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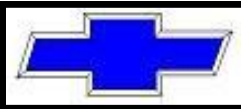
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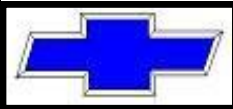
**Officers Installation Banquet - Saturday, January 20**

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## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA



The Puget Sound Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (PSR-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 25 years or older may be registered with the Region.**

**Unless otherwise posted**, Hybrid "In-person and ZOOM" General Meetings are temporarily held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The Meeting will begin at 10:30 am from Kent Sullivan's garage or adjacent meeting room located at 6408 125th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033 (Pending COVID restrictions) until further notice. ZOOM information will be sent via e-mail broadcast to all members prior to the Meeting. **General Meetings are not held in January, July, August and December.**

You can learn more about our Club by visiting our website where you can see color photos of previous tours, cars for sale, parts for sale, wanted, etc., and there is a link to view our monthly newsletter "Tappet Clatter". You can find the PSR-VCCA website here on the World Wide Web:

[Click Here](#)

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### **Publication Information**

The **deadline** for receiving articles for Tappet Clatter is the **25th of the previous month**; that is for example, articles for the December publication must be received no later than November 25th. The Editor Team 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; however, prefer all photos sent in JPEG format. Please submit proposed articles and photos by e-mail to: [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com)



## PSR DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



**Being Director, makes it so clear to me how many people it takes to make a club tick. Besides our dedicated officers, there are many PSR members who have accepted responsibilities and are there to help whenever needed. Thank you for stepping up. It is very appreciated.**

### **Dues**

We need to complete our Roster and would appreciate receiving your \$5 dues. Please send your dues to Donna Onat, 13623 S.E. 20th St., Bellevue, WA 98005 Thank you.

### **Christmas Party**

I hope you can all make this fun event. It is December 2nd at Ken and Fran's starting at 12:00 noon with dinner at 12:30. Please call Fran at 253-5311-5266 to find out what you can bring and to let her know how many will be attending. Please see November TC for details.

### **Installation Banquet**

Our Installation Banquet is January 20th at 2pm at the Rainbow Cafe, 112 E Main Street, Auburn, WA. Specifics on meals to follow.

### **2025 NW Meet**

Special Thanks to Bill Barker, Bob Reller, Tom Tarico, Ken Scott, and Dave Haddock for their great work narrowing site locations down to 4 locations.

Bob Reller, Tom Taricco, Dave Haddock and Don Comstock have volunteered to complete the next task of narrowing the 4 sites down to one final site and completing the contract work. Your volunteering for this task is very much appreciated.

Bob Stamnes #11563

Director PSR-VCCA

End.



## AREA 3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



### LICENSE PLATE FRAMES AND MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

What works for recruiting new members into our clubs? New members are more than just more fun people to meet and to enjoy with on tours. New members are the future leadership in our clubs that will keep the doors open. It's clear there is no "silver bullet" that unlocks the interest of all those old Chevy and GMC owners out there. Many of them have already joined VCCA but maybe have not known about our Regional Clubs or understood what we do for the hobby.

That brings me to License Plate Frames. Are they a good recruiting tool or just showing your pride in our club? It's unknown, of course. New car dealerships like them and must think they are worth it to advertise their businesses. During the course of the VCCA license plate frame project over 300 frames have been sold to members in most of the regions in the club. If nothing else, the frames shows pride in the club if not generating interest among fellow car enthusiasts.

So let's all continue to experiment and share ideas of what is successful...car shows, club booths at events, direct outreach via calls or emails, social media, etc. Send me your ideas and I'll get the word out in our regions and to the national.

Enjoy the holiday get togethers, maybe get your car out on a non-rainy day, get some restoration work done and look forward to 2024!

Ed Gallagher #44216

Director VCCA District 3

End.

# PSR-VCCA MINUTES - NOVEMBER 11 MEETING

Bob Stamnes, Director, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. at Kent Sullivan's place. A total of twenty-seven (22) were present: thirteen (13) Club members were on site; nine (9) Club members were on ZOOM.

## **Minutes**

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the Tappet Clatter.

## **G&D Article**

Bob Stamnes complimented Ken Scott on the G&D article he had written on the NW Meet.

## **Membership**

Donna Onat reported that she was still waiting for dues from 34 existing members. Members were encouraged to send the \$5 to Donna ASAP. Donna will call those members to inquire about their membership. On the positive side, Donna had received \$95 in donations that some had sent with their dues.

Donna also reported that John Valiton had successful heart surgery and was back at home. In addition, she and Fran Cissell let us know that John Strampher had completed his radiation and chemo treatments and that he would be having a scan in February to determine the treatment outcomes. The Club sends wishes for speedy and complete recoveries to John V. and John S.

## **Treasurer**

Sallie Comstock reported that the funds that led to \$195 discrepancy had been found, and all was in order.

## **Editor**

Tom Taricco reported that if you have a picture of your car to submit, he would love to include it in the upcoming TC.

## **Club Store**

Don Comstock reported that all decals have been sold and has requested that soldout be placed on the G&D ad.

Continues...

## **Christmas Party**

Ken Scott reminded us about the December 2, 2023 party at noon at his house. A new schedule with 12:30 dinner and 1 hour of entertainment, rather than 2, will allow the gift exchange to move up in time and allow members to be able to leave before dark. If you have not already contacted Fran, please do so to inquire about what you can bring and also with the number attending.

## **Installation Banquet**

Al Howe has made arrangements for the January 20, 2024 banquet at 2pm at the Rainbow Cafe in Auburn. More details to come.

## **New Business**

Bill Barker reported that the XXX is up for sale.

## **Program**

A detailed presentation was given on the present status/projected timetable for the Site Evaluation Review for the 2025 NW Meet. Bill Barker, Tom Taricco, Dave Haddock, Bob Reller, and Ken Scott had completed Phase I, Site Evaluation. This group met on October 18 and again on November 2 with lots of hours spent individually in-between meetings. A tentative timeline was made by counting back from the June 2024 Dalles NW Meet, where the 2025 site can be announced, to include 3 phases-- Phase 1, Site Evaluation, now complete; Phase 2, Selection Phase from now until February 2024 to choose the site; and Phase 3, Negotiation Phase, to complete all contracts and designate responsibilities.

Phase 1 (very abbreviated report). The committee established criteria for choosing the site after considering attendees needs/desires and site requirements. Highest priority was given to the availability of a hotel with at least 75 rooms available for the group, satisfactory room rates, and the availability of a hospitality room. Second, the site should be close to tourist attractions that would be interesting for group members. Third, the site should have available banquet locations. Fourth, RV sites and a judging field are not as critical. On the basis of this criteria, committee members came up with 11 possible locations, which were then pared down to remaining 4 locations. These locations are: XXXXXX?, XXXXXX?, XXXXXXXX?, and XXXXXXXX?. Additional information was given on each site, but no ranking has been established.

A big thank you to Don Comstock, Dave Haddock, Bob Reller and Tom Taricco who have volunteered to be the Phase 2 committee so our PSR 2025 NW Meet process can continue. They will visit and evaluate each site and bring their recommendation for the 2025 site to us in February. Tom Taricco has agreed to chair this committee. **As a reminder, additional volunteers will be needed for phase 3 & 4 should the Club accept Phase 2 committee's site recommendation.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marigail Stamnes #11563 – Secretary

# 2023 CHRISTMAS PARTY



## **Ken Scott and Fran Cissell have volunteered to host our 2023 Christmas Party.**

There will be a gift exchange valued at \$20 for those who wish to participate, along with some homegrown entertainment .

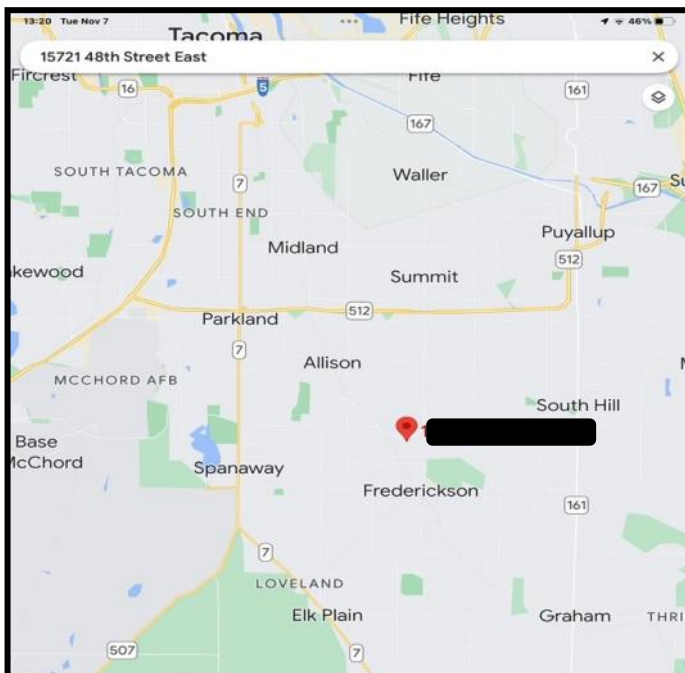
Yes, it is a potluck with RSVP. Fran will provide the main meat dish. Attendees can call Fran for the other needed food.

**When: Saturday, December 2**

**Time: 12:00 pm** with time for attendees to get home before dark.

**Place: 15721 48th Ave E, Tacoma 98446**

**Contact: Ken or Fran**



### Directions from I-5 South (Tacoma)

- See emailed TC or membership directory.

### Directions from Hwy 167 (Puyallup)

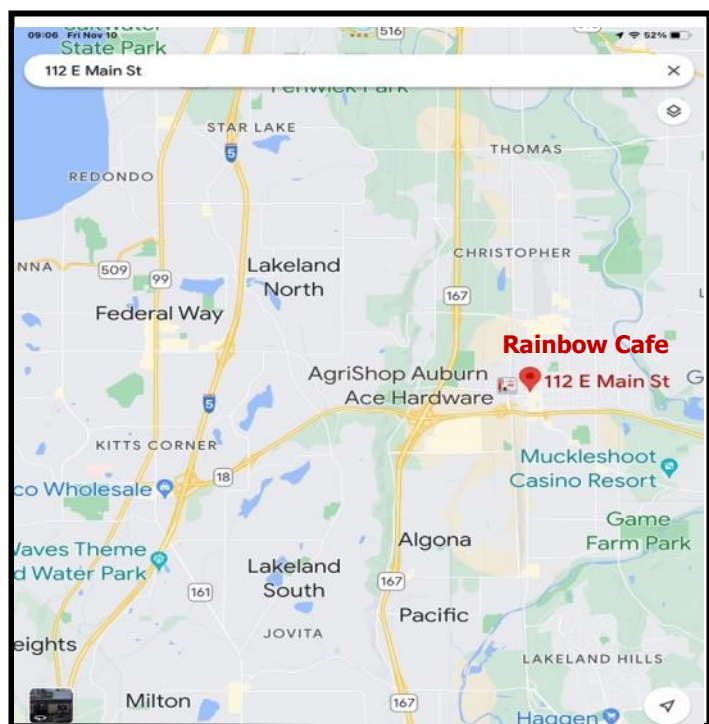
- See emailed TC or membership directory

End.

# 2024 Officers Installation Banquet

Our 2024 January Installation Banquet will be held January 20th at 2pm at the Rainbow Cafe - Auburn. We will have a choice of 3 kinds of lunch: Orchard Salad with a choice of with or without Chicken, French Dip or Fish & Chips; much like last year. More details and sign-up sheet coming soon after we iron the last of details.

Al Howe



## Directions I-5 South (Seattle)

- Take I-5 South to Hwy 18. Go East.
- Follow approx. 4 miles past Hwy 167 to C Street SW. Turn left.
- Follow for 3 blocks to E Main St. Turn right.
- Follow 4 1/2 blocks to 112 E Main Street. Rainbow Café is on the right.

## Directions I-5 North (Tacoma)

- Take I-5 North to Hwy 18. Go East.
- Follow approx. 4 miles past Hwy 167 to C Street SW. Turn left.
- Follow for 3 blocks to E Main St. Turn right.
- Follow 4 1/2 blocks to 112 E Main Street. Rainbow Café is on the right.

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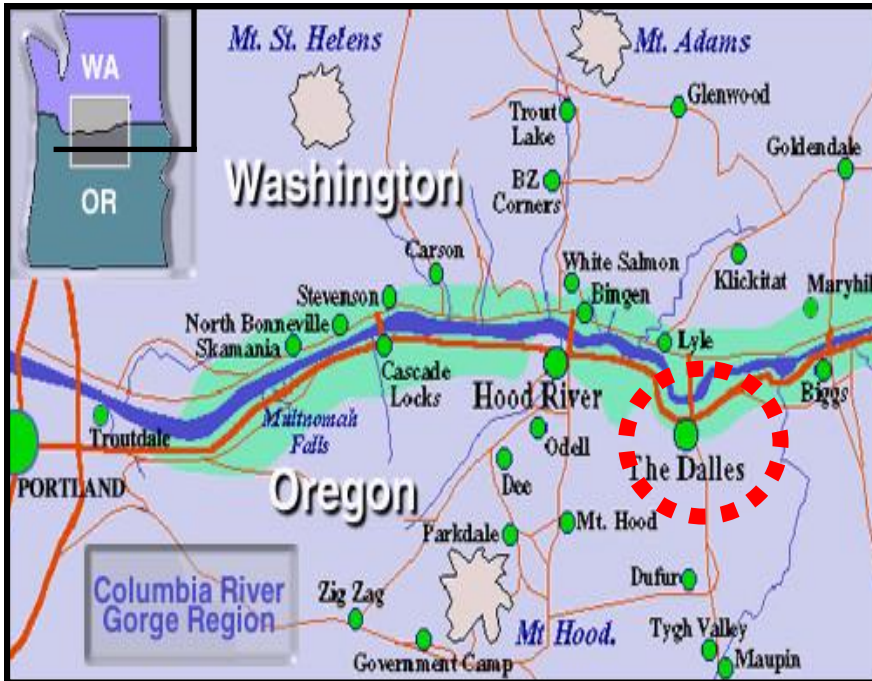


# 2024 NW MEET (UPDATES)

This page is dedicated to providing information on the 2024 NW Meet. It will be added to and modified as more information becomes available:

**Date: Arrive 06/12/2024, Depart 06/16/2024**

**Location: Cousin's Country Inn - The Dalles, OR**



End.

# MEMBER'S CHRISTMAS STORY

## One in a Million Photo Find

By Tom Taricco

Place: Dragon Mountain Base Camp - Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam

Time: Christmas Week 1967

Event: The Bob Hope Show



I departed the Port of Tacoma, WA to Qui Nhon, Vietnam by troop ship in September 1966. We were part of the advance party of the US Army's 4th Infantry Division. As a wire team member of the 124th Signal Battalion, our mission was to quickly establish the base camp communications network and then over the following year, assist, when and where needed, in the base camp buildout. Dragon Mountain Base Camp, located South-west of Pleiku in Vietnam's Central Highlands, eventually became home-base for thousands of 4th Infantry and other combat and support unit soldiers.

In late November '67, rumors were flying that Bob Hope was planning to bring his show to \*Camp Enari some time around Christmas. What began as a rumor, soon became true, and our signal company was assigned the work detail of setting up the viewing area, stage, and sound system (including wiring and mounting large horn speakers on telephone poles we had strategically placed in the designated show area.

With the work complete, it was finally show-time! Because of our preparation work for the show, we were given the privilege of VIP seat selection. I decided that I would rather watch the show from on top of one of the speaker poles; this way I would have a totally unobstructed view. Here's me:

Forward to November 10, 2023 (56 years later): While browsing FaceBook on the Camp Enari Member Group Site, I came across this "One in a Million Photo Find". It was taken and posted by another 4th Infantry Vietnam Vet who had also attended the show.



To the right, performing live on stage, is Joey Heatherton and Bob Hope. Also performing that day were Raquael Welch, Phyllis Diller, Reita Faria - Miss World 1966, all accompanied by the Bob Hope Dancers and the Bob Hope band.

*\*Dragon Mountain Base Camp's name was changed to Camp Enari mid-1967 in honor of fallen 1st Lt. Mark Enari, the 4th Division's first Silver Star recipient (posthumously).*

End.

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

**A HAPPY THOUGHT** *for Dad's Christmas*

MOTHER HAS THRASHED THROUGH THE STORES FOR A GIFT FOR DAD UNTIL SHE'S A WRECK.

THE FAMILY HAS SEARCHED THE ADS DESPERATELY FOR AN INSPIRATION.

THE PHONE WAS KEPT HOT CANVASSING FRIENDS FOR A SUGGESTION.

... THEN JUNIOR SPARKED A BRILLIANT IDEA.

**AND ON CHRISTMAS MORNING...**

**JUST WHAT I WANTED**

**GENUINE CHEVROLET ACCESSORIES**

**FOR THE FAMILY CHEVROLET**

Just run your eye over this page . . . see what a modest budget will buy in gifts that "look like a million!" Genuine Chevrolet accessories are always a sure bet when it comes to spreading Christmas joy among your motor owning friends. Insist on genuine Chevrolet accessories—authentic designs by Chevrolet engineers, manufactured to highest quality standards. There is a Chevrolet dealer near you equipped to supply any of the marvelous gifts illustrated here—already wrapped in handsome Christmas gift packages. Note the attractive prices. Why not make up a list of your automobile owning friends . . . and visit your Chevrolet dealer today?

CHEVROLET MOTOR COMPANY, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

**Electric Defroster \$3.00**

**Right-Hand Sun Visor with Vanity Mirror \$3.25**

**Super De Luxe Hot Water Heater \$14.95**

**De Luxe Radio with Directional Speakers \$49.50**

**Fan Type Defroster \$4.50**

**Fender Streamliners \$8.00 per pair**

**Safety Light \$15.95**

**Right-Hand Windshield Wiper \$3.85**

**De Luxe Gear Shift Ball \$50c**

**Brake Lever Extension Handle \$11.75**

**Wheel Discs—Set of Six Master Standard \$19.95**

**De Luxe Hot Water Heater \$19.95**

**De Luxe Radio with Directional Speakers \$49.50**

**Right-Hand Windshield Wiper \$3.85**

**Electric Clock and Ash Tray Panel \$10.25**

**Stainless Steel Wheel Mouldings \$6.75**

**Matched Horns \$19.50**

**Cigarette Lighter \$11.25**

**Fender Markers \$2.50**

**Rear Vision Mirror with Clock \$4.00**

**San Toy Seat Covers Complete for 4-Door Sedan Coach (Front Seats) \$17.64**

**San Toy Seat Covers Complete for 4-Door Sedan Coach (Front Seats) \$11.95**

**Something for the Car**

OPPOSITE THE NAMES ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST, WRITE:

Every Chevrolet accessory gift is packaged in a Christmas box, bearing a seasonal greeting card. Installation by expert Chevrolet service men.

**ON SALE NOW AT YOUR CHEVROLET DEALER'S**

The above vintage ad was taken from the Q4 2021 Hagerty Driver Club Magazine. As an owner of a 1936 Chevrolet Standard 5 Window Coupe, it caught my interest, especially the accessories posted prices. In particular, note the Fender Streamliners @ \$8.00/pair. Today's market price is \$4,500/pair, if you can find them.

Tom Taricco

End.



I'm hoping this photo will inspire a few of our members who own and drive 1955 Chevrolet cars and/or pickups (Al & Kathy Howe, Lauren Ziegler, Dan & Karen Young (3), Dave & Diane Haddock, Roger Orness, Jerry Yoder, Dave Parker, and Rod McCarthy) to send the Tappet Clatter editor JPG photos of their cars. If I missed someone, I apologize. You know who you are. I promise to include them in future editions. Please send them direct to [tom@taricco.net](mailto:tom@taricco.net) I am currently having issues on the [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com) mail box. I hope to have it resolved shortly.

End.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

- December**            **No December Meeting**
- December 2**        **Christmas Party** - Ken Scott 's & Fran Cissell's Home
- January**            -        **No January Meeting**
- January 20**        **Officers Installation Banquet** - Rainbow Café, Auburn
- February 10**       **General Meeting (Hybrid)** - Kent Sullivans, Kirkland

## SAFETY CORNER



**While at a stop sign,  
You always know,  
To look both ways,  
To double Check,  
Is always wise,  
Cause of the blind spot,  
In your eyes.**

**So for your safety,  
Not just to be nice,  
When checking for traffic,  
Please do it twice.**

By Bill Damm  
Reprinted from May 2007 Tappet Clatter

End.

# DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

## Birthdays

Dennis Johnson	Dec 3
Dave Miller	Dec 9
Don Comstock	Dec 18
Myron Gembelein	Dec 25

## Anniversaries

Sallie & Don Comstock	Dec 23
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# DECEMBER FUNNY



End.

## From The Glovebox

The following is a reprint from the October 2007 Tappet Clatter:

### Compression Check Hint and a Suggestion

By Al Howe

**Bob Stamnes** tells us: In our frustration to find some way to check compression on my '26 Chev with the larger spark plugs, Dave Folsom and I tried inserting a chunk of rubber heater hose into the spark plug hole and then inserted the compression checker, it worked. So this is an alternative to using the reducer for the use of modern plugs on these old cars.

Bob also offered this suggestion: Several of us have talked about having meeting discussions on various parts of body work, i.e. patching holes, filling, shaping metal, metal prep, priming, painting and rubbing it out. Bob would also like to assemble some good references on this, i.e. web sites, articles, experiences. For example, Hemming Classic Car Magazine, November issue has articles on Stripping Paint and another acrylic vs. Urethane. September issue of G & D has an article on Painting For The Amateur.

Bob would like members to send him any references to this material they are aware of. He will assemble the references and disperse it back to the membership.

*We need car-related issues to discuss in this feature. It helps our Club members with their cars as well as providing an opportunity for others to learn more about their Chevrolets. Contact the Tappet Clatter Editor by phone or e-mail with any questions you feel might be included in the Glove Box. E-mail to [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com)*

End.

## 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.**

## Wanted

**Passenger side Visor Bracket** for **1936 Chevy**. Please contact Tom Taricco at (425) 503-1360 or [tom@taricco.net](mailto:tom@taricco.net).

**Request for referrals** onbody restoration work. My 1980 Chevy truck needs to be painted. They can contact me my email, [markshaw10.4@live.com](mailto:markshaw10.4@live.com). Thanks. Mark Shaw

## For Sale

**1973 Chevrolet Bel Air**, 45,000 miles. Asking \$7500. Contact David Register [devan\\_register@yahoo.com](mailto:devan_register@yahoo.com)

Ad placed by Bob Stamnes

### 1950 Chev Convertible parts:

- Formed top material with window ready to install;
- Rear seat upholstery, side panels, boot and boot cover (red & white).

Also has 216 engine for sale, presently advertised in G&D.

Contact: Bob Manko, (365) 580-3462 or [bobanddee61@gmail.com](mailto:bobanddee61@gmail.com)

Ad placed by Bob Stamnes

**1950 Chevy 216 Cubic Inches cast iron Head.** Can be used on any 216 Chevy engine. The head has been cleaned and Magnafluxed to make sure the head has no cracks in it. The rocker assembly and head for \$100.00. Contact Bob at [helgy@comcast.net](mailto:helgy@comcast.net)

**FREE transmission** for a 1930, 1931, 1949 and 1957. Contact: Dick Olson at (425) 222-5798 or email [rolson82@comcast.net](mailto:rolson82@comcast.net)

51-52 hardtop **tinted 2-piece windshield**. Asking \$50 or OBO. Contact Duane Rice at (425) 226-8434

End.



# Club Store News



## Club Store Specials

Since the October in-person meeting was changed to ZOOM only, the sale goes on for the remainder of the year. We have a small number of pins, decals, and license frames all on sale; most below cost. They have the old National logo. Supplies are limited. First come, first served. When they are sold out they likely can not be reordered.

50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary pins featuring 100 years of Chevrolet	\$3
VCCA Lanyards	\$2
VCCA Decals 2 1/4 X 1 1/2	\$.50
VCCA Lapel Pins	\$3
VCCA Name Badges	\$3
VCCA License Plate Frames	\$7
Large Trailer Decals <u>plus</u> defective decal (old style) while they last	\$15
VCCA Year pins; 1yr, 5yr, 10yr, 15yr, 20yr, 25 yr, 30yr	

Our feature item is the Puget Sound Region Embroidered Back Patch regularly \$18 now \$10 which is way below cost. It is better to have them seen on the back of jackets rather than in a box in the club store.

Hope to see you all soon,

Don Comstock #5882  
Storekeeper

End.

# At-A-Glance References

## **GM Heritage Archive**

The GM Heritage Archive has trained researchers available to assist with your research. Request should be sent via email to [gmhc@gm.com](mailto:gmhc@gm.com). The email should outline your information or visual media need and the intended use.

Web: <https://www.gm.com> > heritage > archive

## **Vintage Chevrolet Club of America - VCCA (National)**

Roger James #06854 - President

Email: [rogemaryj@usfamily.net](mailto:rogemaryj@usfamily.net)

Web: <https://www.vcca.org>

## **Vintage Chevrolet Club of America - VCCA (District 3 Clubs)**

Ed Gallagher #44216 - Director VCCA District 3

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Web: <http://www.vccacolumbiariverregion.org/>

## **Puget Sound Region**

Bob Stamnes #11563 - Director

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Web: <http://www.psvcca.weebly.com>

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Web: None

## **North Cascade Region**

Jeanne Rogers #42337 - Director

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Web: <http://www.ncrvcca.weebly.com/>

## **Columbia River Region**

Bob Lynn #56426 - Director

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Web: <http://www.vccacolumbiariverregion.org/>

## **Willamette Valley Region**

Elyse Kassis #14861 - Director

Email: [m.c.rice@comcast.net](mailto:m.c.rice@comcast.net) (as WVR Secretary)

Web: <http://www.wvrcca.org/>

## **Gas stations with gas without ethanol**

Web: <http://www.pure-gas.org/>

**Happy Thanksgiving  
And a  
Merry Christmas to all**



**Winter Touring Dream**

End.