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THE PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

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Ballard Parade Thursday, May 17th, 2018 6:00 pm

You are invited to join us in this fun community parade with a small town feel. The parade watchers will enjoy seeing our Chevys. The parade is short and all on a gradual downhill grade and level at the end. It goes down 24th Ave NW beginning at NW 62nd and then goes on Market St. ending on Ballard Ave NW. We will travel together as a group. The parade will start at 6:00pm.



Depending on our placement in the parade, we will enjoy some special Norwegian refreshments either before or after the parade at our house,

Seattle City regulations require that you send me or bring a copy of the front page of your insurance policy or copy of your glove box insurance card for your car and also that each participant fill out a Hold Harmless Agreement. You can download a copy of this agreement from the web site below. You can bring the Hold Harmless Agreement and insurance card with you to our home on May 17th.

RSVP:

Please call me and let me know **what car you are bringing** so I can make a list of cars for the parade announcer.

We will meet at our house before 5:00pm or come earlier to avoid traffic. We will line up on our street by year of car and drive to the parade at 24th Ave NW just south of NW 65th. To get to our house to avoid closed streets for the parade, do not go on Market St (downtown Ballard) but drive west on NW 65th St. to 32 Ave NW. Then travel north to NW 74th St and take a left. We are the 3rd house on the right. You can also park a trailer on our street. I will have our neighbors leave room on the street for our vehicles. We also are inviting our neighbors to drop by to see our cars on our street. Contact us, if you have questions. Thanks, Rod and Evie Schein

For some fun information on the parade, check out
<http://www.17thofmay.org/parade/>

For the Hold Harmless form go to
<http://www.17thofmay.org/participant-forms/>



1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2018



The Puget Sound Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (PS-VCCA) is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, fun and enjoyment of vintage Chevrolet cars and trucks. Members are not required to own a Chevrolet. Regional membership is open to all Chevrolet enthusiasts who are members of the **Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA)**. All Chevrolets from 1912 through 1993 may be registered with the Region.

General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May, at **Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library, 11650 SE 60th St., Bellevue, 98006**, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. No meetings are held in January, June, July, August, and December. You can learn more about the club by visiting the website where you can see color photos of previous tours, parts for sale, wanted, etc., and there is a link to view our monthly newsletter, "The Tappet Clatter."

You can find the PS-VCCA website on the **World Wide Web** at <https://psrvcca.weebly.com/>.

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Publication Information

The deadline for receiving articles for the Tappet Clatter is normally by the **5th** of the month. The Editor reserves the right to edit material in any way as appropriate for wording, clarity, grammar, punctuation and available space. We can accept most electronic formats and hardcopy.

Email copy to tappetclatter@outlook.com

GARAGE NITE

No Garage Nites are on the schedule for the coming months so how about you having one? They aren't hard to do and if you follow Bill Barker's lead it is a great way to get rid of stuff! Contact Al to set one up.

Director's Message

Al Howe



I hope everyone had a wonderful, fun-filled Easter with family and friends. Kathy and I colored eggs with my three grandchildren. We had fun, even though it rained.

We had a lot of news last month: Mike Currie retiring as Editor, Ralf & Michele Luche moving to AZ and the school district informing us that we would not be able to secure a meeting room at this time. So now let's see, we need an Editor, a Webmaster and a meeting room. Wow! Things are just wonderful; anymore good news?

For several years Mike has done a great job putting the Tappet Clatter together for us and I would like to thank him for his hard work. Mike, you really are appreciated. I know a "thank you" is not always enough but Thank you.

Ralf set up one of the nicest websites for us. It has been a pleasure to work with him and I know all of us will miss him and Michele. I have to admit that a move south has entered my mind more than on just one occasion. And again, a "thank you" is not always enough but Thank you, Ralf.

Each school takes care of their own management of off-hour activities at their location. The school we have been dealing with has been helpful while a new school is being built at their home location. However, they cannot allow any off-hour activity at the new school for the first year of occupation so contractors can work on pick-up items after school hours. The bottom line is we need a temporary location for next year. More on this later.

Everyone has the right to be stupid. Politicians just abuse the privilege.

Al Howe

Web Links Of Interest

Colombia River Region, VCCA: <http://www.vccacolumbiariverregion.org/>
Mt. Rainier Region, VCCA: None
North Cascade Region, VCCA: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/northcascadevcca>
Puget Sound Region, VCCA: <https://psrvcca.weebly.com/>
Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvrcca.org/>
Dave Folsom Blog, www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/
Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>



May Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Sheri Johnson 16

BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Jim Farris | 2 |
| Resa Gabelein | 5 |
| Bob Helgeson | 23 |
| Dot Zeigler | 24 |
| Mary Brownell | 29 |

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE NW MEET

Rooms are filling up for the NW Meet. It is early so we have located three more hotels for you to pick from. Ken Scott and Mike Rice have gotten this information and I wanted to get it out now so people can reserve. Seems there is a lot of interest. Please send the attached to your mailing lists so the information can get out. Then I'll put something together for the Newsletters later. Reservations for the actual NW Meet, however, are not coming in as fast. Please encourage members to get this done so we have a better idea on how to plan. If my calculations are correct we already have 120 signed up for rooms and the RV spots make more. I'd sure be in a pickle if we have more attendees than we count on. Please help get the word out. Thanks so much; I am getting more excited each day. What a fun project. David

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Bill Damm's SAFETY DITTY

Word Play

This (SPRING) your car could break a (SPRING) causing your car to (LIST), then you'll need to make a (LIST) of things to be (FIXED), where you will get (FIXED) on getting the job (DONE) after supper is (DONE), which could give you (GAS) before you get your car (TANKED) with (GAS), which is unsafe if you get (TANKED) before you (DRIVE) which could (DRIVE) the police to pull you (OVER) while driving (OVER) a bridge, but then you could play (BRIDGE) while doing jail (TIME) before you can go home to (TIME) your car. By now you have a (SENSE) that none of this makes (SENSE) and you are probably (RIGHT), so just take a (RIGHT) and see where it takes you. One (LAST) thing, I hope a chuckle over this will (LAST) for a while.

PS VCCA Board Meeting
April 11, 2018, IHOP, Issaquah, WA

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Al Howe, Director.

Present: David Haddock, historian/activities, Bill Damm, club store, Diane Haddock, secretary and Jim Seiber.

Topics Discussed:

Meeting Locations: A new location for the monthly meeting must be found for next year, with tentative plans to return to Tillicum Middle School in September 2019. Diane Haddock presented a map of the Seattle area with push pins for members who attend meetings most frequently. Google Maps with routes for the northmost and southmost members showed travel times to Southcenter. The group discussed traffic on 405 and I5 which causes travel time for the north group to be much longer timewise than for the southern group, even though travel distance is longer than the southern group. It seems this supports use of Bellevue as a meeting location. Costs of meeting rooms in Bellevue area are a problem. There was also discussion about moving meeting times to afternoons, or to weekends. It was decided to discuss at the April meeting with members.

Open Positions: The Region will be needing replacements for the Webmaster and Tappett Clatter Editor starting this summer. There was a long discussion about how to fill these positions.

Editor: Dave and Diane Haddock offered to take over the Tappett Clatter editorial position – with the stipulation that another member come forward to fill in when they are out of town and unable to do the work. The other alternative would be to suspend publication when they were unable to edit. During those months, information that was determined to be important (by the Director or other members of the Board) would be sent out via group email to the membership. Al will also encourage members to submit stories for the Tappett Clatter.

Webmaster: No one present at the meeting had enough technical knowledge to know exactly what capabilities are needed to perform this function. The board identified several members who could provide guidance on the matter and/or take on some/all of the duties of the webmaster. Al Howe will contact these members to determine a course of action.

At the April meeting, Al Howe will ask for volunteers to:

Fill in for Diane and Dave on the Tappett Clatter when they are gone

Take over the webmaster position, or some part of it with another member

Banquet: Jim Seiber and Diane Haddock have both been scouting locations for the 2019 Banquet. Both feel that the Renton VoTech would be a great location. Alcoholic beverage consumption is the biggest issue with this location. Price tolerance of the membership is also a question. Over the next several months, Jim and Diane will continue to work to find a banquet location.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 8:15 pm.

May Breakfast Tour

See you all at the Breakfast tour Sunday, May 6th. Starts at the Puyallup Elks Club, 314 27th St NE.
Breakfast at 9 am, tour starts at 10:45 am. Al Howe

2019 January Banquet Planning

We are beginning our planning for the January 2019 Banquet. Our initial contacts have narrowed the choice of banquet facilities to a few centrally located options. The top choice now seems to be Renton Technical College, Culinary Arts program. If you have suggestions for a banquet items please let Jim Seiber or Diane Haddock know of your input.

Member Spotlight

Jerry Yoder was unable to provide a Spotlight article for the March Tappet Clatter so Dick Olson's article was substituted. Jerry is still not able to write an article as he recovers from his double knee replacement surgery so we don't have an article for this month. Jim Farris is on the hook for an article for the May issue and Jim Seiber is scheduled for June. Hopefully Jerry Yoder will be able to produce an article for the July Tappet Clatter.

So, without an article, I decided (as Editors are wont to do) that I would fill the space with a picture of my new hydroplane that I will be running this year. It was built in Spokane in 1965 and raced extensively in the Northwest. It is powered by a Mopar 273 V8. I had a boat very similar to this one in 1967 but never raced it.



Meeting Programs

April - Ken Scott - Important things about detailing your car

May - Bill Barker - Using powder coating

September - guest speaker - Car fire extinguishers

October - open

November - Dave Haddock - Slide show of years activities

Treats for 2018 meetings:

April - Olson May - Howe
September - Campbell October - Stamnes
November - Howe

Puget Sound Region VCCA Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Ringdall Middle School, by Al Howe at 7:30 pm sharp. There were 23 members in attendance.

Guests: Elbert Butcher was present and brought his son, Al, as a guest.

Minutes: Minutes from the February meeting were written by Don Comstock, published in the Tappet Clatter and unanimously approved by the members.

Business: Ken Scott reported that the NW Meet hotel in Chehalis is booked but alternative hotels have been identified and have been posted for anyone still needing a room in June for the NW Meet. Al Howe reminded folks of Mike Currie's note in the last Tappet Clatter that he will be leaving his post as TC Editor this summer. Al asked for volunteers to take over this position. He also mentioned that he may take on the Editor position if someone would volunteer to take over his duties as club director. Don and Sallie Comstock lead a discussion on the large VCCA decals. Some of the old decals that were printed incorrectly have been sent to Dave Miner at National who will find good use for them. The Comstocks had a good set made for fundraising/sales. Dave Haddock reported that the new Tillicum School will not be able to host our monthly meetings later this year during their first school year in the new location. The temporary location at Ringdall will not accept applications to host our meetings until September. Diane Haddock will be checking other Bellevue schools to see if there is a location that can host us and commit to that before September. Ken Scott mentioned that he has been having problems negotiating the VCCA National website. He was recently contacted by the Webmaster and provided some suggestions for improvement. Ken encourages any other folks who are having problems to make their concerns known through constructive feedback so that needed improvements can be made.

Membership: Donna Onat mentioned that she had sent a card to Rod Schein to wish him a speedy recovery. It was reported that his surgery had gone well and that he was already recuperating at home.

Treasurer Report: Sallie provided a status report on the Treasury.

Glovebox: Bob Stamnes is continually looking for new and interesting topics for the Glove Box. Contact him if you have ideas.

National News: Bill Barker mentioned that the Area 2 Director recently resigned effective immediately. His departure was unexpected.

Activities : Don Comstock went through a list of activities for the coming touring season. He is currently planning an event for mid-April that will terminate at Bill Damm's garage and museum in Woodinville. He is seeking volunteers from other members who might be willing to have the tour group stop at their home or garage on the way to or from the Damm garage. April 29th will be a spring opener potluck meal in Tenino and Don will lead a group there. May 6th is the Elks Club breakfast. May 17th is the Ballard Parade. May 18, 19 and 20 is the Monroe Swap Meet. Don mentioned that we still need volunteers for duty at the swap meet and passed around a sign-up sheet. June 7 -9 is the Northwest Meet in Chehalis. August 25th is the LeMay family open house. Dave added that August 3-5 is the Big Sky Region Meet that will be held this year in Hamilton, Montana. Dave Haddock may lead a group who want to attend this event. Let Dave know if you are interested in this event. In addition, August 5th is the Packwood BBQ near Mt. Rainier sponsored by the police/fire department and Don may lead a tour there. Let Don know if you are interested in Packwood.

Club Store: Bill Damm promoted the 50/50 and manned the store.

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March 26, 2018

Webmaster: Ralf Luche told members that he will be moving to Prescott, Arizona this summer but he will continue to support the club as Webmaster for a period of time until a new webmaster is identified. As a reminder this is the address for the website: <https://psrvcca.weebly.com/>

Needs/Leads: Bill Barker mentioned that he was contacted by Bob Gordon regarding the 1931 coupe that has been advertised in the Tappet Clatter. Bob told Bill that he has dropped the price to \$10,000 and is anxious to find a buyer at this new price. Bob Stamnes also shared that Elbert Butcher is planning to sell his 1926 coupe.

Meeting Presentation: Jim Seiber gave a presentation on how to photograph your vintage cars. Some of his suggestions are to watch out for what is in the background of your photo. You want it to tell a story and don't want the backdrop cluttered with new cars or other things that attract the viewer's eye. Avoid taking pictures of your car in too much direct sunlight. The pictures tend to wash out. Overcast days can be good. Unusual angles can create interesting pictures. Jim uses tall ladders for a bird's eye view or getting low shots by placing the camera near the ground. (Note: Tall ladders may be hazardous to your health! An ER doctor who is close to some club members has cautioned against climbing ladders after the age of 50.*)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM, Respectfully submitted by Dave Haddock for Diane Haddock, Secretary.

* this note was respectfully added by Diane Haddock, Secretary

March PSVCCA Meeting Photos by David Haddock



From the Glove Box



From the Glove Box is devoted to sharing technical information, technical problems and solutions to problems related to the restoration and preservation of vintage Chevrolets. Please share your knowledge, experiences and recommendations with your fellow members.

Email the Glove Box Coordinator, Bob Stamnes at rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

"Brakes Not as Good as They Could Be?"

The following can make the difference between having brakes on your 20's car and NOT having brakes, or put another way, the difference between life and death. I do not know the years of cars that this article might apply to, but at least the 1920's and 30's.

Pre-1928 4 cylinder cars had only two-wheel brakes on the rear only. They started to include four-wheel brakes in 1928 on Chevrolets. The primary braking on today's cars is provided by the front brakes, so it is very important to do what we can to improve the brakes on these cars, especially the pre-1928 cars that have only rear brakes.

We will work our way through the brake system starting with the brake pedal. It is very important that the brake pedal not reach the floor during extreme braking, as that limits the amount of pressure that can be applied to the brakes. The next place to pay attention to is where the brake rods from the pedal reach the rear axle and the arm (brake adjuster arm) that the rod is attached to. The maximum brake application pressure is when the brake adjuster is at 90 degrees to the brake rod. To accomplish this the brake adjuster arm must be tilted back when the brake pedal is all the way out. Now we will consider the brake shoes. The metal brake shoes may not be contoured to the drum. If not contoured to the drum, braking will not take place on the entire brake lining surface, hence poor braking. Contouring the brake shoes to the drum can generally be done by hand. Once this is done, the metal shoes should be lined with a soft or high-friction woven lining material riveted to the metal shoe. Be cautious as some shops will line the metal shoes with hard lining if they are not familiar with these old cars. Hard lining will not stop your car.

Some people believe that bonding the woven lining to the metal shoes can cause the lining to harden and potentially soften the metal band as heat is applied in this process. A hardened lining will have a smaller coefficient of friction---- less stopping power. The safe way may be to attach the lining with rivets.

Several enthusiasts have found that brake shoes lined with today's hard brake lining are a death sentence. One person removed his car from his garage to test the brakes after a shop had put new lining on. The brakes would not stop his car going down his hill. He had to use the hand brake to stop it. His brakes had been lined with hard lining. Brake lining was originally attached with rivets and this is still the recommended method. Woven linings come in various thicknesses, but the common thickness being used is 3/16th inch. It will be difficult to adjust the brakes so they do not rub if the lining is too thick. The shop used woven brake lining from industrial equipment on my car and it was too thick, so the shop ground down the lining.

Woven or braided brake lining material is available at some tractor supply stores, from McMaster-Carr (<http://www.mcmaster.com/#friction-material/=rmj4h1>) and from Bob's Automobilia, 805 434-2963, www.bobsautomobilia.com. Rivets are available from Hanson Rivet and Supply Co., 13241 Weidner Street, Pacoima, CA 91331, www.hansonrivet.com, 818 485-0500.

There is also an excellent brake lining discussion on VCCA Chat at "<https://vccachat.org/ubbthreads.php/ubb/showflat/Number/304731>."

The next spot to be concerned about is the brake shoe setup. This requires a close look at a manual to be certain it is set up properly and adjusted properly. Proper set up can be the difference between brakes working or not.

TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

Ads will be posted for a minimum of three months (longer on a space-available basis). Please notify the Tappet Clatter Editor at tappetclatter@outlook.com when your listing no longer needs to be published.

FOR SALE

1931 Front Fenders. Already primered. Excellent condition. Bill Barker: bbarkerjr@gmail.com

1931 parts, included are engine, transmission, clutch assembly, bell housing, two axles with bearings, four new tubes and liners 4.75x5.00x19, new firewall pad, '31 light bar with headlight buckets, one car headlight bucket with reflector, two '31 truck headlight buckets, one original 1931 owner's manual in excellent condition, and several used gauges, carb parts and gaskets.

1936 parts include four 17 inch 5-lug wire wheels with a 6-3/4 in. center opening to fit 1935-36 standard, two 17 inch 5-lug wire wheels with a 5 in. center opening and two 1936 sedan rear doors.

Phil Christensen philip082@centurytel.net

1928 Rolling chassis with motor, trans, rear end. \$1500. For more info email: kenwscott62@gmail.com

1936—39 Speedometer. Nice face, rim has slight bump. \$25 or best club offer takes it. Money from this will go back to the club. Picture available upon request. Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com,

1957 1/2 ton 3-speed transmission. \$75. 1931 3-speed transmission. \$75. Phone Dick Olson
Email: rolson82@comcast.net

20" MAGS and Radial Tires. Four each. These are six-lug wheels. \$500.
Email: JerryYoder@hotmail.com

WANTED

A friend would like to buy a Chevy of the '50s or '60s. Running reliably would be good. Interior & exterior condition not so important, as she thinks my vehicle is pretty nice. (smile) Call me if you know of something. Donna Onat donnaonat@juno.com

One 4:75 X 19 inch Whitewall tire in good condition. Dick Olson. Email: rolson82@comcast.net

FREE

235 and 216 engines - as they say, "Ran When Parked". There are no starters, fuel pumps or carburetors. Don Comstock. Email chevyguy2@centurylink.net

2018Activities

- April 23 PS-VCCA Club Meeting-*Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library*
29 Spring Opener—Tenino—Don Comstock leading tour
- May—6 Elks Club Breakfast—Jim Farris is the organizer
17 Ballard Parade—Rod Schein is the organizer
18-20 Monroe Swap Meet—Please contact Don or Sallie Comstock to volunteer
- June 7-9 Northwest Meet—Chehalis, WA
- July 4 Cookout/Potluck at Haddock's, combined with the Strawberry Social
- August 3-5 Big Sky Region Meet—Hamilton, MT
5 Packwood BBQ—Don Comstock leading tour
25 LeMay family open house

Directions to Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School 11650 SE 60th St, Bellevue

Traveling 405 from either the north or south, take exit 10 and head east to 119th St (should be the first stop light east of 405). From I-90 take the 405 South Exit and immediately stay to the right, getting off at the Coal Creek Parkway exit. (Note: you'll never actually merge onto 405.) Turn left under the freeway and take a right at the light on 119th. Go up the hill, passing through a couple of stop signs and turn right on SE 60th. The shopping center will be on your left. Follow SE 60th and Ringdall will be on your right. The meeting place for monthly PSVCCA meetings will be at Tillicum/Ringdall School Library (not the cafeteria).