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January Initiation Banquet

By Dave Haddock

Photos by Evie Schein and Dave Haddock

It was a gala event at the Renton Technical College, Culinary Arts Center on January 26 as our new club officers for 2019 began their service. Those who attended enjoyed a wonderful meal (my salmon was flakey and tender with a wonderful sauce!), enjoyed a few drinks, and had plenty of time to catch up with friends and acquaintances.



Some participants even had time to make creative table settings from distributor caps! Club Director Al Howe made several presentations after our meal thanking the many who made 2018 a great success for our VCCA Region. Mike Currie was presented with an award from National VCCA for his many years of service as the re-



gion editor for the Tappet Clatter newsletter. Other past officers from 2018 were also asked to come forward and were recognized for their contributions. The prestigious Director's Award was also presented by Al to Bob Starnes for his untiring efforts over the last 10 or so years in contributions to the Glove Box technical articles. The Glove Box technical article occurs in every monthly edition of our Tappet Clatter club newsletter.

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More pictures on pages 4, 6 & 9.

You Can't Have Driven



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, June, July, August, and December. Meetings are currently lunch meetings held at 11:30 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 on the **World Wide Web** at <http://psrvcca.weebly.com/>.

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The deadline for receiving articles for the Tappet Clatter is normally by the **5th** of the month. The Editor 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.

Email copy to tappetclatter@outlook.com

Director's Message

Al Howe



Director's Letter February 2019

We had a delicious meal at our installation banquet this year at the Renton Technical College in Renton. I did not hear one complaint about the food or service. A big improvement from the service we had at the Golden Steer. We also started earlier, while it was still daylight, making it much easier to drive and find a new location. I enjoyed seeing everyone that was there and missed those who were not. If anyone has a comment about the banquet, whether opportunities to improve or things you liked, please send me an email.

Some of you have taken advantage of the exceptionally warm weather for a drive in your vintage car. That sounds like a wonderful idea. I have not been able to find time so far but hope to remedy that very soon. I love driving one to the barber shop and watching people stop and look at it while getting a haircut!

Our next meeting will be on February 25th at the XXX Drive-in in Issaquah. Come around 11am to visit; meeting starts at 11:45am. This will be our meeting location and time for the near future. You don't have to eat there but I plan on having some of that wonderful unhealthy food. Yummm!

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, and to have the two as close together as possible. (George Burns)

Al Howe, Director

FEBRUARY MEETING TOPIC (Under new management)

"New and Favorite tools"

Bill will bring a number of tools that he has made or used over the years. Also, included in this are electronic tools. Please bring your FAVORITE TOOL, or the NEW one that you got for Christmas and tell us why you like it so much. The best "tool discussion" will receive a prize. (Hint: A new tool??)

Bill Barker, Asst. Director

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



More Photos from the January Banquet



Very Far

**Bill Damm's
SAFETY DITTY**

A little rattle,
A little squeak.
Funny little noises
Not there last week.

Poor creaky car.
It's getting old.
Before it gets worse
It needs to be sold.

But the family chimed up
And gave out a yell!
Please keep the car.
We don't want to sell!

It's part of the family.
We've had it for so long.
Just need to repair
Whatever has gone wrong.

Just fix the squeak,
And fix the rattle.
Just getting the ambition
Is half the battle.

The paint is shabby,
The seats are wore and tore,
The carpet needs replacing,
There's rust and lots more.

It'll take a lot of money
Just to make it safe.
And replace all the wires
In places where they chafe.

It's time to have a talk
And set the family straight.
We need to get a new car
Before it gets too late.

The family finally agreed
To the heartbreaker,
That it's time to retire the
That poor old Studebaker!

The family went to auto town
Where new cars all prevail.
And made themselves a good deal

Before Reading any Further.....

Stop!! Go back to page 1 and look at the box in the lower right corner with the red text. You may not remember but you have read this and the accompanying text in the same location on pages 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 countless times on red, 12 inch by 36 inch signs posted by the side of the road. This is Americana at its very best. The road signs were posted from 1925 to 1963 in one of the most clever advertising schemes ever, for one particular product, Burma Shave!!

So now you remember!! So how many of these clever rhymes from days long past do you remember?? Which was your favorite? I recently purchased a little book titled "the verse by the side of the road" by Frank Rowsome, Jr. that contains the story of the Burma Shave signs with all 600 of the roadside rhymes. I'll tell you the whole story in a future article in the Tappet Clatter and print some of those cute jingles. But before we go too far, let's have a little fun with this!!

Give me some feedback to print with the article. Which ones do you remember, yes, without cheating by looking on the internet?? Which was your favorite?? What was the underlying theme for these road signs? What were the primary ingredients in Burma Shave and why would you use it instead of another brand? Did you ever use Burma Shave and what was it like?? Where were you going and in approximately what year when you read a particular jingle, maybe your first one?? What is your fondest memory from these road trips of the past?

Play along and send your answers to these questions before March 5 to your editor at tappetclatter@outlook.com. I will find a way to reward all who play and provide a grand prize to whomever can answer the most of these questions.

What have you got to lose? **If you don't play you can't win!!**



Dave Haddock

March Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

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Evie Schein	15
John Ziegler	20
Jerry Yoder	21
Gary Barquist	28
Lynn Boltz & Jake Ziegler	30



Our 2019 Puget Sound Region VCCA Officers— above from left Donna Onat, Bob Stamnes, Diane Haddock, Bill Barker, Sallie Comstock, Al Howe, Don Hatley, Rod Schein, Dave Haddock, and Bill Damm



If You Don't Know

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 Starnes, or email rstarnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Review of Stop Leak Products

Al really upped the pressure on me when he gave me the Director's award for 2018.

Our 1953 Chevrolet has had an oil leak since we purchased it many years ago. I just could not bring myself to paying for an engine overhaul as it runs so well. This brought me to looking for other options, especially after Jerry Yoder commented about breathing our blue smoke for miles on a tour. I believe this was on a trip to Chelan, so Jerry breathed a lot of blue smoke and we had to stop at Stevens Pass to re-oil. I added a quart and a half.

I found an article on this in Auto Restorer, August 2018 Issue that peaked my interest even more. Then Dave Haddock mentioned the potential use of STP at the club dinner party, thanks Dave. Most of us have heard of STP, Blue Devil, Lucas, Bars and maybe Rislone, but I had not heard of Titan Oil Stop Leak Sealer or New Tech's No. 4008 Seal Lube before. Both the Titan Sealer and the New Tech Seal Lube get high rankings, but I have found much less information on the later product which it appears is most useful on rubber seals.

You can find a plethora of information by searching for "Engine Leak Sealer Review" on the web. You will also find many references to cars that have common problems with gasket leaks, like Subaru's head gasket issue. There appears to be two distinct categories of engine sealers. Those that came out earlier were basically thickeners and had to be added each time you changed your oil. The more recent developments are thin in nature and expand the gaskets. At least one is heavily fortified with silicon that is absorbed by the engine gaskets that have dried out, making them more like they were when they were new.

There are many reviews on these products and there appears to be a clear consensus, barring that none of the reviews are fake news. The consensus is that the thickener type additives last only months, where those additives that swell the gaskets tend to last 4 to 5 or 6 years with a single treatment. There is also discussion about some thickeners clogging oil coolers, and increasing engine compression which can create issues. Titan Engine Stop Leak, is thin and does not thicken oil. The thickeners are commonly thought to be temporary. If normal operation with the Titan products lasts 4 to 6 years, I would think it might last as long as I might have my antique cars.

There are many stories where people used thickeners, then resorted to the gasket swelling product which solved their issues. Before getting too far into this, we should make certain that we aren't dealing with something that can be more easily fixed. Some typical leak spots are the valve cover gasket, oil pan gasket, crankcase seal at the front of the engine and/or rear of the pan, oil lines, timing case cover gasket, side cover gaskets, external oil or fuel pump gasket, or even the oil drain plug. Many of these are readily fixed by replacing a gasket, but something like a head gasket or crankcase seal can be difficult and/or expensive to fix, and this is where additives may be beneficial. There are some obvious problems like piston rings that an additive may not help.

I found the results of a User Rating that was done in 2016 – 17. Here are the results of that rating:

Brand User Rating (out of 10): Blue Devil 2.3, Bars 3.1, Lucas 3.8, STP Oil Stop Leak 4.2, Rislone 4.0, Titan Oil Stop Leak Sealer 7.7

New Tech's No. 4008 Seal Lube was not referenced, but this rating pretty much tells the story. I will be trying the Titan product in our 53 Chevrolet, which should reduce some loss of oil even though it may not stop the blue smoke issue.


Bob Starnes

Whose signs




Don't Delay Any Longer

Save the date and make your hotel reservations now! Mention the VCCA Chevy Club for your discounted group rate. The Prospectus and Registration Forms will be available in April.



48TH Annual VCCA NW Meet
 August 7-10, 2019 ★ Albany, Oregon



Hosted by the Columbia River Region VCCA

These Signs
 Dedicate
 Who've Had
 Of Late!!

We Gladly
 To Those
 No Date

**Burma
 Shave**

Columbia River Region invites VCCA members far-and-wide to join us for a weekend of vintage Chevrolet tours, judging, banquet, and more!

48th Annual VCCA NW Meet (Area #3)
 August 7-10, 2019 | Albany, Oregon

Accommodations

- Official meet hotel is the **Comfort Suites** at the Linn County Fairgrounds & EXPO Center located at 100 Opal St. NE, Albany, Oregon 97322 | 480-719-7964
- Mention VCCA "Chevy Club" for discounted rates, cut-off date 7/20/19
- RV Parking at the Linn County EXPO Center
- Rooms also available at special rates at the Quality Inn & Suites near the meet hotel

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 Ed Gallagher | 503-577-0625 | merryeddy@gmail.com

Prospectus & Registration Forms available online after April 2019 at <http://vccacolumbiariverregion.org>



Jim Martoza Fighting Cancer

Our Region has received the sad information that Jim Martoza, former PS Region member and Director, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in multiple organs. Jim had experienced a couple of minor strokes and while seeking their cause, the doctors found cancer. Jim is currently dealing with the severity of his diagnosis and the search for an effective treatment. Jim is receiving an outpouring of phone calls and emails wishing him well which are much appreciated and simultaneously taxing for him to respond to. Phone conversations take time and energy; he said by the end of the day, he's really tired after having to repeat his story multiple times. He appreciates the cards as he can read those as he has the time and the energy to do so. Donna has sent a "thinking of you" card from all of us in the Club. It is hard to know what to do in such a situation, other than letting Jim and Roberta know we care and he is in our prayers. If you would like to send a card, the address is below. We will send email notices of updates as we know more.

Jim and Roberta Martoza, 10510 Oakwilde Ave., Stockton CA. 95212- 9240

These Are.

More Photos from the January Banquet



If you attended the Banquet, you got our new 2019 Roster, prepared in usual fine form, by Dick Jones. Donna has just mailed them to everyone else; you should see yours next time the mail truck gets to your snowy street. thanks, Donna

Burma Shave

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

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.

WANTED

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

FREE

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



2019 Activities

February	25	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive In, Issaquah
March	25	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive In, Issaquah
April	22	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive In, Issaquah
May	17	Ballard Parade
May	18-19	Monroe Swap Meet, Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA
May	20	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive In, Issaquah

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