It will depend upon the JWO printing and distribution costs; hopefully the increasing costs will at least level off.

Pacific Northwest Zone Director Cole Irving has volunteered to help with the Club website. President Sal to follow-up with Cole after the Meet. There is still confusion among OCA Facebook followers thinking they are OCA members- there is a disclaimer on our Facebook page stating that being a follower does not mean they are an OCA member, one must join OCA and pay dues to be a member. The suggestion was made to consider offering the option of linking an Oldsmobile for sale on Facebook to our page.

New contracts for our Membership Manager and JWO Editor were outlined and discussed. After discussion and agreement upon some changes, which included slight pay increases for both contracts, they were approved.

It was announced that new committees are being formed to review the bylaws, examine adjustments in the Zone boundaries and number of Directors per Zone, and oversee the upcoming Board election process. (Note: committee members do not have to be Board members, just OCA members in good standing.)

In closing, this is a summary of the Board meeting, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the meeting or topics that you would like discussed at future meetings.

2023 OCA National Meet by Jon Manji

Due to the large crowd at this year's Meet and the associated increased workload, I was not able to attend many events nor take as many pictures as in the past. Please see the October issue of Journey With Olds for more detailed Meet coverage. Also, videos and member photos of the Meet activities are being posted on the OCA website (www.oldsmobileclub.org)

The Marriott at the University of Dayton in Ohio was the location of this year's Meet. Held on August 9-12, the Meet saw the largest turnout in several years as 414 OCA members and their guests combined to make a crowd of about 850 people. The show field had just over 300 cars, with the widest range of model years seen in recent times, from 1904 to 2004.

Activities started on Wednesday with a police-escorted caravan to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. Participants were impressed with the VIP treatment afforded by multiple local law enforcement agencies closing down Interstate 75 (briefly) to allow the caravan to travel to the Museum non-stop. It was noted that our caravan of ninety-seven vehicles was the largest ever coordinated by the Dayton Police & Montgomery County Sheriff's Departments. Upon arrival at the Museum, participants were given souvenir commemorative pins celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Museum.

Thursday had a full day of activities, starting with the tours of the Packard and British Car Museums separated by lunch. The afternoon drag racing event was held at nearby Kil-Kare Raceway in Xenia, OH, with seventy cars participating and the stands nearly packed with spectators. The traditional evening Welcome Event was held at the Marriott, with close to 200 people in attendance. Unfortunately, scheduled guest Linda Vaughn was unable to attend due to health reasons, but the Meet attendees expressed their best wishes by completely filling oversized Get Well and Happy Birthday cards for her.

Friday was show and judging day. 135 judges had their work cut out for them as there were just over 300 cars to be judged. That evening, there was another police-escorted caravan, this time to Casino Night at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway, where the Casino provided a reserved parking area for us. Once again, local law enforcement agencies impressed the caravan participants by temporarily shutting down I-75 (at rush hour) to allow the caravan to travel non-stop to the Casino.

Approximately 100 members and guests attended Saturday morning's General Membership meeting. During the meeting, OCA Board members provided updates and answered member questions regarding the Club's finances (we finished 2022 in the black), our successful Thursday racing event, increased involvement with Facebook, and OCA membership as a chapter membership requirement. For this last item, it was mentioned that chapters may require its members to also be OCA members, but this decision is left to the individual chapters. It was also reported that the OCA Officer Manager's and Journey With Olds (JWO) Editor's contracts were renewed for another two-year term. We once again closed the Meet with the evening Awards Banquet, where it was officially announced that we'll be heading to Springfield, MO in July for next year's Meet. Look for details (including host hotel reservation info) in JWO early next year.

Nor Cal Olds Club Nominees for Board Positions, Term 2024-2025



My name is Michael (Mike) Garrett. I am running to be your next **President.** I have been a car guy my entire life. I first drove (on my dad's lap) his 49 Oldsmobile 2 door sedan. We raced NASCAR in the 70's and again in the 2000's and started with classic cars after the racing. I was an estimator - project manager for thirty plus years for a large sub-contractor running some of the largest jobs in the state (California Academy of Sciences). In the past decade I have been to 100's of car show events and know how to run and make them pleasant to attend, always learning from prior events. I feel I would be a good president as I am a good organizer, planner and good at bringing jobs to a close. I am also open to ideas from others that we can use to make our shows and gatherings a success. Thank you, Mike.



My name is Gus Saar and I am seeking to be your next **Vice President.** I have been an Oldsmobile enthusiast since the early 80's, having been introduced to the Club by Greg Childs at Nationals in Santa Clara. I have restored 5 Oldsmobile's over the years and I've really gotten a lot out of the club. I figure it's time to give back a little. I'm a very well organized person with attention to detail and I'm very excited about this opportunity. I believe from the VP position I can help in a multifaceted fashion depending on how the club's needs develop. Areas of specific interest to me are membership procurement, and developing a much wider and state of the art web presence, one that can facilitate Member apps, Dues paying, show registrations and the like. Thank you for your consideration. Please vote me in when casting your ballots. Thank you!



My name is Jeff Peck, I am running for **Treasurer/Membership** position. I have been a member of NORCAL Olds for 20 years and an owner of Oldsmobile cars for 43 years. I am a responsible and hard working individual and I would be a solid Treasurer. You can count on me!



Hi, my name is Dianne McGuire. I am a candidate for the position of **Secretary** for Nor Cal Olds Club. I have owned an Oldsmobile since 1977. My '49 76 convertible. Having this car on the road after 40 years is Awesome. I joined the club to be with other Olds/Car enthusiasts. I was an Office Manager for over 30 years. I have great organization skills, work well with others and work until the job is done. I look forward to serving and growing our LOVE for Oldsmobiles!

Voting Ballots will be in the u.s. mailed version of this Oldsletter. Those that get it electronically will have their ballot sent by u.s. mail. Please return ballot by Nov. 15th to address on printed on form.

Annual Nor Cal Micke Grove All Olds Show and Picnic October 1, 2023



Chief Chef Mike Garrett being presented an apron with multiple pictures of his 442 with the words, *Grill or Grille, Chief Chef or Master Mechanic. I do Both.. Mike Garrett.* Below: Food table all set up. The calm before the storm! Below right, Cathy, Mike's sister serving Jeff Peck Cheese Nachos & sausage bites as a pre-lunch snack. That's Dianne McGuire with hat, also helping out.



Above: Mike and his worker bees open the food line! Mike provided fresh ham-burgers, hotdogs, baked beans, macaroni and potato salads and tri-tip sandwiches. Tri-tip donated to the club thanks to Dave Lopez. On the upper right is Mike's brother-in-law Rick that pitched in by pre-smoking the tri-tip and bringing all the food, cookers and generator in his truck. This allowed Mike to bring his 442 Olds as this was way too a big load for a car. Thx a bunch Rick! *LEE*



Before the Awards President Bill Crockett announced the numbers for the raffle and from left, John Smith, Bob Clingman and Brad Reinschell all won \$100.

Our annual show went very well with help from a number of volunteers. Prior to the show Bill Crockett took in registration applications and handled the money part. Larry Ewing, with Bill's list made up the packets that include a dash plaque, 5 business cards and both club cling window stickers, meal tickets and voting ballots with a pencil. Each packet had a window card filled out with car, name and Class identification. Don McGuire and Dominic set up parking cones while Gil Zamora along with Gus Saar set up a table at check-in and sent the cars down to Beau Brown where he had Rudy Martinez, Dominic Spinetta, and Jeff Peck helping park cars. Jeff also hung our club banner. Meanwhile Mike Garrett along with his sister and brother in law, and help from others were setting up for our food. Beau brought donuts and coffee was a brewing. The show format was People's Choice again and everybody there had a ballot to fill out and turn in by 11 am. We had 4 tabulators, Gus, Beau, Tom Ewing and Don McGuire. Past Best of Show winners Tony LaCentra, Beau, with Chris & Jami Rowell went out and selected the Best of Show car. During all of this time Cynthia Ferguson was selling raffle tickets at a rapid pace and by noon she had collected ~\$600. Thanks a bunch Cynthia! (cont. pg 14)



(1) Best of Class A



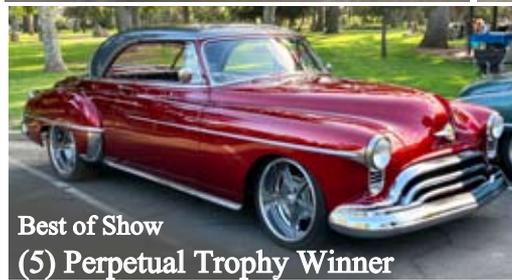
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Best of Show
(5) Perpetual Trophy Winner



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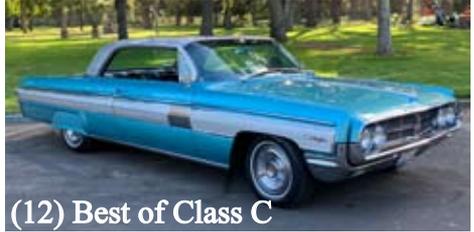
(9) Best of Class B



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(12) Best of Class C



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(18) Best of Class D



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The cars above, #27 to #31, were in a new class we did this year that we call Top Gun. These are past winners of the Perpetual Trophy and last years Best of Class cars now competing with each other. Much like Seniors class at OCA.

Classes Shown Here: A=1949 and earlier
B=1950-1960, C=1961-1966, D=1967-2004,
E=All 442s and Rallye 350. F= Top Gun



(cont. from pg 10) Jeff Stanish helped with new membership and t-shirt sales. Also a big thanks to Kathy Knudsen's friend Lisa Ballard that was involved with serving food. She is President of the Oakdale Enrichment Society and volunteered to help Kathy behind the scenes. After lunch Bill Crockett had my cousin Sharlyn McRae draw the raffle tickets and we split the \$300 3 ways. Brad Reinschell, Kevin Clingman and John Smith each won \$100. Dianne McGuire won Long Distance by coming over 130 miles and Art Swenson got the Hard Luck award by running out of gas on the way. Following, Beau and Larry then presented the awards. Thanks to all that helped! *Larry Ewing*

Key: 1) * **Dianne McGuire '49 76**
Class A 2) John Smith '49 88 Clb Sdn
Up to 49' 3) Rudy Martinez '48 66
 4) Rudy Martinez '48 98

Class B 5) ★ **Charlie Buamgart '50 88**
 6) Bob Wyche '50 88
 7) Larry Ewing '50 Clb Sed
 8) Bill Bivens '50 88
 9) Brad Reinschell '58 98
 10) Pete Clayton '57 Holiday
 11) Bob Eiron '50 88

Class C 12) **Dave Lopez '62 Starfire**
 13) Cynthia Ferguson '65 F-85
 14) Bill Crockett '66 Toro
 15) Chris Fair '66 Starfire
 16) Casey Zamora '71 Vista Cr
 17) Donna Jackson '64 Dmc 48

Class D 18) **Jeff Peck '70 SX**
 19) Mike Harrelld '69 Cutlass
 20) Steve/Sonia Spatola '78
 21) Gus Saar '69 Cutlass Conv
 22) Antonio Valenzuela '73 Clam Shl Wag

Class E 23) **Gil Zamora '71 442 conv**
all 442 24) Wesley Fitzgerald '70 Rly 350
Rly 350 25) Mike Garrett '64 442 Conv
 26) John Medina '67 442 Cp
 Guest, Shawn Warning '69 442

Class F 27) **Dominic Spinetta 65 88**
Top 28) Tony & Denise LaCentra '69 442
Gun 29) Chris & Jami Rowell '49
 30) Bob Clingman '68 H/O
 31) Art Swenson 67 442 Cp

Key: Bold = Best of Class

*Peoples Choice ★Best Of Show



A - Dianne McGuire with Don B - Brad Reinschell with Veronica Ramirez C - Dave Lopez D - Jeff Peck E - Gil Zamora



Dominic Spinetta wins the Class F, Top Gun Charlie Buamgart wins the Best of Show Perpetual Trophy 13 Beau Brown and Larry Ewing present Dianne and Don McGuire (THEM AGAIN!) the People's Choice award for their '49 convert!

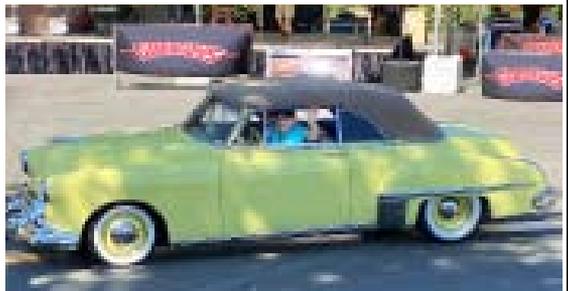
Out and About with Oldsmobiles



Goodguys picked Dianne McGuire's '49' convert for the Awesome Olds Award at the 36th West Coast Nationals held in August in Pleasanton. Congratulations Dianne and Don!



Dianne McGuire's '49' convert in Goodguys Winners Circle waving to the crowd after getting her award. Below Larry Ewing wins Best of Show at Sequoia Hi reunion with his '50 coupe which he purchased while at this very school in 1959!



I spotted this '40 Olds at Goodguys and recognized as one of Wes Rydell's cars named Agness. Turns out it was driven by his son on a GG tour from Colorado. Wes is the guy that bought the Anderson '49. We talked briefly and he told me he and his wife drove the '54 Chevy BelAir the same distance. LEE



Members Steve Spatola, Linda and Larry Ewing, Sergio Lopez, John Smith and Mike Garrett displayed their cars in this row.

Mike Garrett organized this event held at the Aegis Living Assisted Care facility on September 10th. 7 Oldsmobile and that many other brands were there too. Above, the facility gave every car owner a commemorative cup and a nice leather care kit. They also served hamburgers and hot dog lunch outside near the cars for us to enjoy.

Below, Linda helps set up flowers at entrance. Far below, Larry and Linda dig into the provided burgers and hot dogs for lunch.



Above is a mix of Aegis residents, Olds members and Art Swenson's 67 442 with Tom Ewing's '40 Ford. Although the Oldsmobile's were carefully looked at, many related more to the '40 than expected. A big thanks to Mike Garrett for arranging this visit and a special thanks to the Aegis for accepting us so graciously! It was a fun day! LEE

A little known Incredible Journey in an Olds

Last month while browsing thru Hemmings Auctions I saw a 1916 Olds for sale with a San Francisco to New York sticker on the door. New to me, I read on and to my surprise a young lady from Sacramento made the run solo in an astounding 11 days. Her name was Amanda Preuss and why I haven't heard of this before puzzles me to no end. What a pioneer and in an Olds! LEE

Preuss, a stenographer in a Sacramento law office, traveled 3,520 miles in 11 days, 5 hours and 45 minutes, nearly matching the transcontinental record for men. Sleep-deprived Preuss averaged more than 300 miles a day. Along the way she had her adventures, including the time the radiator in her Oldsmobile V-8 roadster sprung a leak after being damaged in a crash with a horse. Preuss faced arrest for hitting the horse, and only was allowed to continue her cross-country trek after paying a sheriff \$150. Preuss and other female record-seeking drivers between 1899 and 1916 helped bring about the age of the auto, according to Curt McConnell, author of "A Reliable Car and a Woman Who Knows It."

Beyond the introduction of its groundbreaking V8-engine, Oldsmobile enjoyed further publicity for the car when Amanda Preuss drove a Model 44 Roadster from San Francisco to New York, a distance of 3,520 miles via the Lincoln Highway in just over 11 days in August of 1916. Preuss's feat not only established the reliability and durability of the new Oldsmobile and its drivetrain, it also cut some 37 days off the previous coast-to-coast record for a woman driver.

Amanda Preuss and the Oldsmobile V-8 roadster that she drove solo from Oakland to New York City in August 1916. Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center A century ago, a diminutive, cheerful, tough-as-nails clerical worker from Sacramento shattered the record for a woman driving from coast to coast. From Aug. 8 to Aug. 19, 1916, Amanda Preuss, 25, drove solo from Oakland to New York City over rutted and nearly invisible roads to beat the women's cross-country speed record by 37 days. "Amanda Preuss' accomplishment is especially remarkable considering that women didn't become motorists in any numbers until 1912, when the self-starter was invented," said Amanda DeWilde, archivist at the Sacramento Public Library's Sacramento Room. Electric self-starters replaced hand-starting cranks that required considerable strength.

These are excerpts from a book by Curt McConnell, author of "A Reliable Car and a Woman Who Knows It," and an article in Sac Bee from 1916, 100 years after this remarkable journey.

More can be found from these sources.



This is the Clone of the Amanda Preuss Olds in Hemmings



A pre-run publicity shot shows Preuss on the Yolo Causeway near Sacramento. (SAMCC)



Preuss slung a water bag over the top bows of her car, here stopped at an undisclosed location en route to New York. (OHC)



Amanda Preuss and the Oldsmobile V-8 Roadster that she drove solo from Oakland to New York in August 1916. Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center



Amanda Preuss behind to Oldsmobile's steering wheel which she taped to improve her grip. (October 19, 1916, Automobile)

Cars For Sale



1954 S88, post, rebuilt 394 engine, new carb, exhaust, tires & paint. Stock column 3 speed. All stainless polished, front/rear bumper new chrome, Has all interior but it needs upholstery. Reg is on non-op. \$30K invested. \$15K OBO. Bob Erion, 209 982 0847



1950 76 Club Sedan, 350 Olds power, A/T. Nice low mileage original dependable car. Paint if you want or drive as is. \$15K Paul, 209-456-0031



1953 88, 4 door sedan. Factory stick, Power steering. Complete Restoration. Many Awards, Drive anywhere. \$40k call Dave 951-850-5770 coololds88@yahoo.com

Cars For Sale



1949 88 Coupe, Wieand supercharged 350 small block, 700R4 trans, Vintage air and much more. \$45K, Call Jay 916-413-5905



1965 442 Convert, 400, 4 speed PS, PB, Target Red ,Red int, white top, console SSI wheels Owned for 26 years. Runs and looks Great. \$65K Mark in Denver, 303-274-2840

Parts For Sale

1957 front bumper complete with letters. \$300 Mark Davis, Ukiah, 707 227 2590

1957 rear end 3:42, front rubber floor mat. J2 air filters. tail light lens 88-98, air filters J2 new, four barrel air cleaner, hubcaps, hood and trunk bezels, tune-up kit Delco. Plus many more '49 to '57 Olds parts. text 415-271-2213 John Smith

1954 carburetor, four barrel #7005900 \$80
1955 carburetor, four barrel #7007000 \$50
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Note from Mike Garrett: He has informed our club that Tony and Denise La Centra have both lost parents in the last few months. Our condolences go out to Tony and Denise's family and friends....
NorCal Olds Club



We are sad to announce Founding Member of Nor Cal Olds Club Pat Kennedy passed away October 10. She was a passionate member of our club planning and executing many events for NCOC. A former president and officer of our club and along with her husband Dave were Pacific Southwest Zone Directors for many years attending countless OCA National events. She is survived by her husband Dave, son John Kennedy and daughter Karen McKissick. Karen is now planning a service for mid November.

Please contact Bob Griffith for date, place and time.

From Son John; It's with a heavy heart that I announce the saddest news that I have ever had to share, this is a post on my Mom's Facebook account so that it will reach more people in her life. This is a post created from her Son John Kennedy. As some people might

already know my wonderful Mother was slowly becoming weaker from a Liver infection that was getting worse with age and later turned into Liver failure. My mother was a strong woman who was adored by everyone she had the pleasure of meeting and had lived a long life with plenty of pleasurable memories and experiences that most of us might not get the chance to experience. She had met her husband as High School Sweethearts and were married at the age of sixteen for my mother and seventeen for my father which turned out to be a marriage of 72 years of a wonderful blissful life together that would endure into becoming a husband and wife with three wonderful children and many wonderful grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren and was Grammy to all of grandchildren and never believed that spankings were a not a choice of hers, instead she chose to give a stern talking with authority which came with consequences! Unfortunately her life came to an unfortunate end yesterday at 7:35 pm her life ended. She was a wonderful human being who was able to see good in everyone who she had met and never had a bad thing to say about anyone. That's just the kind of person she was and she was loved by all. She was a grocery store clerk for several years and then retired and became an antique shop owner for years, she also was involved with sorority sisters as well as being involved with her own children as a den mother in the scouts as well as little league and a bowling league member and a avid bingo player. Also her and her husband were involved with the Nor-Cal Oldsmobile Club as founding members where she found a new bunch of friends who seemed like a new family for Dave and Pat Kennedy

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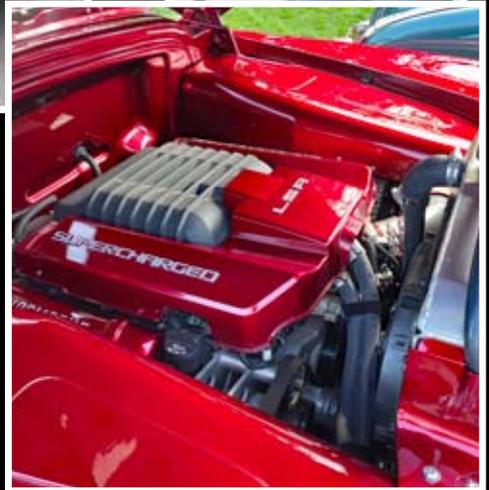


Lost and Found.
 This table was left on the lawn near the Bear Creek Cover at Micke Grove Park Oct 1 at 2pm.
 If it's yours or you know owner, contact Larry Ewing at info pg 2

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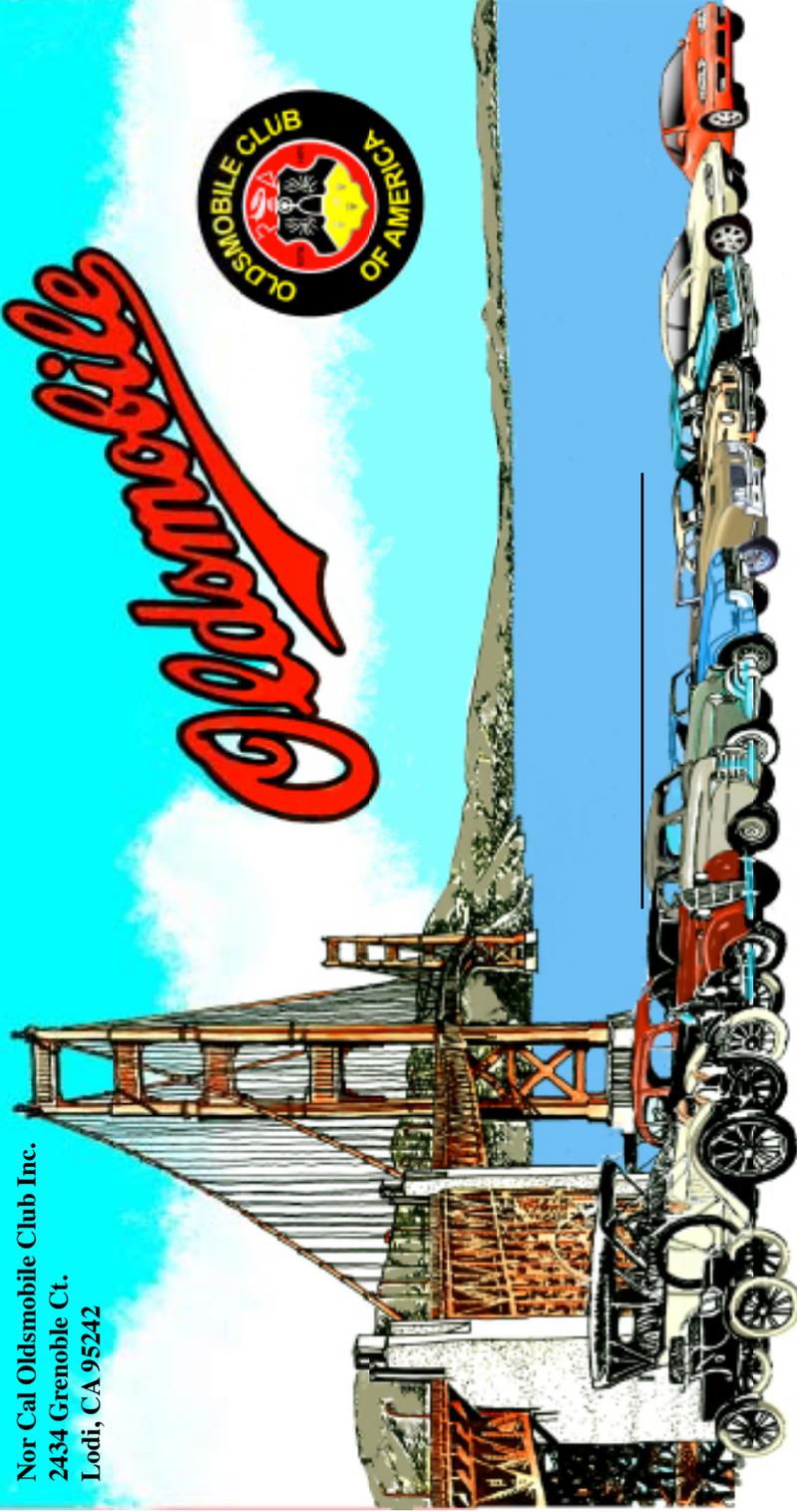


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