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Looking Back And Forward in 2020– the 49th Annual Northwest Meet in Ellensburg and Some Special Birthdays

By Dave Haddock

Early on in this COVID 19 Pandemic the Puget Sound Region made the bold decision to cancel the 2020 NW Meet that we had planned for Ellensburg in July. Looking back on that decision, it was a very wise move. But “Oh my, it would have been a splendid affair!” With a central Washington location, hundreds of Chevys, many old (and new) Chevy friends, fabulous tours, points judging, and the awards banquet, it was planned to be one of the best Meets ever!



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49th Annual Northwest Meet
Ellensburg, Washington
July 15-18, 2020
Hosted by The Puget Sound Region

- Beautiful Tours
- Sanctioned Judging
- Awards Banquet

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But, alas, like most of our 2020 plans, it had to be canceled. Our Ballard Parade “car-show off” was canceled, the Monroe Swap Meet “club money maker” was canceled, and we even had to cancel our Strawberry Shortcake event and the 4th of July Picnic. Our Monthly Meetings have been canceled for many months and this will continue to be the case for August. Most local car shows have been canceled as well and summer is nearly over.

And other even more important events had to be

handled, or will be handled in socially-distant ways. We have had two big birthdays for club members in this crazy year. Jim Farris celebrated his 90th Birthday on May 2nd with a socially-distant family event and Dave Roberts will celebrate his 90th Birthday on September 5th with a similar family-only, socially-distant event. Both Jim and Dave have been active, long-time Puget Sound Region members.

Jim’s event was covered in several pages of the June issue of the Tappet Clatter and Dave’s planned event is covered in this issue (see pages 4, 5, and 9). It sure would have been nice to have been with them to help them celebrate in person! But maybe we can request “do overs” and re-celebrate with them next year!!





1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2020



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. No meetings are held in January and December. Meetings are currently lunch meetings held at 11:30 am at the XXX Drive-In, 98 NE Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, WA. 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 here on the *World Wide Web*

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EVERY DAY



Director's Message

"Jim's Junk Yard"



What an interesting Chevy Club year this has been, certainly one to remember. Good things happened. There was the lady in Port Townsend who called and wanted to give us a pickup load of '39 parts. We accepted her offer and found a new home for Chevy parts.

Then, there was Richard Marin, who wanted to capture memories of his youth seeking a ride in an original '38 Chevy. Dick Jones provided the car ride and we were able to help turn back the clock to 1947 when Richard's family suffered a great loss on a trip across country in a 1938 Chevrolet. In talking more detail with Richard, I discovered he knew Mike Burns, and competed with Mike in the Craftsman Guild contests.



We helped Wally's daughter sort through his tools and prepare for a garage sale. We helped her problem solve getting Wally's '36 started. She donated a box of Chevy books to the Club. We started a couple of issues of the "Clatter Chatter" to fill in between summer publications. We found a home for a collection of old G&D's a former member wanted to give away.

We were able to lighten the load going to the scrap pile that Bill Damm was offering to give away. We received National recognition for our Tappet Clatter. We also had some mini-tours that got our cars out and driven. Hopefully, Bob Starnes has made

contact with places suggested by members he can go to get the welding he needed for his '27.

Perhaps the most impressive characteristic of our group is the willingness to volunteer when asked to help. Great people will help when needed.

What surprises are just around the corner? We can look forward to innovation in the future tasks needing to be addressed. I have requested a Board meeting for August 24th with a suggested 11:00 start time. The meeting will be a Zoom meeting. Thanks Diane Haddock for hosting this event.

I will be on a Zoom meeting with Gary Rogers and the other Area 3 Regional Directors in early August to share National News and to discuss how they are managing the in-person meeting restrictions for their clubs.

Our club has a number of wonderful resources to share car-related hobby information. There will be places to exercise our clutch with not too much idle time. Please support the Club communications and send items to the Tappet Clatter. Stay safe, stay home.

Jim



Hunting for The Vagabonds

I'm looking for the book that I passed around at the Feb VCCA meeting. The original owner would like it back. This was the story about Edison, Ford, Firestone and their summer vacation trips. It was titled "The Vagabonds". If you know it's whereabouts, please let me know and I'll arrange a way to pick it up.

Thanks.
Bill Barker

WE DO OUR PART

CELEBRATING
90
years!

Due to this year's restrictions we are hoping you would send Dave a Birthday Greeting. Maybe include what decade you met Dave,

And some thing you remember about Him

He has mentioned this may be more of a Roast than a Toast!

Please send email to Karen.dee@live.com or text 4258898077

*Or visit facebook/bettyroberts9026 and leave comments
or Mail to 10836 108th Ave NE Kirkland, WA 98033*

*Thank you for all your memories of times spent with Dave.
Friends are what makes life worthwhile to Him!*



TO MAKE

**Bill Damm's
SAFETY DITTY**

What the virus is doing
Just isn't fair...
Picking off people
Here and there.

We're mostly staying home;
Staying safe, we hope.
But we have to get out
To buy food and soap.

A short time exposure,
Even with a mask,
Is a scary adventure
But a necessary task!

We rush back home
And close the blinds.
Watch on the TV,
For who the virus finds.

Then we feel lucky
When they didn't call our name.
And feel for the unfortunate,
Some are people of fame.

We lose some of our heroes,
Musicians, and like kind.
Then think we have symptoms;
Luckily, it's just in our mind!

But still we do worry
Quite a bit of the time;
Till they have a vaccine
And we're standing in line.

Safe at last?
We hope that it works!
So we discard the masks
And won't look like jerks.

But looks aren't the big thing.
It's the fact of being free,
To travel once again.
To see who we want to see!!

To be where we want to be!
Celebrate occasions we missed!!
Catch up on everything
That we have on the list.

We need to do it all safely.
It was the virus that made all the fuss.
But now it's the Grim Reaper
That's looking for us.



TOM MELEO

To all the 4 cyl and early 6 cyl folks from Gerri Johnson: This is concerning our tour leader and good friend Tom Meleo.

Rosemary Huckaby is the editor of the Bow Tie News Central Valley Region and has sent the following news.

On Thursday, July 30, 2020 while having breakfast, Tom slumped over and an ambulance was called. After being checked by a local hospital and diagnosed with bleeding on the brain, Tom was airlifted to a Fresno hospital for brain surgery. Surgery was done on Friday, July 31, 2020. The surgery went well, and Tom is now sedated and is on a ventilator.

Update. I am happy to report that Tom Meleo is improving after his brain surgery. He has been taken off the ventilator and is breathing on his own. Doctors have advised therapy for 2 to 3 weeks. Due to the Coronavirus, no one is allowed to visit him. Cards and get-well wishes may be sent to Tom's mailing address

Take care and stay safe.

September Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Sharon Lauderback 2
John & Dot Ziegler 20

BIRTHDAYS

Dave Roberts 5
Diane Haddock 6
Dick Jones 15
Michele Luche 29
Marilyn Campbell 30

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.

All of us are the Glove Box Coordinators this year. Share your information, experience, and tips with others by emailing the editor at tappetclatter@outlook.com.

Useful Math Formulas for Car Enthusiasts

Math is far from the most popular subject for many car folks. Who wants to be scribbling when you could be driving? Here are some handy reminders adapted from an article by Kyle Smith and posted at Hagerty.com last year.

Gear Ratio- You hear these numbers thrown around a lot in conversation, especially in the domain of performance vehicles. The final drive ratio describes the relationship between the number of turns of the input (the driveshaft) and the output (the axle/s). A simple example is 3:1, where for each three turns of the driveshaft the driven axle(s) spins once. Place a mark on the input to the differential and rotate the wheel one revolution, counting the times the mark on the input completes a full turn. Other common examples are 4.10:1, 3.55:1, or 2.73:1.

Carburetor Size- It's tempting to finish up a V-8 engine swap by tightening down your favorite brand's 850-cfm double pumper, but the fact is, carburetor size matters. The cubic-foot-per-minute rating on a carburetor signifies the flow capability of said air-and-fuel mixing device, and when properly matched up with your engine you will be rewarded with peak efficiency and horsepower. Calculate the cfm requirements of your engine with this formula: $\text{cfm} = (\text{cubic inches} \times \text{rpm} \times \text{volumetric efficiency}) \div 3456$. For reference, most stock engines have a volumetric efficiency of roughly 80 percent. Warmed-over street engines will be roughly 85, and all-out race engines can be 95 percent or better. Don't be surprised when the final number out of this math problem is a lot lower than you expect (or want) it to be. Be honest, and be sure about the maximum rpm your engine is built to handle.

Fuses- Keeping your car from burning to the ground from an overloaded electrical circuit is quite simple using Watt's law. Specifically, this formula reads as follows: $\text{power (in watts)} = \text{voltage} \times \text{current (in amps)}$. You can divide the wattage draw of the device you are wiring in by the voltage of your system and the answer is the fuse size you will need... kind of. That is the exact current draw, meaning that if you install a fuse that exactly matches your math it will likely blow under normal use. Add 20 percent to that final figure and that will protect the system while also allowing current flow under normal operation. When calculating, be sure to use operating voltage, which can be over 13 volts even in a 12 volt system.

RPMs- Find out just how high your engine is spinning at a given speed with this formula: $\text{rpm} = (\text{mph} \times \text{gear ratio} \times 336) \div \text{tire diameter in inches}$. Calculate your gear ratio with the above formula, and then be sure to get the accurate rolling diameter by marking the tire and the ground with chalk and then pushing the car one tire rotation forward. Measure between the initial chalk mark on the ground and where the chalk mark on the tire completed one rotation. Divide that linear measurement by 3.14 to get the final rolling diameter. This also assumes a final drive of 1:1 for the transmission gear, which is the common top gear in many vintage transmissions.

Engine Displacement- When you refer to an engine by a number (the Chevy 350 or Ford's 305 (5 Liter)), you're naming it by displacement. In terms of piston engines, rather than their rotary combustion counterparts, that is calculated in bore (or diameter of the cylinder) multiplied by the stroke (the piston's vertical movement in the cylinder as measured at the piston's dead center), with a little pi thrown in for good measure. Most of the time the factory kindly figures this out for us, but if you bore out an engine's cylinders or swaps crankshafts you'll need to crunch the numbers to find the exact displacement. Here's the formula written out: $\text{displacement} = \text{stroke} \times 3.14 \times (0.5 \times \text{bore}) \times \text{number of cylinders}$.

A WORK OF ART!

BYOC?

While the West and Southern Puget Sound members have held a couple of "Drive-By's", the Eastside members have been keeping busy too. During July a small group of diehards has been meeting at 8 am at the Triple X in Issaquah on Tuesday mornings. Since the restaurant is closed at that time of day, we end up enjoying the entire outside area all to ourselves. It is easy to individually sit at different tables six feet apart. We call this impromptu gathering "BYOC" - which naturally stands for "Bring Your Own Coffee".

In this photo Bill Barker and Roland Klix show their rides; a 1926 Rickenbacker and a 1966 Corvette. Dick Olson has also shown up in his 1950 Convertible. Jim Seiber usually drives his "future" antique Chevrolet. Beginning in August the group is up and meet at various garages.

--Bill Barker



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August 24th Board of Directors Zoom Meeting (All Invited)

All members are invited to join the virtual board meeting scheduled to start at 11:00 AM Via Zoom Conference.

Agenda: (Director's proposals/comments in parentheses)

1. Election of Officers, nominating committee (*rollover current officers if no volunteers*)
2. Dues Collection/budget for upcoming year (*No dues collection this year*)
3. Roster membership information for upcoming year (*no reprint, provide insert with changes /additions*)
4. Future meetings (*Do not schedule until phase 4 is reached*)
5. Report from Area 3 Director
6. NW Meet Plans, update (*Puget Sound probably will host in 2023- maybe with Mt Rainier Region*)
7. Banquet/Christmas party (*Tentatively scheduled for Jan2021 – Delay? Cancel? new location? Catered?*)
8. Open for other discussion from members

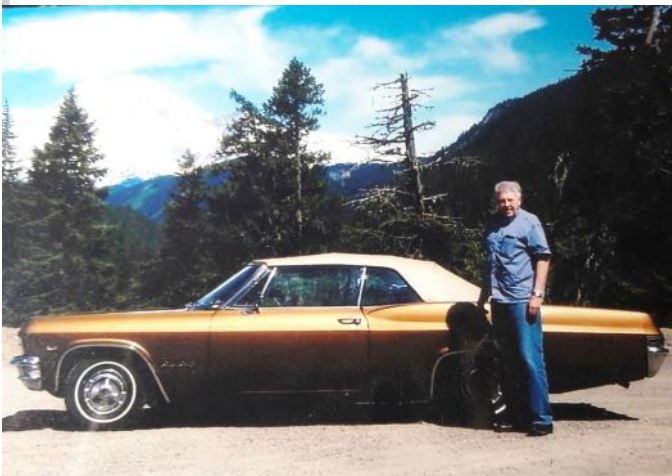
More information on page 12.

Burma Shave- and face-mask makers!

Dave Roberts and His Cars Through the Years

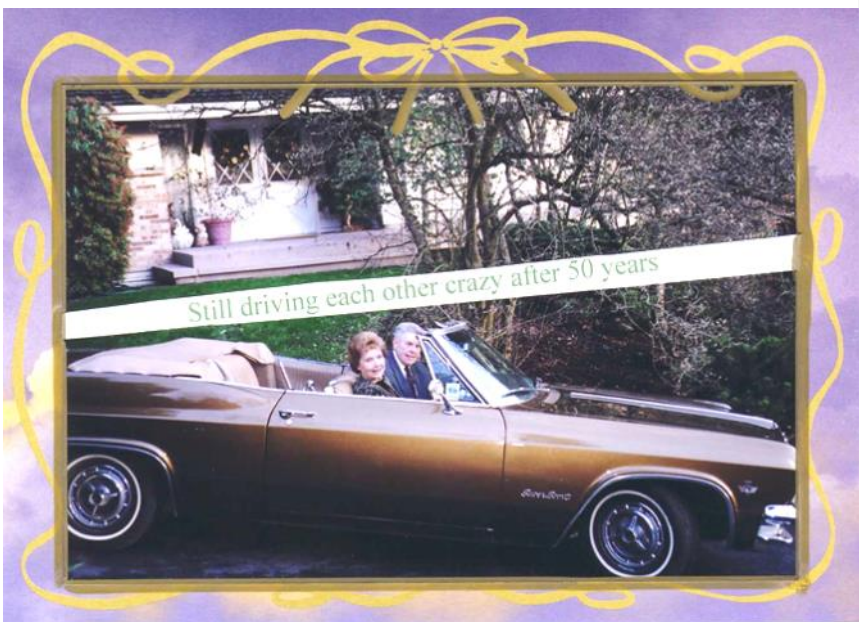
By Karen Roberts

My Dad's love of cars started at his first job at Malloy Manor Garage near the University of Washington, where he parked cars. His boss was an excellent mechanic and became his life-long friend. Dad is not as meticulous as many of his friends. They have helped make sure that the over 30 vehicles, 5 boats, 2 motorcycles, he has owned over the years were reliable. The Coast Guard in him "Semper Paratus, being Always Ready" made sure his friends helped to compensate for his lack of knowledge. His memory is not as sharp after the brain surgery a couple years ago to put a shunt in for his hydrocephalus but he still can come up with many cars he has owned. He is missing a few but you get the idea. He likes cars and likes all of you because he mentions the people and facts associated with each car.



Like a lot of you he has had a lot of vehicles over the decades; a 1943 Willys Jeep, 1941 Chevrolet Special DeLuxe 5-Passenger Coupe, 1936 Ford 3 window, 1940 Chev Convertible bought for his sister, 1941 pickup, 19?? Maxwell, 1951 Pontiac Chieftain Deluxe Convertible, 1952 Chev pickup, 1955 GMC pickup, 1950 Diamond T Boom truck, 1951 Steel station wagon, 1965 Chev Impala SS Convertible, 1974 Datsun 610, 1973 Datsun pickup with dump, 1976 Chev step van, 1975 Dodge Motor Home 31 ft rebuilt burnt, 1952 3100 Chevy 5-window pickup, 1983 Volvo sedan, 1962 Chev 2 ton truck, 1965 Chev El Camino, 1969 Buick Club Coupe, 1995 Lincoln town car, 1943 Jeep-the car he drove in high school was gifted back

to him, 2008 Toyota Prius, 2013 Avalon, Dune buggy made from Volkswagen engine, and a 1959 Chrysler. This is what Dad can remember at 90.



Area 3 Director Message:



No. “3” Back in the Winners Circle: On a recent Sunday I was trying to find something on TV, preferably a sporting event, that would draw my interest while enjoying a glass of lemonade. A NASCAR race from the Texas Motor Speedway showed up. It was the final laps of the race and there were two Chevy Camaros in the lead. Thinking this might turn out to be interesting, I watched the race to its conclusion with the Camaros finishing one and two. The first and second place Camaros were owned by Richard Childress Racing and the winning car was driven by Richard Childress’ grandson Austin Dillon in the number “3” car. Back in the day, when I was a big fan of NASCAR the Number “3” was driven the legendary driver Dale Earnhardt known as the “The Intimidator”. The number “3” was retired for several years by RCR after Dale Earnhardt’s untimely death in 2001 in a race at Daytona.

Now a personal story about Mr. Earnhardt....It was in the year 1996 when Jeanne and I were going to the races which happened to be the Phoenix 500. We got to the racetrack in plenty of time to get a parking spot close to the track and only a little walk to the vendor booths. Jeanne and I being big fans of NASCAR, especially Dale Earnhardt, and always wanting to see a live race, we headed towards the vendor trailers and booths hoping to buy a souvenir to take home. To get to the souvenirs, pedestrians had to cross a cart path that led towards the track’s infield. They had crossing personnel there to tell you when to cross but it was a bit chaotic. As Jeanne and I were crossing a Chevrolet Alumina was coming up the path and working its way through the crowd but in somewhat of a hurry. As the Alumina got closer people were trying to get out of its way but not moving fast enough for the driver. As the car went by (and after almost making Jeanne a hood ornament and me taking off the side view mirror) there was Dale Earnhardt driving with his family inside!! There he was, the legend, the Intimidator, intimidating fans as he drove to the required pre-race driver’s meeting-probably late.



Dale..... your number “3” *is* back in the Winners Circle in 2020 and somehow, I think you had something to do with that win in Texas.

*Gary Rogers
Area 3 Director*

Happy Birthday and Many Thanks to Dave Roberts!

Dave Haddock and I remember our first PSRVCCA Meeting at Tillicum Middle School. Lots of people, milling around and chatting, everyone seemed to know each other. Then this tall gentleman approached and introduced himself. His name was Dave -so easy to remember. Both Daves easily conversed about their cars and a friendship was started. Each meeting for some time, Dave greeted us enthusiastically and introduced us to more members and we soon were members ourselves.

Through the years we watched Dave do the same thing with many other newcomers. It was several years later when Dave really came to our rescue. My Dave had just gotten home from the hospital after his terrible fall and was bedridden. It was a very cold Thanksgiving weekend and the heat stopped working!!! Dave had come out to look at our new house in the woods in Lake Forest Park when we moved in that Fall and had shared that he knew the son of the previous owner. (Dave knows almost everyone, right?) When I called for advice, he insisted on coming over. Much to my surprise, he arrived with tools and equipment to work on the hydronic heat system and managed to get it working!!



Thank you, Dave, for your friendship and everything you have done for us and the club! And Happy Birthday !!!

From the TC Editors- written by Diane

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

1983 Caprice, four door, 305, two-tone brown, good glass, interior, and paint. Only problem is transmission slips. Located in Redmond. **Free to anyone** that can make use of it. I am posting for a friend who is not a club member and have not seen the car. Bill Damm

1940 Chevrolet Coupe maroon; **1923** CAD Sedan, power steering and overdrive; **1934** PAC Coupe w/ rumble seat; **1936** Ford Business Coupe; **1932** Chevrolet Five Passenger Coupe; **1930** Model A Roadster; **1930** Model A Vicky. All cars restored, repainted, rechromed, and rebuilt engines. Paul Pearman

1936 STANDARD five-lug artillery wheels with 17 inch tires. Four for \$100. Dick Olson

1930 Chev sport roadster. New restoration. **PRICE REDUCED!!** \$18K Dick Olson

1926 Chevrolet Touring. Excellent condition, new battery, top and side curtains replaced recently. Also a trailer to move the Chevy (Tommy, aluminum, 14' bed dual axle). \$19,000 for the car, \$3,500 for the trailer. Frank Arms, frank4consult@gmail.com. Send me an email for pictures.

1947-55 Chevy Suburban-Pickup-Panel Parts. Assorted parts, large and small. Good variety. Few GMC. Trim- interior/exterior/cab, radios, heaters, lights, stainless, seats, rubber just to name a few examples. Some partials. Email your request to ednoble@whidbeyisland.com. Parts are in storage. Ed Nobel.

HELP WANTED

Mechanic Needed. The mechanic that I used to restore my '54 Chevy retired and moved away. I need to find someone to work on my car and I am looking for recommendations. I live on the Sammamish plateau, but I'm willing to drive it to a good mechanic anywhere in the Puget Sound region if they are worth it! Immediate work needed is addressing hard starting, howling brakes, and looking at a few leaks. Arnie Mondloch, arniemondloch@msn.com.

Request for referrals on body restoration work. My 1980 Chevy truck needs to be painted. They can contact my email, markshaw10.4@live.com. Thanks. Mark Shaw.

Time to finish the '27 Chev coupe that I have had apart for 59 years is closing in on me. My immediate need is someone to do the panel replacement (welding) on the body panels. Any leads would be greatly appreciated. rstamnes@yahoo.com. Thanks. Bob Stamnes

WANTED

Car Wanted. Pierre is looking for a 1952 to 54 Chevrolet two door post, in good condition, Jim Seiber

Rear bumper guards for a '49 Chevy car, a **front bumper guard cross bar, hood emblem and jet plane** for a '51 Chevy car, all in good driver quality. Don Comstock

2020 Activities

August 24 **Board Of Directors Meeting, 11 AM via Zoom (See page 8)**

Note: Zoom meeting will be limited to 40 minutes. Diane Haddock will host. She will email all members an invitation to the Zoom meeting and provide some instructions on joining via computer or smartphone/tablet. She is researching whether it is possible to join via landline or other cell phones.

August 24 **PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah (CANCELED)**

September 13-17 Pacific Early Six Cylinder Tour, Shady Cove (Medford),

OR. Gerri Johnson (CANCELED)

September 28 **PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah??**

October 26 **PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah??**

November 23 **PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah??**

December ?? **Annual Puget Sound Region Holiday Party???**

Note: All club general meetings for the foreseeable future are subject to cancellation due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Please check this publication or call a club officer if you have questions. XXX Drive-In Meetings normally begin at 11:30 AM; social time starts at 11 AM. Food/drink purchase optional. Address: 98 Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, Washington.