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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 Chevrolet cars, trucks and GMC's. Members are not required to own a Chevrolet. Regional membership is open to all Chevrolet and GMC enthusiasts who are members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA).

General meetings are temporarily being held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Meeting date changes will be posted in the Tappet Clatter. In person and Zoom meetings will be held at 10:00 am at Kent Sullivan's 6408 125th Ave. NE Kirkland, WA 98033 (Pending COVID and weather restrictions). If, no in person, then Zoom meeting only.

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."

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IF YOU WANT YOUR NEWSLETTER



Director's Message

"From the Crankshaft"
AI HOWE



Did you have a good Christmas with lots of gifts and food? OK, now think about how you are going to pay for it. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and that Santa left you what you really, really wanted.

I want to thank Jim Seiber for taking on the Director's job for the last two years; little did he know at the time he made the commitment that a pandemic was heading our way. He has had to make some very difficult decisions that affected the way we handle activities. Thank you, Jim.

I also want to thank Bill Barker for all his hard work as Assistant Director. Three years ago, I talked him into taking this on with the understanding that it was for only one year. It's been a long one year, Bill. Also, thank you for the programs and door prizes you shared at meetings.

COVID has impacted our lives and social activities in many ways. Lots of ideas have been discussed in the past about how we hold meetings, tours and social activities and be safe while doing so. We have had zoom meetings and in-person meetings, but we have not tried a combination of both together. Other things that have been discussed many times in the past are weekend meetings and meeting location. We have an opportunity to use Kent Sullivan's garage to hold meetings. Rod Schein and I presented a plan to the Board in a zoom meeting that would include weekend, in-person and zoom meetings at the same time. This would be a trial to see how things work and after lots of discussion it was passed unanimously. More details about this are covered in this issue.

The subject of following Federal and State COVID guidelines came up. Whether we like it or not, we must follow these guidelines. We will be following the rules of being vaccinated and the use of masks while attending an in-person meeting.

Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine.

National VCCA Meet 2022 Bowling Green, KY

HOTEL RESERVATIONS OPEN SEP 15. HOTEL DISCOUNT CODE - VCCA21

A maximum of two room reservations are allowed when you call or book online.

The VCCA for hotel reservations is CODE VCCA21. This code is required to reserve any rooms with the special VCCA rate of \$135/night.

- **The Holiday Inn University Plaza** will serve as the host hotel and is attached to the Convention Center, where most of our indoor activities and banquet will occur. **SOLD OUT**
- **Courtyard by Marriott Bowling Green-270-783-8569.** The Courtyard by Marriott is directly across the street from the host hotel, the Holiday Inn University Plaza. The side street can easily be crossed by foot.
- **Hilton Bowling Green-270-781-6778.** The Hilton Bowling Green is directly across the street from the host hotel, the Holiday Inn University Plaza. The side street can easily be crossed by foot.

TO BE SOMETHING YOU CAN USE

PUGET SOUND REGION

INSTALLATIONS OF 2022 OFFICERS



Donna Onat
Sallie Comstock
Jim Seiber

Photo by Bill Barker

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE COMSTOCK'S

On December 4th, the Puget Sound Region held its last club event of the year. This was the traditional Club Christmas Party held at the Comstock's home. About 20 members were in attendance and most went on a tour of Don's garage and projects. After that, everyone enjoyed a delicious afternoon meal amongst Sallie's tastefully displayed Christmas decorations. Before leaving for a daylight (!) trip back home, Jim Seiber met with the two club officers that were present, Donna Onat and Sallie Comstock to officially hand over the reins of the club for 2022. Next year's Director, Al Howe and Assistant Director, Rod Schein will soon announce a schedule of events for the upcoming year. In the meantime, everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bill Barker

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Gisela Jones



John Strampher
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**Merry Christmas
At
The Comstock's 2021**

Bill Barker
Sallie Comstock
Don Comstock
Clint Cave

Photos by Kent Sullivan

LATEST INFORMATION AND NEWS

Bill Damm's Safety Ditty

January 2022 Safety Ditty

Hello dear reader
I'm writing to you
Asking: are you ready
For year twenty twenty two?

Resolutions don't happen
Diets never last
Just enjoy the new year
Celebrate, have a blast!

Will we still be fighting COVID
Or variations there of
We're tired of wearing masks
Much less, use a glove

We are all hoping
The pandemic will pass
And that the latest variant
Will be the very last

Getting back to normal
Is what everyone asks
So we can be free
From wearing our masks

Until the pandemic is over
We need to conform
To keep ourselves safe
Our masks should be worn

*HAPPY
NEW
YEAR TO
ONE AND
ALL*

This is the Auto Wash Bowl where cars would drive around in circles to clean the undercarriage before pulling i... See more



I found this picture on Facebook and thought it was funny!! FC - TC Editor

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

My name is Fran Cissell, I was the Newsletter Editor for my Garden Club District for several years and enjoyed it very much. My goal is to make this an interesting and easy read for all that love the restoration and driving of classic cars. I would also like to include the Ladies. If you have any suggestions or ideas, I would welcome an email at cissellfj@comcast.net

**Burma
Shave!**

**FRAN, PUGET SOUND REGION
TAPPET CLATTER EDITOR
tappetclatter@outlook.com**

“MEETING TIME AND DATE CHANGE”

Meeting Directions & Details

“Zoom Only”

Saturday, January 8th

Logging in at 9:30 am

Starting the meeting at 10:00 am

In light of the recent COVID threats, we will be meeting on [Zoom only](#). The meeting will be the second Saturday of the month so that we can eventually meet in-person in Kent Sullivan's shop.

We ask that you log in to the Zoom meeting sometime after 9:30am so that we have time to help people get into the meeting and time to chat with one another. We will start the meeting at 10:00 am. The link to the Zoom meeting will be sent in an email the week before the meeting.

The program for January 8th will be Al Howe's '55 Chevy and the topic of his gas gauge not working. See the Glove Box article in this Tappet Clatter for a picture you can print out to have for the meeting's presentation..

See you there,
Rod Schein



BIRTHDAYS

Bill Barker	February 01
Don Boltz	February 01
Kathie Curry	February 04
Gisela Jones	February 16

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Gerri Johnson	February 14
Jim Lewis & Linda Wheeler	February 14
Myron & Resa Gabelein	February 23
George & Barbara Reich	February 29

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 . Share your information, experience, and tips with others by emailing the editor at -tappetclatter@outlook.com

The topic for the January 8th meeting is the gas gauge and how it works. We will work on knowing enough about how it works that we could troubleshoot it.

Please print out this page so you have it with you for our Jan 8th presentation.

We will use these drawings: Rod Schein

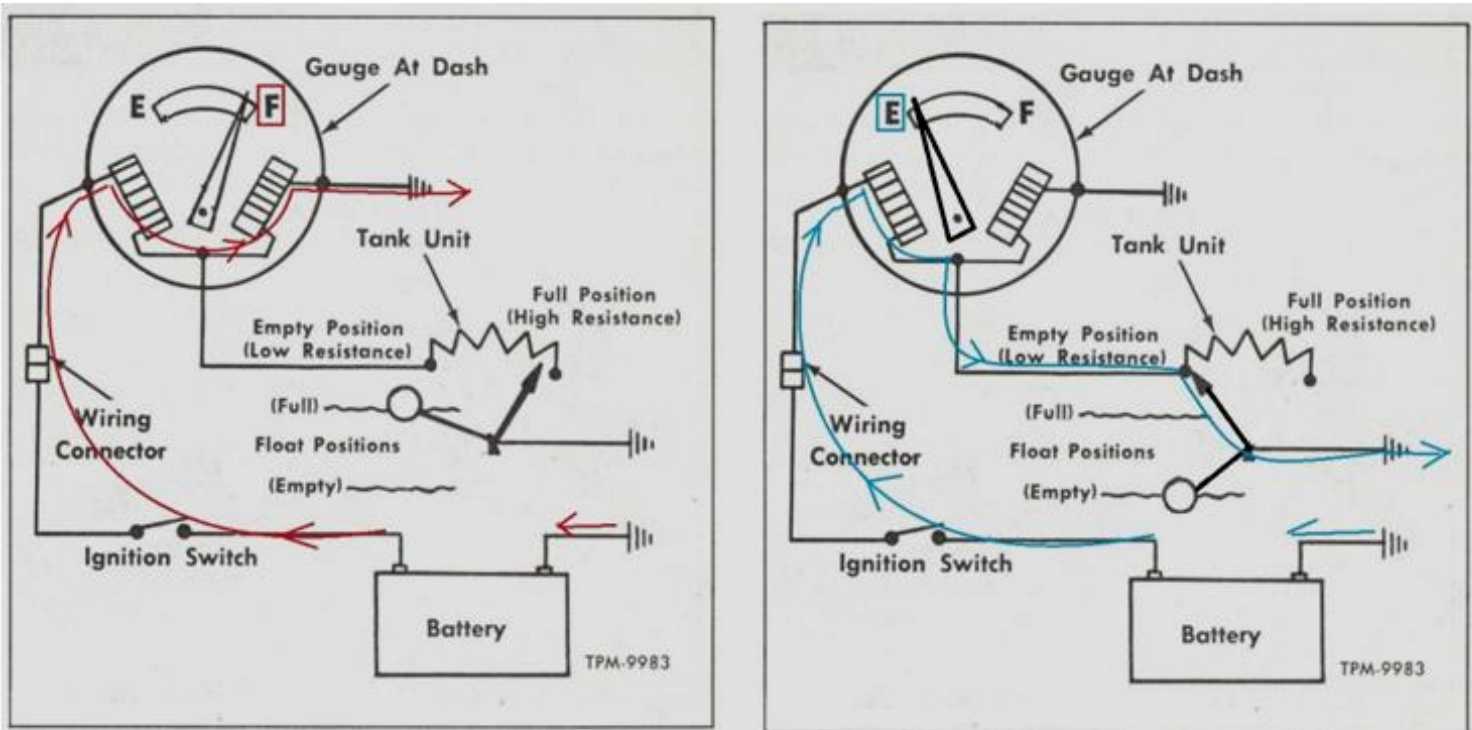
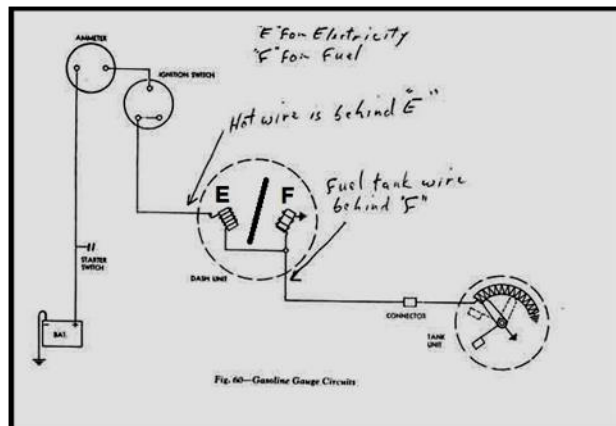


Figure 1—Fuel Gauge Schematic Wiring Diagram



Area 3 Director's Message

Greetings everyone,

I can't believe 70 years ago coming this summer my parents and I moved from Seattle to a small farm located in the community of Alderwood Manor, Washington, just north of Seattle. The first purchase for the farm was a 1947 Chevrolet pickup truck. The pickup was used by my Dad to commute to work in Seattle, about 35 miles round trip. When not used for commuting it was constantly being used on the farm to haul hay and grain for the livestock. It of course was the vehicle used to teach me how to drive, and at the age of twelve I was driving the gravel country roads of Alderwood Manor with my Dad as passenger. I remember asking, while I was behind the wheel, "what if we see a Sheriff Patrol"? Dad responded by telling me to sit up in the seat to look older and just keep driving. As we look back at the cars that we owned or were in the family, there are certain ones that hold special memories such as the first car you drove. The '47' was that car, or in my case, that truck. The picture is of a '47' for sale. Road-trip?

I want to close by thanking everyone in Area 3 for allowing me to represent them on the VCCA Board of Directors. The Board plans on having their annual meeting March 28-31, 2022 in Bowling Green, KY.

Be safe,
Gary Rogers
Area 3 Director



PUGET SOUND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING - **DECEMBER 14**, 2021

Zoom Meeting called to order at 10:34 am. Attending: Al Howe, Rod and Eve Schein, Jim Seiber, Bill Damm, Dave and Diane Haddock, Fran Cissell, Don and Sallie Comstock, Bill Barker, Kent Sullivan, Bob Stammes, George Warren, Donna Onat, and possibly Bob Helgeson.

Topics to include Location, Time, Date and deadlines and publication for the Tappet Clatter.

The future meetings for at least the next two or three months will be the **second Saturday** of the month at Kent Sullivan's garage at 10:00 am. There will be no food or drink. If needed, bring your own as well as bring your own chairs as Kent doesn't have chairs for everyone. It was decided that masks are a good idea but not mandated. Attendees are assumed to be vaccinated and boosted. Much discussion was had to the logistics and effectiveness of running a zoom meeting as well as the in-person meeting. Kent will try to make it work assuming there will be problems to be solved as we go along. Zoom connections will be posted in the TC and or emailed out prior to the meeting.

Fran Cissell plans to put out the Tappet Clatter the first of the month with information she has received no later than a week before the end of the month. At this time send information to be published directly to Fran at cissellfj@comcast.net

How does this help attract new younger members? Announce meetings on the web but do not include zoom log-in, invite prospective members to the meetings with programs that would be of interest to younger folks. Rod Schein wants other programs besides interviewing members. Meetings on **Saturday** should help attracting potential members who work during the week.

Donna Onat updated us on the renewals. She has about 15 to contact and some still to pay the \$5. She also reported two new members; Karen Roberts (Dave & Betty's daughter) and John Zapopan.

Don Comstock will attempt to put his suggested changes to the By-Laws into a format that can be compared to the existing By-Laws to share with the board and membership for their input seeking final approval sometime in early 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Comstock

52 YEARS AND STILL RUNNING

I bought a 1968 GMC in 1970. Today this truck is still running and used on occasion to go to the dump or take on light duty pick up jobs. Over the years it has required some maintenance. At or about 150,000 miles a new motor, transmission rebuild, and new paint. Other repairs or changes were, starter, alternator, wiper motor (twice) water pump, and some new upholstery/carpet, and a 1972 running gear to go from 6 wheel bolt pattern to 5 wheel bolt pattern and from drum to disc brakes. This truck has a 396ci with a turbo 400, with stock bucket seats. It is a rare model. I have only seen one other like it. I paid \$2,265.00 when I got it with 33,000 miles on it. Not sure how many miles on it now but I think around 200,000. It has always been on the road except for the short down times for new engine, transmission, paint and drive train change over. It has been one of the most reliable vehicles I have ever owned.

Tell me your long time ownership story. I would like to hear it.

Ken Scott #28484 kenwscott62@gmail.com



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Prospectus and Registration Available Online April @ www.ncrvcca.weebly.com

51ST Annual Northwest Meet
Shelton, Washington
August 25 - 27, 2022
Hosted by the
North Cascade Region

PEACE, LOVE & CHEVROLET
51st Annual NW Meet
2022

Activities & Events

- Tours
- Barbecue
- Special Event
- Ladies Luncheon
- VCCA Class Judging & Certification
- Personalized Judging
- Banquet



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

1932 Confederate Coach with dual side mounts & white wall tires is up for sale by former VCCA members, Larry and Carolyn Campbell. This is a restored, running and driving example with maroon body and black fenders. The interior is restored as well. The asking price is in the low \$20's. Contact Carolyn for more details. The car is located in Spanaway (south of Tacoma).

1926 Chevrolet 2 dr., Bloomfield gray (green)/black with orange pinstripe, all new oak frame, ground up restoration 1970-77 then garaged, hasn't been driven or started since 1977, asking \$18,000, contact Ken at lakex@yahoo.com.

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,

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.

1936 STANDARD five-lug artillery wheels with 17-inch tires. Four for \$100. Dick Olson

1970's Complete Allen Diagnostic machine with operating manual, \$200.00. Baby moons 2 sets of 4, \$40.00 a set. Call Ken Scott for more details

PARTS NEEDED

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

HELP WANTED

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, arniemondloch@msn.com.

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.

2022/2023 Activities

January	8	PS-VCCA Meeting 10:00 am (Zoom Meeting only) (See page 7 for details)
February	12	PS-VCCA Meeting 10:00 am (Check the February TC for update)
July/Aug	31-5	60th Anniversary Meet Bowling Green KY
August	25-27	2022 Northwest Meet, North Cascade Region

Note: All club general meetings at Kent Sullivan's 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.

Q: What was the first official White House car?



A: A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.