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# Oldsletter

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Newsletter of the Northern California Chapter  
Oldsmobile Club of America

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## President's Message

Greetings fellow Oldsmobile enthusiast,

Car show season is definitely here! I feel that Swiss Park was a great success, but we can still do better. Thanks to Gus and Celia, Larry, Paul O'Neil for helping getting people in and parked, Paul supplied the donuts. Cooking and serving staff Kathy and Rick Knudson, Our wonderful Dianne and Sergio Lopez! Dave Lopez for helping plan and donated funds and services from February on to the day of the event. Cara did a great job with the entry packages and went smooth most of the time. From now on open shows parking should be open. If you come as a group with your friends, you should be allowed to park with them, my thoughts. We had other friends that helped, Tim Watson along with Dianne McGuire with the 50/50 raffle.

The Aegis show (September 8) is like last year and after August 15th I will start inviting non-Oldsmobile's as I did last year. This is BBQ lunch @ no charge for the car club, and they do the serving, and clean up. See information on page 5.

The Pacific Northwest Zone Show at Pismo Beach (September 27&28) is next on our docket and should be fun with our So Cal partners in crime. Member help will be required for the judging and parking on show day.

Micke Grove is 2 weeks later in the year, (Sept 13) and I hope our weather holds out for us. Any other shows that you want listed please let us know.

And last show of the year is the gathering of Oldsmobiles in bldg. B at Goodguys November 9 and 10. See information on page 7. Point of contact is Larry Ewing.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Garrett

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## Vice President's Message

Hello Fellow Olds Fanatics,

Happy to report our Father's Day show at Swiss Park was a huge success. Many thanks to all who pitched in to help as well as those that made it out to enjoy the day with us. It really was terrific.

Wanted to mention again our 'Model Year Advisor Program' whereas members can add their name to the growing list of club members who volunteer their expertise about their specific Oldsmobile(s) to other club members who may be working on the same model. Allowing the members to reach out to you with questions about their project. A great way to share your enthusiasm about your specific Olds and likely learn a trick or two yourself.

To be added to the list just reach to me at 209-740-0767 or email at GusSaar@gmail.com .

Lastly I'd like to encourage our members to come to one or more of our upcoming events. Zone show in Pismo, Our Annual Olds only show at Mickie Grove in Lodi, and Pleasanton Good Guys Indoor Olds Display. Find details on each in this Oldsletter.

Until next time, keep your Olds looking good and driving fine!

Gus

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*Cover: New members Mike and Kathy DePalma's '50 88 Club Coupe and row of cars at our Father's Day Car Show at Swiss Park, Newark*

## Editor's Message

Hello All,

This Issue of the Oldsletter features Dianne McGuire's '49 Olds Convertible, a car she fell in love with when she first saw it and bought it in 1977. Enjoy her story starting on page 10.

Our Swiss Park Show held on Father's Day in Newark went well and this may be an annual event, especially if more Oldsmobiles show up. See coverage starting on page 15.

Our next outing is to the Aegis Living Care Facility in Fremont September 8th. This is a fun day as the people in the home love to see our cars and in turn they're going to feed us lunch. Let President Mike know you are coming! See flyer on page 18.

The rescheduled Zone Show in Pismo Beach is September 27 & 28. The room block is full but if you want to go, there are other hotels near by. Should be a fun event starting with sea food at Fin's Friday night. See page 18 for details. A mail in flyer is on our website at norcalolds.org.

Micke Grove Show is October 13th and will be a pot luck event as the club will provide the tri-tip and waters while members bring side dishes and dessert. See page 20. This mailed version of the Oldsletter will have a mail in flyer insert and those that get the Oldsletter via email will get a flyer in the postal mail. You can also find this flyer on our website and pay with VENMO. Make sure Treasurer Cara Peck gets all your registration information.

Jim & Jackie Kearney are hosting a gathering at Jerry's Beefburgers in San Leandro. Jim plans to start a perpetual trophy for this event. See page 19 for more information.

Our offer to have an inside room at Goodguys November 9 and 10 may be in jeopardy if we don't get enough cars signed up soon. We first thought more members that did not get to participate in '23 would respond but few have signed up. So if you did participate in '23 and want to again, you are welcome. The new requirement is Goodguys wants pictures of your car, side front and interior, soon after you register for an indoor display. See instructions on page 7.

Your Nor Cal Editor and Board Advisor

Larry Ewing

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## Treasurer's Report

As of August 8, 2024

Our Club bank account is in a positive position. If you would like to review our bank account, please attend a club event, or contact me.

Cara Peck, Treasurer (415) 990-3440

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## Membership Report

As of August 8, 2024 we have 133 members and 54 associates

Jeff Peck, Membership (415) 990-4421



## Olds Club Events 2024

- Sept 8** Aegis Living Home, 385 Walnut, Fremont. Call Mike Garrett, space limited, info below.  
**Sept 27-28** Pac Nor West Zone Show, Hilton Garden Inn, Pismo Beach, see info on page 19  
**Oct 13** Annual All Olds Car Show, Micke Grove Park, Lodi CA Flyer page 20.  
**Oct 26** Oldsmobiles at Jerry's Beef Burgers 10:00am -Noon 560 MacArthur Blvd, San Leandro, Jim & Jackie hosts. See their '50 Olds gasser style on display. **Rain will cancel event.** Page 19  
**Nov 9-10** All Oldsmobiles inside Bldg B, Goodguys Pleasanton. See page 8, POC Larry Ewing.  
**Dec 7** Annual Christmas Luncheon, Cattlemen's, Livermore, CA Details TBD.

## Regional & Other Events

- Aug 23-25** Goodguys 37th West Coast Nationals, Pleasanton, CA, see below.  
**Sept 7** 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Roamin Angels Car Show – Cruisin' the Pines – 600+ entries – For info: (530) 402-7368 or [info@roaminangels.com](mailto:info@roaminangels.com)  
**Sept 21** Newark Days Car Show, Newark Community Pk, 35501 Cedar Blvd, \$30 till Aug 16  
**Sept 29** Altamont Cruisers Show, downtown Livermore.

*Cars and Coffee Weekly, Tri-Valley: Jim Kearney, every Friday morning 8:15 to 10:30 am.*

*Sycamore Valley Shopping Center, 400 Diablo Rd, Danville. [shadowmere64@comcast.net](mailto: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: Larry Ewing, Jeff Stanish 3rd Sunday every month, 7 to 10 am, Hobby Lobby in Morgan Hill. Also In-n-Out Burger, Cottle Rd, San Jose Tuesday 4 pm till Dusk, Summer only. And at same Cottle Rd location, Ronnie's on Second Saturday 7 to 10 am all year.*

*Sacramento Area: Beau Brown 916-333-1736, (Call the above representative for more info.)*



**Visit to Aegis Living to Share  
our Cars and Enjoy  
an Afternoon BBQ  
Sunday September 8, 2024**

**Oldsmobile Club**  
www.norcalolds.org

Arrive 10:30 am, Depart 2:30 pm - BBQ Lunch at Noon  
Contact Mike Garrett : 510-409-6980 Space is Limited  
[mgarr96041@aol.com](mailto:mgarr96041@aol.com) Make Reservations Early

**Aegis Living**  
3850 Walnut Ave, Fremont CA 94538  
Assisted Living | Memory Care

**Our Next E-Business Meeting is on  
September 26, 2024 at 7pm**



This is a club officers Business Meeting but any member interested in participating can join: For access please contact Cara Peck (see front cover)

## **Nor Cal Olds Club Board Meeting Minutes 07/25/2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by President Mike. In attendance: Cara Peck, Treasurer, Gus Saar, VP, Larry Ewing, Editor, Dianne McGuire, Secretary and Steve Spatola, Health and Welfare.

### **Swiss Park Show Results:**

Show was held 6/16/2024. The show was a SUCCESS! We planned on 30 cars and 50 people. We had over 60 cars (30% Oldsmobiles), served 126 people food. We sold out! The food was excellent. Thank you to Mike's Sister and Brother in Law for smoking all the Tri Tip. We have received our \$600.00 deposit back from Swiss Park. We came in the "Black" for the show. A motion was put to the floor, seconded and all in favor to send to Mike's Sister and Brother in Law a give card for \$105.95 as a Thank You for all their help.

Things discussed to improve our next Swiss Park Show. Number One: We need more volunteers. Need a least 2-3 people at sign in, 2-3 people parking cars and in general more volunteers to help with all things.

At this show we were parking by Car Class. We have discussed parking only Oldsmobiles by class and open parking for other registrants. We need to add to our flyer "if you want to park together roll in together".

More discussion on this at our next meeting.

### **Updates for Pismo Zone Show:**

Dates 09/27-9/28/24. Larry reported that all 40 rooms have been rented. There are 38 cars and 65 people registered at this time. More SoCal than NorCal. Our new contact is Jackie Yeager. Credit cards will not be charged until check in. Larry will verify our reservations at Vin's for Friday 9/27/24. Hope to see everyone there!

### **Updates for Micke Grove:**

Date 10/13/2024. Larry has completed the flyer. It is in the July-August issue of The Oldsletter. It is also available on our Nor Cal Olds website. Mike is working on our menu. It was discussed to have it catered by Mike's sister and brother in law. Cara received the first mailed in registration. Discussed having members bring snacks and desserts. Last name starting with A-M bring snacks and N-Z bring desserts. Larry and Cara will handle email blasts for the event.

### **Updates for Goodguys Show:**

Dates 11/9-11/11/2024.

To the best of our knowledge the below still stands true.

We will have an Oldsmobile Display at Goodguys in Pleasanton in Bldg. B. As it is understood at this time, when registering your car, request an inside space and state you are with Oldsmobile Club. The Goodguys will reach out and request photos of your car. They will choose who is in the display. Larry has called over 30 members for this event. So far only 6 Oldsmobiles have registered.

Everyone sign up! Let's show our rides!

### **Website updates:**

Gus, Larry and Cara are continuing to work with Lynn on our website. One item that needs improvement is our car register sheet for shows. Need to have space for Name, address, email, phone, make, model and year of car. Ensuring to get email will help us keep in contact with our members and anyone else.

Gus made a motion to link our Facebook page with Instagram. Motion was seconded and all in favor. This is a great tool. Most car clubs use FB and IG to get the word out for events, shows etc.

As members we should all post the shows we go to, pictures of Oldsmobiles in the wild, pictures of our cars, etc. Use as tool to promote our events.

### **Membership – Jeff/Cara**

We have currently 133 members and 54 associates.

### **Treasurer – Cara**

Our club is solvent.

#### **Model Year Advisors - Gus**

We have not had anyone new sign up as Model Year Advisors. Gus will add the reminder to his VP note in the next issue of The Oldsletter.

Bylaws: Tabled

#### **2025 Olds Zone Show:**

The board discussed a date and place for the 2025 Olds Zone show. We would like to see it in Madera. Madera is centrally located. The distance to travel is not much different than going south. Dianne will reach out to Madera Muni Golf Course, Sugar Pine Smoke House (they are located at the golf course) and to The Hampton Inn for quotes. The date chosen is 5/16-5/17/2025. Of course we will need to coordinate with So Cal. Maybe with the Show being in Central California we will be able to get more Nor Cal members to attend.

The Madera Muni Golf Course is only a mile off Hwy 99 and has lots of parking. The Hampton Inn is right off the exit. The Golf Course has banquet rooms and even small rooms we could use for judging etc. The Sugar Pine Smoke House does an excellent job with their food. The Golf Course also has a full bar.

#### **National Meet:**

The OCA Nationals are July 24-27, 2024 in Springfield, Missouri. I know of two members who are attending Bill Crockett and Jon Manji. I am sure that they will have a bunch to share when they return.

#### **Hot August Nights:**

Hot August Nights in Reno is 8/6-8/11/24. We have a few members attending. (Spatola, Lopez)

#### **Oldsletter:**

As usual our Awesome Editor Larry is working on our next issue of The Oldsletter. Deadline for submission is 8/8/2024. Larry puts a lot of effort into our newsletter. It is full of information and fun stories.

Next Nor Cal Olds meeting via Zoom will 9/26/2024 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm. Respectfully Submitted, Dianne McGuire, Secretary

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## **Goodguys Indoor Display, Note Revision (in Bold)**

Axle Izardi, Goodguys rep, gave our club a verbal OK November 2023 to have building B at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds for an inside display for our Oldsmobiles for November 9-10, 2024 **If your car was in the Olds Club Mar '23 indoor show in Bld B it's OK and even encouraged to have your Oldsmobiles in the show again.** Also open to non members and potential new members.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1) You must be a member of Goodguys. (\$25 for Silver, \$45 for Gold per year) Either one OK.
- 2) When you register on line you must select "indoor display". for the 34th Fuel Curve Autumn Get-Together! in Pleasanton, CA (~\$7) The price is the same for in or out display.
- 3) When you do sign up they ask for photos of your car, front, side, back and interior view. So you need to have those .jpg, .pdf photos on hand to complete the process. This did not work on my iPhone but did on my desktop Mac.

#### **IMPORTANT RULES TO CONSIDER:**

No trailers will be allowed inside the fairgrounds when you drop off or pick up your vehicle, but you may unload your vehicles in the general parking area and drive your vehicle inside. You must also have a 1/4 (or less) tank of gas and your battery cable must be disconnected.

No vehicles are to leave the building until 3pm on Sunday

#### **REGISTRATION/SET UP HOURS**

Friday, November 8th, NOON TO 5PM

Our Goodguys new contact person is Steve Bunker at 530-537-3130. If you have any trouble registering please call Goodguys Customer Service at 800-777-1258 (CT). They will walk you through the process. Mention Olds Club Display. When you register let me know so we can keep track of count, as 24 is the maximum.

Larry Ewing 408 896-1950 text

## Ask Your Zone Director By Jon Manji, Director, Pacific Southwest Zone

For this installment, we have a summary of the last OCA Board teleconference (Zoom). The OCA Board also had an in-person meeting on July 25th at the National Meet and it will be covered in the next installment.

The meeting was held on June 26, 2024 with eighteen participants, including all members of the Executive Committee (President, VP, Secretary, & Treasurer), as well as incoming Secretary Darlene Myers and Eastern Great Lakes Zone Director Ken Jankowski.

President Sal called the meeting to order and asked Treasurer Jeff to present the financial report.

Treasurer Jeff reviewed year-over-year figures and reported that income was up slightly, mostly due to an increase in membership dues. Expenses were also up and this was due to a restocking of long-term membership recognition items as well as increases in JWO printing and distribution costs. Income from membership dues was up very slightly, not as much as expected, given 2022's dues rate increase. To date, for the year, there is a net loss of about \$10k. Examination of a membership dues increase is in progress, as well as other options to increase revenue. (A motion to increase dues will be considered at the in-person Board meeting.) In addition, a motion to increase our commercial advertising rates will likely be presented at the in-person Board meeting at the National Meet. Also noted was that a few other clubs are reducing costs by reducing the page count or frequency of their club publications. Many OCA members have stated that they would rather see a dues increase instead of a cutback in services or JWO.

National Meet: VP Bob noted that a tent will be rented for shade/rain shelter purposes for the Friday races. Coker Tire has signed on as a sponsor. About 220 people have signed up for the BBQ dinner. The GTO club had their national meet at the University Plaza and by all accounts went well, though their attendance was down. Sal to check with the club to see how things went. Sal is building the awards presentation Powerpoint slide show for the Awards Banquet.

The protocol for Old & New Business items at the upcoming in-person Board meeting was discussed.

This is a summary of the meeting, please contact me if you have any questions or would like a topic brought up at a future meeting. My contact info may be found under the Club Contacts section in the front of any recent issue of JWO.

A collage of photos Jon Manji took at the 2024 OCA Nationals in Springfield, MO July 24-27





## Out and About with Oldsmobiles from Mike G at Berkeley Show



## Out and About with Oldsmobiles from Larry E at Campbell Show



Mike and I saw these non members at shows and told them about the Nor Cal Olds Club and gave them a card.



The picture left is from Bill Crockett he sent from the OCA National in Missouri. The Aurora in the foreground was once his.

## The story of Dianne's '49 Convertible by Dianne McGuire

Back in 1977 my Dad said he needed a driver and had to pick up another car. When we got to the destination and pulled up into the driveway, I saw the Oldsmobile. I asked if that was the car we were picking up, Dad said "yes". I had fallen in love with that car the minute I saw it.

Let me share a little of my automotive history. My Dad, Dennis Craig was a automotive fabricator. He and his lifelong friend Pete Ogden worked together. My Dad also was part of two of Craig Breedlove's teams that were going after the land speed records. He worked on the first Spirit of America that broke the record of 600 MPH and the third one. He also worked for and friends with Andy Brizo of Andy's Instant T. He worked with Jim Howe, Chuck Delu, Art Himsel and many other Bay Area car folks. I could probably name drop all day, that is how I got my love for cars.

Now back to the story of Dianne's '49. The driveway we pulled into was Art Himsels. Art was giving the car to my Dad as payment for a paint job he had done for Art. (Dad could paint too). I told my Dad I wanted the car, he just laughed.

This is the back history that I remember (it was 48 years ago). Art traded a 1956 Buick for the '49 Olds. The Olds came out of Pittsburgh, one owner family car. The father had bought it new and then it went down to the sons. Art did have a '49 98 convertible in his garage. I think he was planning for the '49 76 to be baby sister to the 98. It was painted the same color, Nankeen Cream. For whatever reason, he decided to give the '49 to my Dad.

When we got the car home, I asked what he was going to do with it. He said, "sell it". I wanted it, so I asked what was the price? He said it was \$1,800.00 and I told my Dad I wanted to buy it and he agreed to sell to me. So my next 4 paychecks went to the '49.



The springs had been heated to lower the car and she had 14" wheels and tires. She was so low I could not get over a speed bump so I changed to 15" wheels and tires to help clear. She had no floor covering so I wrapped a towel around the bottom of the steering column so water would not splash up on from the road. I ran an eight volt tractor battery, it needed that extra oomph to start. I also carried extra headlights and fuses to be safe. The owner's manual showed me where all my inline fuses were. I had the shop manual too at that time and the one for the transmission. Sad to say they got lost or destroyed over time. I am on the hunt for replacement manuals.

The car was still stock with the 257 cu. in. flathead 6 with Carter S10 carburetor and the Hydramatic transmission with Whirlaway. That flathead ran so quiet, but no real power. I had to get a run at the big hills to make it over! This was when the speed limit was 55 mph.

I replaced the driveline twice. Which in turn blew the rear seal of the transmission. After the driveline was out of alignment the third time, I just carried a quart of transmission fluid with me. Had to have fuel pump rebuilt twice. When it went out the third time, I had an electric fuel pump put in. I had to replace the electric pump a few times as well. I did what I could to keep her going, being that I was still a kid and did not have much money.

I drove the '49 from 1977 to 1983 and when the brakes gave up I parked the '49 and found alternate transportation, the family beater, a '64 Belvedere wagon. I had two young children at the time.

The '49 got to be stored in a garage from 1983 to 1987. From 1987 to 1990 she was stored in a horse pasture at a friends place in Pleasanton. In 1989 we moved from Contra Costa to Madera and I was able to tow her to Madera in 1990. From 1990 to 2019 she sat in my pasture covered with a tarp.

*Picture above has been on Dianne's refrigerator since 1983*

**My 48  
Year  
Journey  
with my  
1949 76  
Olds**

**In 1977**  
Me and  
my newly  
purchased  
“driver”



**In 2019**  
after being  
parked since  
1983 and  
moved in  
and out of  
a few loca-  
tions. It was  
very tired!



**In 2022** it  
had been in  
a restoration  
shop for 3  
years with  
everything  
renewed  
including  
a modern  
drive line



**In 2023** we  
started using  
the car prac-  
tically every  
weekend  
attending  
cars show  
and outings.  
Our '49 has  
received  
more than  
25 awards.  
It is totally  
dependable  
and we're  
Lovin' it!





In 2019 I decided to sell my house. My Husband Don and I talked and decided to go ahead and restore the Olds with money from the sale of the house. We looked up five local shops and visited all five. Three of the shops were a no go. Of the last two we chose Custom Concepts in Fresno. The Olds went in on 9/23/2019 with a blank check. In March of 2020 the pandemic happened. The shop called and asked if I was going to pull my car, I stated NO, I had already budgeted for the build. The shop had an app that allowed me to see pictures of the progress of the build and we would go every couple of months to see her for ourselves.

Finally on 7/12/2022 the Olds was ready to go. She was a complete frame off build. Every part of the Olds had some kind of rust (only been sitting outside for 37 years!). Every part, bolt, and nut had been repaired or replaced. Everything that could be coated was coated, CAPS Coating was busy. Almost all of the chrome and stainless trims was able to be saved. The center bar on the grille could not but the shop was able to find one and it was not cheap. I was missing the "Olds" letters but they were also able to find them too. It took 3 trunk lids to get the trunk repaired. It took three trunk lid handles to make one good trunk handle. It also had to be done by "The Guy". I guess he had the expertise to do it. Funny story about the trunk. I never had a key and was only in the trunk one time prior to me parking her. They found the trunk key during disassembly. Somehow, somewhere it was behind the trim on the dash all those years.

I wanted modern running gear. I wanted to have a Road Queen as opposed to a Trailer Queen. The builder installed a Camaro front clip so there could be disk brakes on the front. The rear end is a S10, rebuilt with 3.73 gears with rear power brakes. She has a 350 c.i. crate GM engine with a 700R4 transmission and 4 barrel Edelbrock carb. Since we live in the Central Valley, we had Vintage Air installed. Carlos from Wall & Eades Auto Upholstery, Clovis, did all the interior and a new convertible top.

The first couple of months was brake-in period. Of course what could go wrong did. She needed adjustments, a/c pump went out, brake power booster, hood latch got stuck, misc. things that always need checking, re torqued, etc.

We went to our first show in September of 2022 at our Granddaughter's school in Livermore. It was the Junction Ave K-8 Inaugural Classic Car Show. Of course we were awarded "Kids Choice". We have been showing the car every chance we can get!

In March of 2023 we went to our first Goodguys Show in Pleasanton. I had requested an inside spot since the weather was unpredictable that year. We got to the show grounds, set up our RV and headed out to find Bldg. A. As we were driving to Bldg. A, I saw a golf cart coming at us. The Gentleman asked us where we were going. I stated Bldg. A, he said no, you are going to Bldg. B. I asked why when my paperwork said A. He stated since we had an Oldsmobile we would be parked in Bldg. B. By Saturday morning Larry Ewing had introduced himself and had a Nor Cal Olds Club Guest name tag made for me. That is how I got involved with Nor Cal Olds.

Our first Nor Cal Olds Show was at Lake Arrowhead and the '49 got Best of Class. In March of 2023 at the Goodguys Show, we were selected for Winners Circle for the Most Awesome Olds award and in August the Gary's Pick award. The late Gary Meadors was the founder of Goodguys and this award is picked in his honor.

One more little bit of history. Remember in the beginning I shared that my Dad was a fabricator? In 1969 he built a sand rail, not a two seater but a 4 seater for the four in the family. See page 14 for details.

One more tidbit. There are only six registered Model 76 Convertibles in the OCA. Three East Coast, two in Ohio and me. NAOC Oldsmobile Registry's has none listed either. As far as I can tell I have the only '49 Olds 76 convertible west of the Mississippi!

Well Folks that is pretty much the story of Dianne's '49. We are making new memories and history with her, we Love our Oldsmobile!!! Enjoy and Drive as much as you can. We sure do! *DM*



*Left: Camaro front clip on Olds frame for disk brakes on the front with rack and pinion steering. The rear end is a S10, rebuilt with 3.73 gears with rear power brakes. Not shown is the 350 c.i. crate GM engine with a 700R4 transmission and 4 barrel Edelbrock carburetor.*

**Shop Work at  
Custom Concepts  
Fresno, CA**



*Above body stripped of all hardware and in primer and showing metal work to be done on lower door (S).*

*Left on rotisserie with first of color applied.*



*Below, painted and in assembly: Back on frame with engine & trans, doors, hood & trunk lid, wheels & tires and grille & front bumper, all in place. But which way for the hood ornament?*

**Wall and Eades  
Auto Upholstery  
Clovis, CA** ↓



*Left, the interior finished up with Vintage Air below dash, tilt coulumn with reduced diameter '57 Chevrolet wheel power assisted and column shifting the 700R4 transmission. Instrument cluster is a Dakota replica. Seats are tastefully redone in brown leather with matching door panels. Note the swing pedals.*

## Let's talk about fender skirts!

I have never had them and it was not real important to me at the rebuild. Well, we have a member who Photoshopped fender skirts on a picture of the '49 and it looked pretty cool. I purchased 2 skirts and a member gave me one more, another member has the clips and has figured out how to mount with reverse wheels. I just need to get the right rubber, which I believe I have found, make sure they will fit and then off they go to body and paint.



2023 at the March Goodguys Show, we were selected for Winners Circle for the Most Awesome Olds award and in August the Gary's Pick award seen on the left. The late Gary Meadors was the founder of Goodguys and this award is picked by staff in his honor.



**Maybe Why I'm a Car Gal:** My Dad built this sand buggy in 1969 like a dragster but with seating for the whole family. It had a turbocharged Corvair engine and Drag Slicks made to be paddle wheels. We were featured in Hot Rod Magazine in the December 1969 issue. That's all four of us the buggy with me in the right rear seat with my hair blowing in the wind.

I always wanted to have a copy of this Hot Rod magazine and at the November 2023 Goodguys I finally found a copy and lucked out and found two. Our story is on page 118-119. There is also an article that features a '23 T bucket painted by Art Himsel in the same issue. Photos by Andy Southard Jr. HRM 1969





# Swiss Park Father's Day Car Show and Friends, June 16, 2024

Early Sunday morning Mike Garrett, and crew sent up for about 49 pre-registered cars and 107 people with the day of show option unknown. Gus Saar and his lovely wife Celia set up a registration table with a pop-up and banners and all items needed to facilitate expected participants.



Dave Lopez was busy hanging banners in and around the showfield. Larry Ewing laid out the show field to park cars in 5 categories. Mike's friend Paul O'Neil brought donuts, his orphan Studebaker Lark and volunteered to direct parking as cars arrived. The plan worked well until it didn't as we did not have enough volunteers to help Gus with registration and Paul and Larry with parking.

I know others did help us but it was a challenge to get all their packets and cars parked in designated parking areas. But the good news is the weather was perfect with the highs only reaching into the 80's.

After Dianne McGuire got the sticky valley bugs removed from her car she and Tim Watson volunteered to sell raffle tickets and did a great job collecting ~\$400 to split 50/50. Mike's sister Kathy and brother-in-law Rick had pre-prepared the tri-tip and Mike purchased and prepared the rest of the food. The food was delicious! Mike was a busy guy cooking and later passing out all the awards and special recognition for member Rose Rose. A special thanks goes out to Denise LaCentra and others for helping break down and clean up after the event. *ed LEE*



*Five Futuramic's started the Olds lineup that totaled 19 cars ending with the Cutlass row below*



*'42 Club Sedan - Antioio Trejo*



*'61 S-88 Gil Zamora*



'57 Chevy-Jeff Koski, '40 Ford-Vic Steward, '51 Chevy-Bill Sandoval, '56 Ford-Wally Wallace. '70-Ewing



3 Corvettes came including this '57 Fuel Injected of Dick Modzelesky. That's Spiders '66 Mustang above.



Donald Pong's '70 Challenger above.

Member Bill Oliver has his Cutlass in Grant's Shop now going through the engine so Bill brought his nice '68 T-Bird to Swiss Park instead, as shown on right.

Paul O'Neil's '62 Studebaker Lark, right, placed in the Orphan Car row which included a Mercury, 2 Plymouths, an AMC Javlin, 3 Pontiacs, and an Opel.

Below the other 2 Corvettes. 2011- Tom Imholz and Tony LaCentra-2000 convertible. The '57 below is Ed Stevens factory stick J-2 88



Note: My apologies if your car did not get Included in this article. I would have liked to include more but page count did not allow. Ed LEE





*President Mike Garrett presents Denise LaCentra with the Best Cutlass Size Olds award for her '69 442*



*Dave Lopez gets the Best Full Size Olds award for his '62 Starfire*



*Aaron Ewing getting the Best Truck award for his '70 C-10 CST 400 (now 454) short bed pick-up*



*This '72 Plymouth Satellite Sebring Plus owned by Rich Ghiselli gets the Best Orphan Car award*

*Darrell Brenner took home the Best car in The Big 3 category for his '61 Chevy Impala.*



*Below: Ed Chavolia got Best of Show with his slick '66 Pontiac GTO.*



*Below Carol Haskins had the lucky ticket for the 50/50 Raffle ~\$200*



*Mike presents a lead hammer that had been given to him by the late Mike Rose that he is returning to his widow Rose after many years. The hammer story was quite humorous! Son Brian Rose looks on with a smile.*



*Left: Larry Ewing was so happy to have 5 of 7 of his male kids and grandkids present. From left Jeffrey Jr, Jeff Sr, Larry, Kyle, Aaron, and Dayton, All Ewings! The BBQ tri-tip may have been the draw!*



**Note: This Is a new flyer** for our Zone Show. Notice the new date of September 27-28. We had to change because the hotel at the last minute could not accommodate due to a remodel. The room are now sold out so if coming you will need to look for alternate accommodations.



Hosted by the Southern and Northern California Chapters of OCA

2023 Best of Show  
\*70 442. Bob Grau

**Pismo Beach  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Rescheduled to September  
27th – 28th, 2024**  
(RAIN OR SHINE)

Hilton Garden Inn, 601 Jamul Valley, Pismo Beach, CA 93449

• Reservations: 805-755-1400 and ask for Jackie Yeager. Give code **SOLD OUT** for discount rate of \$159/Night for standard king bed or 2 queen beds  
For discount rate you must make reservations before Aug 17, 2024 - Limited number of rooms available at discount. Please note that all reservations at our discounted rate will require a non-refundable deposit of the first night's room charge, including taxes.

Friday PM Mixer, Depart Hotel at 3:45 pm to Fin's Seafood, 25 West Grand Ave, Grover Beach 4 to ~7 pm. Music till 8  
Saturday: Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Banquet, 6 p.m., Awards Presentation, 7:30 p.m. in Mission Room at host hotel.

- OCA National Points-Style Judged Car Show
  - Judges' Meeting @ 9 a.m. Saturday.
  - Each Entered Car **MUST** Display a Fully Charged Fire Extinguisher.
  - Bring your Supportive Literature & 3 Spirit items.
  - Vehicles must remain uncovered and on the show field from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.
  - Limited Swap Space@ \$45 – Please Inquire.
  - No fee trailer parking at hotel but Limited.
- For Swap Spaces contact Grant Warner 951-906-7951

**NOTE:**

Printable registration form on website [norcalolds.org](http://norcalolds.org)

Come on out Saturday October 26, 2024  
and Enjoy Oldsmobiles at  
Jerry's Beefburgers!  
10:00 am - Noon



560 MacArthur Blvd, San Leandro.

Trophy for Best Car Presented by Hosts Jim and Jackie Kearney

510-582-1048



Sunday Oct 13, 2024, Micke Grove Park, Lodi

You do not need to be a club member to participate, but we'd sure like you to join! The show format will be People's Choice, a casual pick of your favorite cars. More time to socialize, less car prep! The Park gates open at 8 a.m. (we are at the Bear Creek Shelter, same place as last year.) People's Choice ballots must be turned in by 11:00 a.m. and awards, including the prestigious Perpetual Trophy, will be presented at ~1:30 p.m. Must be a Nor Cal Member to win the Perpetual Trophy, but all other trophies open to all.

The Club will provide lunch@\$15 per person for \*pre-registered only. This is a Pot Luck picnic, check below for what to bring. Note: No alcoholic beverages please! 50/50.....Raffle.....50/50

Any questions, please contact Mike Garrett 510-409-6980 or Larry Ewing 408-896-1950

Mail-In Registration by Oct. 1, 2024. After Oct. 1, Please Let Mike Garrett (510-409-6980) Know in Advance How Many Are in Your Party and Then Register at the Show!

Note: If you don't pre-order food you are responsible for your own food. Day of Show Registration May be Limited

Best of Show Perpetual Trophy Winner, 2023 Charlie Baumgart 1950 88 Holiday



There is a ~\$6.00 Park Entry fee collected at the gate, do not send this fee with your registration.

See Back Side for Micke Grove Map

Detach here and mail in lower form

Micke Grove Show Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Year/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee, per car only \$15x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Lunch per person \$15x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Pre-registered only ----- Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kids 10 & under, free

The Club \*Lunch will be BBQ Tri-Tip sandwiches and bottled water.

Pot Luck items:

People with last name A to L bring a side dish to share, M to Z bring a dessert to share.

Let Mike Garrett know what you are bringing to prevent duplicates. 510-409-6980

Make Checks Payable to: Nor Cal Olds Club Mail to Jeff & Cara Peck, 100 Oak Shade Ln, Novato, CA 94945

Disclaimer, Please Read and Sign

Filling out this form and submitting it does hereby unconditionally release and discharge the Nor Cal Olds Club, Inc., officers, members and representatives from any and all known damages, injuries, losses, judgment, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever the applicant family/guests may suffer to his/her person or property. We are not responsible for anything that happens to their cars while at the show.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Note

A full size printable Micke Grove Registration form is available on our website norcalolds.org You will be able to pay online if you have a VENMO account. Paper copies of this form go with a check to Nor Cal Olds, 100 Oak Shade Lane, Novato, CA 94945



## Cars For Sale



**1971 SX Convert**, 455/400 trans, 29.7k mi ss exhaust, Dakota Gauges. white interior always garaged, never in rain \$45k brianeddyolean@gmail.com Florida



**1950 76 Club Sedan**, 350 Olds power, A/T. Nice low mileage original dependable car. Paint if you want or drive as is. Must Sell! Reduced to \$10.5K Paul, 209-456-0031



**1952 Super 88 convertible**. Perfect condition with extra parts included. Too many features to list. \$77K. Only serious buyers please. For specific details & pictures call Ron at 650 583-0103 or rraff@comcast.net



**1950 88 2 dr Sedan**. Rust free. Rocket eng. W/56 heads, 4 bbl and Converted to GM 350 A/T, 12 volt alternator, New springs. \$13K for more info call Pat 707-364-4964

## Cars and Parts Wanted

1970-1972 442, W30, W31, SX conv. or hard top. The more original and documented the better. Prefer numbers matching. From restorable car to showroom condition.

Wanted NOS or used parts for the above cars. John Bumb, St. Louis, Mo. (314) 713-3444 or email me at john.bumb@homevestors.com

## Cars For Sale



**1969 442, W-30, 455/700R, Air, Discs x 4, Coil over shocks**. Restored in 2013, 11k miles since done. \$52K Call for more details 626-786-2372.



**1966 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



2000 Corvette Convert, LS1, 6 Speed Manual. new top Nov '23, Smogged in June, good to 6-25 \$17.5K 510 909 9582 Tony. Text for more info.

## Parts For Sale

**1949-50 Olds parts**. Brian Gardner 707-889-9017

**1955 wonder-bar radio** restored by the late great Don Baldwin. It including a new speaker and knobs plus a like new mast. I can deliver to Pismo Beach to the Zone show providing a non refundable deposit is made. Asking price \$600.00. call Dave (951-850-5770)

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

**1957 rear end 3:42**, front rubber floor mat. tail light lens 88-98, 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

John Bumb, St. Louis, Mo. (314) 713-3444 or

# THE 2024 DON FROLICH MEMORIAL NATIONAL MEET



Always a good Show is the Cadillac event held annually in Cupertino in July. Jeff Stanish came for the first time and brought his '69 H/O. My '50 Convertible and Jeff's H/O were the only Oldsmobiles there! Cadillacs dominate but there were eight Packards, three Pontiacs, two Lincoln Continentals, one Corvette, Chevrolet, Buick, Edsel, Nash, Hudson, Stutz and Pierce Arrow which won the best non Cadillac award. The weather was nice and the catered BBQ food was delicious! *ed LEE*

## Oldsletter

*The Oldsletter* is published six times per year by the Northern California Chapter of the Oldsmobile Club of America, and is provided as a benefit to members of the chapter. For access to view on our website the password is Sdlomtrs. Its sole purpose is to inform and entertain members regarding all aspects of the Oldsmobile, including history, technical advice and restoration. *The Oldsletter* is a reflection of its readership and all are urged to submit any article, technical tip, personal history, comment, etc. that other Oldsmobile enthusiasts might enjoy. Just submit all material to the Newsletter Editor. Nor Cal Olds Club dues are \$30.00 per year for member only and you can add an associate for \$5.00 per year. *Associate membership allows ONE person, living in the same household with another Nor Cal member, full membership status. Associate memberships will have voting rights on Nor Cal Olds issues but will need to share one bimonthly newsletter with primary member.* Nor Cal collects Northern California Chapter dues on an annual basis due January of each year. Send to the Treasurer/Membership listed on page 2. **See our website [www.norcalolds.org](http://www.norcalolds.org) for NCOC & OCA membership applications.**

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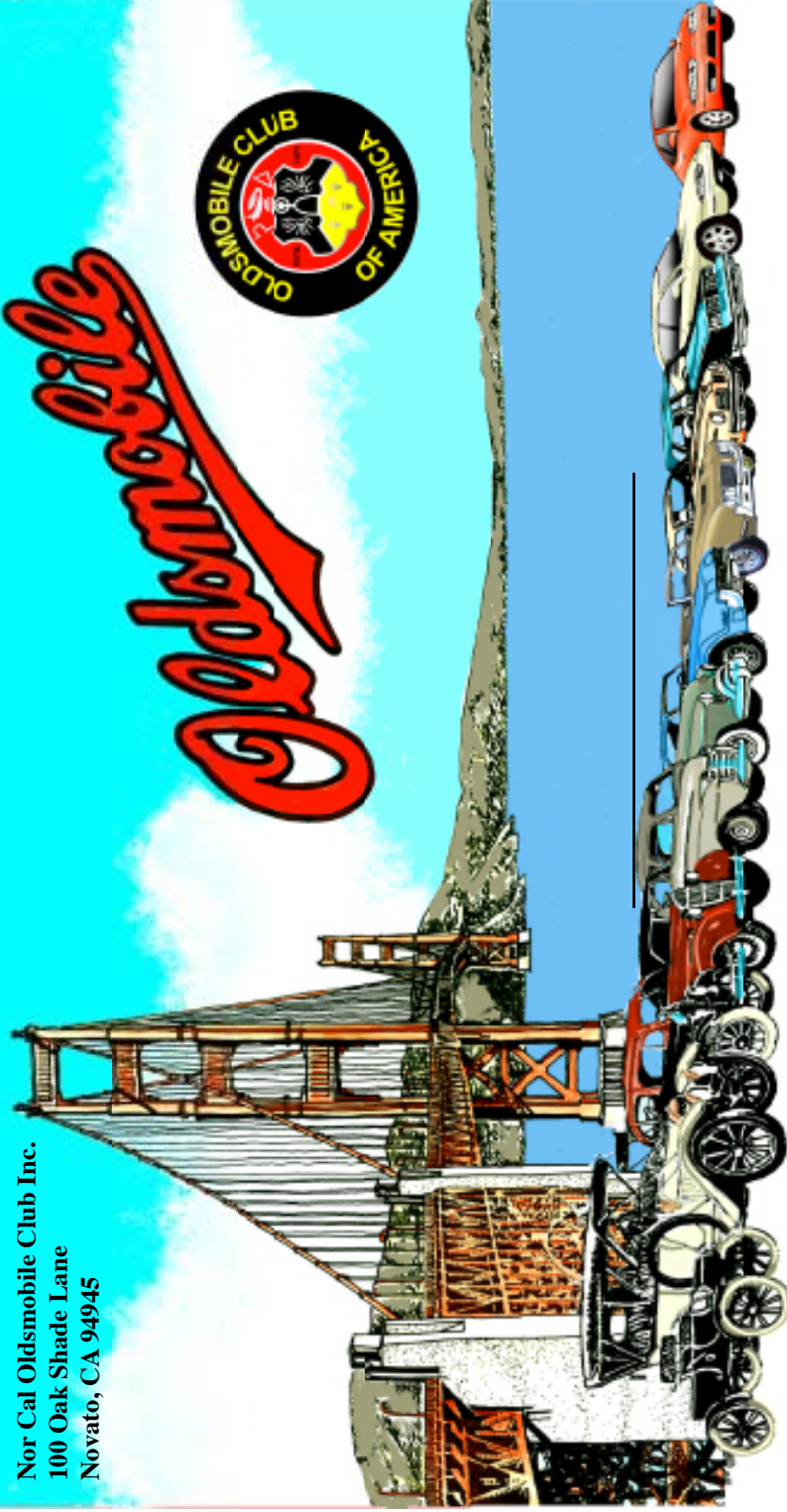


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