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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.

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 6404 125th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033 (Pending COVID restrictions). Zoom information will be sent via email 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, 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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### Publication Information

The **deadline** for receiving articles for Tappet Clatter is the **25th of the month**; that is for example, for the March publication, articles must be received no later than February 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. Email proposed content to [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com)

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I have been very impressed with the group of officers we have and look forward to working with them.

We had great turnout for the Installation Banquet with about 45 people. I also received a suggestion that we gather at lunch for our meetings. Putting this together, maybe it is time to move forward and hold in-person meetings and abandon the ZOOM. Most, if not all, other Regions in our district have moved to in person meetings already. It just appears to me that this would improve participation. As someone put it, clubs depend on food, friendship and in our case, cars. I will be presenting this idea to the Board for discussion. The February 11th meeting will remain ZOOM only.

Tours: The goal is to line up tours for the year, but we need your help. If each of you can send John (jrvaliton@gmail.com) an idea for a tour OR a tour we have taken that you really liked, that would be a great help. Your ideas matter.

Tom (tom@taricco.net) is also looking for an article on what car project you have been working on, what problems you have encountered with your car, or what car you have purchased or sold and why. We are interested in what you're up to even if it is a travel adventure. It does not have to be long. Short notes are great.

See you February 11th on ZOOM.

Happy Valentine's Day

Bob Stamnes, Director

# CLUB BUSINESS

## JANUARY 21, 2023 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by Assistant Director, Rod Schein, at the Golden Steer Restaurant in Kent, Washington. There were 45 people present. Rod explained that he was substituting for Director Al Howe due to an unfortunate accident Al had when he was trying to restore power at his house, which resulted in a compressed disc in his back. The Club wishes him a speedy recovery and is thankful for all Al has done as our Director.

Membership: Donna Onat reminded the members that it was time to pay the \$5 annual dues if you haven't already done so. Donna also introduced us to the newest PSR members, who were at the banquet. We welcome Keith and Sharon Shoemaker, '36 Master Deluxe 4 Door Sedan; John and Donna Valiton, '53 150 Handyman Wagon; Tom and Sandy Taricco, '36 Standard FC 5 Window Coupe. She also introduced Jim O'connor and son, Jim, '74 Caprice Convertible.

Treasurer: Sallie Comstock reported a balance of \$4,795 after paying \$500 seed for the joint NW VCCA meet. The Club earned \$1,000 for members' help at the Monroe Swap Meet and has spent \$25 on renewing our National membership and \$24 on engraving for awards. Income from dues is ongoing.

Events: Ken Scott updated us on the July 18—20 NW Meet in Packwood, Washington. The Meet will be jointly put on by all NW Regions. Accommodations for the Meet were published in the January 2023 Tappet Clatter newsletter. Ken stated the the hotels for the Meet are nearing capacity, so if you are planning to attend to make reservations very soon. Packwood has a Community Hall where members will meet for both socializing and for events. Two touring days are planned with tours of various lengths. You will receive touring information when you arrive. Tours will be self-guided and we are encouraged to tour with 2 or 3 buddies as road capacity is not suitable for large touring groups. The Meet cost will be a flat fee of less than \$100, as volunteers will provide our meals. We are encouraged to wear our previous t-shirts and bring our name tags. More registration information will be available soon. Ken said there will be many opportunities for all of us to volunteer.

After a break to enjoy our lunches and to socialize, our meeting continued.

Awards: Rod presented Bill Barker with a Leadership Award for his work as Assistant Director from 2019 - 2021. When Bill signed up for the position it was to be a one year position, but the pandemic caused an unforeseen change. We thank Bill for his dedication and making the meeting agendas relevant and interesting to the members throughout this time.

Al Howe chose Jim Seiber and Bill Barker for the Director's Award. Jim was unable to be at the meeting, but Bill gratefully accepted the well-deserved award for both of them. Our appreciation goes to both of them.

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Installation of Officers: The following officers and board members were installed for 2023: Bob Stamnes, Director; Rod Schein, Assistant Director; Sallie Comstock, Treasurer; MG Stamnes, Secretary; Tom Taricco, Editor; John Valiton, Activities; Donna Onat, Membership; Don Comstock, Club Store; and Ralf Luche, Webmaster.

New Business: We were reminded that our club will be the hosts for the 2025 NW Meet. A leader and a location are needed.

We applaud our 50 year members: Roger Orness, Jim Farris, and Don and Sallie Comstock.

We were reminded that all of us have unique talents and gifts to offer our Club. While we have an Editor and Activity leader, we are all encouraged to participate as writers for the Tappet Clatter articles and contributors of ideas for activities we can enjoy together.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

MG Stamnes, Secretary

# Activities

## 2023 6 Months Meeting, Activities and Events Schedule

January	21	Officers Installation Banquet & Meeting
<b>February</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>Board ZOOM Meeting</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Membership ZOOM Meeting <u>Only</u>.</b>
	18 & 19	Puyallup Swap Meet - Puyallup, WA
March	TBD	Board Meeting
	04 & 05	Salem Roadster Show - Salem, OR Info: <a href="http://www.salemroadstershow.com">http://www.salemroadstershow.com</a>
	11	General Meeting - Hybrid
		Lower Columbia Astoria Swap Meet - Astoria, OR Info: (503)468-0006
	17 - 19	Portland Roadster Show - Portland, OR Info: <a href="http://www.portlandroadstershow.com">http://www.portlandroadstershow.com</a>
	31 - APR 2	Portland PIR Swap Meet - Portland, OR Info: <a href="http://www.portlandswapmeet.com">http://www.portlandswapmeet.com</a>
April	TBD	Board Meeting
	08	General Meeting - Hybrid
May	TBD	Board Meeting
	05	Thunder Dome Car Museum Beer Garden Show - Enumclaw, WA. (253) 326-3639
	13	General Meeting - Hybrid
	20 - 21	Monroe Swap Meet - Monroe, WA
June	TBD	Board Meeting
	10	General Meeting—Hybrid
	18	Fenders on Front Street - Issaquah, WA
	24	Greenwood Car Show - Seattle (Greenwood), WA
July	—	No Meeting - Summer Break
	18-20	NW Meet - Packwood, WA

# EVENTS

## **2023 OFFICERS INSTALLATION**

On Saturday, January 21, 2023, 45 PSR-VCCA members and guests came together at the Golden Steer Restaurant in Kent, WA to install our new officers and enjoy a fun time together. The food was delicious and it was so good to see everyone together again.



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## **2023 NORTHWEST MEET — update**



Greetings Everyone,

It's that time of the year where we look forward to Summer activities with our cars: tours, car shows or just getting together at a local cruise in. Mark your calendar (July 18 -20) to attend the Northwest Meet being held at Packwood, WA. The Meet will be a



little different than a traditional Northwest Meet with tours and social events at the Packwood Community Hall. With your registration you will get three dinners, pack your own lunch for tours (food and supplies provided), continental breakfast and evenings with games and entertainment. Talk about entertainment, plans are to have a talent night, not a contest because everyone will be a winner. Dust off that accordion, saxophone or whatever instrument you have in the closet and lead us in a tune or two. It should be a lot of fun so watch for the prospectus and registration which will be available in early March. As mentioned before, we have reserved rooms in two Packwood Motels listed below:

Cowlitz River Lodge: (360) 494-4444

Crest Trail Lodge: (360) 494-4944. Limited rooms left @ Cowlitz.

More information at the North Cascade Region Website [www.ncrvcca.weebly.com](http://www.ncrvcca.weebly.com)

Gary Rogers  
Area 3 Director



# FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

## ANNIVERSARIES

Geri & Dennis Johnson February 14th  
Linda Wheeler & Jim Lewis February 14th  
Barbara & George Reich February 29th

## BIRTHDAYS

Bill Barker February 1st  
Don Boltz February 1st  
Kathy Currie February 4th

# FROM THE GLOVEBOX



**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](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com).

## Something we should all be thinking about

### ADDING A CATALYTIC CONVERTER COVER TO MY SILVERADO

Solution: Getting ready to go on a guy's road trip to California for 6 days in my new Silverado towards the end of January. Spending almost every night at a different motel. I want to return home WITH my catalytic converter still on my truck. So I researched what kind of "guards" might be available. My first stop was at the Parts Department at the Chevrolet dealer in Issaquah. "Nope", no such thing available from GM. Really?

Next I went to everyone's favorite seller - Amazon. Yep, lots of selection. They have them for nearly every truck and a lot of cars. I almost went for the one that was a bunch of stainless steel cables that surround the catalytic converter and are a huge entanglement for anyone trying to saw their way through this mess. And the price was pretty good - round \$199. But there was one item cheaper - a "Security Vibration Motion Sensor" for \$29. Ha ha ... I could imagine all kinds of issues with that one.

I quickly learned that the standard full-metal guard was actually a sheet of high tensile strength aluminum. Most of them were powder coated. Prices ranged from \$200 - \$400.

I selected and ordered one branded CAR MORE. It arrived the week just before Christmas. When I opened the instructions, I immediately realized that while it was for a Duramax Diesel Engine, it was not for the 8 - cylinder 5.3L and 6.2L engines. My truck has the new 6 - cylinder 3.0L Duramax engine. The quality of the part however was excellent.

So I called them up and they were very gracious and agreed that they didn't have one for my specific vehicle. They sent me a paid shipping label by email so that I could return it. (By-the-way, I think that this guard is made in China.) I would highly recommend working with this company.

Next I found the only manufacturer that sells a guard for my 3.0L engine, FSPerformance Engineering. They were slightly higher in price with a 10% Christmas sale that balanced out the shipping cost. And they were "Made in the USA". The actual guard is semi-gloss black 5052 aluminum. And it is specific to my engine. I ordered it and received notification that it was shipped the following day. Wow. And I received it in great condition a week later.

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The installation process is very clear. Drill 3 holes in your frame and insert 3 RevNuts. These normally require a special installation tool. I found a cheap solution on Etsy for \$9. Didn't buy it though. Instead I posted a Want AD in January's Tappet Clatter to borrow one and good ol' Don Comstock called me saying hedhad one I could use. Hooray!

When all is said and done this particular guard only has 4 bolts that mount it to the truck. But in looking at "how" they do it, I was convinced that "99.99%" of the thieves out there would immediately give up once they saw the cover installed. I almost forgot to say that the "bolts" used along with the RevNuts have a special "head" on them that requires a very special bit to install. With all of my tools and various sockets, amazingly I did not have one of these. But they include one in the package. Cool!

Now a hiccup in my project. I wanted to install this before I departed for my trip to California and I was running out of time. While a pickup truck has fairly high clearance off the floor (which is why they are prime candidates for catalytic converter thieves) it is all an effort to get everything in place. AND - even though I have a four post lift in my shop, I was a little nervous about putting my heavy truck on it while I worked underneath. I just didn't want to be a candidate for the Darwin Award for 2023. AND - I was really running out of time preparing for my trip. (Did I say that already?) I had lots of miscellaneous car parts that I had to find and package-up for Skip Gear and Bruce Deford for delivery along my way south. Also, I needed to load up an engine and transmission for Gary Albertson. The goal was to try to pay for my trip with donations from Chevy guys. Ha!

So, in a moment of brilliance (weakness?), I stopped by the custom Chevrolet shop in Issaquah where my bed cover was installed after I purchased my truck. I asked if they could install the guard within an hour's effort and only charge me for one hour shop time. "No problem", the guy said. Hooray! So, on my wife's birthday (January 5th), I took the truck to the shop and had the catalytic converter guard installed using MY SPECIAL TOOL (my credit card)!! A present for me on her special day. Ouch!

Now I am ready to head south knowing that my return trip will not have any regrets or bad memories. I won't have to hassle with my insurance company nor wait in line for an expensive repair. I figured getting the guard installed was my way of adding "cheap insurance" to my rig. And, most of all, I'll be able to sleep like a baby at each of the motels next week. Talk to me after I get back.

If you search for one of these, they go by the following names: Catalytic Converter Shield, Cat Guard, Cat Block, Catalytic Converter Anti Theft, Catalyst Converter Shield, Catalyst Converter Guard and Catalyst Converter Anti Theft. << Maybe this is why the Chevrolet dealer could not find them in his parts database? Ha ha! >>

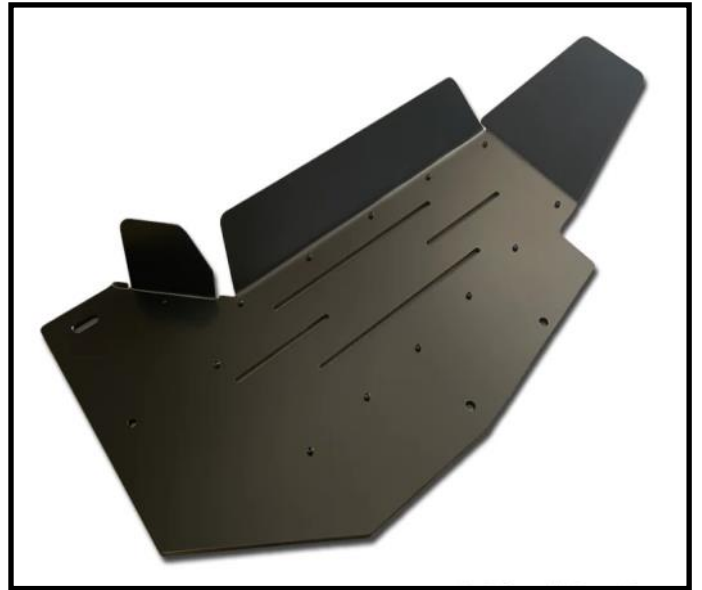
Bill Barker

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Guard 28" x 15"



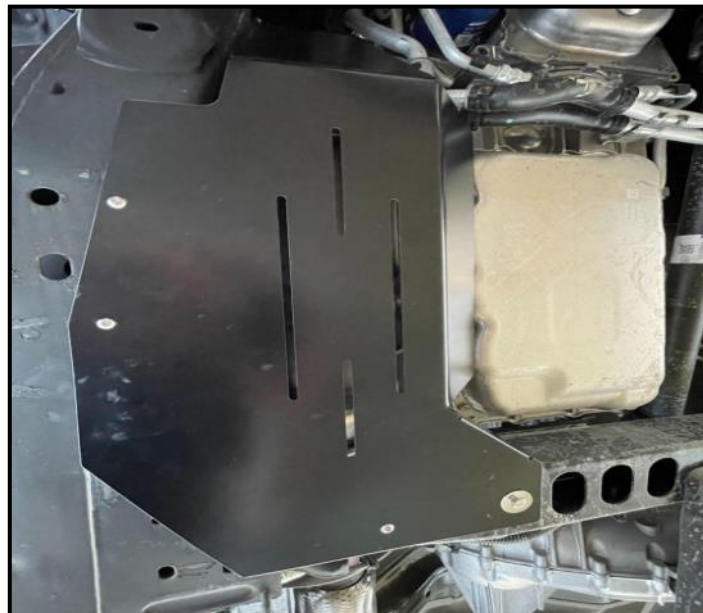
Guard Top



RevNut



Inexpensive RevNut Tool



Installed Guard

## 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

**51-52** hardtop tinted 2-piece windshield. Asking \$50 or OBO. Contact Duane Rice

**1994** Camaro convertible, likely an SS. A friend gave me (Don Comstock) some information on what sounds like an excellent car. Bright red in color with a black top. It also has a new engine and rear end. Looks new. \$8,000 or OBO.

Multiple Parts: Used Fitz visor - \$200; two stainless NOS Tudor rear fender gravel guards (left & right) - \$300; **1950** Chev grill piece with letters NOS - \$150. Contact Greg Nowak VCCA #58936

Red **1973** Corvette, selling for a friend. It has new paint, new exhaust system, new radiator, tires are good, 350 ci with a 4-speed transmission, new battery, runs great, looks sharp. I can email pictures. Asking \$16,000. John Ziegler at [jtzigg@q.com](mailto:jtzigg@q.com)

Free transmissions for a **1930, 1931, 1949** and a **1957**. Dick Olson at [rolson82@comcast.net](mailto:rolson82@comcast.net)

Selling for a friend **1955** Chevrolet Delray, purchased (original owner) new and in dry storage since the 1970's. Located in Bothell with limited information at time of posting. Contact: Jim Seiber or Brooks Whitehead

New, exact Repro of a Delco 559 (aka 558 "wet" from factory) tar-top battery from Antique Auto Battery (still in original box). This battery was the factory-installed battery in many V-8 Chevys and other GM Marques. It is correct for **1966**. Close for 1963-65. ('63—'65 did not have the indentation at the bottom of the long side of battery). Sold dry.

### WANTED

**1936** Toggle Door Lock for Chevrolet Standard. Please contact Tom Taricco at [tom@taricco.net](mailto:tom@taricco.net)

**1947-1954** Chevrolet Truck (3600) parts. Engine in good condition or rebuild, seat frame and other miscellaneous parts. Contact [rluche@yahoo.com](mailto:rluche@yahoo.com) if you have access to parts from this era.

### HELP WANTED

**Mechanic Needed.** Looking for a knowledgeable mechanic on steering issues (steering gear box, maybe more) on a 1936 Chevrolet Standard Coupe. Tom Taricco, [tom@taricco.net](mailto:tom@taricco.net)

**Request for referrals** on body restoration work. My 1980 Chevy truck needs to be painted. Thanks. Mark Shaw: [markshaw10.4@live.com](mailto:markshaw10.4@live.com).

Mechanic Needed. The mechanic that I used to restore my **1954** Chevy retired. 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. Immediate work needed addressing hard starting, brakes, and a few leaks. Arnie Mondloch,

## At-A-GLANCE REFERENCES

Below are websites frequently visited by our club members:

### **GM Heritage Archive**

The GM Heritage Archive has trained researchers available to assist with your research, whether the endeavor is of an enthusiast, academic or commercial nature. 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. For commercial endeavors, fees may apply.

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

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

<https://www.vcca.org>

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

#### **Puget Sound Region**

<https://www.psvcca.weebly.com/>

#### **Mt. Rainer Region**

None

#### **North Cascade Region**

<http://clubs.hemmings.com/ncr.com/>

#### **Columbia River Region**

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

#### **Willamette Valley Region**

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

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Gas stations without ethanol**

[http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov\\*\\*WA](http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov**WA)