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Fabulous Fourth at the Haddock's Place

Text by Al Howe, photos by Evie Schein, John Campbell, and Dave Haddock

The American flags were flying high while Kathy and I enjoyed a wonderful BBQ dinner with all the fixings with our fellow PSR-VCCA members at Dave and Diane Haddock's house. Dave cooked hamburgers, hot dogs and provided all the extra things needed to eat. The rest of us brought side dishes required to balance the meal and get much too full. Diane and Monica Haddock were busy throughout making sure all 22 members attending had everything they needed.

Jim Darby served shortcake with strawberries and whipped cream. After the men reviewed the cars driven to their place and Dave and Diane's collection of cars and the women caught up on the latest gossip, we cooked marshmallows on a campfire. All in all, it was a fantastic day. What a great way to celebrate the 4th of July and Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Shortcake event!!

Everyone appreciated so much all the work Dave, Diane, Monica, and Jim put in to make this happen. I would like to extend a big **Thank You** to them from all who attended! Five vintage cars made the journey to the BBQ; Rod & Evie's 1940 Business Coupe, Al & Kathy Howe's 1955 Sedan, Donna Onat's 1954 Sedan, Dick & Gisela Jones' 1950 Convertible, and Bob & MG's 1926 Touring. We also got to see Dave & Diane's new 2004 red Corvette.



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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, June, July, August, and December. Meetings are currently lunch meetings held at 11:30 am at the XXX Drive In, 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 on the **World Wide Web** at <http://psrvcca.weebly.com/>.

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A SILKY CHEEK

Director's Message

Al Howe



Director's Letter July 2019

Touring and fun summer car events are in full swing. Kathy and I just got back from the Four-Cylinder Tour in McCall, Idaho. There were ten four-cylinder cars from the Puget Sound Region attending this year. That is a pretty good show of interest in this kind of event. I think only one car did not make it through all tours. Some had minor problems but were fixed on the road. It's all part of the fun of driving these lovely old machines. Another way to look at this hobby is, I have been out of high school 60 years and I am still working on old cars. Still hanging onto the past; there must be some kind of name for that but I don't want to know what it is and I'm in good company. That is all that matters.

The next big event is the NW Meet in Albany, Oregon. I hope everyone has their registration in because the deadline was July 1st. I am looking forward to the early tour with all the covered bridges. Yes, I am also looking forward to seeing all the cars and visiting with the people. The people are great and staying connected is one of the best parts of any club, but you'll find vintage car buffs are the best.

Remember that we now have regular meetings during June, July and August. **July meeting is the 22nd at 11:45am.** Weather permitting, meetings will be outside at the XXX Drive-in. I hope weather is nice enough so we can drive our vintage cars.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you. (Zen Teaching)

Al Howe, Director

JULY MEETING TOPICS

This month is the first July meeting that we've held at the Triple X. We plan on meeting inside at the usual location, but you might also want to move outside afterwards since we expect really good weather.

Don Comstock will give us one more update on the Northwest Meet. This will be your last chance for input prior to our club's announcement at the Oregon NW Meet in August. Most positions still need volunteers, so please think about where you could lend a hand.

Two other items will finish out the meeting. ONE -- we'll look at some video that Dick Olson and Bill Barker took of the Great American Race when it finished at Tacoma at the end of June. TWO -- we'll kick off a new type of drawing. Everyone who attends the meeting gets a FREE TICKET for a drawing of \$10 that they can use towards their lunch or car parts. Then all remaining tickets will be added to each of the following month's drawings increasing your chances every time you attend a meeting.

Bill Barker, Asst. Director

Web Links Of Interest

Colombia River Region, VCCA: <http://www.vccacolumbiariverregion.org/>

Mt. Rainier Region, VCCA: None

North Cascade Region, VCCA: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/northcascadevcca>

Puget Sound Region, VCCA: <http://psrvcca.weebly.com/>

Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: [http://](http://www.wvrvcca.org/)

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SHAVED SMOOTH



More
4th of
July
Photos

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Greetings from Michigan!!

Hi, this is the displaced PSR-VCCA member Matt Dickinson. Last Friday, the air museum crew located at Willow Run Airport, Michigan, flew their B-17 to Muskegon Airport. The crew, and amazingly the security at Muskegon Airport let me drive my '37 Coupe onto the active tarmac for a photo opportunity. I was honored to park the Coupe next to the B-17, my Dad and an Uncle were WWII vets, my Uncle flew B-25's in the Pacific air battles.



Say "hi" to my fellow PSR-VCCA members, maybe next year or soon after I'll haul the '36 Sedan or '37 Coupe to the Northwest Meet.

Matt Dickinson

AND CLEAN

Bill Damm's
SAFETY DITTY

When driving down any road
On a bright and sunny day,
You can easily spot a classic
Coming down the other way.

Weather that is real nice
Really brings them out,
To show us that they're still alive,
Is what it's all about!

New cars with plastic bumpers
Really don't look that cool.
It's that fifties era chrome
That really makes one drool!

Convertibles were quite special
With the wind right in your face.
Now there is a cheaper way;
Sun roofs now take their place.

The Ford Fairlane
And the Chevy Bel Air
Used to come in two tones.
Now two tones are really rare.

Gone are the quarter vents.
They used to be real handy
To flick off cigarette ashes,
They were quite dandy.

Electric cars can brag
That they have bright lights.
Too bad though,
They can't rack off their pipes!

Modern cars might be safer
And made somewhat cheaper.
As far as future classic cars
I don't see any to be a keeper.



More 4th photos

Cont. on p. 6.



August Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Karen Young 15
MG & Bob Stammes 16

BIRTHDAYS

Roger Orness 10
Kathy Howe 12
Sallie Comstock 29
Tom Lauderback 30

More photos from the 4th of July Picnic



IS NOT OBTAINED

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.

Call the Glove Box Coordinator, Bob Stamnes, or email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

ANOTHER TRAILER TOWING EXPERIENCE

We were on our way to the 4-Cylinder Tour in McCall, Idaho. Generally, I would be concerned about the running of the 1926 Chev, or the trailer we were towing, but not the tow rig. As we started pulling up Snoqualmie Pass on I-90, the engine speed continued to drop until we were going 30 to 35 mph as we crested the top of the pass. As we slowed, our van refused to kick down into a lower gear, and I indicated to MG that we may be turning around. Then I realized we had AAA towing for 100 miles, so we decided to continue until we were 100 miles from home and then make a decision. Things improved slightly. After making the pass, we limped on over the additional passes and flats to McCall, Idaho. Figuring it was the transmission, I made an appointment with a transmission shop in McCall. They tested several engine related items and found the Catalytic Converter plugged. I was left with no choice but to have a new converter installed.

I could understand that a plugged converter could cause the engine to falter, but would never have thought it would prevent the transmission from shifting down. A dishonest transmission shop could have claimed it was the transmission to the tune of \$2500 to \$3700. Instead, the testing was less than \$300 and the new Cat, about \$300, for a total of \$600.

One thing I should have thought to do was to manually shift down to take the stress off of the engine. As a side note, emissions testing ends in Seattle on January 1, 2020, as air pollution criteria have been met in Seattle and the surrounding area.

Bob Stamnes

**PORT OF KINGSTON
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**
Saturday, July 27th • 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING
Freddy Pink • The Tropics

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST
KINGSTON PUBLIC MARKET
CLASSIC CAR SHOW
KIDS ZONE
BEACH COVE BAR

WITH A MOWING MACHINE

Electric Cars- The Future or the Past???

A Look Back at 1919

A "Detroit Electric" all-electric car makes a promotional tour through the Cascade Mountains from Seattle to Mt. Rainier circa 1919. (Courtesy Library of Congress)



Membership News from Donna

I am delighted to introduce to you two new members!

John Leicester (pronounced 'Lester') has a '71 Chevelle/Malibu and lives in Brier. He has ties to the Ziegler family, and can be reached at 206-999-6122 or johnnyoring@yahoo.com.

Thomas Taricco owns a '36 Standard (FC) 5 Window Coupe, and lives in Sammamish. He attended our June meeting and signed right up. You can reach him at 425-503-1360 or tom@taricco.net.

When you get an email with Roster format, print it out and stick it in the back of your Roster.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE 48TH ANNUAL NW MEET IN ALBANY, OREGON

The Columbia River Region is very pleased to organize our Region's 48th NW Meet. The Prospectus and Registration Form are available at <https://vccacolumbiariverregion.org/nw-meet-2019>. We have a full schedule of events including several tours, judging, banquet...all the fun stuff! For those of us who are fortunate to have a 1936 or earlier Chevrolet, we have a special tour called the "Wood Tour." That tour is on Wednesday, August 7th before the other activities of the Meet begin. So get your old Chevys tuned up for the 70-mile tour!

If you haven't yet, mark your calendars for August 7-10 for the 48th NW Meet in Albany, Oregon. The Meet hotel, **The Comfort Inn (541-928-2053)** is taking reservations now. Just mention Chevy club to get the \$124. rate. Questions, call David Koetje 503-317-4882 or email Mary Gallagher at nwmeet48@gmail.com.

Burma Shave

Puget Sound Region VCCA Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bill Barker, Assistant Director , 11:42 am with 24 members, one new member, and one guest present at XXX Drive - In.

Australia VCCA: Bill shared that the Australia Chapter just celebrated their 50th Anniversary and printed a brochure detailing the history of the club.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sallie reported that the members who worked the Monroe Swap meet earned \$722 for the club. Treasury is healthy.

Membership: Donna introduced new member, Tom Tarrico who met Bill Barker at the Fenders on Front Street event. He joined our region quickly! Tom owns a '36 Standard 5 Window Coupe. Donna asked members to check their emails from Al about our two new members. She also introduced her sister Kathy, who is visiting from Puerto Rico.

Summer Activities: On Saturday, July 27th, members are invited to attend the Kingston 100th Anniversary Event. We will show our cars in the morning, then tour to the Zieglers for a pot-luck, then to the Johnson's place. See details on page 10.

Website: Rod Schein is acting as assistant webmaster and is providing information to Ralf Luche for the website. Send along photos and information to Rod.

Club Store: Don Hatley suggested that in addition to the 50/50 drawing the club should also offer a raffle ticket to each member in attendance at a meeting. Then at the end of the meeting a ticket will be drawn to award \$10 to the winner. The remaining tickets will be left in the 'pot' for the rest of the year. This would encourage members to attend the meetings, because the tickets will accumulate but the winner must be at the meeting to win the prize. Members approved this suggestion by vote. Don has numerous items for sale, including a VCCA hat @\$12.50.

2020 NW Meet: Don Comstock reviewed plans for the 2020 NW Meet and will send out a list of support positions that need to be filled. Don needs lots of help; check your email for the list and choose a job! All help is appreciated. The announcement to be handed out at the 2019 meet is in the works and will be ready.

Tappet Clatter: The newsletter can always use photos and articles from members. Send to Dave Haddock, Editor, at tapperclatter@outlook.com.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at about 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Haddock, Secretary

**Port of Kingston Car Show & Tour
Saturday July 27th, 2019**



You are invited to bring your vintage Chevy to Kingston between 7:30am to 2:00pm for a car show at the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Kingston, WA. A **free** pancake breakfast will be provided by the Port until 9:30am for members who bring a vintage car!!!

After the car show, there will be a potluck at John & Dot Ziegler's (2:30 to 4pm), followed by a tour to the Johnson's vintage car collection near Poulsbo.

For the potluck bring your chairs, a dish to share (main course, side dish, salad, or dessert), and beverages. The club will provide paper plates and utensils.

It is summer so get to the ferry docks early to avoid long lines. Directions and addresses will be sent by email before the event. Bring your Passports; there will be Passport miles available.

Chevrolet Dominates the 2019 Indianapolis 500 Race

In May of this year, a Chevy Indy Car driven by Frenchman Simon Pagenaud finished in first place and four Chevrolet-powered cars finished in the top six places at the Indianapolis 500 Race. Simon Pagenaud arrived at Indianapolis Motor Speedway this month with his job on the line and rumors swirling around that Alexander Rossi could soon replace him at Team Penske. The Frenchman is leaving with a pair of wins and an assurance from Roger Penske himself that he isn't going anywhere.

In a head-to-head duel for the ages, Pagenaud defeated none other than Rossi with a dramatic pass on the penultimate lap, then holding on the rest of the way to hand Penske his 18th win in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." Pagenaud and Rossi swapped the lead five times over the final 13 laps, and the margin of victory was a mere 0.2086 seconds -- the seventh-closest finish in the 103 years of the race!

In addition to winning this year's race, the Indianapolis 500 Pace Car was a Chevrolet Corvette and there have been 30 Chevrolet brand Indianapolis 500 Pace Cars since 1948. Sixteen of those 30 Chevy Pace Cars have been Corvettes!



Other Summer 2019 Events

Four Cylinder Tour– Photos by Kathy Howe & MG Stammes



Penticton, BC Peach City Beach Cruise
Photos by 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

1940 Chevrolet Coupe maroon; 1923 CAO 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, 360-359-6901. 5040 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia

1936 STANDARD five lug artillery wheels with 17 inch tires. Four for \$100. Dick Olson 425 222-5798

1962 Chevrolet Impala sport sedan. \$6,500. Contact Jim Seiber seiberphoto@comcast.net or 425-765-8195.

1930 Chev sport roadster. New restoration. \$25K Dick Olson 425-222-5798

1926 Chevrolet Touring. Excellent condition, new battery, top and side curtains replaced recently. Also a trailer to move the Chevy (Tommy, aluminum, 14' bed dual axle). \$19,000 for the car, \$3,500 for the trailer. Frank Arms, frank4consult@gmail.com, 510-867-4067. Send me an email for pictures.

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. 360-221-4749. Parts are in storage. Ed Nobel.

WANTED

One 4:75 X 19 inch Whitewall tire in good condition. Dick Olson. 425-222-5798

FREE

Mid-thirties Chevy truck chassis: frame, rear end, leaf springs, wheels, tires. Call Dale Sharp 206-730-7619



2019 Activities

July	22	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive In, Issaquah
July	27	Kingston WA Car Show & Tour (more info on pp. 7 & 10)
August	7-10	48th Annual NW Meet, Albany, OR
August	26	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive In, Issaquah Note special time below; bring the kids and grandkids!!
September	23	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive In, Issaquah
October	28	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive In, Issaquah

Note: XXX Drive In Meetings normally begin at 11:45 AM, social time starts at 11 AM. Food/drink purchase optional. The August Meeting at the XXX Drive In will begin at 6 pm.