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December Christmas Holiday Celebration

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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, 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 <http://psrvcca.weebly.com/>.

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Director's Message

Al Howe



Director's Letter December 2018

December is upon us with Christmas just a few days away. I am not ready! I need more time! Are you ready with your shopping done, house cleaned and decorations all up? It is a good thing my cars are winterized because cold weather is here showing no mercy for any car that is not ready. If I could just get the shopping done, I could relax some.

The November meeting was in Bill Barker's nice heated garage so he could demonstrate powder coating. He was so informative. Obviously, he has spent a lot of time learning about powder coating and he does an excellent job presenting that information to others. He was prepared to let some of us test what we learned on some name tags. However, I had to leave early so was not able to take part in that, perhaps another time.

The Christmas potluck at Comstock's was another great success. Lots of good food and yummy desserts. They are such gracious hosts. Everything was so beautifully decorated with Christmas trees every place you looked. We ate too much and had fun and laughs opening a gift or stealing one from others. We really do owe Don and Sallie a lot for hosting every year. Thank you just does not seem to be enough. But here it is, "Thank You Don and Sallie!". You are the best.

Next is the Installation Banquet in January. There is more detailed information and the registration form on page 10. I hope to see everyone there this year. We selected a new venue this time, so it should be fun and interesting. Also, we are having it earlier in the day. Driving during daylight hours is so much better, especially if it's raining. Print out that registration page and send it in to Sallie now so you don't forget!!

The main function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure that all the furniture in the house is in place.

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: <http://psrvcca.weebly.com/>
Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvrvcca.org/>
Dave Folsom Blog, www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/
Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>



And visit this site, <http://antiquecarnut.com/>, by and about Puget Sound Region member and long-time VCCA member Jim O'Conner. I enjoyed his story about his Honeymoon to Colorado and Pikes Peak in his 1952 Styleline found at <http://antiquecarnut.com/?cat=79>. Thanks for the great stories and pictures on your site Jim!!

In Memory of Elbert Lee Butcher

By Bob Stammes

Elbert was born to Cecil and Nancy Butcher in Meridian, Idaho as the second of eight children. Elbert married his wife of 66 years, Doris Welker Butcher in 1942, a compassionate, smart, and playful woman. It was easy to understand, while around Elbert, that much of Doris rubbed off on him. After the birth of their son, Albert, Elbert was drafted into the Army and served proudly in WWII. Doris and Elbert had three boys. Albert joined Elbert at one of our VCCA meetings.



Elbert always loved cars and often talked about his earlier experiences with cars. It is not a surprise that he became a mechanic and owned his own shop, Taylor Brake Service, from 1954 until 1988, when his son acquired the shop. The shop is still in the family, and Elbert often got called in to help out, even when he was 90. On one trip to a VCCA meeting in recent years, Elbert talked about the huge truck transmission he was working on at the shop.

Elbert's business model was simple: that his customers came first, and he found great satisfaction in effecting repairs at the most elemental level – lowering costs for his customers whenever possible. This genuine care for others continued for the rest of his life.

After his wife, Doris, passed, Elbert found companionship for several years with Dorothy Matysik, whose love and friendship he valued greatly. Elbert brought Dorothy to one of our Banquets. When I first met Elbert, he talked about this neighbor, and others needing help with something and he was right there to help. I believe Elbert loved a challenge.

Elbert had a long history of loving cars. He often talked about all his adventures on our trips to VCCA meetings. Elbert was also right there to help others. If I mentioned an issue with one of my cars, he would immediately offer to fix it. He fixed neighbor's cars, grandchildren's cars, and others. There was never even a thought of charging for his services; he just liked to help others.

Elbert was a bright and active guy to the very end. I visited with him a week before he passed and he sat at the kitchen table, discussing worldly topics, bright as could be.

Elbert had a deep Christian faith but did not push it. Instead he lived it as an affectionate, kind, gentle caring person.



Bill Damm's
SAFETY DITTY

Poor old Santa,
Working on his list.
For those wanting a new car
For "Chevys" they would insist!

Santa couldn't sub a Ford, or Dodge,
Or Honda, or Nissan, he better not.
They had to be Chevys
Or Santa could get shot!

Santa found the ones they wanted
And packed them on his sleigh.
But Santa was short on cash
And really couldn't pay.

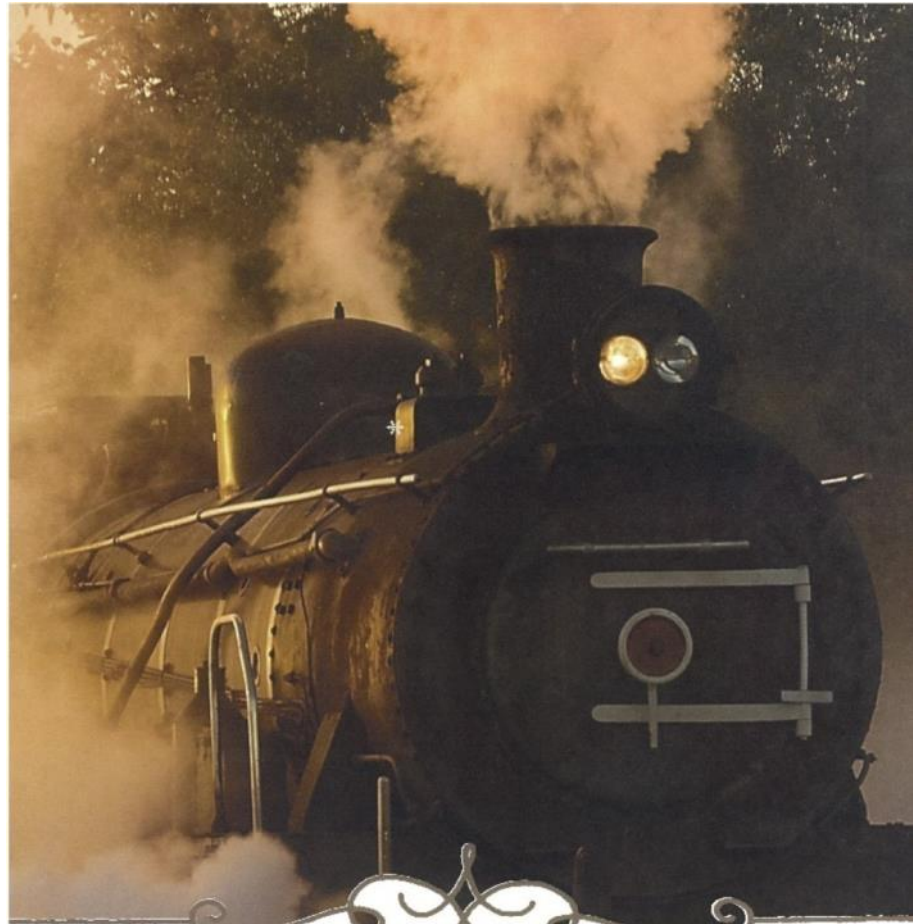
So when the dealer wasn't looking
Santa made a getaway!
He thought he had it made
But it wasn't Santa's day.

The cops were soon alerted;
They tried to block his way.
Throwing out a spike strip,
But it didn't stop his sleigh.

Santa gave the cops a gesture,
Yelling "catch me if you can!"
As he disappeared in the darkness
As fast as his reindeer ran.

So if you get a Chevy
As the Christmas gift you got.
Better make sure it's paid for,
And not from Santa that's HOT!

Leave Santa to his problems.
Here's hoping yours are few.
Wishing you a safe Christmas,
And a happy New Year too.



All aboard for
**CHRISTMAS TRAINS
& Narnia**

**Saturday, December 15th, 10am - 2pm, and
Sunday, December 16th, 9:00am - 1pm, 2nd Floor**
@University Presbyterian Church 4540 15th Ave NE, Seattle
Questions? Call Rod Schein 206-783-8956 (Trains)
Kate Littlefield 425-244-4102 (Narnia)

January Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Glenn and Judy Landguth	11
Gary and Joanne Barquist	18
Myron and Resa Gabelein	23

BIRTHDAYS

Sis Barker	5
George Kowats	6
Cecil Mullins	11
Gisela Jones	16

**November General Meeting
Photos by Al Howe and Jim Seiber**



More Christmas Party Photos



Mountains to Conquer – David Gowan, Director Area #3



A hobby of mine is to distribute books to Native American schools and libraries. This year I distributed several thousand books on reservations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. My friendship with a Tribal official, on a visit to Montana, resulted in having a mountain named for me. Here it is, only its real name is "Chief Mountain". It's in Glacier National Park, bordering Canada's Waterton Lakes National Park.

Now....we all have mountains to climb! Health, income, politics, emotional, 'mental', investments and other issues face us daily. I look at my 'mountains' as something to keep me focused on the future. I encourage you to use your knowledge, experience and energy to help others with the mountains in their life.

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Bill Barker's Garage at 11:15. Some of us were late getting there because of traffic. Seventeen members were in attendance plus one guest. George Reich brought a neighbor by the name of Bill Loew who has Packard, Cadillac and Buick cars but no Chevrolets at this time.

Minutes: The minutes from our October Meeting were approved as published in the Tappet Clatter.

Treasurer's Report: Sallie Comstock has deposited renewals as they have been sent to her. This month we sold two decals and sold two at the end of last month.

Membership: Donna Onat sent Sallie 30 membership dues and has called most of the remaining 15 members who have not yet sent in their renewals. Those that she talked to personally plan to renew. Don Hanson is the only member she was unable to contact. A new membership roster is in the works.

Activities: January 26th Banquet at the Renton Technical College, the doors open at 3 PM for social hour followed by activities, dinner and awards to wind down at 7 PM. Send your registration form (in November TC) and this TC (Page 10) to Sallie by January 2, 2019.

A request was made for suggested activities for 2019. Be alert to possible places to go and things that would be interesting to explore. Let Al, Don, Dave or Bill Damm know so planning can begin.

2020 Northwest Meet. We need a theme, and lots of planners and workers. Things will start happening early next year.

2019 Election of Officers: Al Howe presented the slate of officers for next year. Those members present voted to accept the new officers for 2019.

Director: Al Howe

Assistant Director: Bill Barker

Secretary: Diane Haddock

Treasurer: Sallie Comstock

Membership: Donna Onat

Editor: Dave Haddock

Historian: Dave Haddock

Activities Coordinator: Bill Damm

Club Store: Don Hatley

Al Howe asked that anyone not getting their Tappet Clatter needs to call or email him so he can fix the problem.

Program: Bill Barker shared the secrets of Powder Coating and Eastwood Catalogs with everyone. The presentation was great. It is said you don't have to powder coat yourself, you just have to know someone who does.

Meeting Adjourned: Bob Stamnes sent treats in abundance and Bill Barker had a couple of racks of give-away items that attracted a few "shoppers".

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Comstock for Diane 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.

Call the Glove Box Coordinator, Bob Stamnes2, or email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

VINTAGE BATTERIES ---- WHY? ?

I recently received an inquiry about Reproduction Batteries for vintage cars. I had never heard of such a thing. Am I just not with it? So I looked up Vintage Batteries on the web. I found the following:

-Turbo Start

Model A 6 Volt Collector Battery, Thru 1932 FORD vehicles, \$349.99

-Full Size Chevy Tar-Top battery, 1962 to 1963

Looks like Original, Maintenance Free, Full 1 yr. Warranty
Modern AGM Glass Mat Technology, will never leak or need servicing
Yellow cap, \$393.99

-MoPar Tar-Top Battery

Disguise set for 1956-64 Truck, \$67.88

I also found:

“Delco, 1940 – 54 battery for \$399 (USED)” This surprised me.

There are also Battery Topper Covers that are suppose to make a battery look like the correct year. Here is one: “1962-1972 Vintage Antique Auto Delco Top Post Battery Topper Cover Classic, \$79.95”

Not certain how active these companies that sell these batteries are, as Kent Sullivan has tried to contact Antique Auto Battery (antiqueautobattery.com) and has received no response.

I had several observations from what I found on the web.

First; Why is MoPar less expensive? MoPar is always more expensive!

An evaluation of the Mopar ad revealed that it was only for a “set”. The set must be like a kit that makes your new battery look like a '56-64 battery.

Second, why is a Model A battery so much. I did not find an answer, unless it is because there are so few being manufactured. Ad does not say if it is a AGM which adds to the cost.

NOW, how does all of this affect judging, which I assume is the reason someone would spend the money for a topper cover or a battery of appropriate age. So I suspect it depends upon the use of your car as a driver or show car. Bill Barker has plans to have a speaker on batteries probably at the February meeting, so we should learn more.

Kent Sullivan, who brought this to my attention, said he had found a vintage battery for his '60s Chevrolet for around \$250 and wondered how they might hold up. I had no answer, but since the one I found is a AGM battery, it is likely produced by a mainstream AGM manufacturer which could be a good indication.

I know many of you believe in the AGM batteries. I have not been convinced that the price is worth it, as long as my car functions fine with a normal battery. I still use the lead acid battery in my 1953 and have very little problem now that the car is working properly. But then I use our '53 Chev as more of a daily driver and certainly not as a show car.

Anyone having experience with a Vintage Reproduction Battery, could you please email me at rstamnes@yahoo.com, and remember to keep track of future meeting topics, since Bill intends to have a speaker on this exact topic of batteries.

Thank you

Bob Stamnes

VCCA 2019 Banquet, January 26th Registration Form

This year's Puget Sound Region Banquet will be catered by the Renton Technical College Culinary Arts Program
3000 NE 4th St., Renton, WA 98056



- This year's dinner will be a complete buffet style presentation with the promise of *plenty to eat*, served in a timely manner.



- You will be able to bring your own wine or beer, which will be kept on ice, to be poured by a staff bartender.

- Open at **3 PM on Saturday, January 26th**

- Plenty of parking; elevator to lower floor

- 3:00 to 4:00 Social hour.
- 4:00 to 5:00 fun activity.
- 5:00 to 6:00 Dinner.
- 6:00 to 7:00 Awards and new officer installation.

Please print or copy this form. Send your completed reservation form and check for this year's banquet **by January 2nd** to:

Sallie Comstock, 6608 183rd Ave. E, Lake Tapps, WA. 98391

Entrée Choice:

Chicken Marsala, Quantity _____ -\$ 24 each, total \$ _____

Salmon with Dill Glaze, Quantity _____ - \$ 29 each, total \$ _____

House-made Meat Lasagna, Quantity _____ -\$ 24 each, total \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Your contact information:

Names _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

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

1936 complete good running engine. \$350 Dick Olson

1951 Chevy Styleline Deluxe with PowerGlide Transmission. Recently restored with new: gas tank, fuel line, fuel pump, vacuum pump, water pump, manifold gasket, flange gasket, valve cover gasket, oil line hoses, master cylinder, all wheel cylinders, brake springs, carb kit, battery, plugs, wires, distributor cap, rotor, condenser, coil. Extensive clean-up & minor repairs. On the road, registered with WA State Collector plate. Asking \$8,000. Contact Doxie Davis doxie@davis@gmail.com. Send me an email for pictures.

1926 Chevrolet Coupe. Engine rebuilt, transmission rebuilt, rear end gears checked and look good, new battery, new rear axle seals and bearings, new woven brake lining, good tires. Great radiator shell and radiator appears to be new. Car is very complete and he has had it running. Body wood rebuilt but needs some fine tuning. Nearly \$7000 into it, Asking \$3,250. Contact Dotti at 425-776-2404.

1966 Buick. Great condition w/435 engine. New interior and paint. Asking \$13,995, down from about \$17,000. Very nice car and very low mileage. Contact Dotti.

1962 Chevrolet Impala sport sedan. \$6,500. Contact Jim Seiber seiberphoto@comcast.net.

2006 Chevy Impala SS. 68,000 miles, 5.3 Liter-303 Hp LS4, Sport Red, All of the SS performance and luxury features, very nice sporty sedan. Asking \$7,499. Contact Dave Haddock chevydave@gmail.com.

1930 Chev sport roadster. New restoration. \$25K Dick Olson 425-222-5798

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.

1957 Chevy BelAir 4 Dr Sedan. 283 PP 4BBL. 1 owner car. Completely stock inside and out. Canyon Coral/White. \$15K.

Four-speed Hydromatic transmission, \$100.00. Jerry Yoder 10, jerryyoder@hotmail.com

WANTED

One 4:75 X 19 inch Whitewall tire in good condition. Dick Olson

FREE

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

2018/19 Activities

December	15/16	Christmas Trains & Narnia Event, see page 5 for details.
January	26	Installation Banquet. See details and form on page 10.
February	25	PS-VCCA General Meeting
March	25	PS-VCCA General Meeting
April	22	PS-VCCA General Meeting

