

RICK LANE

PART OF THE FIRST WAVE OF MEMBERS AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR 23 YEARS

Rick is a Denver native – fourth generation. He graduated from Bishop Machebeuf High School, attended college, and served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, which included a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1970. He worked for Denver Burglar Alarm for most of his career. He is still involved in security systems on a contract basis.



Rick was eight years old when his grandfather bought a 1956 Oldsmobile 98, 4-door hardtop with the beautiful Rose Mist/Antique White color combination. His mother inherited the car and added a custom license plate with the words “OLFRND.”

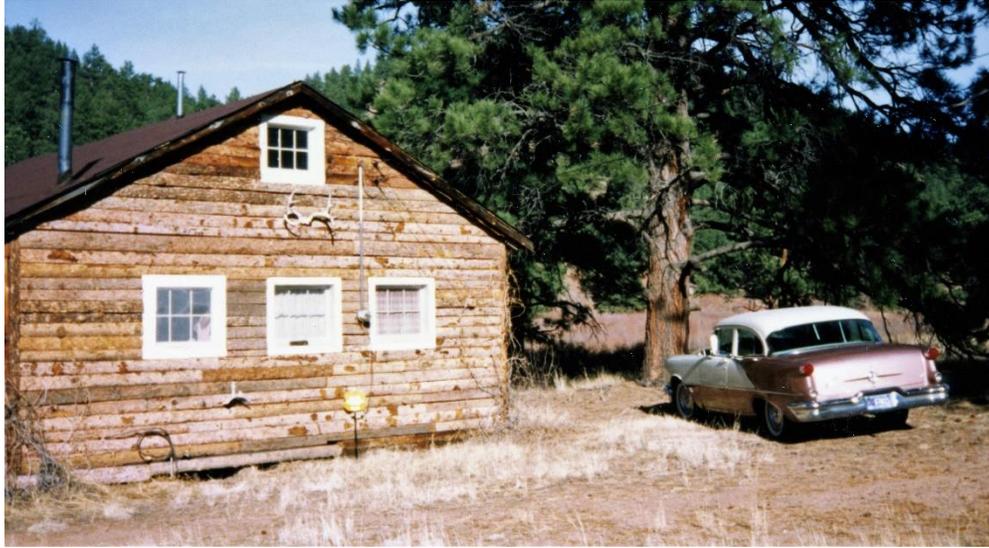
The 98 became Rick’s in 1970 when he was 22; he still owns the car 50 years later and still uses the OLFRND plate.

Rick joined the Oldsmobile Club of America (OCA) in the late 1970s and attended the OCA nationals in Milwaukee soon after. He has the second lowest OCA number in the Rocky Mountain Oldsmobile Club (RMOC). Guess who has the lowest number. Correct, Bernie Steinberg. And it was the connection with Bernie that brought Rick into the RMOC. He was driving past Bernie’s house in his 98 and saw Bernie’s 1954 Olds 88 parked in front. He stopped to talk. Bernie invited him to attend an RMOC meeting at Jim Blum’s Oldsmobile dealership in Englewood, and he has been a continuous member ever since.



Rick has served as RMOC Vice President continuously since 1997. He may be best known for organizing and leading many RMOC convoys to OCA nationals (no small feat). Rick is also considered an expert in the mid-1950s Oldsmobile judging.

In 1977, Rick purchased a 1956 Oldsmobile Super 88 4-door from RMOC member, Randy Perkins. The car was the same Rose Mist/Antique White as his 98. He intended to use the Super 88 for parts but instead restored it to use as a driver, preserving his 98. Rick plans to take his Super 88 on the ultimate road trip – the ALCAN Highway which runs nearly 1,400 miles across Alaska into Canada. He has a plan to have important parts boxed, tagged and ready to send to him in case the car has problems along the way.



Rick enjoys spending time at the family (now his) cabin along the South Platte River near Deckers on a 160-acre parcel of land. The cabin was built by his grandfather in 1938. The picture shows Rick's Oldsmobile 98 in front of that cabin.

Rick appreciates RMOC because of the diversity of people. He said, generally speaking, we take ourselves seriously, but not that seriously, referring to ourselves and our cars. That is a good observation about the culture of the club and probably explains why it has been around so long and will continue to be around for years to come.

Thanks to Rick for his long-standing contributions to RMOC as part of the first wave of members and as Vice President for 23 years.

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