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Addiction

By Ken Scott

I have always been working on, collecting and in general, interested in cars. It started with a '49 Ford and the story is still being written. After my last frame-off restoration, I said "no more". But after talking to the four cylinder guys I decided I wanted to have a car so I could attend the Annual Four Cylinder Tours. So I picked up a '28. With a new engine we were off. We had a great time attending the Four Cylinder Tour in 2019. Then, in the West there is an Annual Early Six Cylinder Tour. Well, I did not have an early six cylinder car either. So, when a '32 project car came up, it was too much to resist. The original thought was to just get it running and drive it as a survivor. It was, in my opinion too far gone for that. So guess what: new paint, new interior, new brakes, some valve work on the engine head; it became a real project. (Story continued on p. 4)





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The Puget Sound Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (PS-VCCA) is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, fun and enjoyment of vintage Chevrolet cars and trucks. Members are not required to own a Chevrolet. Regional membership is open to all Chevrolet enthusiasts who are members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA). All Chevrolets from 1912 through 1993 may be registered with the Region.

General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May. No meetings are held in January and December. Meetings are currently lunch meetings held at 11:30 am at the XXX Drive-In, 98 NE Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, WA. You can learn more about the club by visiting the website where you can see color photos of previous tours, parts for sale, wanted, etc., and there is a link to view our monthly newsletter, "The Tappet Clatter."

You can find the PS-VCCA website here on the *World Wide Web*

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BACHELOR'S QUARTERS



Director's Message

"Jim's Junk Yard"



Director's Message January 2021

This isolation has provided a challenge; the desire to get going is strong; there is an anxiety about everything we do. There is a disappointment in the inability to get going. We have places to go, people to photograph. I am reminded of the hopeless feelings when my car won't start. I jump in the driver's seat anxious to get to my destination. I turn the key, expecting to hear the powerful grind of the starter, but all I hear is the wimpy "Click" of a near-dead battery. Near is the operative word; there is some life in the old, formerly reliable, beast. It needs a charge. Since I have always lived on a hill, starting the car on compression was a required skill. Now with COVID-19 in control, there is no hill in front of me to start rolling and pop the clutch. Over the years, I have found most reasons for not starting can be resolved. It takes patience and skill to know what to do. If I can't figure it out, I have plenty of friends who will help me. I remain confident the car will start again and we will soon be rolling down and up hills.

There must be a reason our cars have large windows looking forward- we need to see where we are going. Most of our cars have very small rear windows. I would propose that's to discourage us from looking backward. We don't need to know where we have been, but to see what is ahead.

Happy New Year!
Jim



Zoom Meetings



There was no Zoom Meeting in December. The next Zoom Meeting is on Monday, January 25th at 11 AM. Invitations and instructions will be emailed to all members and are provided on p. 4. Mark your Calendars!!

Happy New Year to all!!!

DOG ON THE RUG

Addiction, cont. from p. 1

From age 15 to age 74 is a long time of driving, working on, and building cars! This has been my passion. With each of my projects taking an average of six years, I do not think I have very many more six year periods left. I also do not have the enthusiasm now that I had even 10 years ago. So I think from now on, it will be “take care” of what you have and no more projects. With seven cars that drive



and run I should not have a problem finding one that needs something done that will keep my addiction in check. I am addicted to going to the shop and building, fixing, or in general, maintaining my cars. My oldest son told me “you have oil in your veins, not blood”. None of my cars are show cars, but all are drivers that we really enjoy driving and allowing others to enjoy the ride as well.



I did not name any of my cars but others have named them. Fran named my ‘63 SS ”Scarlet” and my sons named my ‘68 GMC “Black Stallion”. I simply refer to them by year and body style.

If you have to be addicted to something, I will take this over many of the other addictions.

Puget Sound VCCA - January Zoom Meeting Jan. 25, 2021 11:00 AM

On Your Computer - go to this website :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82990254453?pwd=V0VXdGZlWGpmeHBQT3lBejVPZThNZz09>

Meeting ID: 829 9025 4453

Passcode: 341488

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WHISKERS TO BLAME

A Barn Find

By Jim Seiber

I realize I should not be surprised to discover a “new” barn find old Chevy. A few years ago a friend of mine brought me a photo of what looked to be a 1933 Chevrolet four door sedan. He said it was stored in a building that housed old tractors and golf carts. The building provided a dry concrete floor and plenty of room. I told my friend to give the owner my card with my note “If you ever want to sell or restore this car give me a call”. While the car was only 7 miles from my house, I never took the time to go look at it. I figured the own-



er had the usual story of the intent of restoring it someday.

Last week, I received a call from the owner saying he wants to consider what he should do with this Chevy he has had since he was 15 years old. We discussed the history and stories behind the car and his knowledge of 1933 history. It was time for me to make an in-person visit. I was expecting to find rust in the body and rot in the wood. The old girl had none that was obvious. The car had been stored properly, the gas tank drained, water drained, oil was drained and fresh oil put in. The brakes had recently been done, and there was a new fan belt.

The problem needing further evaluation was the front seat. It was detached from the floor and rocked back to the back seat. The original upholstery was very dirty showing the same dust layer that was thick on the surface of the car. The front bumper is not original; one dual side mount is missing a plate. Otherwise most of the original parts were still there.

The owner, Jim Leland, is interested in doing something with the car; he would like to see it go to someone who would keep it on the road and not “rod” it. My humble impression was that this car would take minimal work to get back on the road. By minimal, I would guess an investment of around \$3,000 to \$4,000 in upholstery and \$2,500 in new tires. As with all restoration projects there is the possibility of uncovering problems that need repair. With that investment, it

NO ONE

Bill Damm's SAFETY DITTY

There goes another year
Shot in the rear!
It's time to do income tax
And down a cold beer.

Now in late February
Property taxes come.
They keep going up,
But they're priority one.

Then there are the charities
That want your donation.
They always want more
Blamed on inflation.

For those of us with grown kids
It's our money they want us to give.
They're finding out how expensive
It is just to live.

There is car insurance, life insurance
And fire insurance too!
There are home and car repair bills
That eventually all come due.

We all need more money.
So what's there to do?
Here is a solution
That might work for you.

Go rob a bank??
They'll put you in jail.
Make yourself comfy?
Don't pay any bail?

Now your bills are all paid,
Room and board are included.
You're safe from bill collectors
And your kids are eluded.

You're nice and safe from
Rush hour traffic and home invasions!
And you can have congenial visits
On certain occasions.

However, if this is not your cup of tea,
Beg forgiveness at your guilty plea.
Promise to return to normal life again.
Work two jobs and also agree:

"To smile in rush hour traffic
And happily pay all bills,
And no more robbing a bank
Just for the thrills."

Any New Year resolution,
Written or spoken,
Is just like pie crust
It's meant to be broken!



ANNOUNCING THE NEW TOURING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON!

By Dave Cavagnaro, VCCA #14485, Blairstown, New Jersey

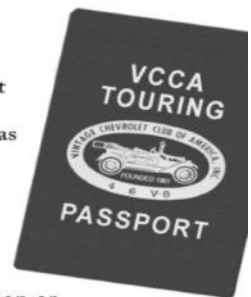


Top: Dean Echols
Bottom: Bennie and
Dave Cavagnaro

Beginning this month, Dean Echols will be the new chairperson of the Touring Committee. All requests for touring passports and touring awards should be sent to him (see page 5, Club Contacts for Dean's contact information).

I would like to thank my wife Bennie, a VCCA volunteer in her own right, and all the VCCA members, Area Directors and especially the Touring Committee for making my time as Committee Chair so enjoyable. Serving the VCCA at a national level since 1996, I have worked as Area #8 Director,

At Large Director, President and various committees as a member or chairperson. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in those capacities plus on the VCCA Board of Directors. If you want to receive your full benefit of VCCA membership, step up and run for a BOD position or volunteer to serve on a committee.



February Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

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

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Barker	1
Don Boltz	1
Kathie Curry	4
Gisela Jones	16

TO OUR CHEVROLET FRIENDS

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2020

Because of Covid-19 there isn't much to talk about this year. Like everyone else who wants to avoid the virus, trips and social activities were canceled or postponed. Makes for a dull summer but we have stayed in touch with family through glass, mask and on-line video. Because I am in the high-risk age group we have not gone into a store since March; we order our groceries online, they put them in the trunk and we drive away. You don't always get what you really want but they do ask if substitutions are ok. Online buying seems to be the "in thing" these days so Amazon is helping us stay at home; isn't that nice of them? As you can see on the Christmas card photo, it is possible to make isolation a little better with a small glass of spirits, warm fire and good company; also provides warm wonderful memories.

I always said I would not do a Christmas letter talking about health issues so I will not talk about getting a shoulder replacement in November. Seemed like a good time to have it done being we can't go anywhere or do anything. Kathy said I just wanted her to do all the Christmas and tree decorations.

The grandchildren are all growing much too fast and we don't get to spend as much time with them as we would like. We are proud of them all; we love each and every one. They range from 17 months to 26 years of age and cover almost all grade levels in school with one done with college and on her own. That makes for a wide range of interests and activities. Makes it kind of hard to keep up with them; who am I kidding? I admit it, I can't keep up with them anymore. Last year Tiffany and Edward provided us with double fun- now 17-month old twins. They are walking, running and into everything. They have learned all too well how to take advantage of a moment when mom is distracted to get into mischief.

The biggest project this summer was sealing the driveway. Andy, Kim, Ethan, Keira and Brandon came out two record hot days to help. It looks so much better now and will be a lot easier to keep clean. They worked so hard and no one complained. We are so lucky to have such great helpers in the family. I think we used 40 five-gallon buckets of sealer to apply two coats. I am so glad to have that project done; I should never have to do that driveway again.

I hope this Christmas finds you and yours in good health and full of joy while celebrating Christmas and the holidays.

HO, HO, HO! May Santa bring you many toys and holiday treats.

HAPPY TRAILS, AL & KATHY HOWE



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

A Safety Fix for the Old Chevy, a good New Years Resolution

By Dave Haddock

So in early 2019 Diane found a set of three triangular warning signs on Amazon and bought them to take on the car tours. She is right; you never know when you or someone in your group may break down. You want to be able to safely get them to the side of the road and warn drivers coming upon you that they need to slow down and observe caution.

These three signs are heavy duty metal, about 16 inches of bright orange steel on each side, made to not fall over when that 18-wheeler blows past, are attached together as a sturdy unit for carrying, and weigh a ton!! I started moving them from one car trunk to another for each trip we took in the summer of 2019 and even on those very few outings we had in 2020. But did I mention, “they weigh a ton!!” Probably designed so that driver who doesn’t see you, hits them, and you and your car are saved by their sheer mass!

A move in the right direction but is there another answer?

Late last year while browsing the internet I came upon a possible alternative solution. How about rewiring the old cars to add emergency flasher lights. Could it be done? How hard would it be? What would be needed?? Would it be expensive? Would it weigh less than a starter, a generator, and an elephant!!

I came across a YouTube video that did a good job of answering all these questions and it certainly doesn’t appear to be too difficult and not very expensive. You just need to already have turn signals and know how to do some basic automobile wiring. Everything is explained in pretty basic, but sometimes colorful language by a guy who seems to know what he is doing.

Disclosure Warning: I haven’t had the time to try this myself yet and there could be more challenge than appears at first blush. This is often the case with car projects.

But if this sounds like something you might be interested in doing for the safety of your old Chevy, here is the name and location of the video. If you decide to install them, let me know how it works. I hope to get to one of my cars this year and will report back. Just remember that I did warn you about the language!!

How to add 4-way flashers to a vintage Chevy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0reqvxdT_Hi6hrc_RBHyW1Ar5X_GPGqpNfILk32wbMAJUC4u0HMrLI01s&v=oX27CuFoQv8&feature=youtu.be

Good luck!! PS. If you want to go the triangular sign route instead, contact Diane.

TO HUG!

50th NW Mini-Meet

The Willamette Valley Region invites all VCCA members to enjoy the Coast at Newport, Oregon for the 50th Annual NW Meet. Driving tours, Oregon Coast Aquarium (hors d'oeuvres will be served in the evening), Marine Science Center, Glass Blowing, Two Lighthouses, Newport Waterfront, Banquet.

Accommodations

- Official meet hotel is the Best Western Agate Beach Inn
3019 N. Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365
Call directly: (541) 265-9411 mention WVR-VCCA for our room rates
\$133.00 + tax for rooms facing the hillside, \$153.00 + tax for Ocean View rooms
- Alternate Hotel: Hallmark Resort 2.5 miles distant
744 SW Elizabeth St., Newport, Oregon 97365 (855) 391-2484
Rates: \$134.00 - \$179.00 + tax
Both hotels have pet friendly rooms.

Camping: Oregon State Parks 1-800-452-5687 stateparks.oregon.gov
reservations open 9 months ahead, they fill quickly.

Beverly Beach State Park: 0.8 miles north, South Beach State Park: 4.6 miles south

Meet Chairs: Gary and Brenda Burch: (541) 979-4415 - (541) 979-7039 gbburch@comcast.net

Registrar: Nancy Rice: (503) 472-3075 nancyrice2@comcast.net

Deadline for meet and hotel registrations: May 16, 2021

Prospectus and forms available February 2021 from the events calendar of the VCCA.org website or by contacting the registrar.



If you think you are smarter than the previous generation...50 years ago the owners manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.

Image above contributed by Bob Starnes

Wally Martin Estate

The Club was given a few items from Wally Martin's estate to go to members who need them.

One indoor car cover seems to be for a 1936 or smaller Coupe, two original owner's manuals for 1936 cars, one reprint 1936 Engineering Manual for 1936, one reprint of 1936 price guide for vehicles and accessories, one '33-'36 chrome tail light rim, and one WMA License plate topper.

To claim an item call Don Comstock at home or email (chevyguy2@centurylink.net).

Burma Shave!

Area 3 Director Message:

A '32' that was not meant to be:

The year was 1953, the location was on our small family farm in Alderwood Manor, Washington, and I was thirteen years old. Sitting under a pear tree next to the shop was a 1932 Chevrolet Coupe (with rumble seat) that was left there by my brother on his way to Alaska to find employment, eventually working for the Alaska Railroad. The coupe had a slight problem when it was delivered by a tow truck, an electrical fire that pretty much wiped out the ignition system, otherwise the car was in decent condition. If I remember correctly the color was dark red or maroon.

Fast forward a year or two when my Dad made a deal with one of his friends to trade the coupe for the use of a Farmall Cub tractor so I could hire out to cut hay and make a few dollars during my summer vacations. My brother, just before he passed away, told me that when he left the '32 on his way to Alaska his intention was for me to have the car when I turned 16. It did not happen as intended but I'm sure it worked out for the best because I did make a few dollars to spend on my horse and pretty much stayed out of trouble. At that time, I was more interested in horses than 'horsepower'. Thanks Dad, you probably knew what was best for me during my teen years. Note: regretfully I do not have a picture of the same tractor, the pic is borrowed.



Gary Rogers,
Area 3 Director

2021 NW Mini-Meet Update

Per our Zoom meeting discussion in November, I contacted Nancy Rice and the Best Western Agate Beach Inn to get an update on the 50th NW Mini-Meet, scheduled for June 17th (Thursday) through June 19th (Saturday). Nancy said their Region is planning on going ahead with the Meet, but will revisit in April to confirm that the Covid situation is not still a prohibitive issue. Judging has not been decided, but they plan on a banquet on Saturday evening. Nancy told me that the host hotel, the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport is currently taking reservations (541) 265-9411. She said she knows some folks are coming in on Wednesday, June 16th to be rested before the Meet starts on the 17th. The rates are in the Tappet Clatter at \$133 plus taxes for non-view and \$153 plus taxes for view rooms. The hotel only requires a 24-hour notice for cancellations. The announcement on the top of page 9 also lists the alternate hotel and camping options.

Regards,
John Campbell

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

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

1940 Chevrolet Coupe maroon; 1923 CAD Sedan, power steering and overdrive; 1934 PAC Coupe w/ rumble seat; 1936 Ford Business Coupe; 1932 Chevrolet Five Passenger Coupe; 1930 Model A Roadster; 1930 Model A Vicky. All cars restored, repainted, rechromed, and rebuilt engines. Paul Pearman.

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

1930 Chev sport roadster. New restoration. **PRICE REDUCED!!** \$18K Dick Olson

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.

HELP WANTED

Mechanic Needed. Having trouble getting my '54 3100 Chevy truck running with my limited expertise. Ran when garaged 5 years ago. Would like to find a Chevy mechanic willing to come to my house so I don't have to tow it. **Also need leads on any good chrome-plating outfits** in the Northwest. Thanks. Chris Hoey, choey@outlook.com.

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.

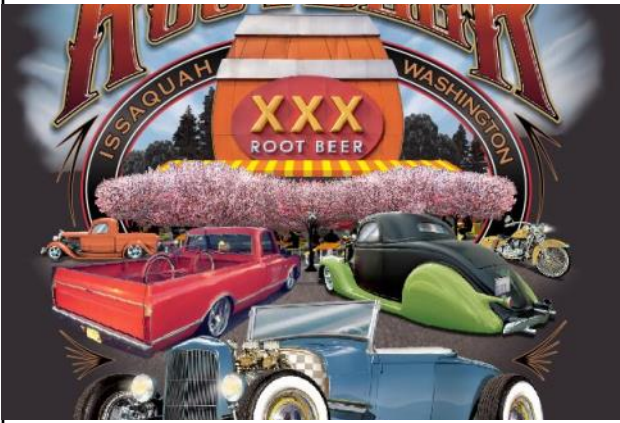
Time to finish the '27 Chev coupe that I have had apart for 59 years is closing in on me. My immediate need is someone to do the panel replacement (welding) on the body panels. Any leads would be greatly appreciated. rstamnes@yahoo.com. Thanks. Bob Stamnes

WANTED

Car Wanted. Pierre is looking for a 1952 to 54 Chevrolet two-door post, in good condition, Jim Seiber

2021 Activities

January	XX	Annual PS-VCCA Banquet, Cancelled due to Covid
January	25	PS-VCCA General Meeting, Online Zoom Mtg, 11 AM, Details on page 4
February	22	PS-VCCA General Meeting, Online Zoom Mtg, 11 AM, Details to be provided in February Tappet Clatter
March	22	PS-VCCA General Meeting, Online Zoom Mtg, 11 AM, Details to come
June	17-19	NW Mini-Meet, Newport, Oregon (see pp. 9 & 10 for more info)



Note: All club general meetings at the XXX Drive-In 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.

XXX Drive-In Meetings normally begin at 11:30 AM; social time starts at 11 AM. Food/drink purchase optional. Address: 98 Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, Washington.