

# THE TAPPET CLATTER



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## Our VCCA Fellow Members: 2019 Traveling Visits

By Ken Scott

Fran and I in our travels have a hobby of looking up VCCA members who live in locations other than our own. It is interesting to see what other members have in their collections. This year was no exception. Below are two stories of our 2019 visits.

Mike Martin #38329 Missoula Montana: In the past year I sold Mike a 1928 spark plug wire cover. I had never talked to him on the phone, but only had communicated with him via email. While in Missoula we made arrangements to visit his home and cars. Upon arriving, Mike and his wife Annette met us at the driveway and asked if we had had lunch. We had, so we declined and proceeded to see their collection. What we found was a restored 1925 Touring and a '27 in process of being restored and a '50 Chevy and a '60's Ford. After showing us around and telling us stories. Mike and Annette invited us into the house where Annette



**1925 CHEVROLET  
SUPERIOR TOURING**

- Series: K
- Manufactured: July 1925  
Oakland, California
- Engine: 21.7 Horse Power  
171 Cubic Inches
- Weight: 1855 Pounds
- Wheel Base: 103 Inches
- Original Price: \$525




1925
2005

showed us her hobby of painting rocks and putting together other decorative items for display. Our last part of the visit included Annette serving us a fresh-baked cherry pie, that we found she had

made special for us. Every VCCA member has their stories of how and why they have what they have. Mike and Annette's story was no different. After a couple of hours of visiting we were back on the road reviewing how wonderful it was for them to share their story with us. (update: since our visit they acquired a 1927 Landau Sedan. This hobby is addictive!) *(Story continued on p. 4)*





## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2019



*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 11:45 am at the XXX Drive-In, 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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**WHEN YOU DRIVE**

# Director's Message

Al Howe



## Director's Letter December 2019

December brings Christmas decorations, shopping and parties while we are celebrating the birth of Christ. It also provides an opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. I wish you all the very best Christmas possible.

Jim Seiber stepped up and accepted the responsibility of Director next year. Bill Barker agreed to continue another year as Assistant Director. So, then things kind of fell into place and we have a good team leading us in 2020. I accepted the job of Activities Coordinator; so please feel free to give me some ideas as to what you would like, or a destination for a tour. I will appreciate any suggestions; so, help me with a winning idea. I was thinking of maybe having a short tour after the meeting now that we meet during the day. So, will all of you who live in or know the area around Issaquah, help us out with some suggestions?

The cold weather has put a damper on my outside activities including the Vintage Chevrolets. Unlike a lot of you, I don't have a heated workshop unless I build a fire in the stove. That provides plenty of heat once it gets hot but by that time, I'm ready to go back in the house.

I hope to see everyone at the Installation Banquet January 25th . More information is on page 9 in this edition of the Tappet Clatter. Kathy and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends*

Al Howe, Director



## NO DECEMBER MEETING

We have our **Annual Christmas/Holiday Party** on December 7 so there will be no General Meeting this month. But Bill has some info to share. The amount that we collected for the November Meeting raffle was \$96!!! I'm pretty sure that is a record. The winner (George Reich) took home \$48. Bill was interested in seeing whether having some "higher value" prizes would draw greater ticket sales. Apparently it did. We need to thank all of the people who donated prizes to be given away. For the future, Bill would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who has a NEW or Nearly NEW item(s) that they will donate to the raffle drawings.

## 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.wvrvcca.org/>  
Dave Folsom Blog, [www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/](http://www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/)  
Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>



**IF CAUTION CEASES**

## Touring helps our Regions Grow!

By David Gowan, Director, Area #3



The Northwest has abundant tour destinations. Some are obvious, like Multnomah Falls in the Columbia River Gorge, but there are others almost

as impressive in the mountains, along the beaches and even on the deserts of Eastern Washington and Oregon. Though the weather is not going to cooperate much longer for touring this year we need to collect our energies and thoughts around getting ready for spring and summer of 2020. Happy touring!!



### Our VCCA Fellow Members by Ken Scott, continued from page 1

Harold Heaton #2072 Klamath Falls Oregon: After checking out the VCCA website I found two members who lived in Klamath Falls Oregon. I had to leave a message on both calls but got a call back from Harold. We arranged to meet him at the site where his cars were stored. They were located in an industrial district in a warehouse. When Harold opened up the door we were looking at a very large collection of mostly GM cars with a few Fords, a Packard, VW, and a Dodge thrown in. The car closest to the door was a Chevrolet dual four barrel 1957 2dr HT.

Every car had its story but the one that sticks with me was the 1932 Chevy purchased in the 50's for I think \$75.00. Harold drove it home and has done no restoration on it since.

Several cars were purchased



new by Harold, driven very few miles, then stored. Some have as little as 1,500 miles on the odometer. It was a breathtaking experience seeing this many cars in a private collection. We greatly appreciated Harold for letting us enjoy his collection and he also enjoys showing them to people like us who have a passion for old cars. Harold has been a VCCA member since 1966.

Thanks Harold for your dedication; this is a visit we will always remember.

**YOU ARE APT**

**Bill Damm's  
HOLIDAY SAFETY DITTY**

Santa is on Christmas work release  
For just six weeks, not more.  
From doing time for the auto theft  
He did the year before.

His ankle bracelet track  
Will be going crazy,  
Showing all the stops he makes,  
Proving he's not lazy.

Elves need to pack the sleigh  
And calculate the load.  
Make sure it's not overweight  
And safe to hit the road.

Santa is getting ready,  
It's almost time to go.  
Where every gift is delivered,  
Santa needs to know.

So the Elves were all real busy  
Wrapping all the gifts and putting on a bow.  
Then marking every package  
With names and where they go.

Another bit of info  
Santa didn't need to hear  
Some elves were getting drunk  
On someone's Christmas beer!

He found those elves in the reindeer barn  
Doing handstands in Rudolf's stable.  
They said they were just on a break.  
To finish their job, they were OK and able.

So he said "get on back to work"  
And that he understands.  
But before they work on anything,  
Be sure they wash their hands.

Santa always seemed quite jolly  
But he was putting on a show.  
He had a dark side to him.  
How was anyone to know?

While making his deliveries  
Someone left him a rotten treat.  
Sour milk and moldy cookies,  
Both unfit to eat.

He left them a "got ya" puppy.  
That Santa already knew,  
It had the diarrhea,  
And also had the flu.

He hated his Auntie Lily  
And wished that she would croak.  
He gave her a box of real hard candies  
On which he hoped she'd choke.

Two sets of real sharp darts,  
For bully brothers Mark and Joe.  
They would throw them at each other,  
Sure to get hurt, (Santa) "yes I know".

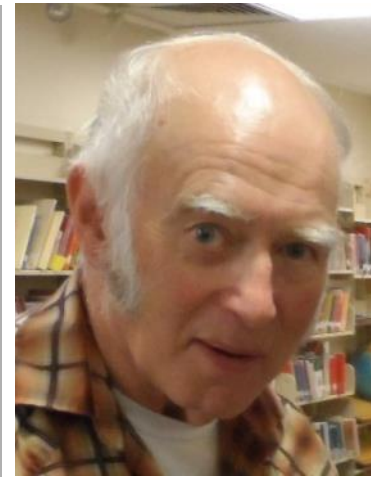
Just a lump of coal  
For naughty boy named Matt.  
That's all he gets for Christmas  
For being such a brat.

With all the gifts delivered,  
No place else to go;  
But go unhook the sleigh  
And let the reindeer go.

Now Santa goes back to jail  
To serve remaining time.  
He should be out by August,  
Pending good behavior, and paying up  
his fine.

But before they come to get him,  
It would be about eleven.  
He'd take one last toke of Merry Jane  
And a shot of Seagrams 7.

Now have a Merry Christmas.  
And in the New Year be  
Given lots of good luck,  
Sincerely from, Bill D.



**Just a note of interest  
from Bill:**

*Rudolph the red nosed reindeer is actually female, scientists have said. Edinburgh University professors Gerald Lincoln and David Baird say Rudolph cannot be a male because female reindeer still have antlers at Christmas. Males shed theirs before mid-December. Nov 3, 2009 Copied from "Live Science"*

**January Celebrations**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

Sis Barker 5  
Cecil Mullins 6  
Gisela Jones 16



All aboard for  
**CHRISTMAS TRAINS**

**Sunday, December 15th, 9:00am - 1pm, 2nd Floor**  
**@University Presbyterian Church 4540 15th Ave NE, Seattle**  
**Questions? Call Rod Schein 206-783-8956**

**Invite your Neighbors**



**TO REST**



**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 Stamnes, at 206-365-1482, or email [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) with your information **before December 31, 2019.**

### My Final Notes as your Glove Box Coordinator

#### GPS to 6 Volt Systems

Al Howe has reported successfully connecting his GPS to the 6 Volt system in his '27 Chevrolet. This could be a great advantage on some of our tours.

#### Tubes in Radial Tires

It is evidently not unusual for old wheels to leak if radial tires are used. Coker Tire weighs in; "Tubeless tires are pretty straightforward. In most cases you can mount them to the wheel, air them up, and they will remain inflated, unless there is damage to the tire or wheel. With that said, buying a tubeless tire does not mean that you CAN'T use a tube. It simply means that the bead is designed to seal against the rim without the use of a Tube", ([www.cokertire.com/blog/tube-tech](http://www.cokertire.com/blog/tube-tech)).

#### Good Garage Story/Advice

(Warning: Do not try this at home)

One evening, after the honeymoon, Tom was working on his Harley motorcycle in the garage. His new wife was standing there by the bench watching him.

After a long period of silence she finally said, "Honey, I've just been thinking, now that we are married, maybe it's time you quit spending so much of your time out here in your garage. You probably should also consider selling your Harley and all your welding equipment along with your gun collection, your fishing gear, the boat and all those stupid model airplanes, plus dump that vintage hot rod sports car and your home brewing equipment."

Tom got a horrified look on his face.

She said, "Darling, what's wrong?"

He replied, "There for a minute, you were starting to sound like my ex-wife"

"Ex-wife!?" she screamed, "YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU WERE MARRIED BEFORE!"

Tom replied, "I wasn't."

**Glove Box** continued on p. 8.

**IN PIECES!**

## The Benefits of Writing Glove Box Articles (continued from p. 7)

Writing the Glove Box article for 12 years may seem to you to be a great sacrifice. Well, you may be surprised. Writing these articles has brought me close to others within the club, tire shops, and other product shops as I investigated many topics. It also resulted in a great friend, Dave Folsom, as I passed many of the more technical articles through Dave for a technical check. Dave often took on a re-write of the article for the Glove Box. Dave continued to volunteer his proof-reading these documents, even after his retirement and to this date.

Another benefit, was to solve issues that benefited me directly as I restored my cars. You have to understand that, even though I was educated as an engineer, I was really not a car guy in my younger years even though I owned my '27 Chev coupe in high school. This could be demonstrated, as in the distant past, I lost a rear wheel on my '53 Chev while on the highway after mounting the sawdust tires on the car. I would love to find that '53 Chev that can easily be identified by the ground down "U" bolts on the rear left. My older brother was very much into cars with his '50 Ford, 2-door hardtop with Rolled and Pleated Tijuana upholstery.

Coming up with article topics was normally quite easy as I gathered ideas from magazines like Old Car and Auto Restorer, from club members or from my working on or driving my own vehicles. I learned something on nearly every article I wrote, often surprised by what I found to be the case.

I have selfishly held this position for 12 years and it is time to allow someone else to hold this position and enjoy the results.

This is my final Glove Box article. I am retiring from writing the Glove Box at the end of 2019. Please consider volunteering for this position as I believe the Glove Box is a great contribution to the Club, the members and the Tappet Clatter. Even though elections were held in November, no one volunteered for this position and it is still open to anyone.

Bob Starnes

(Editor's Note: Thanks, Bob, for researching and writing 12 years (that's 144 articles) of Glove Box information about our older cars. Your hard work is appreciated by all current members, and possibly even future members of the club!!)

### Where are they now?

By Jim Seiber

Having a booth at the Monroe swap meet provides an opportunity to chat with shoppers as they forage car-related items. It is particularly fun to see Puget Sound Region members we don't often see at Club events. Tom and Sharon Lauderback are still around. Most of Sharon's time is devoted to caring for her mother, who is living in an assisted facility. Sharon visits on a daily basis. Tom is still interested in keeping their 1925 Superior Touring running. They are looking forward to more involvement in future Chevy Club activities.

Mike Tompson has retired from his mechanic job at Bellevue Chevrolet. Mike would very much like to find an early to mid-sixties Chevy driver. He is not able to do much work on cars due to some physical limitations. Mike has forgotten more about Chev's than most of us will ever know.

Duane Rice is another former member who restored or modified some beautiful Chevrolets. Duane and his wife Edith live in Renton and will try to make it to one of our meetings. He no longer does total restoration but spoke of doing some spot painting on one of his cars.

Ervin and Libby Bistodeau still live in Sedro Woolly. Erv has continued to collect interesting cars, recently purchasing a speedster. The speedster was built by Ted Hendrickson, a former Club member. He is considering getting involved with the North Cascade Region. Libby is "downsizing" her Pepsi memorabilia collection.

The booth also attracts the usual hard shoppers-regular members who are still looking for that car part they didn't know they needed.

Jim

**Burma Shave**



## VCCA 2020 Banquet Registration

This year's Puget Sound Region Banquet will be catered by Renton Technical College Culinary Arts Program.

Once again, 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.
- The doors open at 3PM on Saturday January 25th
- 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 send your reservation, by Jan. 11th**, with entrée choice, for this year's banquet to: Sallie Comstock, 6608 183rd Ave. E, Lake Tapps, WA 98391

### Entrée Choices:

Chicken Marsala Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_ -\$ 24 each, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon w/ dill glaze Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_ - \$ 29 each, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Home-made meat lasagna # ordered \_\_\_\_\_ - \$23.00 each, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check to: PSR VCCA. Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact information:

Names of attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember** to mark your calendars for the 2020 Meet and to volunteer to help!! It's a big job and we still need more member support. Contact Don Comstock.



Left- Draft Meet Logo by George Reich.

### Membership News

I'm happy to introduce another new member, Jack Crowley, who lives in South Bellevue with his wife Beth and their '86 Corvette Z51 Targa. That makes 6 new members this year - a record! (on my watch, at least) Have you written all of their names in the back of your Roster? I think it's partly because of meeting at the XXX in the daytime, which has greatly increased our visibility. Welcome, Jack and Beth!

By Donna Onat

# Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:47 by Director Al Howe at the Issaquah XXX with 29 members and one guest present. Bill Barker introduced his guest, Jack Crowley to the members.

**Director:** Minutes from the October General Meeting were accepted by vote. Then Al Howe led the voting for officers for 2020. Since the current slate is unopposed, it was suggested that the election/voting be accomplished with a single vote. Jim Farris proposed this action and Rod Schein seconded the motion.

Officers elected for the year 2020 are:

Director- Jim Seiber, Assistant Director- Bill Barker,  
Treasurer- Sallie Comstock, Secretary- Diane Haddock/Don Comstock,  
Activities- Al Howe, Club Store- Don Hatley,  
Webmaster - Ralf Luche , Assistant Webmaster - Rod Schein,  
Editor of Tappet Clatter – Dave Haddock, Glove Box– Vacant

A special thanks to Ralf Luche who continues to support the club from afar by keeping the website updated and running. We would not have a website without him!

**Glove Box:** Since we have no one to fill this role yet, anyone who wants to write an article for the Tappet Clatter is welcome to do so. Please submit to Dave Haddock. Any articles will also be put on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sallie Comstock reported the account balance and information on expenses.

**Membership:** Donna was not present; Sallie reported there are 60 paid members.

**2020 Northwest Meet:** The Meet logo (p. 9) was presented and approved. Don Comstock and Al Howe gave a report and discussion followed regarding tours and activities. NW Meet will start July 15, 2020. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact Don.

**Activities:** December 7 is the 2019 Holiday Party at the Comstocks. December 15, 9am to 1pm is the Christmas Trains (Rod Schein-see p. 6). The next National VCCA Meet will be in Bowling Green, Kentucky - the location of the Corvette Museum. Our January Banquet will again be at Renton Vo-Tech. Jim Seiber has made the arrangements for Saturday, January 25, 2020. Reservations are required by January 11th. See page 9 for reservation form.

**Program:** Bill Barker provided information about the Seattle Car Show and gave a presentation about

electric cars. He outlined past, present and future models, pros and cons and statistics for us to ponder.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Haddock, Secretary.

(Left, 50/50 winner George Reich, and Right, raffle winners Bob & MG Starnes)



## 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](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com) when your listing no longer needs to be published.

### FOR SALE

**1953-1954 Chev Push Button Radio**, Asking \$100. Contact Ted Hutchinson, [revted47@gmail.com](mailto:revted47@gmail.com).



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. \$25K 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](mailto: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](mailto:ednoble@whidbeyisland.com). Parts are in storage. Ed Nobel.

### WANTED

**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

**18-inch** wire wheels for a 1932 Chevy. Contact Ken Scott.

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

### FREE

**Mid-thirties Chev truck chassis**: frame, rear end, leaf springs, wheels, tires. Call Dale Sharp



## 2019/2020 Activities

December	7	<b>PS-VCCA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK</b>
January	25	<b>PS-VCCA 2020 Banquet, Renton (Page 9)</b>
January	27	<b>No General Meeting this month</b>
February	24	<b>PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah</b>
March	23	<b>PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah</b>
April	27	<b>PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah</b>

Note: XXX Drive-In Meetings normally begin at 11:45 AM, social time starts at 11 AM. Food/drink purchase optional.