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Monthly Newsletter of The Oldsmobile Club of Southern California

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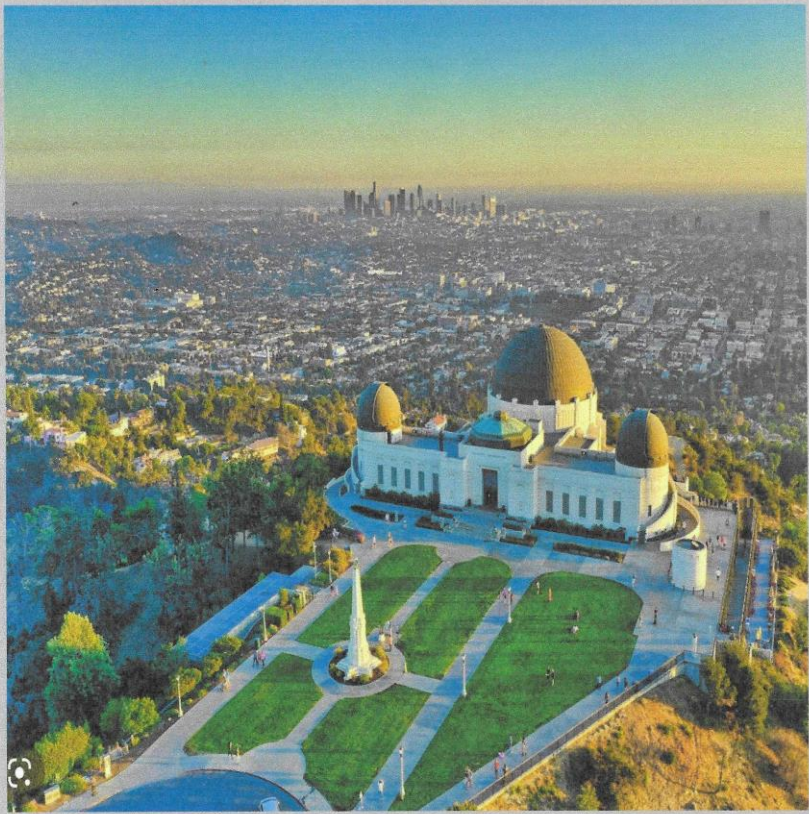
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The date for this event is June 17th, 2023. It has been reported that the online RSVP has a date of the 10th.

BRUNCH & GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY



A huge thank you to Kim Tucker and his wife for so graciously inviting us to their **home June 17th, 2023**. They are providing Brunch and a shuttle service to and from the Griffin Park Observatory. All you need to do is RSVP and let Kim know if you are attending and if you would like Tickets to see the Show at the observatory. I expect to see a GREAT turn out of our club members. See you there!

SAT, JUNE 17, 2023 @ 10AM

Home of Kim Tucker
2189 Fern Dell Place
Los Angeles, CA 90068
323-893-9670 • kimstucker@aol.com

RSVP from the link in the email or:
<https://tinyurl.com/2023Observatory>

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JUNE 2023

Well, "June is Bustin out all over." Before we know it the long hot days of Summer will be here in So Cal. But before we get into all of that, as you know we just finished our Pacific Southwest Zone Show in Lake Arrowhead. And what a time it was! It was only the 3rd Zone Show I attended but it was amazing! Any Zone Show in the future will have to bring its "A" game to top this year's. The Lake Arrowhead Hotel and Spa was top notch and sat majestically next to the Lake. The hotel restaurant "Bin 189" served outstanding food and the Lounge was top notch as were its employees. Race and I will be back in the near future to do some fishing and site-sightseeing for sure!

There were 36 beautiful Oldsmobiles on the show field on Saturday and everyone being judged scored a 1st Place or "Best of Class". Meaning that every car in attendance scored 900 or higher out of a possible 1,000pts. Possibly the first time this has ever happened at our Zone Show. This definitely reflected the high level of Oldsmobiles on the show field Saturday.

There were a large number of hotel guests and locals that toured the show. I and many other members had numerous conversations with them regarding their stories about our favorite brand. This was truly one of my favorite experiences from the weekend.

Saturday evening's Banquet and Awards Ceremony was one for the ages. It was attended by a large group of members, family and friends. The food was excellent and enjoyed by all. Many laughs and some tears were shed as Grant led us through the Awards Ceremony. A special congratulations goes out to Bob Grau who's 1970 442 w30 stripe delete car was awarded Best In Show. There is a very touching story that goes along with Bob's 442 that I have had the pleasure of hearing. He touches on it briefly in this month's "Member's Spotlight" story.

As we all know a "Zone Show" is a massive undertaking! A lot of hard work, planning, many phone calls with our other chapters and a thousand other things. I would personally like to thank my Board Members for their continued hard work with this year's show. It was truly amazing! I would also like to send out a special thank you to Grant and Karon who carried the bulk of the work for this year's show. You guys did an amazing job once again!

Now it's time to turn our attention to our Memorial Picnic and Show on October 21st. Hopefully you will attend, and we can have the same number of participants as last year's show and maybe more! It will be our 51st year and hopefully we can build on last year's success.

We do have some major activities coming up over the next 2 months. In June we will be heading to Kim Tucker's house for a Club Brunch and will also be able to attend Griffith Park Observatory. Kim has offered to shuttle us all over to the Observatory from his house that day, so we don't have to pay for parking. But you need to contact him so he can get tickets for you to the Observatory. So, if you are planning on attending the Observatory or the Club Brunch, please contact Kim 323-893-9670 <https://tinyurl.com/2023Obersvatory>.

We also have a planned activity at Lion's Automotive Museum on July 29th at 10am.

My kids and I will be hosting a monthly Cars and Coffee in Covina on the 1st Sunday of every month at Bert's Mega Mall. Our 1st official C&C will be June 4th. There will be donuts, coffee, a prize raffle and some trophies. There will be a strong Oldsmobile and Classic Car showing. If you are not busy, come on by and hang out with us. It should be a lot of fun with some amazing cars from across the spectrum. You can follow us on Instagram @So_Cal_Variety

Again, if you would like to attend any of our functions and you need assistance, please reach out to your Board Members and we will make it happen.

Don't be a stranger,
Randy

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Scott Graham- h-ofan@sbcglobal.net

Calendar of Events

Club meetings etc.

June

17th Gathering at Kim Tuckers Home

10th General Membership Meeting

10th-11th Rocket Science racing Famoso CA

July

8th General Membership Meeting

29th The Lions Automobile Collection

August

12th General Membership Meeting

September

9th General Membership meeting

October

21st-Memorial Car Show and Picnic

Mark your calendar.

The Monthly Swap Meet at Veteran's Stadium in Long Beach

June 11th

July 9th

August 6th

September 10th

Zone Show 2023 Recap

Hello fellow club members and I think all that attended will agree, it was a near epic event in Lake Arrowhead this past May 20th as we returned to an exclusively all Oldsmobile Zone event after sharing our event with the Pontiac club for the past several years.

The weather cooperated nicely and waited to rain until later that evening during our banquet so thank you Mother Nature.

The host hotel did a great job with parking lot security, custom signage to help members find our special locations, were very accommodating with room reservation adjustments, and put on a great banquet meal Saturday evening.

We had 36 cars on the show field representing over 60 years of Oldsmobile production with everything from original restored cars to amazing "survivor" cars to performance models in a wide variety, full size luxury models (man those cars are big), models from the more modern era (computer-controlled cars) as well as some amazing, modified cars to round out the show field. Being that I am a Hurst Olds enthusiast, seeing five of the various models including two of the first model (68') all in one place was definitely special.

The show was nearly evenly split between Nor Cal and So Cal cars, so it was special to see so many Nor Cal members travel the significant distance (some near or over 400 miles) they did, in their classics, to attend and assist with this event. We even had three attendees from Nevada. There were even a couple of folks there that were not affiliated with either chapter so both clubs made sure to make the effort to bring them into the fold.

A big THANK YOU is certainly in order to the Nor Cal chapter, particularly Bill Crocket and Larry Ewing for all their guidance, input, behind the scenes organizing, trophy securing, judging overview, and of course assistance at the event. Also, to be given THANK YOU'S are all the volunteers who helped at the event with judging, parking, club tent work, technical input, setup, teardown, cleanup, and an awards banquet reparation.

I also want to extend a special THANK YOU to my wife, Karon for the considerable effort she put forth in keeping all the registration info organized, communication with club members and the hotel, tracked all the finances of the event (we ended up in the black on this) and kept me on point which is a task in itself...lol

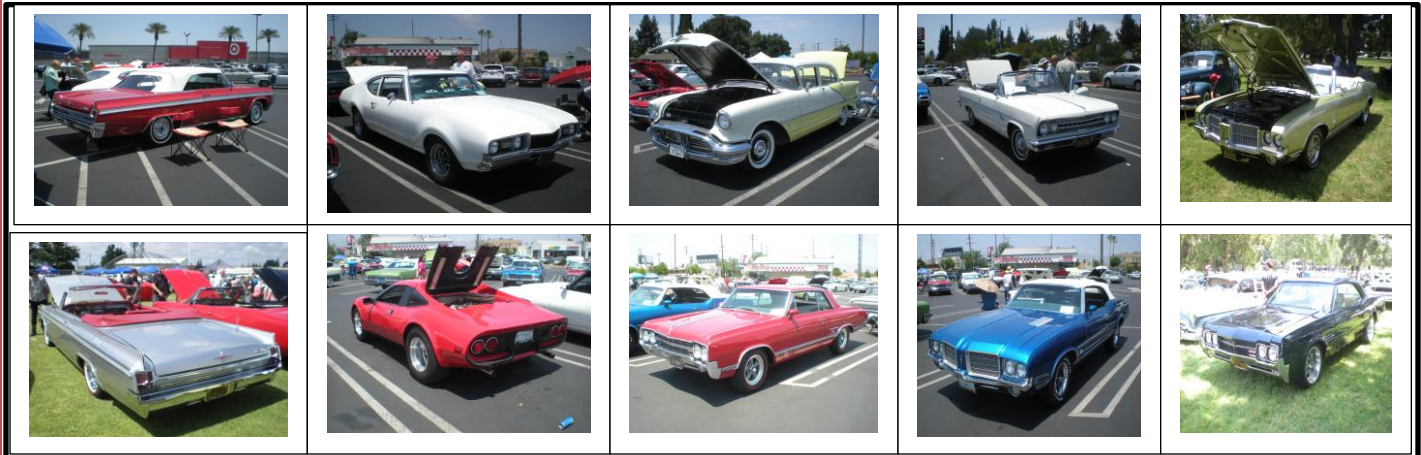
Stay tuned as we start working on Zone Show 2024 plans, location, and related events.

Sincerely,
Grant Warner

May 13, 2023, socialoldsmobile.com Membership and Board Meetings. Scribed by Domenic Santucci.

Meeting opened with a traditional flag salute. No new guest or members noted by Vice President Grant Warner. Ellen D. Santucci reported on treasury status and amounts to date attributed to Zone Show and club account balances. Ellen did request a change in wording of hold harmless agreement on the club, show flyer. Ellen also asked that the meal menu be updated to enhance registration. A want and sale clip board routed around attendees to post in newsletter. Approval of last month's newsletter minutes called for by Randy Hare our President. Membership in attendance passed the amended minutes. Randy called for a volunteer to submit a Member's Spotlight for the newsletter. Bob Grau will be submitting his spotlight article for the next newsletter. Noted the next swap meet in Long Beach will be supported by Joe Tannerbauer. The June swap will be tended by Jim Chatsworth and Milton Yee. Volunteers to work our J2 swap meet are always welcome at the event or volunteer to host the booth. The Rubel Castle tour and lunch was our last event for members and took two hours to preview the attraction. **ATTENTION! KIM TUCKER is hosting the June 17th event at his home and needs you to call him as he is planning on food needs and attendees that wish to get tickets for events at the Griffith Park Observatory. Kim can be reached at area code (323) 893-9670.** As a reminder parking at the observatory is \$20.00 and Kim has volunteered to shuttle folks to avoid the cost. No 50/50 ticket raffle was held at this meeting. A brief summary from Grant Warner Chapter Vice President on the zone show noted 37 cars registered. Grant reviewed what would take place on show date and volunteer activity required.

The next club meetings will again be at the Streamliner Lounge in Orange on June 10th and July 8th, beginning at 09:30. The clubs July event will be at the Lions Automobilia Museum in Rancho Dominguez plan to arrive at 10:00. Randy next called on Grant and Area Representative Butch (Harold) Williams to conduct the White Elephant sale scheduled for today. Over twenty items crossed the auction block and bids bounce around the room with jesting the order of business on price increases.



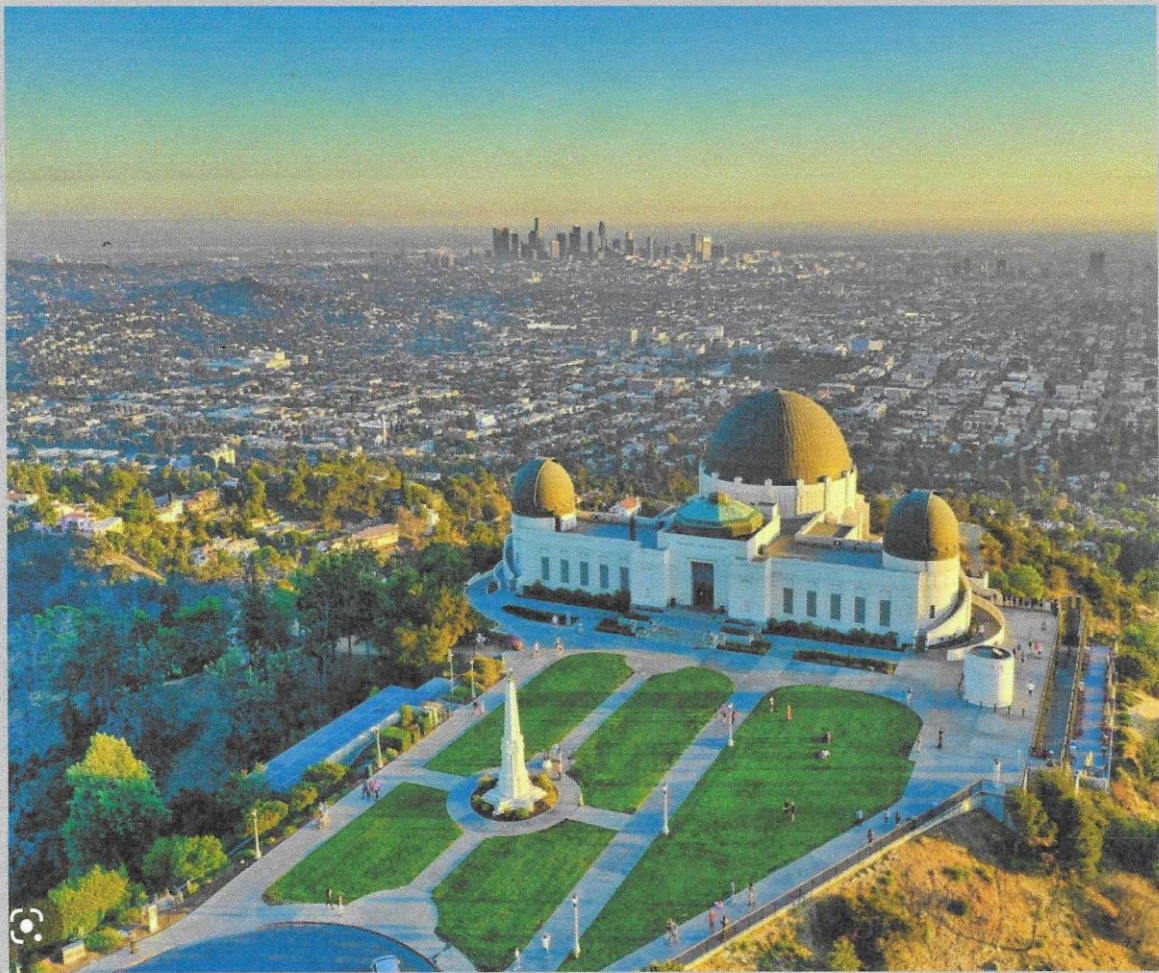
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Our members have been out and about attending car shows in their neighborhoods. Thank you to Mike Izzo for taking pictures at 3 shows he attended in May and sending the pics above to me so I could share them with all of you. When you spot Oldsmobiles in the wild take a few pictures and send them to me.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kim Tucker ASAP The date for this is **June 17th, 2023**.
See you all June 17th 2023!

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Member Spotlight

Robert William Grau,

I was born in 1962, in Windsor, Ontario Canada to German/Polish parents had immigrated to Canada. At age 2 we moved to Livonia Michigan where we lived till 1975. During that time I can remember the various automobiles my dad had...he was a GM guy. Toronados, Eldorados and El Caminos were a daily part of my life.

In 1975 we move to Cuernavaca Mexico where my dad opened a tool & die shop in. In 1978 my father bought a used Olds 442! And there it began for me. That car was my go-to-practice, school, and date car. I left Mexico in 1980 after achieving a top 10 Jr. tennis ranking in the country. My folks remained another 8 months then moving first to Carlsbad, CA and then to the city of Orange. From Mexico, I went to University of Texas at Austin for one semester. By spring of 1981 I moved to Orange and then to San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente where I lived while I played tennis for Saddleback College. Received my AA from Saddleback and went on to Cal State University, Fullerton where I finished my 4-year degree in the spring of 1986.

I married my first wife, Lisa, in March of 1990 and we moved to Rancho Santa Margarita, CA. In 1994 we bought a home in Dove Canyon and soon thereafter I got the news of our first child on the way! My son, Garret was born on January 11, 1995. Two years later we had twin girls, Jenna and Allie in September of 1997.

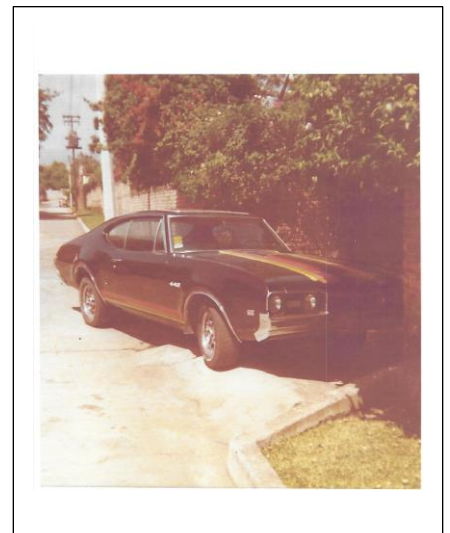
In February 1998 we bought our current home in the city of Orange where we have raised our family. Sadly, in 2006, Lisa died due to cancer, and I had to restart "my life" again...In the summer of 2009 I married my current wife, Leslie, who has been my rock and helped me through some tough times and has done such a wonderful job in helping me raise out three children.

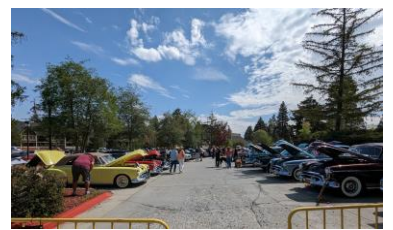
All through this time I worked for my father while we built our small family business as the number 1 supplier of plastic coin containers, tubes, and many other sorts of coin-related packaging. "CoinSafe", is now in its 33rd year.

The events of 2020 suddenly caused a huge surge in business and by 2021, I had some extra \$\$ and thus I began to actively look for a 442 as an investment. Got to love FaceBook for connecting me, in February 2022, with a man who had a really nice looking 70 w-30...in my favorite color! I was done. Said 442 arrived just before my birthday in April and I have been digging deep into the collector car world and began to go to shows (already some small success locally) so we will see how that all plays out. 2022 began so well but tragedy struck last fall when both my parents passed within 4 days of each other...my dad never got to see, in person, the 442 he helped my acquire. Mom did tho!

2023 has been yet another good year for us and we, as of May 5th, we are officially "empty nesters" ...Oh boy. Looking to 2024 our son will be married next spring, so we are a growing family once again.

Bob Grau





Let's Go for a walk around the 2023 Zone Show





Just a few of the many award winners this year.

Traveled from Henderson NV.



Good food. Good Company and lots of awards!
See you all again in 2024



Banquet Zone Show 2023



New member Eric taking home a trophy!



Keith Berg was awarded the 1st ever "Woody Hyde and Don Baldwin Memorial" trophy for his Contributions to both clubs of his knowledge and support of all things 50's Oldsmobile.



Traveled from Las Vegas.



Julius and his boys.



Above Bob Grau winner Best of Show Zone Show 2023



Our Pres and Race



Stand up if you drove the most miles? Winner Dominic.





50th
Anniversary 1972-2022



Oldsmobile Club of
Southern California

Car Show Pre-Registration:
\$30.00 Per Vehicle, due by
October 9, 2023

Lunch is catered BBQ fare w Sliders, Sides and
Beverages.

After Oct 9th or Day of Show is \$25.00
and will not include lunch. We need
to give the caterer our numbers by the 9th.

No Firearms, No Alcoholic Beverages
No selling/swap or vending of any kind.
Exhibition of speed not permitted.

Participants will receive 2 lunches for each first
car entered. The club is providing all the food for
this Special Event. Day of Show Entries
will not receive lunch.

Car Show Classes

Full size

- Class-1: 1897-1948
- Class-2: 1949-1953
- Class-3: 1954-1963
- Class-4: 1964-1976
- Class-5: 1977-2004
- Class-6: Toronados

Cutlass

- Class-7: 1961-1967
- Class-8: 1968-1972
- Class-9: 1973-1977
- Class-10: 1978-1999

Performance
(442, H/O, W30, W31, etc.,)

- Class-11: 1964-1967
- Class-12: 1968-1972
- Class-13: 1973-2004

Unrestored
Class-14 1990 and Older

- Modified/Race Cars
- Class-15 1957 and Older
 - Class-16 1958 and Newer
 - Class-17 All Yrs Non-Olds Boc
(Olds Engine)
 - Class-18 Non-Olds Cars all yr

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Class: _____ Year/Model: _____

Car Show Fee.....\$30.00

Each Additional Car.....\$10.00

Additional Lunch.....\$15.00 X ____ = _____

Total..... _____

Each 1st Car Entry Includes Two Lunches

Hold Harmless Agreement: I accept and assume full responsibility for any and all injury or loss
to me, my family, friends and/or property and agree to release from responsibility/liability:

- Officials and employees of Yorba Regional Park
- Members, officers and organizers from the Oldsmobile Club of Southern California
- Members, officers and organizers from the Oldsmobile Club of America

Participant Signature _____

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Contact Ellen Santucci @ (714)633-7961 or writetoeds@hotmail.com

Wants Needs and For Sale

For Sale: 1966 98 2dr. convertible parts car no rust call Richard Holmes 909-825-2079 all or parts
For Sale: 1950 88 Convertible Very Original Red on Red Best Price 818-406-3306
For Sale: 1946-1948 Fender Skirts Dave 562 243 0101
For Sale: Rear 1970 Cutlass NO CUTOPTS needs re-chrome straight Domenic 714-633-7961
For Sale: 1975 Delt 88 convertible 323-535-9750 see 722 E. 21st Street San Pedro call 323-535-9750
For Sale: 1970 Cutlass rear end with frame or front frame section with A-Arms (needs to be cut free) Domenic 714-633-7961
For Sale: 350 trans core from 1971 Cutlass. Domenic 714-633-7961
Wanted: 61 Olds Dynamic steering wheel Butch Waldo 909 224-1243
Wanted: Urethane covered factory front or rear bumper for 1970 Cutlass Domenic 714-633-7961

For Sale-HD 442 Northern
Aluminum Radiator used 2 row 1"
\$75.00
Milton Yee 909-996-5046

Wanted-
1970-1972 442, W30, W31, SX conv. or
hardtop – OCA and SoCal member
looking for true collector car.
The more original and documented the
better. Prefer numbers matching.
Any condition – from restorable car to
showroom condition. Also looking for
NOS or used parts for these cars.
John Bumb, St. Louis, Mo. (314) 713-
3444 or email me
at john.bumb@homevestors.com

For Sale by -Mark Rosenthal if interested call 805-440-9557 for price and to make offers.
Asking \$50.00 for literature to start- Literature Original Body Shop Manuals: 1957, 1964 (reprint) 1970-
1973
GM convertible top Glove Box Booklets: 196, 65, 66
1988 98 Regency and Delta 88 NOS Glove Box Manual set with keys and fob Part #25534150
Dealer Facts, Color, and Fabric Albums Technical Binders 1959 and 1975 \$250
Wheels 14inch SS II with caps and inserts \$300.00 -15inch same \$500.00.
Taillight Assembly for -57 complete w/backup. 75 Delta 88 w/ wire loom.

For Sale-Rebuilt Jetaway Trans 2 speed less than 3K miles. Clean \$500.00 Call Grant 951-906-7951
For Sale 2003 last of the Final 500 Aurora Oldsmobile Automobile at \$6,500. Vehicle has 80K+ miles is well serviced and displays well. Wendy VanDerKraan 1-714-348-0407.

FOR SALE 1970 OLDS 442. \$49,000

Originally built at Fremont, Calif first Sold Ventura, Calif
Completely Restored beginning 2006 by Owner Milton & Jonathan Yee
Exterior Electron Metallic Blue w/ Factory Ram Air Hood / Rear Spoiler w/ custom LED 3rd rear taillight
Interior white saddle with bucket seats new interior white saddle
455 cu inch 442 motor 0.030 over -NOT numbers matching but correct serial block/ Edelbrock Aluminum Heads/factory 442 automatic blueprint cam/roller
rockers.
Air Gap intake manifold w/ QFT 880 CFM carb/new headman headers/HEI ignition/
Fast ratio power steering/ Vintage AC /Hurst Dual Gate 4sp shifter w/console / ART CARR HD Turbo 200R4 automatic transmission. / Northern Aluminum
radiator
All new Moog suspension w/ 1 3/8-inch front sway and 1 inch rear sway bars/power brakes w/
4-wheel disc brakes/ SSBC dual piston front calipers /new 3.42 ratio gears with posi traction. / W27 aluminum rear cover/ KONI shocks
2022 New tires 235x55R x16 on Custom Chrome & Aluminum Hoopster wheels
New LED headlights/custom sequential rear LED taillights/complete all new wire harness for car/new battery.
Contact: Milton Yee 909 996 5046 Walnut, Calif. So. Cal Olds. Member 1228 OCA 31666

For sale:

'60- 98 convertible; rebuilt motor and transmission--\$45K or best offer. Pete (909)-223-3044

Wanted- Need: headers for a 70 455 am also looking for a pair of mufflers for the 455 too. Also need the trunk seal weatherstripping and hood to
cowl seal and the 70 sport side mirrors. If you have any of these laying around the garage, give me a call 70 Cutlass S.
Thanks, Randy Email, Text or call 626-298-1406

70-72 442 convertible or SX convertible to buy

I want one that has been restored in the last 15 years. I am hoping to find a car that someone has been thinking about selling but has not run an ad yet. I am
willing to pay a Finder's Fee to anyone who brings a seller to the table. Call or email Rick at 505-353-5535 Rjhutton@rjhutton.com

For Sale-

Sell one 1970 Cutlass bumper straight core needing re-chrome \$75.00 Domenic 714 633 7961
Sell one 1950 steel wheel with clips 15 inch straight \$30.00 Domenic 714 633 7961
Sell: Heavy duty sway bars for 1948-53 Olds Keith562-252-6866 \$175 each + ship
Sell: 1950 Olds Rear End Art 562-882-7725 call for info.
Sell: 1963 Cutlass Grille \$75.00 no script has all mounting clips Domenic 714-633-7961
Sell: 1970 Cutlass rear bumper core needs re-chrome straight \$75.00 Domenic 714-633-7961
Sell: 1990 Cutlass sedan right front door with glass but no motor. \$35.00 Domenic 714-633-7961
Sell: 1950+51 88A right and left front fender spears with stainless plates at tip \$150.00 Domenic 714-633-7961
Cal - I have a 1957 Oldsmobile engine 371 cu in., tri-power 3x carb manifold, Doug's custom headers. A fresh rebuild by Engine Machine
Service, Los Angeles, 310-641-7019. \$6,500. Buyer picks up. Kevin Ivey Los Angeles 714-809-8045 Call for pictures.

For Sale-Keith Berg 562/252-6866 Long Beach, Ca.

2 American thrust 5 spoke aluminum wheels 0 off set 6"x14" with good roller tires-These are at least 30 yrs old in good shape. At the present no
caps or lug nuts-But they might show up as I go through the parts.-2 Goodyear GT's 275/60R/15 they are older but never used. They have been
in bags since new and they look new no cracks the label on them some of the white powder \$150-Set of 4 Cragar 5 spoke wide rims and caps
approx 10"X 15" 0 offset \$100-Early Cadillac La Salle transmission appears to be in good shape \$250-Also have the following 3rd members for
early Oldsmobiles up to 1953-4:11, 3:64, 3:42, \$150 ea. 1957-60 3rd members 4:11 (very hard to find) \$200
4:42 \$150.-1950 Oldsmobile trunk world emblem show quality for Notch Back not for a fast Back \$400

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