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PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

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Remembering Dave Roberts

No January Meeting

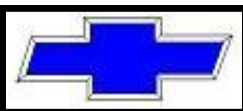
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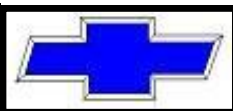
First General Meeting (Hybrid) 2024

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:

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REMEMBERING DAVE ROBERTS



Dave would want to thank each of you who enriched his life. The car club combined his love of vehicles with his love of your unique story. He liked getting to know each of you, seeing your garage, traveling to fun places, enjoying good food together, seeing your projects in all the stages, getting to know your history and family and your unique cars. Thanks for being so hospitable all these years. It is a rare thing that so many open up and share about themselves. I think that is what Dave enjoyed the most about the VCCA club.

Dave passed on, at home, December 6. As much as we miss him, we wouldn't wish him back. Dave had right eye cataract surgery August 29 and it went well. Unfortunately, the left eye ended up having 3 surgeries. The process just wore him out. Two days before his death he asked Karen "How are you doing?" She replied "We are just worried about you". He said "You don't need to be worry about me." To us it was reassuring that though his body was failing, the things of earth were growing dimmer, the beacon of God's love was showing the way to a better place. Even a maple bar from his favorite donut shop had lost its appeal, although he ate it.

Thank you for being our friends through all the winding, steep turns and being beside us, in the fun wind in our hair coasting times of life, when our engine purred and when it went kaput. We have felt the built in support from the members of the club. The etiquette you exhibit on group tours is useful in life. Safety first, start with a full tank and an empty bladder, have a leader and a sweeper, have a destination plan with scheduled in break times, stick together and help other's when they have trouble. We have enjoyed the off the beaten track tours.

We are praying all is well with each of you. Life seems to be harder the older we get. We are praying that Christ does light the way to much happiness for all of us in the new year. We will have to find new paths this year. I will have to live without Dave but rejoicing that I know he is with the Lord.

I hope you have a joyous New Year!

Sincerely,

Betty Roberts

Memorial Services

January 27, 2024

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

https://chapel.cedarpark.org/obituaries?current_obituary=54a3aa0e-db4c-4339-b151-739322eb9028

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.

We'll miss you!

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PSR DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Things continue to move right along with the club, thanks to the efforts of so many members. If you would like to become more involved and get to know members better, please contact me. There will be many opportunities coming up.

Passing of Dave Roberts

"Dave was an enthusiastic member of Puget Sound Region for 35 years. While he contributed to our club in many ways, MG and I especially remember how he was the first to greet new members and warmly welcome them. I am sure Dave's friendliness kept many new members coming back. Our sincere condolences to Betty and Karen, Dave's wife and daughter. Dave will be missed."

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party was held at Fran and Ken's Garage. There was a good turnout, and everyone had fun. MG and I could not believe it when we walked in. The garage was beautiful with fancy plate settings, lovely holiday decorations, music and entertainment by Angel and the Outlaw, and Ken's awesome '32 on display. Thank you so much to Ken and Fran for all your efforts and for being such great hosts. Thanks also to Karen Purvis and Sallie Comstock for helping them prepare.

Dues

Dues are due. Please send your \$5 to Donna Onat, 13623 SE 20th St, Bellevue WA 98005. Donna would really appreciate getting dues collection behind her. Thanks.

2025 NW Meet Committee

Great progress is being made by the volunteers on this committee, Don Comstock, Dave Haddock, Bob Reller, and Tom Taricco. Potential sites were visited last week, and many notes taken. Their goal is to reach consensus on a site the first part of 2024. It appears they are well on their way to doing just that. Many thanks to this great group. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Webmaster

Ralf Luche maintains our Puget Sound Region Website keeping it up to date with each and every bit of information available. This is a very important position as it is now the only place that the history of the club is documented. Our website is a place to find out what is happening in our club and to look up any historical detail. Ralf Luche has put a tremendous amount of effort into development and maintenance of this site over many years. The site, <https:psrvcca.weebly.com>, describes the goal of our club, includes past copies of the Tappet Clatter, general messages, and even many years of Glove Box articles. **Check it out!** You will be impressed. Though Ralf resides in Prescott, AZ he has continued to support our club in such an important way. Thank you Ralf for all the work you have put into our website over the years and for your continued support.

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Installation Banquet

The installation banquet will be at the Rainbow Cafe, 112 E Main Street, Auburn, WA on January 20th at 2pm. **Meals are preorder, so please print the form on page 15, complete it, enclose a check for the amount of your meal(s), and mail it to Al Howe. Deadline is January 1st.** Thanks, Al, for doing this. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Happy Holidays and a Great New Year to each and every one of you!

Bob Stamnes #11563
Director PSR-VCCA

End.



December 2023

While it hasn't snowed in my neck of the woods yet (it has flooded), it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! As they say, "It's a time to reflect on what's important in life"... beyond the classics in your garage. I don't think this year there will be any car parts in my stocking. In that area, I'm hard to buy for. "Dear, I'd like a 5 gallons of Valvoline VR -1 10w30", hmmm, that wouldn't work or fit in my stocking. So, I'm recommending taking at least a day away from your restoration projects to enjoy Christmas...or maybe a few days!

Happy Holidays and a Very Merry Christmas

Ed Gallagher #44216
Director VCCA Area 3

End.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership News from Donna

In the 'olden days' your club sent the Tappet Clatter to a printer who printed and colated copies and mailed them out to our members - U.S. Mail! Nowadays you have to print them yourself, if you want... and same with the annual Roster, which Al Howe has been processing with my assistance proofreading. So that's the main reason dues are now only \$5... we have little, if any, expense for printing and mailing. You get to do it!

If you want to be in the new Roster for 2024, be sure you have sent your dues to me by the end of December.

Send your dues to: Donna Onat
13623 SE 20th St.
Bellevue WA 98005.

Happy Chevy Drives,

Donna Onat #41128
Membership Chairperson

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~~ **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.

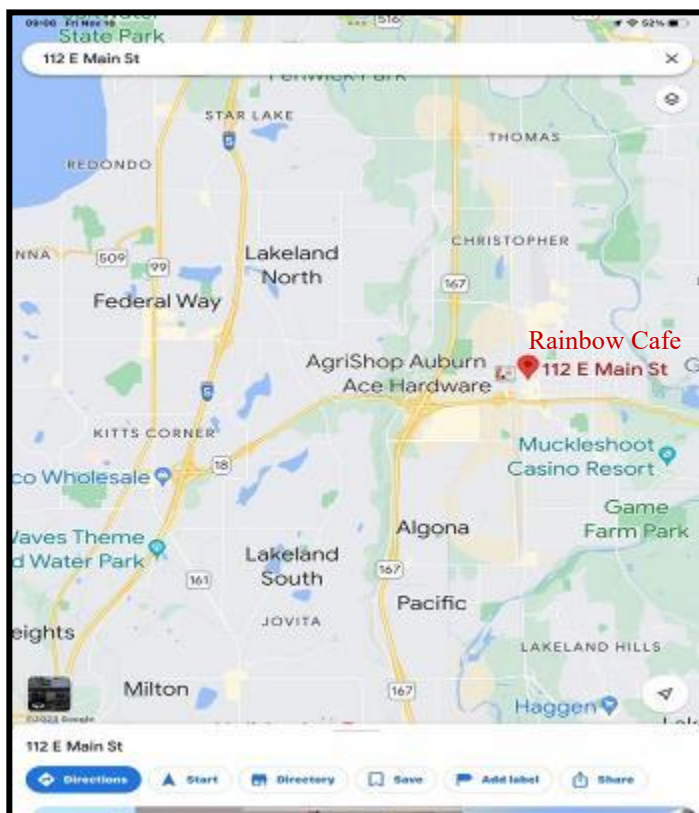
If the Executive Board approves, the proposal shall be printed in the Tappet Clatter, and the date of the club meeting at which the vote will be taken shall be stated.

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 OFFICER 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.

Puget Sound Region 2024 Installation Banquet Signup Sheet

Our 2024 officers' installation banquet is January 20th at 2pm at the Rainbow Café in Auburn. See directions on previous page.

- Please choose and enter how many meals you want for yourself and guests. Print this page and send to:

Al Howe
23728 SE 374th Street
Enumclaw WA 98022

- Include your payment check made out Puget Sound Region.

- Form and check must be received before January 1, 2024.

Note: Prices do not include tax or gratuity; that will be paid by Puget Sound Region.

Our meal choices are:

French Dip: sliced roast beef piled high on a French Roll with Au Jus and fries:

() X \$14.00 = _____

Fish & Chips: beer battered cod with tartar sauce, lemon wedge, fries and coleslaw:

() X \$16.00 = _____

Add clam chowder

() X \$2.50 = _____

Orchard Salad: romaine lettuce, apple, raisins, dried cranberries, mandarin oranges, walnut, and choice of dressing. Add chicken or turkey if desired:

without meat () X \$18.00 = _____

with chicken () X \$22.00 = _____

with turkey () X \$22.00 = _____

Salad dressing: Ranch_____, Honey Mustard _____, Raspberry Vinaigrette_____

Add side salad to any meal above: () X \$2.50 = _____

Coffee () X \$2.60 = _____

Fountain soda () X \$3.60 = _____

Total \$ _____

End.

2023 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Thank you Fran and Ken

What a great party. If you missed it, it's truly your loss.



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The setting was great... The food was exceptional... The entertainment was amazing... The host and hostess were fantastic... And, you just could not find a better group of guests, anywhere!

Again, Fran and Ken, thank you!

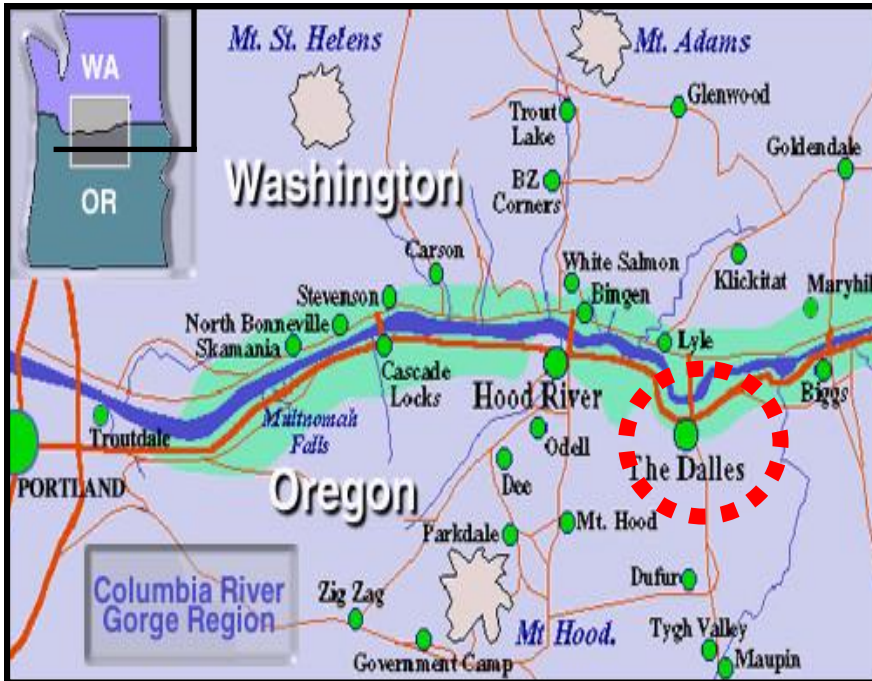
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2024 NW MEET (UPDATES)

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



End.

ASK, AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

In our December 2023 Tappet Clatter newsletter, I asked for our Club members for help by asking that they forward photos of their Vintage Chevrolet Cars. Within 15 minutes of broadcasting the newsletter, I received our first response from a proud car owner:

Car: 1973 Corvette

Club Member/Owner: Gerald Greenfield #57188



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Within minutes, a second proud owner responded:

**Car: 1955 210 Four-door
Club Member/Owner: Dave Haddock #41120**



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Within minutes, a third proud owner responded:

Car: 1937 Master two-door Sedan
Club Member/Owner: Terry L. Gemmell #58150



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Within minutes, a fourth proud owner responded:

Car: 1955 Bel Air Two-Door Hardtop
Club Member/Owner: Roger Orness #3169



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And, another proud owner:

Car: 1936 Standard Five-Window Coupe (FC)
Club Member/Owner: Tom Taricco #55004



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UPCOMING MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

January - No January Meeting

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*

End.

SAFETY CORNER



**A camera for your glove box,
The throw away kind is fine,
To document an accident,
Of a less than happy time,
So when disaster strikes,
We hope it's not your own,
Take a picture of the incident,
So it can be shown.**

By Bill Damm
Reprinted from August 2007 Tappet Clatter

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JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

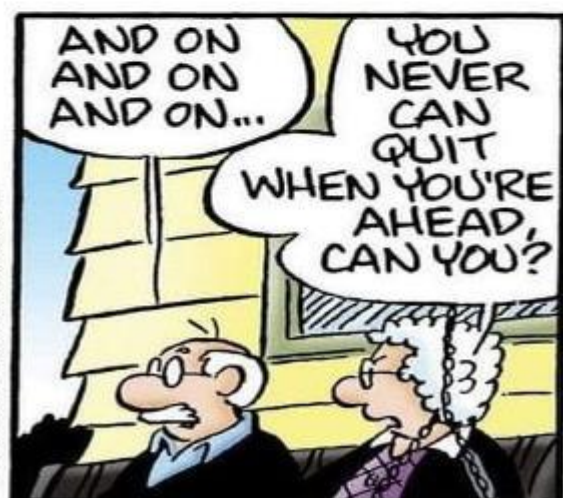
Birthdays

Sis Barker Jan 5
Ken Scott Jan 8
Gisela Jones Jan 16

Anniversaries

Joanne & Gary Barquist Jan 18
Resa & Myron Gabelein Jan 23

JANUARY FUNNY



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From The Glovebox

Installing the 1929-1940 Steering Mast Jacket Bushing

By Stephen Kassis

The mast jacket bushing with horn wire for 1929-1940 Chevrolet cars & trucks can be installed in a few hours. The first step is to disconnect the battery. Disconnect the horn wire connection at the base of the steering column (on 1929-1930 models directly at the horn).

Next, remove the steering wheel. Start by prying the horn button out of the hub on the steering wheel. Stick a small screwdriver under the edge of the horn button and pry it up, then pull the button and contact wires out of the hub. This will expose the nut at the end of the steering shaft. The steering wheel is held by a nut onto a tapered shaft. Loosen the nut until it is flush with the top of threads. Pull up forcefully on the steering wheel while a second person strikes downward on the shaft & nut with a brass hammer. If this does not dislodge the steering wheel from the shaft, it may be necessary to tap the horn wire holes in the hub of the wheel and remove it with a steering wheel puller.

To remove the old bushing, you must remove the tube from the steering column. With the steering wheel removed, loosen the clamp at the base of the steering shaft tube. Remove the clamp holding the steering tube to the dash. Slide the tube off the steering shaft. Note: use caution when removing the steering shaft tube as it must be slid into the passenger compartment and may get grease or oil on the upholstery or headliner

The operation of the horn requires a set depth of the bushing brass ring in the column tube. It is recommended that you measure the distance from the top of the tube to the brass ring before removing the old bushing. The new bushing can then be inserted to the same depth, insuring proper positioning of the bushing to the brass ring. A blunt ended rod or stick (such as a broomstick or heavy walled PVC pipe) can be used to tap out the old bushing. Use a slide hammer action to drive the bushing up and out of the top of the tube.

Installation requires lubrication with soapy water, silicone or a mineral oil based lubricant. **CAUTION:** Use eye protection when driving in the new bushing. A large deep socket (with extension), slightly smaller in diameter, is an excellent tool to drive in the new bushing. Use the blunt end of the socket against the bushing. If a socket and extension are not available, you could also try a heavy walled PVC pipe with a coupler on the end that is the same diameter as the bushing. It is critical that the force of driving the bushing in place is spread over as much of the bushing surface as possible.

Measure the outside diameter of the new bushing and compare to the inside diameter of the tube. The new bushing is made slightly larger so it will fit tightly in the old tube. The bushing must fit tightly in the tube so it will not turn. This can make the installation difficult. If the fit is too tight, it may be necessary to sand the OD of the bushing slightly. Apply lubricant to both the tube and outer edge of the bushing.

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To install the bushing, slide the wire into the tube from the top and thread it through the hole on the side near the bottom of the tube. Find a small grommet to protect the wire as it passes through the sheet metal tube. Start the bushing into the tube and push it into the proper position. There is a dimple pressed into the side of the tube to stop the bushing from going too far. Don't force the bushing past this point. Using body weight is usually sufficient to seat the bushing. If additional pressure is required, light tapping on the installation tool can be used. Take care not dent or bend the brass plate. Denting or bending of this plate will result in poor horn performance. The bushing is tough, but with too much force, it can be damaged.

Before installing the tube and bushing assembly, it is important to check the steering shaft where the new bushing will ride. Often, the old steering shaft will be pitted or rusted in this area. The shaft must be smooth to get the best operation out of the new bushing. Use sandpaper or emery cloth to smooth this area. Lubricate the area with light grease and install the tube onto the steering shaft, upside down – bushing side first, to check for fit. If there is a tight spot, continue to smooth the shaft until there are no rough spots causing the shaft to bind against the bushing.

Remove the tube and move to the work bench. Install a rubber grommet in the hole around the horn wire. This should make a snug fit for the wire and also protect it. Pull the wire until there is no slack. This will prevent the horn wire from rubbing on the steering shaft during operation.

Reinstall the steering tube onto the steering shaft, check for fit once it is in place. Seat the tube into the steering box clamp. Assemble the steering column clamp back onto the dash mounting but leave it loose for now. Install the steering wheel, making sure the woodruff key and keyway are lined up. Insert the metal trim cup in the wheel and tighten the nut. Connect the horn wire at the base of the steering column.

Check the rubber horn button to insure that it is not collapsed. This would cause the horn to honk when it is not desired. Install the horn button rubber with metal cap and horn contact wires. Push the shoulder of the rubber button down into the trim cup with a small screwdriver until it is evenly seated.

Connect the battery. Check the horn operation by pushing down on the horn button. If it does not honk, it may be necessary to pull the steering tube up closer to the base of the steering wheel. Tighten up the clamp at the base of the steering tube and also at the dash. Re-check the horn operation.

If the horn honks when not pressing on the button or when turning the steering wheel, it may be necessary to grind a small amount off of each of the two horn wire contacts. Do this evenly and a little at a time until the horn honks properly.

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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

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

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- Formed top material with window ready to install;
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Also has 216 engine for sale, presently advertised in G&D.

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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

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Club Store News



Club Store Specials

The club store has been closed because of zoom meetings and weather issues for the remainder of 2023. January will be the 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

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At-A-Glance References

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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.

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