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My Scrapbook of Family Chevrolets

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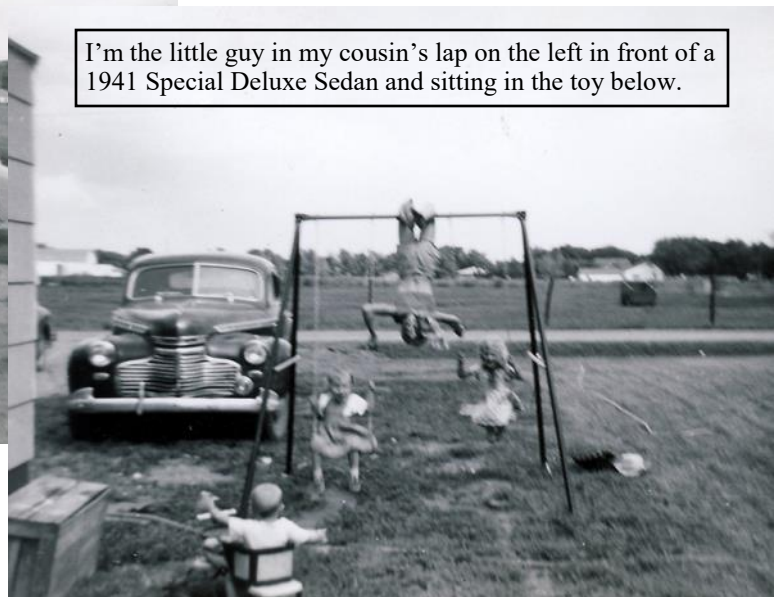
My Dad grew up on a farm in Nebraska and farmed until he enlisted in the Army at the start of World War II. After the war he used the GI Bill to obtain training to be a Chevrolet mechanic. He apprenticed as a Chevy mechanic for about a year in 1946 and became a journeyman Chevy mechanic shortly thereafter. In 1950 he enrolled in special Chevrolet training to be able to diagnose and repair the new Chevy Powerglide automatic transmission and continued to be the “automatic transmission guy” at the dealership where he worked in Colorado until his death in 1974.

He was a Chevy man through and through. He owned a 1941 Coupe before he married my Mom and only owned Chevys for the rest of his life. So I was born into a Chevy, and only Chevy Family!! I wish I had pictures of every one of the Chevys I grew up with. I don't. But I do have pictures of a good number of them, often with me in the picture as well, and have included them in my “Chevy Family Scrapbook” below. Some are not great pictures (screenshots from old videos) but they help tell the story so they were included and all are provided in chronological order.

P.S. I learned to drive with the 1951 Convertible in the pictures when I was 13 and still own that same car to-day. You can also see why I currently own a 1955 210 Sedan and a maroon 1962 Impala Sport Coupe. All had been important parts of my life back then and are especially important to me now!



I'm the little guy in my cousin's lap on the left in front of a 1941 Special Deluxe Sedan and sitting in the toy below.



More Scrapbook photos on p. 4, 5, & 7



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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IT'S NOT



Director's Message

"Jim's Junk Yard"



First of all, I want to thank the Club officers for their willingness to serve another term. I also want to thank Bill Damm for his willingness to serve as the Club store caretaker. Thanks to Don Hatley for stocking the store with great Club items. As we close out this year, I want to thank everyone who has participated in Club activities when asked. The contributions to the Tappet Clatter have helped us stay a supportive part of the hobby. Continue to send photos, and articles. Our next meeting will be January 25th, 2021. I hope to have news that will allow us to move closer to an actual in-person meetings. Plans are proceeding for summer tours and beyond.

Zoom is a wonderful tool for communication; we have it available and plan to have a January Zoom gathering. It is good to stay in touch even if it doesn't involve raising the hood to inspect some problem noise. There are some things that just can't be diagnosed over the phone or even with a video recording.

Sue and I will be spending a quiet Christmas, probably a Zoom family meeting like we did for Thanksgiving. I will do my usual last minute shopping as long as 7-11 is open. It's filled with gift ideas. We still have the Stan Boreson Fractured Christmas CDs to keep us smiling. Even though the isolation is limiting our outside activities, the bookshelves are filled with great books and great pictures that need to be enjoyed. I can smell those holiday cookies baking in the oven.



Finally, I hate to mention it, but be careful of scam requests for gift cards from me or anyone you don't know. Board members are getting requests (apparently from me) to go to Target and buy gift cards for a donation to a worthy cause and to expect reimbursement later. Tis the season! Exercise great care in all your purchases and donations.

Jim Seiber, Director



Zoom Meetings



Zoom Meeting minutes from the November 23rd virtual meeting are on page 9. The next Zoom Meeting is on Monday, January 25th. No Zoom Meeting in December. Mark your Calendars!!

Happy Holidays to all!!!

HOW FAST OR SLOW

More of Dave's Scrapbook of Family Chevys



That's my big sister and me above. My big sister with me and some neighbor kids above right and below left behind 1940? pickup. Both of my siblings and me in front of the 1955 210 on the right.



More Scrapbook photos on p. 5

YOU DRIVE

More of Dave's Scrapbook of Family Chevys



My two sisters with our dog, Patches, being tortured, but not by me!! (Left)



Camping trip to the Colorado Rockies with Nebraska cousins. That's me in front. (Above)



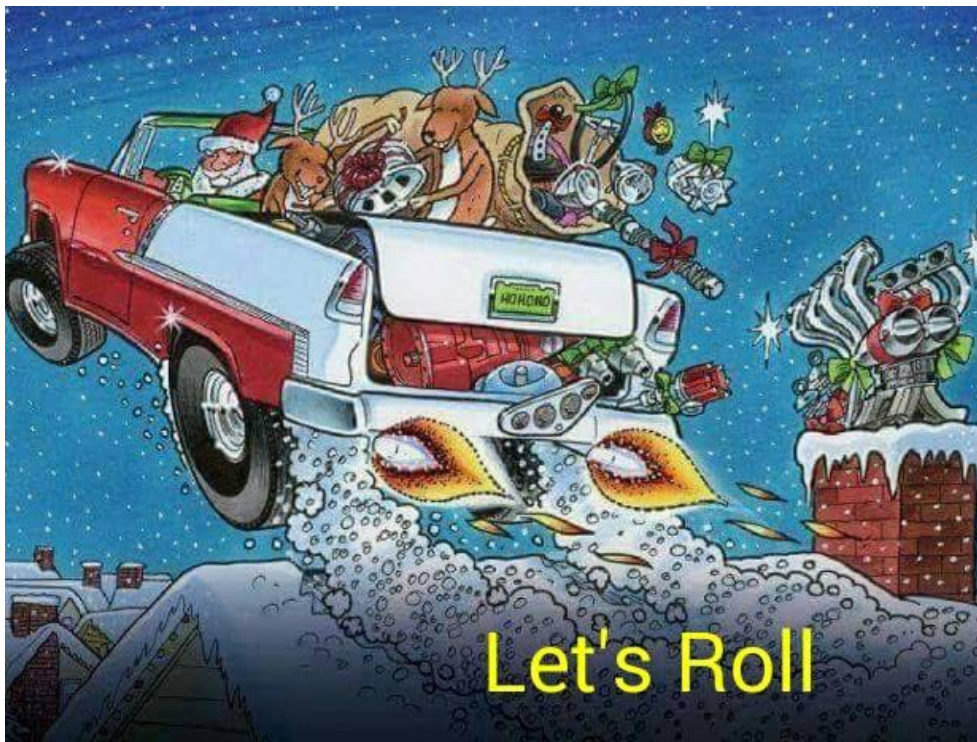
Picnic to a creek in the Rockies with the '51 Styleline Deluxe Convertible. (Above)

How many kids can you fit in the back of a 1960 Brookwood Station Wagon?? (Right)



More Scrapbook photos on p. 7

THE QUESTION IS



Goodbye to 2020. It couldn't go by fast enough!!

But watch out on Christmas Eve. Santa has got a new sled and, oh boy, can it haul!! Must have the 265 V-8 with the Power Pack!!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our members and their families!!

Bill Damm's SAFETY DITTY

The yearly rat race
Has begun.
Just before Christmas
There's a lot to be done!

Clean up the home,
Put up the tree.
Lots of decorations
For all to see.

Cookies and cakes
To bake in the oven.
When they're fresh,
Don't you just love em?

Company is coming
Get out the wine.
Might of forgotten something?
Don't worry, its fine.

Now it's 3 in the morning
And the company won't leave.
Do you offer them a blanket?
Or give them a heave?

What do you do
To get rid of the jerks?
Here is a plan;
See if it works.

Retreat to the bedroom
Let them sit out there alone.
Finally they'll figure
It's time to go home.

Wait till it's safe;
Make sure that they're gone.
Then come out and clean up,
And be in bed before dawn.

January Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

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

BIRTHDAYS

Sis Barker	5
Cecil Mullins	6
Gisela Jones	16



More of Dave's Scrapbook of Family Chevys



Me, shooting hoops in front of the '51 (top). Big sister in front of the freshly painted '51 (top right), Aunt and cousins in front of the maroon '62 Impala (above), and Dad washing his '67 C10 Camper Special (right). The End. Now it's your turn. Where's your story!!



2021 Meet
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BOWLING GREEN
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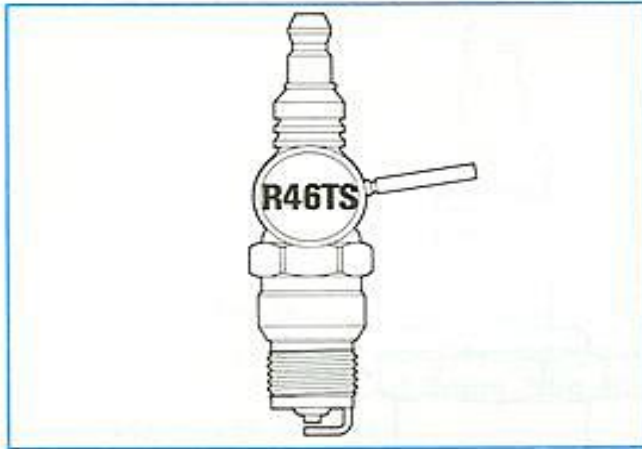
July 18 - July 23, 2021
Rescheduled for July 30- August 7, 2022

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.



The AC Spark Plug Numbering System

Prefix and suffix letters are used to identify a specific type AC Spark Plug the numbers relate to thread size and heat range. For example, the R46TS spark plug shown is:

- R = Resistor
- 4 = 14 mm Thread
- 6 = Heat Range
- T = Taper Seat
- S = Extended Tip

AC Spark Plug Identification Table

Prefix	Suffix	
B - Series Gap C - Commercial CS - Chain Saw F - Fine Line 14 mm 5/8" Hex G - Gas Engine H - High altitude (aircraft) or weather proof (shield connector 3/4-20 thread) M - Marine MC - Motorcycle types (are now S) LM - Lawn mower type R - Resistor S - Shielded (5/8-24 thread) SV - Sport Vehicle SR - Shielded Resistor SN - Snow Types (are now S) TC - Tractor-Commercial (now C types) V - Surface Gap W - Water proof (shield connector, 5/8-24 thread) WR - Waterproof - Shielded Resistor Prefixes are sometimes combined e.g. VB, CR.	A - Clip Gap C - Copper Core Center Electrode C - Colder Version of M44 Plug E - Special Design Electrode, Extended Tip F - 1/2" (12.7 mm) reach FF - 1/2" (12.7 mm) reach, fully threaded G - Pin Gap (Cold Running) I - Iridium Center Electrode K - Special Design, Marine L - 7/16" (11.1 mm) reach LT - Long reach, .715" (18.16 mm), Tapered Seat M - Special Design Electrode N - 3/4" (19 mm) reach, 3/8" (9.5 mm) threaded O - Threaded Terminal (no screw-on nut)	P - Platinum electrodes R - Resistor (Sport Vehicle Plugs) S - Extended tip S - 7/8" (22.3 mm) Moderate Long reach 23/32" (18.25 mm) T - Tapered Seat Shell Design TS - Tapered seat with extended tip W - Recessed termination X - Wide Gap (H.E.I.) XL - Extra Long reach, 3/4" (19 mm) fully threaded Y - 3 prong cloverleaf electrode Z - Special gap (usually denotes wide gap) Z - European applications 6 - .060" (1.5 mm) gap 8 - .080" (2 mm) gap
Suffix's are combined to form such AC suffix designation as: FG, XLS, TS, FFM, TSX, SZ, etc.		

Numbering

- 1st number denotes THREAD SIZE**
- 4 = 14 mm
 - 8 = 18 mm
 - 10 = 10 mm
 - 12 = 12 mm
 - 2 = 1/2-inch taper
 - 5 = 1/2-inch
 - 6 = 3/4-inch
 - 7 = 7/8-inch

- 2nd number denotes HEAT RANGE**
- 0-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9
- COLD ——— HOT

The higher the second digit, the "hotter" the plug; the lower the last digit, the "cooler" the plug (except Z types). (The numbering of Z type plugs is opposite to that for other types and the heat rating is indicated by the last two digits: the higher the number, the cooler the plug.)

HOW YOU ARRIVE

Puget Sound Region VCCA November Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2020

Director Jim Seiber opened the meeting at 11:06 with 22 members attending via Zoom. The first item on the agenda was to close nominations and hold the election of officers for 2021. Nominating Committee chair, Rod Schein, was asked to present the slate of officers: Director, Jim Seiber; Assistant Director, Bill Barker; Secretary, Diane Haddock; Treasurer, Sallie Comstock; Membership, Donna Onat; Tappet Clatter Editor, Dave Haddock; Activities, Al Howe; Webmaster, Ralf Luche; Assistant Webmaster, Rod Schein. Bill Damm accepted nomination as custodian of the Club Store. Al Howe moved and it was seconded by Bill Barker to approve all nominees. The motion passed unanimously.

Sallie's treasurer's report: We have a reasonable balance that was presented to the membership. She sent a \$25 check to Jim Seiber yesterday for the annual renewal costs with National VCCA. Jim thanked Dick Jones for the many formats in which the club membership roster is maintained making it convenient to submit to National VCCA as required annually. Officer contact information for our club is updated in the January issue of the G & D.

Comstocks reported they are in contact with Wally Martin's daughter but have not met in-person yet to receive the items from Wally's estate that are being donated to our club. The donations include: car covers, books, and car parts (see page 10).

Members were reminded that there will be no collection of Puget Sound Region dues for 2021 due to the restrictions resulting from COVID-19. Sallie reports there are enough funds in the bank to cover all expected expenses for 2021. National VCCA dues still must be paid as usual.

Rod reminded everybody of the upcoming Christmas Train activity. Rod will send out the link to this activity right away and the information is on page 11 of this newsletter.

Don Comstock reported that the Early Bird Swap Meet has been canceled.

John Campbell asked the status of the Mini-Meet scheduled for June 17-19 in Newport, Oregon. Discussion on hotel reservations and deadlines ensued. John volunteered to gather information about the status and when final go/no go decisions will be made. Information on the Mini-Meet will be distributed when John gets that information (see p. 11, lower right). North Cascades Region has begun work on the 2022 Northwest Meet.

Ken Scott shared about the RV trip he and Fran took this summer covering 3,500 miles and 12 VCCA members they met along the way. He encourages everyone to utilize the National VCCA website as they travel and meet other VCCA members. He says car folks are great people!

Dan Young traveled across country 2,900 miles across 14 states helping his son relocate and having adventures with snow along the way.

There will be no December Zoom meeting for the club this year. Next scheduled Zoom meeting will be January 25, 2021. Meeting adjourned 11:50.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Seiber

A Tech tip: Whatever your problem, tools, or machinery consider You Tube. It is an entertaining place to browse. For example, how to fix a fender scratch? How to Repair Accident Damage to Your Car Fender - YouTube OR <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-mK6wC87uU>



50th NW Mini-Meet

The Willamette Valley Region invites all VCCA members to enjoy the Coast at Newport, Oregon for the 50th Annual NW Meet. Driving tours, Oregon Coast Aquarium (hors d'oeuvres will be served in the evening), Marine Science Center, Glass Blowing, Two Lighthouses, Newport Waterfront, Banquet.

Accommodations

- Official meet hotel is the Best Western Agate Beach Inn
3019 N. Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365
Call directly: (541) 265-9411 mention WVR-VCCA for our room rates
\$133.00 + tax for rooms facing the hillside, \$153.00 + tax for Ocean View rooms
- Alternate Hotel: Hallmark Resort 2.5 miles distant
744 SW Elizabeth St., Newport, Oregon 97365 (855) 391-2484
Rates: \$134.00 - \$179.00 + tax
Both hotels have pet friendly rooms.

Camping: Oregon State Parks 1-800-452-5687 stateparks.oregon.gov
reservations open 9 months ahead, they fill quickly.

Beverly Beach State Park: 0.8 miles north, South Beach State Park: 4.6 miles south

Meet Chairs: Gary and Brenda Burch: (541) 979-4415 - (541) 979-7039 gbburch@comcast.net

Registrar: Nancy Rice: (503) 472-3075 nancyrice2@comcast.net

Deadline for meet and hotel registrations: May 16, 2021

Prospectus and forms available February 2021 from the events calendar of the VCCA.org website or by contacting the registrar.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!!

Wally Martin Estate

The Club was given a few items from Wally Martin's estate to go to members who need them.

One indoor car cover seems to be for a 1936 or smaller Coupe, two original owner's manuals for 1936 cars, one reprint 1936 Engineering Manual for 1936, one reprint of 1936 price guide for vehicles and accessories, one '33-'36 chrome taillight rim, two AAA badges, and one WMA License plate topper.

To claim an item call Don Comstock at home (253) 863-0420 or email chevyguy2@centurylink.net.

Burma Shave!

Area 3 Director Message:

I've heard a lot of people saying "let's forget 2020 and move onto 2021". 2021 will still be a challenge but it looks like there is hope in the future with the COVID-19 vaccine about to be released. We can get back to what we enjoy, cruising, showing or displaying our classic cars. Everyone probably will have their car(s) put away for hibernation and getting ready for the holidays, or maybe, just one more cruise looking at the holiday lights.

Jeanne and I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and hopefully next year when this pandemic subsides we will be able to visit each Region to reacquaint with members and meet new members in Area 3, or if possible, we can join in one of your tours or activities.

Be safe,
Gary Rogers
Area 3 Director



2021 NW Mini-Meet Update

Per our Zoom meeting discussion, I contacted Nancy Rice and the Best Western Agate Beach Inn to get an update on the 50th NW Mini-Meet, scheduled for June 17th (Thursday) through June 19th (Saturday). Nancy said their Region is planning on going ahead with the Meet, but will revisit in April to confirm that the Covid situation is not still a prohibitive issue. Judging has not been decided, but they plan on a banquet on Saturday evening. Nancy told me that the host hotel, the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport is currently taking reservations (541) 265-9411. She said she knows some folks are coming in on Wednesday, June 16th to be rested before the Meet starts on the 17th. The rates are in the Tappet Clatter at \$133 plus taxes for non-view and \$153 plus taxes for view rooms. The hotel only requires a 24-hour notice for cancellations. The announcement on the top of page 10 also lists the alternate hotel and camping options.

Regards,
John Campbell

Topic: UPC Christmas Trains Online

Time: Dec 13, 2020 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

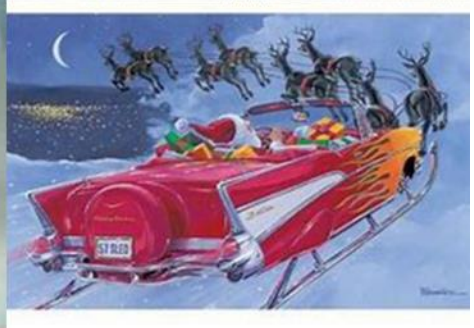
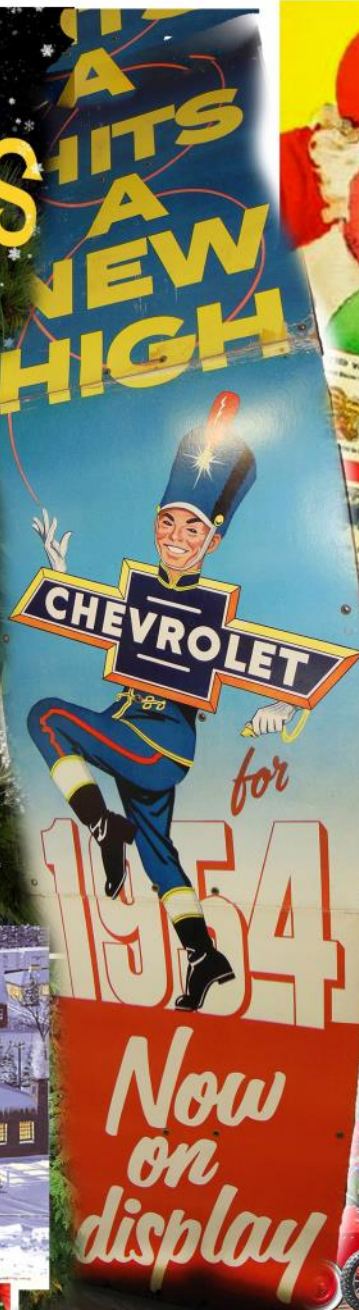
Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: choochoo

Ends at 1 PM



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** who 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.

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. Having trouble getting my '54 3100 Chevy truck running with my limited expertise. Ran when garaged 5 years ago. Would like to find a Chevy mechanic willing to come to my house so I don't have to tow it. **Also need leads on any good chrome-plating outfits** in the Northwest. Thanks. Chris Hoey.

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,.

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.

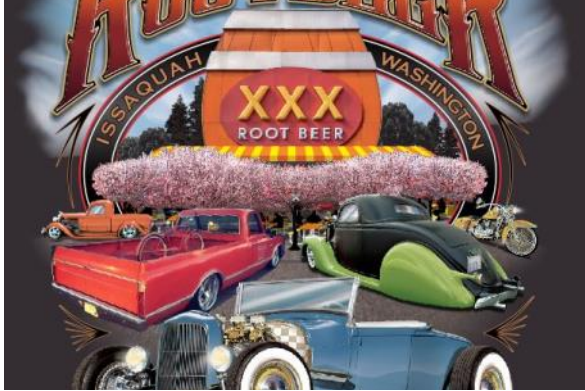
Time to finish the '27 Chev coupe that I have had apart for 59 years is closing in on me. My immediate need is someone to do the panel replacement (welding) on the body panels. Any leads would be greatly appreciated. rstamnes@yahoo.com. Thanks. Bob Stamnes

WANTED

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

2020/2021 Activities

December	XX	Annual Puget Sound Region Holiday Party, Cancelled due to Covid
January	XX	Annual PS-VCCA Banquet, Cancelled due to Covid
January	25	PS-VCCA General Meeting, Online Zoom Mtg, 11 AM, Details to be provided in January Tappet Clatter
February	22	PS-VCCA General Meeting, Online Zoom Mtg, 11 AM, Details to be provided in January or February Tappet Clatter



Note: All club general meetings at the XXX Drive-In 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.