



PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

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Officers Installation Banquet
Saturday, January 20

Dave Roberts Memorial Services

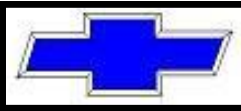
Saturday, January 27

Cedar Park Church (Chapel of the Resurrection), Reception following

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In the service there will be time for any of you to reflect on your interaction with Dave or add to his life story. It will be fun to hear from you.

First General Meeting (Hybrid) 2024
Saturday, February 10



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 **20th of the previous month**; that is for example, articles for the February publication must be received no later than January 20th. 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



PSR Director's Message



YOUR SUPPORT

Looking Forward to our Installation Banquet on January 20th. We have had a great year, and I have been very fortunate to have such a great Board of Directors and so many volunteers that have stepped up to fill voids. I did a quick count of members that have supported the club in one way or another this past year. 20 names came to mind. Your efforts have made the club what it is today. Thank You.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

With a favorable vote to pass PSR Proposed By-Laws at the Installation Banquet, we will have updated By-Laws that reflect the way the club actually operates today. By-Law changes have been in progress for many years, and we have the opportunity to finalize them now.

MY GOAL FOR 2024

My goal this year is to bring the club fully in line with our By-Laws and make it as simple and straight forward as I can for the next Director. Passing the new By-Laws is a first step in this process. Next tasks will include developing a list of major yearly tasks, developing a Budget for the year, and doing a financial review. This will be my last year as Director.

NW MEET

Information is out on the 2024 NW Meet. Let's see if we can be the most represented Region. The Meet is June 12 to 16, 2024 at the Cousins Country Inn, The Dalles, Oregon (541 298-5161, under Vintage Chevrolet Club of America). I look forward to seeing all of you there.

ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom meetings have served us well through the pandemic. However, like in industry, in-person meetings strengthen our club and increase the social aspects of the club. Zoom complicates things and prevents the interaction between members that is so important to our club. Going back to in-person only meetings has to happen, it is just a matter of when. If you have thoughts on this, please send them my way.

See you at the February Meeting!

Bob Stamnes #11563

Director, Puget Sound Region VCCA

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District 3 Director's Report



Happy New Year...the holiday festivities are likely over for all of us and we're starting to think about Spring and Summer. The regions are all starting to plan their touring season now as well. Mark your calendars for the 2024 NW Meet in The Dalles, Oregon. Plan to arrive on June 12 and depart on June 16. The Meet headquarters will be at the Country Cousins Inn. Registration materials and more details to come soon. The planning team at the Columbia River Region are putting a lot of energy into the Meet. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Northwest Meet if not before. Happy touring!

Ed Gallagher #44216

Director, VCCA District 3

End.

Proposed Club By-Law Changes

It is being proposed to revise the Puget Sound Region By-Laws to reflect how we operate now.

The following By-Laws reflect the proposed changes as redacted. The proposed changes will be brought to the membership for a vote of approval at our February 10, 2024 General Meeting:

PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. This Region shall be known as the Puget Sound Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America, Inc.

Section 2. The purpose of this Region shall be to encourage, through fellowship and sharing, the preservation, restoration, use, and enjoyment of Chevrolet **and GMC** vehicles of age designated by the National Club. (Note: Ownership of a Chevrolet is not a requirement for membership in the club.)

ARTICLE II - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of all elected Officers of the Region, Elected Club Support Positions, and the immediate past Director.

Section 2. The Region Director shall schedule the Executive Board Meetings. At least ~~1-3~~ **1-3** meetings ~~per year~~ **is are** recommended. One meeting of the year shall include a review of the By-Laws, **including** Officers' job descriptions, ~~consideration of any changes,~~ and establishing a proposed budget for the following year.

Board meetings shall be open to all interested members. All members in attendance at a Board meeting shall have the right to **speak, but not to vote on** issues presented. Board members have the right to vote.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have the power to make decisions, in accordance with the National and Regional By-Laws, which in their judgment serve the interests of the Region. The decision of a majority of the Executive Board on any question shall be binding until the next ~~regular or special~~ meeting of the Region when a majority of those in attendance may approve, nullify or amend such a decision. ~~Major, irreversible decisions should be made in advance of referral to the membership only in emergency cases.~~

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected Officers of the Region shall be:

- A. Regional Director
- B. Assistant Director
- C. Secretary - recording, **corresponding**
- D. Treasurer

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- E. Membership Secretary
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- F. Activities Coordinator
- G. Newsletter Editor
- H. Club Store & Property Manager
- I. Webmaster

Other Support Positions shall be:

- J Historian
- ~~K. Refreshment Facilitator~~
- K. ZOOM Coordinator(s)

The ~~These positions~~ members *in these positions* will hold office for one year from date of installation. In the event that an office is vacated, the Executive Board shall appoint a successor. The term of the director shall be limited to two successive years.

Section 2. Officers Positions shall be elected by the following procedure:

By September 1, the Director shall appoint a nominating Committee of at least three members including a past Director as Chairman. The nominating Committee ***shall seek volunteers for all positions (Officer and support) at the September General Meeting.***

~~may ask for suggestions for nominations in advance of the election, particularly at the September general membership meeting. The nominating Committee shall consider these suggestions and make their own recommendations to establish a~~ ***The nominating committee shall fill the*** slate of proposed candidates. Each candidate shall be contacted to ensure their willingness to serve in the specified office. Job descriptions shall be available to all candidates.

At the October General Membership Meeting the nominating Committee shall present its slate of candidates and accept additional nominations from the floor. This slate of candidates shall be printed in the November Tappet Clatter. Nominations shall be closed and vote taken at the November General Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND SUPPORT POSITIONS

Section 1. DIRECTOR. The Regional Director shall oversee affairs of the Region and perform duties incident to the office. He/she shall:

A. Preside at each Region meeting and serve as Chairman of the business meeting.

B. Schedule Board meetings and serve as Chairman of these meetings.

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C. Report monthly to the Newsletter Editor the "State of the Club" and other pertinent information for publication to establish communication with Region members.

D. Evaluate all incoming mail relative to Region and take appropriate action. Pertinent information shall be reported to the membership and the Newsletter Editor.

E. Set up a calendar for the regular meetings for the year and arrange for meeting sites and see that the room is properly arranged.

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F. Maintain a "Director's Log" summarizing important actions of the year to be passed on to the succeeding Director.

G. ***In conjunction with the Board***, appoint chairmen of Committees of Regional functions such as: Swap Meets, Nominating Committee, Northwest Meet, and other such Committees as necessary for the business of the Region.

H. Coordinate with Area Three Board Member on matters related to *the National Organization*.

I. Decide all questions when there is an equal vote.

J. Annually the Director or his/her representative shall meet with the Treasurer to inspect the current **Regional and Committee** financial reports with bank records.

Section 2. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. The Assistant Director shall assume the responsibilities of the Director in the absence of the Director, or as delegated by the Director. The Assistant Director ~~will~~ **shall** serve as coordinator for scheduling the programs for the monthly **in-person** meetings.

Section 3. SECRETARY. The Recording/Correspondence Secretary shall keep accurate records of proceedings of all meetings of members and of the Executive Board. Such minutes shall be sent to the Editor of the Tappet Clatter and to the Director. ~~, including notes of appreciation to speakers and hosts, business responses, etc. — Original shall be filed in Secretary's notebook~~ The Recording /Corresponding Secretary shall handle official correspondence of the Region in cooperation with the Director.

Section 4. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt, deposit, and disbursement of the funds of the Region as prescribed by the Board. The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate record of all financial transactions and shall see that each Chairman of a major event submits a complete financial report. ~~Each month~~ **At each General Meeting**, the Treasurer shall report ~~to club~~ **receipts and expenditures for the previous month, and present the end of month balance.**

~~A. Prior month's balance~~

~~B. Total receipts for prior month. [Specify amounts for major receipts]~~

~~C. Total expenditures for prior month. [Specify amounts for major expenditures]~~

~~D. Current balance.~~

~~E.~~ The Treasurer shall be responsible for completing and forwarding the Annual Report and Charter Fee to National before deadline. (Jan. 30) .

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~~F. The Treasurer shall meet annually with the Director or Director's designee to share the last current financial reports, and corresponding bank statements. Twice annually (April and November) the Treasurer shall meet with the director or designee to share current financial reports and corresponding bank statements.~~—The Treasurer shall be responsible for completing and forwarding the Annual Report and Charter Fee to National before January 30th.

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Section 5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY. The Membership Secretary shall maintain membership records of the Region. He/she shall distribute club information to potential members. ~~whose names have been submitted, to guests at monthly meetings, and through displays at special events.~~

He/she shall receive new and renewal membership forms and dues, which dues shall be forwarded to **the** Treasurer or deposited into the club account at the request of the Treasurer. He/she shall develop and distribute **the annual** Region Roster, ~~and record attendance at monthly meetings.~~ Roster updates shall be **sent to the coordinated with** Editor **of the Roster.**

Membership Secretary shall act as a "sunshine person", sending cards and other appropriate tokens to club members who have experienced a significant change in their lives. ~~The parameters shall be set by the Executive Board.~~

Section 6. ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR. The Activities Coordinator shall coordinate all activities and events organized for members' participation. ~~Activities Coordinator shall prepare an annual activities calendar showing meeting dates, swap meet dates and annual events such as the Annual Banquet, Holiday Potluck, etc.~~ The Activities Coordinator works with membership to plan and carry out events such as monthly tours, socials, shows and special activities as needed. Members share in the responsibility for leadership and execution of such activities.

Section 7. NEWSLETTER EDITOR. The Newsletter Editor shall oversee the production and distribution of the Region newsletter, the Tappet Clatter. The Editor shall receive material from Officers and Committee Chairs as well as general membership by the ~~prescribed monthly~~ deadline set by the editor.

Section 8. HISTORIAN. The Historian shall maintain the **Region's Archives.** ~~The historian can be a photographer or select others to photograph club activities to send to the Editor, webmaster and save in the archives within a reasonable time following an event. Region Scrapbook(s) containing pictures, programs, news articles, mementoes, etc. of Region activities. The Historian collects pictures and the above items for mounting in the scrapbook, ensures that all events are covered by a photographer, and makes scrapbooks available at monthly meetings.~~

Section 9. CLUB STORE & PROPERTY MANAGER. The Club Store & Property Manager shall maintain an inventory of Region properties, as well as its location, and a supply of Region related merchandise. ~~Region properties such as banner, P.A. system, typewriter, coffee pot, etc. may be in custody of appropriate members. Region-related merchandise (logos, decals, etc) Said merchandise shall be available for purchase at all Region meetings. Stock expansion/replacement is subject to approval of the Executive Board. or membership.~~ Proceeds are to be forwarded to the Treasurer.

Section 10. WEBMASTER. The Webmaster shall maintain the club website, posting to it the Newsletter, as well as other timely items, **including meeting & program information, and photographs**

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~~Section 11 REFRESHMENT FACILITATOR. The Refreshment Facilitator shall provide coffee and other beverages for general membership meetings.~~

Section 12 Officers are expected to be present at all ~~General-Region~~ Meetings and **Board** Meetings of the Executive Board. In event of an absent it is the responsibility of absenting Officer to ensure appropriate reports are forwarded to the meeting and that duties of said absenting Officers are filed by a substitute ~~with the concurrence of the Director.~~

ARTICLE V - MEMBERS

Section 1. All Regional members must be members in good standing with the National VCCA. Good standing means the holder of a valid current National Vintage Chevrolet Club of America membership card. A membership in the Region is considered a family membership.

Section 2. The amount of Regional dues payable to the Membership Secretary shall be fixed by the Executive Board at its discretion with the membership approval.

Section 3. Any member whose Regional dues are more than ~~120~~ **60** days in arrears shall be dropped from the Region roll, subsequent to advising the member of the intent. Reinstatement may be made by paying full annual rate.

Section 4. Members have the right to bring any issue relating to the Region before general membership or Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI - MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Section 1. The Region shall hold regularly scheduled meetings and at least one meeting annually for the election of Officers. Meetings may be cancelled or postponed due to weather or other emergencies that may affect the safety of club members.

Section 2. In compliance with Washington State Open Meetings Law, all Region meetings shall be open to guests.

ARTICLE VII - REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. Members of this Region shall not use the name of VCCA for profit or personal gain. Region events and activities shall be in compliance with National By-Laws and regional guidelines.

Section 2. The names and addresses of all Regional Officers and members must be sent to National VCCA with National numbers along with Charter Renewal Fee.

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Section 3. The Region shall publish a newsletter "The Tappet Clatter", which will contain regional notices and information, and which will be sent to all members and the Area Three Board Member. Additional subscriptions will be available at a yearly fee set by the Executive Board.

The Newsletter constitutes the major communication link with membership and as such shall contain pertinent information on current and future activities and summary of past events, with technical material and general hobby information as space allows.

Major changes in format, printing, distribution, etc. shall be subject to approval of the Executive Board.

Section 4. The Vintage Chevrolet Club of America is a non-profit organization; the members thereof shall not be entitled to any individual or collective interest, participation, share, right and/or property right in and to the assets of the Club or Region; but, such assets shall be the individual property of the Club thereof; no dividends, pecuniary profits, stock dividends or payments of like manner shall ever be declared or paid to the members of this Club or Regions thereof.

Section 5. Upon disbandment of this Region, immediate notification should be given to the National VCCA Area Three Board Member. All assets then become the property of the National VCCA.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO BY-LAWS

Section 1. These By-Laws and Amendments shall be consistent with the National Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. Amendments to these By-Laws may be made by the following procedure:

A proposed amendment shall be presented to the club Director.

The Director shall consult with the Executive Board who will consider the merits of the proposal.

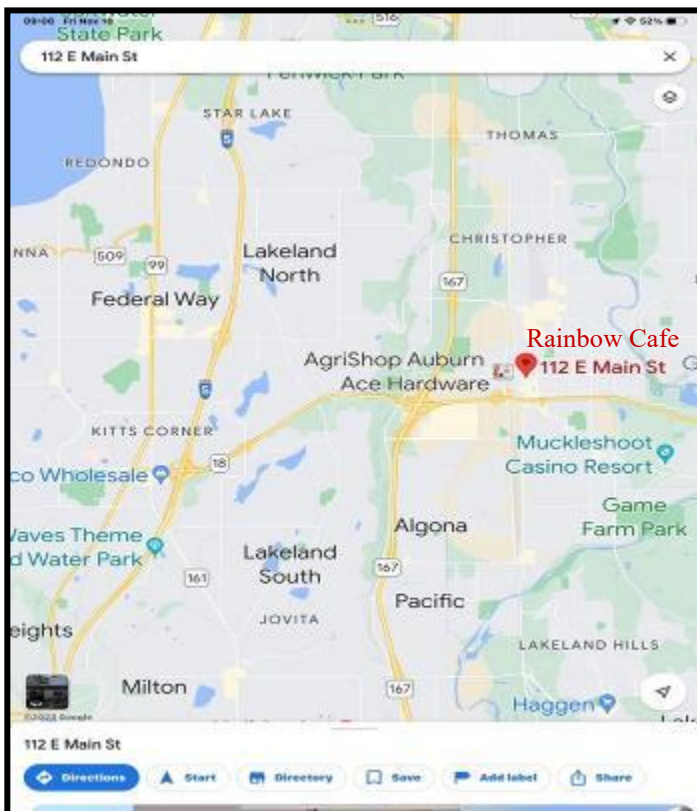
If the Executive Board approves, the proposal shall be printed in the Tappet Clatter, and the date of the club meeting at which the vote will be taken shall be stated.

The proposal shall become a part of the By-Laws by receiving a majority vote of the regional members in attendance at the announced meeting

End.

2024 Officers Installation Banquet

The PSR-VCCA 2024 Officers Installation Banquet is **Saturday, January 20, 2024** at **2:00 p.m.** at the **Rainbow Café, 112 E. Main Street - Auburn, Washington.**



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.

End.

February Program

Our February 10th Program will feature Dick Olson's 1930 Roadster



This will be a Hybrid meeting.

We hope you can join us starting at 10:00am In-Person or via Zoom. The meeting will start at 10:30am at Kent Sullivan's, Kirkland, WA.

See you there. Rod Schein

End.

2024 Club Tours

The Glovebox Section of this Tappet Clatter edition contains an article authored and written by Stephen Cassis (The Filling Station) titled Touring With Your Old Car.

With that thought in mind, John Valiton, our 2023/2024 PSR-VCCA Activities Chairperson, says, "During these dark and cold days after Christmas, I have had the time to give thought to our club's 2024 Tours. In 2023, our club tours took us north, northeast and east. For 2024, we will be focusing our trips south and southeast. Our Officers Installation Banquet is Saturday, January 20th. I look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions there. For those unable to attend, we will make time for open discussion at our February General Meeting, Saturday, February 10".

Memories of 2023 tours:



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2024 NW Meet (Updates)

This page is dedicated to providing information on the 2024 NW Meet. It may 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



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Upcoming Meetings and Activities

January 20 Officers Installation Banquet - Rainbow Café, Auburn, WA

February 10 General Meeting (Hybrid) - Kent Sullivan's, Kirkland, WA



Vote on Proposed By-Laws Changes (see pgs. 6 –11)



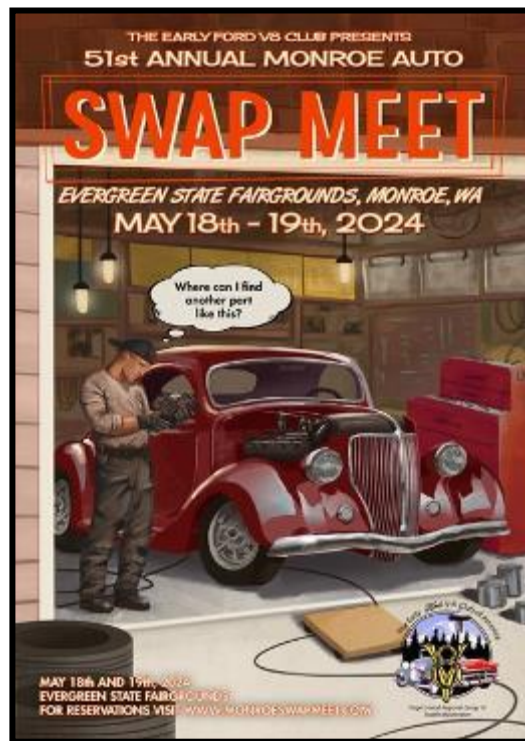
Vote on Proposed 2025 NW Meet and Site

March 9 General Meeting (Hybrid) - Site TBD

April 13 General Meeting (Hybrid) - Site TBD

May 11 General Meeting (Hybrid) - Site TBD

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Safety Corner



When there's road construction,
It's a pain in the rear.
You're either stopped,
Or in low gear.

Let's let them do,
What they have to do,
So later on,
We can cruise right through.

But while they're working,
Let's stay alert,
So everyone stays safe,
And no one gets hurt.

By Bill Damm
Reprinted from October 2007 Tappet Clatter

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February Celebrations

Birthdays

Bill Barker	Feb 1
Don Boltz	Feb 1
Kathy Currie	Feb 4

Anniversaries

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

End.

February Funnies

Four engineers get into a car. The car won't start.

The Mechanical engineer says:
"It's a broken starter".

The Electrical engineer says:
"Dead battery".

The Chemical engineer says:
"Impurities in the gasoline".

The IT engineer says:
"Hey guys, I have an idea how about we all get out of the car and get back in".

- My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect. And for that, I am eternally grapefruit.

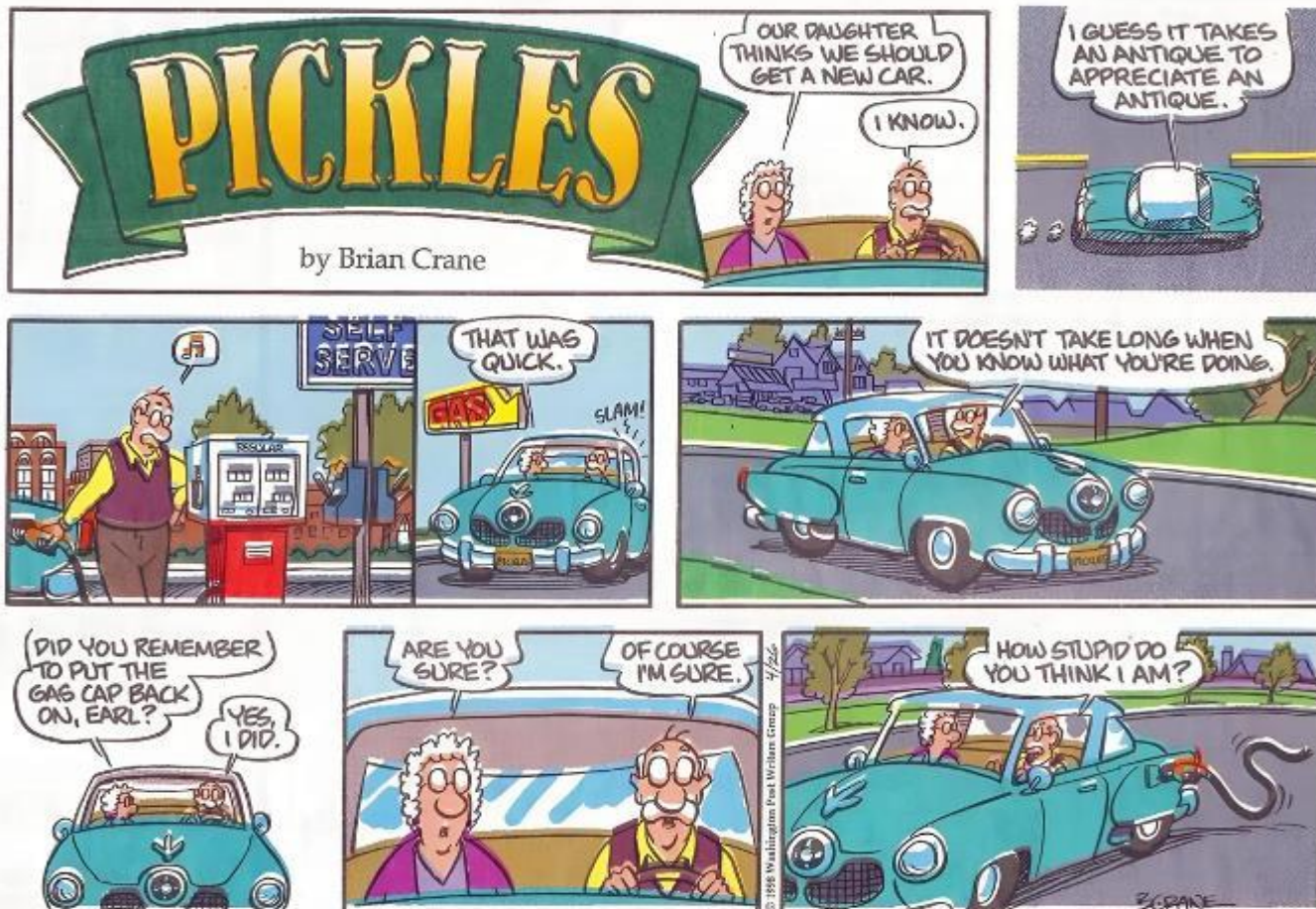
- When RSVPing to a wedding invitation, "Maybe next time" is apparently not an acceptable response.

- A Duck is standing next to a busy road, cars zooming past while he waits for a break in traffic. A chicken walks up to him and says, "Don't do it, man. You'll never hear the end of it."

- If you haven't been to Disney as an adult, just imagine that you're standing in line at the DMV... and that's it.

--Bill Barker

End.



End.

Touring With Your Old Car

By Stephen Kassis

Driving our vintage cars is becoming more popular these days. Special car tours, like the VCCA 4-cylinder and 6-cylinder tours, have increased interest in touring with our old cars. Local clubs and regions are having 100-200 mile weekend tours. Add to that safety items like turn signals, LED tail lights, and seat belts all of which have made driving the old cars safer and more enjoyable.

Overdrives or higher geared differentials are allowing our old cars to keep up with traffic on today's modern roads. Of course, higher speeds require more caution when driving. Keep extra distance between yourself and the vehicles around you. This is especially important with mechanical brake cars as stopping distances are much higher in these vehicles.

Many car clubs now are acknowledging those of us that take our vintage cars out and drive them. They are not just for car shows anymore! Touring is a great way to have fun with the old cars. No trophies here, but plenty of fun, good times and fellowship with other club members. It is also a great way to create interest in our hobby and recruit new members. Seeing our beautiful countryside is a fantastic benefit of driving the old cars.

What does it take to get your old car ready for touring? It depends on the age of your car. Older cars take a little more preparation to drive on long tours than your daily driver. Early cars, prior to 1937, require more maintenance to be driven long distances than later cars. Preparing a 1931 Coupe for touring is more involved than a 1956 pickup. Be aware that the early cars were designed to be driven on roads that were much different than what we have today. Early water pumps, generators, distributors and starters have to be lubricated on a regular basis. In addition, early water pumps require adjustment to the packing nut to prevent leaking and possible overheating of the cooling system.

Prior to driving your old car on a long tour, there are a number of items that need to be checked. This will be an outline checklist of long distance tour necessities. Customize this list for your own individual car or truck. Keep in mind that most of the maintenance items are things you should be doing whether you are driving your car on long distance tours or just for a fun Sunday drive. Of course, the frequency will change on longer tours.

1927 & 1928 4-cylinder engines came with an oil filter but all other early Chevy engines were made without oil filters. Add-on oil filters were available but they filtered only a small amount of the total oil flow going through the engine. These filters were an attempt to protect the engine from contaminants. However, they are not nearly as effective when compared to the later full-flow oil filters. Instead, it is recommended to simply change oil more often – every 500 to 1,000 miles, or a minimum of once per year. In addition, we recommend an oil additive such as Lucas each time you change oil. This is especially helpful on vintage cars that sit idle for months at a time. The oil additive will help protect engine bearings on startup and give a little boost to the oil pressure.

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Once again, this list will consist of many items that should be part of your regular periodic maintenance schedule for your old car. When going on a long trip, these items are especially important to check: engine oil, water level (don't overfill), transmission fluid, differential gear oil, u-joint gear oil (all closed driveline cars & trucks), wheel bearings – grease and check adjustment. Each time you drive an early car with a bushing-type water pump, be sure to put a few drops of oil on the front bushing of the water pump. Carry a squirt can of oil for this purpose and keep it handy. Lubricate this bushing every 50 to 100 miles. Also, turn in the grease cup on the water pump (take extra water pump packing along too). On occasion, turn in the grease cup on the distributor and put a drop of oil in the generator oil cups & starter oil cup. Lubricate the chassis, including shackles, spring bolts, tie rod ends, drag link ends, king pins and steering box. Consult your shop manual for a complete lubrication chart for your car. In addition, check tire pressure and tire condition and also check the spare tire(s).

Mechanical brake vehicles (prior to 1936) should have a brake adjustment to insure optimum performance. This should be done by a qualified mechanic as it is vital to have the brake system operating properly.

Tune up the engine. Check the point gap and adjust the ignition points as necessary. Check the spark plug gap and condition of the plugs. Set the timing and carburetor idle mixture. Check & adjust the engine valves. Out of adjustment valves can cause poor operation and damage to the valve system. Check for non operating light bulbs – headlights, tail lights, turn signals, dash lights, etc. Bulbs may be in good condition but corrosion has prevented good contact, thus causing the bulb to malfunction.

Check your wiper motor and wiper blades to be sure they are functional and effective. Many early cars with vacuum wiper motors are less than wonderful when it comes to seeing clearly with windshield wipers. Rain-x is a great temporary substitute and will help your vision in an unexpected downpour. Other alternatives would include changing your wiper motor to an electric (when available) or having your vacuum motor rebuilt.

Spare parts are very important for cars going on long tours. Make up a small box of new or good used spare parts to include: Ignition parts – coil, spark plugs & wires, points, condenser, rotor & distributor cap. Carry spare wheel bearings (one inner and one outer front and one rear) and wheel bearing grease, even consider a spare rear axle on early cars. Cleaning supplies like window cleaner, Rain-x, car washing supplies, paper or cloth towels and hand cleaner will come in handy.

Take a selection of tools whenever you drive your old car. If you have multiple cars, it is recommended that you have a permanent set for each of your old cars. However, transferring tools between cars is also an option. Screwdrivers, wrenches, sockets, electrical test light, silicone gasket sealer, bearing grease, duct tape, electrical tape, electrical fittings and crimping tool will be helpful if there is a breakdown on the road.

A good jack is necessary. Original style early jacks are not the best for safety and reliability as they are small and unstable. If you find yourself having to jack up your car to change a tire on a hill, a good, stable jack will make a huge difference in safety. Consider switching to a modern Chevy pickup scissors jack (from a 2004-2009 1/2 ton model). These jacks are relatively inexpensive when found at a wrecking yard. They are compact, heavy duty and very stable. Quick and easy to use, they are much safer than original style jacks. If you have room, a battery operated air compressor is nice. If not, a can of "fix-a-flat" will work in an emergency situation.

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Take the old car out on a test run several days prior to the long tour. Listen for odd noises and look for problems in performance. The great thing about touring with other club members is that if you forget the tool or item you need, it is likely someone else will come to your rescue. Follow the Boy Scout motto: "Be Prepared" and you will have lots of fun on your long distance tours.

The Checklist below is a basic outline. Add or remove items as is necessary for your car or truck. It is intended to be a starting point and by no means a complete listing.

Maintenance Checklist:

- Check or Change Engine Oil
- Check Transmission, U-joint & Differential Gear Oil
- Lubricate Water Pump
- Lube Chassis and Engine Components (refer to shop manual for lubrication chart)
- Check & Adjust Front Wheel Bearings – grease if necessary
- Tune Up Engine
- Check Water Level in Radiator – donât overfill
- Check Tire Pressure and Condition – remember to check the spare(s)
- Brake Adjustment – especially on mechanical brake cars & truck
- Check Lighting for proper operation
- Check to make sure you have your cars registration and insurance cards onboard

Spare Parts Checklist:

- Ignition Parts: Coil, Condenser, Rotor, Distributor Cap, Spark Plugs & Wires, Ignition Points
- Starter & Generator Brushes
- Front & Rear Wheel Bearings – 1 of each
- Gear Oil & Grease
- Cleaning Supplies – Window Cleaner, Rain-x, Paper Towels, Car Washing Supplies, Hand Cleaner
- Tool Kit – Wrenches, Socket Set, Screwdrivers, Feeler Gauge, Electrical Test Light, Silicone Sealer, Squirt Oil Can, Duct Tape, Electrical Tape, Electrical Fittings and Wire Stripper/Crimping Tool, Emery Cloth, Lug Wrench or 1/2" Drive Socket with Extension and Breaker Bar
- Jack – Modern Scissors Type with Handle
- Air Compressor (Battery Operated) or "Fix-A-Flat" Can
- Rear Axle Shaft with Bearing Installed (1932 & earlier) – most often will fit under the seat in tool tray
- Light Bulbs

End.

Club Store News



Club Store Specials

The club store was closed because of zoom meetings and weather issues the last months of 2023. January 20 will be the Officers Installation banquet in Auburn. I will bring all the store items and continue the sale of VCCA items with the exception of the large decals which have sold out.

50 th 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
*PRS-VCCA Back Patches	\$10
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.

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.**

Wanted

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

Request for referrals on body restoration work. My 1980 Chevy truck needs to be painted. They can contact me by email, markshaw10.4@live.com. Thanks. Mark Shaw

1947-1954 Chevrolet Truck parts. Original engine in good condition or rebuild, seat frame and various other miscellaneous parts. rluche@yahoo.com

For Sale

1973 Chevrolet Bel Air, 45,000 miles. Asking \$7500. Contact David Register devan_register@yahoo.com

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, bobanddee61@gmail.com

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

FREE transmission for a 1930, 1931, 1949 and 1957. Contact: Dick Olson at email rolson82@comcast.net

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

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

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. The email should outline your information or visual media need and the intended use.

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

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Gas stations with gas without ethanol

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