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President’s Message

Hi Everyone

Update on hosting the 2011 Oldsmobile National Car Show in Reno, NV at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino. The contract for the tours has been signed and a deposit given to the tour company, Beyond Travel. Information on the tours will be posted to our club website soon. Detail planning continues for the Judging, Registration, Public Relations, Advertisement / Sponsors, Women’s Luncheon, Banquet, and Treasurer process. All the preparations for our hosting the 2011 Oldsmobile National Car Show are proceeding very smoothly and on schedule thanks to our club hosting team.

Your President, Dan Haggerty

Editor’s Note

This issue we cover the Tank Museum tour and local car shows out and about. If you have attended shows please send me photos and stories. We can always find space in the Oldsletter.

Check out the Christmas flyer and get it filled out and sent back soon to Ken Van Gundy. Space is limited at the Cattleman’s and time is short.

We also have the voting ballot for the election of club officers for 2010-2012 term. Please fill out and send to Harv Goldhammer. See instructions on inserted ballot.

Thanks,
Larry Ewing, Nor Cal Editor and VP

Smog Concerns

While attending a local car show they had a guest speaker from the Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC) named Robert W. Stearns, Jr. He is a Legislative Liaison and attends meetings and hearings in Sacramento on a regular basis.

He tries to keep track of any smog bills that come up or that are pending that affects our collector car hobby. According to him there are many and some reappear after being defeated. He has worked hard and has helped defeat some key bills.

A current bill, Bill 859 asks for smog check every year instead of every other year as now is law. He urges you to call your state legislator NOW and urge defeat of Bill 859. Details at http://www.assembly.cagovacs/acsframeset2text.htm.

He also sees bills that we car hobbyists should support. Example; A bill that would exempt collector car and special interest cars from annual or biannual smog checks.

The bill SB385. Details of the bill can be found at www.senate.ca.gov.

You must find your local State Senator and Assembly person and register your support.

His website is www.acccdefender.org.

He can be reached a 916-276-4081 or e-mail bstearns@ncbb.net

Cover;

Ron Haulman brought his 1949 Holiday to our October meeting. Behind him is Pres Dan’s ‘49 Coupe, back on the road again.

Middle picture. Tank from our tour, sorry I don’t what model tank it is.

Bottom picture.

Guys and cars on the Tank tour. See page 8 for details. ..... Larry Ewing
Membership Report, October 10, 2009

The time is drawing near! Yearly dues need to be paid Jan. 1, 2010! You can pay now or anytime before February 2, 2010. Please try to write 2 checks, one for Nor Cal Olds club, Inc. and one for OCA! Remember that Larry Ewing, our Editor in Chief, will be publishing the roster on March 1, 2010. If you plan to be in the roster, be on time with your dues. Your dues envelope will be inside this edition of the newsletter! OCA and NOR CAL OLDS CLUB, Inc. will allow you to pay up to two years in advance if you like! I will be sending out applications to anyone who did not pay dues in the past two years, to encourage them to rejoin, so that they can participate in the National Olds show that we are sponsoring, in 2011!

We have sent a contribution to the Salvation Army in memory of Ken Van Gundy, Jr. for all his work in our club over the years. We have also received a thank you note from the Van Gundy family.

We have paid for our booth at the January Turlock Swap Meet and asked to be moved to Bldg 2 and a new space, to be nearer to other car clubs and perhaps get more foot traffic to get new members and pass out our flier about our upcoming National Olds show in 2011. We won’t know if we will be moved until November.

We still have 100 T-shirts for sale, buy now and wear them proudly!

Treasurer Report October 10, 2009

The Final accounting for the May 2009, Zone Show is available. After all expenses, So Cal made a profit of $86.63 and Nor Cal made $75.63. The most expensive items are trophies and meals.

Our Executive board made a decision after becoming incorporated, that we needed to set up a new bank account for the chapter, with all the pertinent data for our Corporation. We also set up a separate account for our 2011 National Show. Our National show Budget Manager is Jon Manji, who will handle all income / expenses. All transactions must be sent to him. He and I will work very closely to manage the funds. Jon will forward all applications via scanning and email, to other committee chairpersons so that they can know what people are signing up for and work effectively.

2009 Zone Show Report

Expenses

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**Total show profit** $75.63

Respectively submitted; Jeanie Marsden
Dec 6  Annual Christmas Party, Cattlemen’s Livermore. Application in this issue
Jan 9  Annual Planning Meeting at the Marsden’s. See details below
Mar 13 General Meeting/National Committee Mtg at the Sutherlands in Tracy
Aug 29 Annual Club Show/Picnic, Micke Grove, Lodi. Info in following issues
July 27-31 2011 Biggest Little Car Show in the West, OCA Nationals, Reno, Nevada.

Other Events
Nov 14-15 Goodguys Autumn get together, Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, American cars
Nov 21 21st Annual Car Show Toy and Food Drive, 10 am to 3 pm rain or shine
        San Jose Classic Chevy Club at Cathedral of Faith, 2315 Canoas
        Garden Ave, San Jose. Entry donation; 1 new unwrapped toy (or
        more) & Non perishable (in date) food items. All makes and models
        welcome 408-286-6246 Dennis Bird  www.sanJosechevys.org

January 9th 2010
National Committee meeting at 10 AM
Kick-off Meeting/Lunch at the Marsden’s
12:00 noon, 556 Greenview Place, Manteca

From Stockton/Sacramento
take either I-5 of 99 South to
Laythrop Rd. From I-5 go East
to Union, from 99 go West to
Union. Turn South, go to Crom
Ave., turn right one block (do
not confuse driveway into
apartment complex). Turn right
on Greenview Pl, 4th house on
right is 556.

From South and West take
either I-5 North to hi-way 120
(road to Sonora/Modesto) Go to
Manteca Union Rd, turn North
to Crom Ave., turn left on
Greenview Pl, 4th house on
right, Look for the Oldsmobiles!
(209) 823-4349
Minutes of Meeting October 10, 2009

On Saturday, October 10, 2009, the meeting concerning the 2011 Meet was held at Larry and Linda Ewing’s home in San Jose. There were seventeen members present to discuss the matters pertaining to hosting the 2011 National Meet.

Swap Meet: Betty Van Turin will handle the swap meet. Gerald Nickels will be involved, too.

Drag race - No one to handle this as of this date. No impact on the meet in 2011. We are still looking for someone to volunteer for this.

Registration: Lori Van Gundy and Diane Kauffman will be handling this. It was decided that Lori would register the cars and Diane would handle all the other items, i.e., tours, lunches, trips, etc. This was agreeable to both. Diane will prepare a master list for all events.

Elaine volunteered to stuff envelopes - goody bags, when we have sufficient articles on hand. It was suggested that Dolores Gomes be contacted as she has access to many groups to ask for items for these. Diane will be the entry package coordinator.

Security: Ken will handle the security for this event. He is going to try to get two guards for an 8 P.M. to 7 A.M. shift for the parking areas. As some people may not know, there were four Hurst Olds stolen from the last National Meet, so we feel security is a major item.

Judging Committee: Ken will meet with Bob Casey re the format and what is expected. Will meet about 8 people to tally scores for the awards. All awards for first, second and third class will be itemized and put out in the lobby for the owners to learn of their status. Only the Best of Class and special awards will be handed out at the dinner on Saturday night.

Mike Pemberton in Nevada will photograph all the cars and will show them on screen at the award presentation on Saturday evening. Ken will coordinate with Mike. He will be consulted as to putting the photos on our website.

Sponsors/Ads - Jeff wrote up a letter regarding items to put in the goody bags. Ads go to Larry. Registration and checks to Jon Manji who will forward the registration forms to Lori Van Gundy or Diane Kauffman. These two people will keep each other informed of the receipt of each registration. Have a format from OCA regarding the receipt of the check and registration system. Jon will be responsible for depositing all checks received from the registrants.

A motion was made to give some of the money netted from the Meet to charity. It did not pass, as we have no way of knowing at this time if we will net any proceeds.

Don Sutherland suggested that bags from the Haggerty Ins. could be used for the meeting. Jeff will find all the items to stuff the bags and handle all the advertising in the various manner - i.e., magazines, newspapers, etc. He will contact the various sources for rate information before signing up to advertise with anyone. Jeff also has Excel spread sheet on his computer to keep track of donations. He will also send out the brochures. Elaine Haggerty will handle the ladies’ luncheon, says it is nearly all done.

Elaine says the banquet is being worked on. The hotel has offered a centerpiece for each table for the banquet. Linda Ewing will handle the tickets for the luncheon, banquet, and tours, info will be included with registration form. There will be a welcoming party on Wednesday night.

Don Sutherland sent a deposit, received a signed contract in the mail regarding the tours. The auto museum is listed in the contract as one of the tours; this will include the bus shuttle, for a total of $15 per person. Also, there will be tours to Tahoe and Virginia City.

Larry has the graphic designs for the brochure, which is not ready to be distributed. We are ordering 2,000 plus so that we can send them to the various OCA clubs as well as to some of the chapters here in CA, and possibly to potential advertisers. The printing cost TBD. The printing costs for the booklets (32 pages) will be approximately $3,800 for 350. The cost
for 500 is the same if offset printed. If we do not use them all for registration, we can sell them to outsiders as souvenirs. Larry reiterated that the logo will be on all printed material.

According to OCA guidelines, we will not need to send in any periodic reports to them. We will need to report our total budget to OCA within 30 days after we have it figured out. Need to keep NorCal activities separate from National business.

Record availability: e-mail Excel spread sheet to Dan, Larry, Ken. It can be put on the protected webside.

It was suggested that we put a notice in the registration form that all who register before June 25, 2011, will receive one free raffle ticket for the prize of one free night at the hotel. This is for those who send in checks only. No money orders or credit users will be eligible.

After lunch at 1:30 P.M., the General Meeting was called to order.

There being no old business to report, the officers were asked to respond. Larry, as Vice President and editor, said nothing new with the newsletter.

Jeanie - Treasurer’s report - the May Zone show, net of $86.66 to SoCal, $75.66 to our account. The old account has been closed, and the new general fund has $7,307 in it. The Meet account has $10,692.00 in it, including the $5,000 seed money from OCA, less $2,000 for tours.

Jeanie reminded those present that membership yearly dues are due on January 1. The membership yearly roster will be in the March newsletter, so if you are not paid up by that time, you will not be listed in the membership roster. You can pay up to two years in advance.

Jeanie also advised that she has paid for the swap meet booth at Turlock and will be moving to Building 2 for this coming year, which will be a big improvement as traffic is heavy in that building due to the food booths there. Should improve sales.

Jeanie said if the bank account drops below $5,000, there will be a $7 charge to the account.

Ken announced that the annual Christmas party will be at Cattleman’s in Livermore again. Also, the Micke Grove date for this year is August 29. He also said that we do not have a Zone Meet date yet, but probably it will be at Morro Bay again. He will contact the SoCal president and work out a date, which will be in the newsletter.

Jeff said that he and Ken spoke about ads in Hemmings. Non-OCA entries are covered for meets under the OCA insurance. Dave said that the notice on the Zone flyer says, “So Cal sponsors the show” - this is not fair to our participation. Ken said he will speak to SoCal.

New business. Elections are coming up and the present officers have agreed to run for another term. The election ballot will be in the next newsletter.

Roger Cowan, who has agreed to hold an auction for us, says he needs a date. It was agreed to wait until our January planning meeting to discuss this further. It will be on January 9, 2010, at Jeanie and Alan Marsden’s home in Manteca.

The Sutherlands offered to hold the March meeting on the 13th at 10 A.M. in Tracy. The general meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M. (a big sign of relief!)

Respectfully submitted, Diane Kauffman, Secretary
Tank Tour, October 3, 2009

Jacques Littlefield bought his first tank for $20,000 in 1982, an M5A1 Stuart. These tanks typically had 2 Cadillac flathead V-8s engines with Hydramatic transmissions. Since that date he collected dozens of tanks from many countries and now has the largest private collection in the world.

Unfortunately he passed away last year at the early age of 59. His collection is located in Portola Valley at his 470 acre Pony Tracks Ranch and has been opened to tours by some of his friends. It is unknown what will happen to the collection so this opportunity to see it was a gift to fellow gearheads.

Jeff Stanish arrange the visit, which is by appointment only. It’s overwhelming what Jacques has amassed, from complete tanks, restored, in restoration, armament, supporting military vehicles, the works!

Nine from our club attended and are still talking about it. For those of you that missed it there is website information and maybe you would like to conduct the next tour. Hard to see it all in a few hours. Let us know at our planning meeting in January for a 2010 tour.

http://www.mishalov.net/military-vehicles/military-vehicles.html

The Alpine Inn, a few miles from the Ranch, was the staging area where club members met prior to the tour. After lunch there they caravanned up the hill to Pony Tracks Ranch

The members cars at the Ranch from left; Jeff and Sean Stanish, 79 Hurst, Dominic Spinetta, ‘65 Delta 88, Mike and Peter Griva, ‘68 Toronado, Mario Tarigo, ‘55 98 convertible, and John Smith, ‘57 Golden Rocket 88 2dr. Holiday.
These tank are located outside in front of the restoration shop. Check the size of these monsters! Below is a shot from the other side. The weather was perfect for the tour.

Inside the 10,000 sq ft restoration shop is this nearly done WWII German Panzer IV tank. This was found under water and had taken Jacques millions of dollars to restore.
More Tank Tour

John Smith gets an up close look. Where’s the Cadillac engine?
Below, Germans built small tanks too.

Below Sean Stanish looks at a WWII vintage German VW built amphibious jeep like vehicle. VW later built a domestic version and called it the Thing which sold here in the 70's.
Jacques Littlefield has three of these large steel buildings with windows and skylights to display his vast collection. His ambitious job was not done as there are many more stored out of the tour needing restoration. Above is an WWII American tank. I suggest if interested you go to his webpage and find out more about specific items.

Here are the lucky Gearhead members that attended the tour, from left; Michael and son Peter Griva, Al Marsden, Jeff and Sean Stanish, Mario Tarigo, John Smith, Marshall Kraus, and center front, Dominic Spinetta.

Photos from Jeff Stanish and John Smith--Story/text, Larry Ewing
Members at Summer Shows
Nor Cal member have been out and about to other car event beyond ours. Below are a few spotted this summer.

Above Ed Landman at Dream Machines in Half Moon Bay shows off his ‘61 Dynamic 88 with a new Lexus gold paint color. Outstanding!!

Above Dave and Betty Foster at the Good Guys Nationals in Pleasanton with their ‘49 black 88 cp. Left is Steve and Kathy Aracne’s ‘49 98 Club Sedan also at Good-Guys.
More Summer Shows

Left; Andy and Jan Lundback’s ‘50 88 Holiday at Cherry’s Jubilee at Cannery Row in Monterey.
Below also at the Jubilee was Duke Norton. Not a Nor Cal member but an OCA member from So Cal Club.
Get this; Duke bought this car new in Salinas in 1950 while working boxing lettuce! Yes this is the same car and he has had it now for 59 years! It’s a beautiful Crest Blue ‘50 88 Club Sedan and it still looks like new!

Above Larry and Linda Ewing with their ‘50 88 Deluxe Club Coupe’ at the Air Systems Car Show in San Jose in September 13.........Bought this one 50 years ago!
More Summer Shows

Original Owner of his ‘65 Delta 88 factory 4 speed car, Dominic Spinetta. Not really summer anymore, he’s at Jimmy’s Old Car Picnic in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco October 11. Cool day but the Blue Angels warmed things up a few times!

Left Mike Block from So Cal in his Crest Blue 88 convertible. That’s Verde with the ’53 Fiesta Hub-caps next to him.

Also at Jimmy’s this beautiful ‘68 442 which was a Good Guys Pick for Muscle Car of the Year. Alec Dinner is not a member yet but very interested in the club.
Out and About With Oldsmobiles

Above is Verde with new 4 inch wide whitewalls and the skirts back on. Right is a nice black ‘56 convertible.

All seen a Jimmy’s Old Car Picnic

Above a yellow W-31 and a green 442 convertible. Check this out on the right. Dominic Spinetta recognized this as a ‘54 Olds dash with the width of the radio removed. It’s in a Rat Rod roadster!
Out and About With Oldsmobiles

All seen at Good-Guys Summer Nationals

On top is a modified ‘57 Fiesta Wagon from Washington. Middle is a modified ‘49 Club sedan with a 455 from LA. Right is a ‘41 real wood wagon from the Bay Area.
**Cars For Sale**

**1971** 442, reblt eng, 4 speed, 4 yr old paint job. Needs interior. 650-464-8466

**1965** F85 Cutlass Wagon, 330 PS, rebuilt AT trans, new correct interior, new paint. Good driver. $8K 415-307-7652

**1964** F85 Cutlass 2 dr hard top. Cashmere Beige/Saddle Mist AT/PS/AC. NO Accidents Always garaged. New radiator, muffler, tires, front end. rebuilt eng, brakes All Original - except front seats & carpets. Records available. Roger at 916-933-1225 or 916-337-2056 $6,500

**1962** 4 Dr Holiday Sedan PW, 71.8K mi needs paint + upholstery, runs great; best offer, must sell, Ron, 22 Garthe Ct. Vallejo, 94591 phone #707-552-8833

**1956** 98 4 dr sedan factory stock. Full power excpt air. New steering. Needs paint/chrome $6.5K 510-558-0898

**1950** 88 4dr sedan Chevy 454/400, Camero clip, Seville rear end. Shaved handles New interior & chrome. $19K obo Peter 650-400-4071 cell 650-367-1534 office

**1950** 88 dlx 2 dr sedan. 303 AT, nice interior. Needs paint, gas tank work and TLC. $7,950 John 510 755 5713

**1947** 66 coupe AT, All orig, runs good, no rust, straight. Radio & all gauges work Needs resto. $5.5K Tom (707)584-9528

**1941** 76 Dynamic cruiser, 350 Engine (Olds), 400 trans, Ford 9” posi rear, new brakes, exhaust, suspension, interior, tires/wheels. Over $32K invested, must sell $17.5K Dave 209-535-7129

**1935** 350 Engine(Olds)350 trans, 10 bolt rear, fr disks, Air, am/fm/CD, tilt. 4 suicide doors. $25K Dave 209-535-7129
Parts For Sale

1972  350 motor, complete less carb, and exhaust manifolds. This is a good running motor, came out of my 72 Vista Cruiser. $250 Harv  510-889-1681

1959 Automatic Transmission. Excellent shape, $250. Tom (707)584-9528

1958 Transportable radios (3) need resto. $100 each. Rich (408) 356-2825 or (408) 483-3067

1957 small hubcaps, nice $75 set, ring & pinion 390, $125. Headlight buckets $20 pair, 1955, 324 heads $150 pair, 455 int manifold water inlet 20.00

1952 power steering pumps $40 ea., exhaust manifolds $50 ea. World emblem ( silver world ) $25, 4 barrel intake manifolds $25 to $65

1950 coupe, belt line ss moldings $10 to $15 each, hoods $75 ea., vent windows (has rash) $40 pair, hood world emblems $25 to $35, hood rockets $30 to $65, small hubcaps (some small dings) $10 ea., tail light spears for notchback (has more rash on both) $75, gasoline door guard $10, front floor pan from rust free car $250, trunk floor pan $150, front bumper $100, Facat. jack, $125, Dash bare $75, 303 near complete engine, $400. Jim, (916) 452-1010 evenings

1949-56 1- Edelbrock #OL396 tripower manifold - year 49-56 for 97’s, 3 stud 1- set Jahns 4” high compression pistons used 49 - 56, 1- Olds crank 49 - to 55 10-10. 1- Schaller cam #2 CIB 49 - to 55 and button new Stromberg 97. Enough parts to make one complete, 3-tops 3- body’s 1- base. 1- Cannon overhead brake peddle. To make offer contact Pierre Poncia 650-619-3494 cell - 650-363-2411 office

1949-55 Mallory dual point distributor, extra cap, points, wires. $200. Call Byron, 209-551-3439


1957 + years, used parts, (530) 527-0198

1957-58 371 cu. in. Pistons. New in box, SilvOlite +.030 over, includes pins, rings and clips. $275 (408) 528-9770


1966 Toronado original dealer florescent sign. 48”x 18” 2 tube, red and white $1k obo (510) 794-8298

1969-72 Spoilers - (3 piece) and 83-4 Hurst, excellent reproductions, $150 and $175 respectively. Weatherstripping, all models, call Dennis @ 559-322-8441

1949/52, 1953/56, 1957-8 Front disk brake change over. Use stock spindles. All GM parts. Brackets and instructions from $189 inc UPS, Mike (510) 501-6299

1930-'80 Oldsobsolete has a large inventory of GM NOS parts from the 1930’s to the 1980’s. 100,000 parts shelved by part no. Ph 406-777-3221 (P.M. MT time) e-mail - parts@olds obsolete.com

Parts: A web site dedicated to the sale of Classic Car parts. Small fee. Cliff Mierczynski Developer and Owner www.classiccarpartsclassifieds.com

Golden Gate T-shirts: $7 member, $10 non-member, add $1 for XXL to XXXL sizes. $4.60 shipping up to 4 shirts Call Jeanie or Alan at (209) 823-4342

Oldsmobile restoration & performance parts, 1930’s through 1970’s.: Tanson Ent Inc., P. O. Box 161942 Dept NC, Sac, CA 95816 (916) 448-2950 www.forwhatyouneed.com

CARS WANTED

1962  F85 Cutlass Convertible (415) 731-0127 murph55@sbcglobal.net

PARTS WANTED

1957 S88 2 dr HT front and rear door panels including the bolstered arm rests, Need good pieces that can be reupholstered. Call Kevin 775-424-6005
**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. 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.

Dues are $30.00 for membership in the Oldsmobile Club of America and $25.00 for the Northern California Chapter. Nor Cal collects dues on an annual basis due January of each year. Send to the Membership Secretary listed on page 2. We can also forward your OCA dues if you wish. **Membership in the OCA is a prerequisite for membership in the Northern California Chapter**

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**DO YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA?**

Do you know of an event near your area that you would like our chapter to participate in?

Our Chapter is looking for members who want to host ONE event during the year, for our club. You would need to pick the place, let us know what, where, time and dates. Please try to include suggestions for eating places.

It would be fun to meet at your garage, get a tour, have lunch and talk shop. Or go to something you have been to and liked to share with all of us.

Example:

Military Vehicle Technology Foundation Tour
October 3rd, 2009, 1 pm
Hosted by Jeff Stanish
Contact Larry Ewing,
Newsletter Editor,
rkt88LL@earthlink.net
or ph 408-528-9770.

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**Commercial Ad Rates;**
Vendor-4 lines $5 per issue-$25 yr. Business card size $10 issue, $50 yr. 1/2 page- $25 issue, $125 yr. Full page- $50 issue, $250 yr.
Send money to our treasurer and the ad to our editor

**Classified ads are free** to members. Deadline is the 8th of the Months 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. Ads will be run for three consecutive issues unless cancellation requested

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