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The 2019 Ballard Parade

Text by Jim Lewis; Photos by Rod & Evie Schein

The dust had hardly settled from the frantic yet apparent successful starter resolution (see accompanying article on page 4) when it was Parade day. I disconnected the battery charger (overnight infusion, just in case), chucked the 12 volt booster into the trunk with the starter fluid and stood on the starter; she (Babs) started enthusiastically, and out the gate.

Eight blocks later the brakes announced my arrival at the Schein's home. There I enjoyed a wonderful smorgasbord (thank you, Evie): open face sandwiches, Swedish meatballs, fruit, lots of tasty goodies and punch. We, the assembled few were: Kyle and Kent Sullivan ('64 Corvaire rampside truck), Rod and Evie, Andrew Schein and friend Jamie ('40 coupe), your humble chronicler ('30 coupe), and MG and Bob Starnes ('26 touring). We paraded in that order.

We were given the second to the last position, setting off around 7 pm. At first I was a bit miffed about this late start as I thought it would be hard on the cars but soon realized it wasn't. Some folks had already left the parade by the time we idled through but we clearly pleased a lot of people, both young and old. We all four passed the reviewing stand with our dignity intact while "aoooga-ing" smartly.

I had the pleasure of Rod's company as passenger and flag waver. Evie rode in the '26 with Bob and MG then strolled some; Andrew drove the '40 with passenger Jamie and the '64 rampside with Kent and Kyle brought up the rear.

Everybody got through. We had great conversations, delicious chow and an enjoyable drive. I especially appreciate the Schein's combined efforts. Thanks for the fun day.





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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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TRAINS DON'T WANDER

Director's Message

Al Howe



Director's Letter June 2019

We had a great attendance at our May meeting even though it was a week early. Jim Farris had a wonderful trip to the Veteran's Memorial in the other Washington. He gave a very interesting and entertaining description of what happened on that trip including some slides. It was evident that our veterans are honored and were given the "key to the city" treatment. I salute all our veterans with full respect!

Even though I was on the Breakfast tour in April, for me, June is the start of the touring season. If I don't have my yard work done by now it's too late because I'm going touring. My '27 Chevy started right up this spring and just needed some normal spring attention and it is ready to go on the 4 Cylinder Tour in Idaho. That is one tour that I really look forward to attending each year.

The N.W. Meet in Albany, Oregon is coming up fast. I hope everyone has their registration turned in. If anyone needs a form, just drop me an email or a phone call and I will get one to you. Note: July 1st is the registration deadline. I am looking forward to all covered bridges on the early tour as well as touring an area that I have not spent time in yet.

As I read over this letter it seems to me that I only want to drive the old cars; I do indeed love these cars but I also like the people who come with them. And yes, I am looking forward to meeting the people as well. See you on the road.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

Al Howe, Director

JUNE MEETING TOPIC

The members attending last month voted to keep holding our monthly meetings through June and July this year. Normally we take a "break" and let the tours and Meets suffice.

So -- our June 24th meeting will be held at the Triple XXX starting at the usual time, about 11:45 am. But since we expect really nice weather, we'll probably be meeting outside. Come earlier and order lunch (the second most important meal of the day). We probably won't have much of a program, but if everyone drives a vintage car, then we'll have lots of tires to kick!!

As usual the 50/50 will be held and I'm going to try to come up with another gee-whiz prize. No it won't be more Cactus Candy. :)
See you there!!!

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://www.wvrvcga.org/>
Dave Folsom Blog, www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/



ALL OVER THE MAP

A False Start

By Jim Lewis

I thought I'd rattle the eight blocks over to the Schein's place to turn in my paperwork for the upcoming Ballard Parade and also to assure that the '30 was up to the task for the next week. She started and purred the eight blocks and I ought to have been suspicious. After a pleasant chat and business done I saddled up for home. As I stepped on the starter, there was one hell of a grinding racket, yet the car started. Horrid metallic clattering emanated from the mill, yet the engine gently, smoothly, revved and there was no smoke or other problems; gave a "thumbs up" to Rod and clattered home.

Eventually I pulled the starter and found the cast iron "attaching 1/2 cup" that fastens to the ring gear cover and protects the engaged bendix gear had sheared off and lodged 'tween ring gear and housing wall. I love an obvious answer but now, less than a week to go before the parade and no starter. I called Bill Barker; he had a rusty and near forgotten '31 starter. I drove out there immediately and it was all true. Turns out the best part of the old starter was the very part I had broken. Bill generously offered his help, tools and space to break down Old Rusty. After some creative horsing around with the four devilish, spring loaded brushes, the reassembled starter started and the hulk left the shop with me. Now I'm feeling great.



So far I know this: no club (thank you, Rod), no parade; no starter (thank you, Bill Barker) no parade for me.

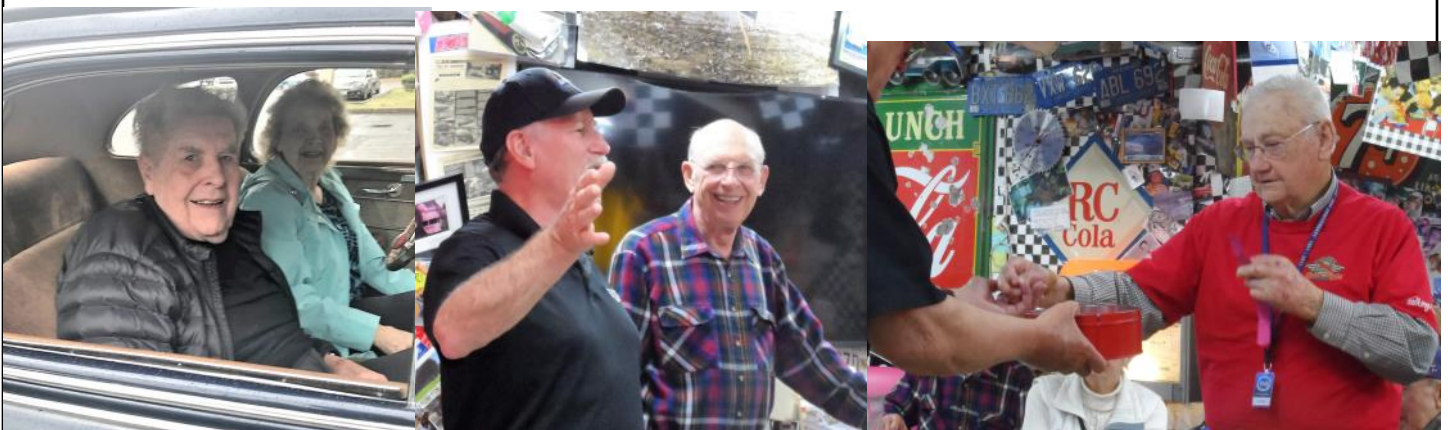
Same day: easy starter install and back on the road. The next challenge; the Parade (see cover story-page 1).

Attendance Record?

Thanks to everyone who attended the May meeting. If my memory is correct, it was the largest "crowd" that we've ever had since we moved to Monday afternoons. Also, the 50/50 prize was possibly the largest that we've ever had with \$30 going to the winner. (Almost enough to pay for your burger and root beer. -- Just kidding.)

And a special thanks to the 50/50 winner, Jim Farris who donated his winnings back to the club's treasury. Gee, what a great guy!!

--BB



FOR NO ONE

**Bill Damm's
SAFETY DITTY**

A little jingle
For the month of June.
Before July gets here,
And that happens soon.

There's June graduations,
Weddings, and more.
Plenty of parties,
Just like before.

A happy, happy
Time of the year.
The weather improves;
There's time for more beer.

Some over consumption,
Like too much to drink,
Some get behind the wheel
And don't even think!

Look out for the impaired.
They're not driving safely,
They're a hazard to everyone,
There's more of them lately.

Now it's Spring till the 20th,
Then it's all gone.
Please have a safe Summer.
It's 90 days long.

Club Members Spotted Around Town

Sunday June 2nd was "Convertibles Only" day at the Triple XXX. Some VCCA members were there braving the sun. They included Dick Olson, Jim Seiber, Bill Barker and past members Tony Zimmerman and Duane Rice.

When the trophies were handed out (after a long, hot day), only Tony and Bill had cars entered in the 30's category. So it appeared that they'd compete directly for the trophy award. The two of them stood shoulder-to-shoulder when the winner was announced. **TONY WON!** It was well deserved and Bill's lesson was to arrive earlier next time and park closer to the front row. Ha ha.

Bill drove his 1931 Landau Phaeton (below) which only had 57 miles on it after being restored in 2011.



Tony won with his gorgeous 1938 Buick convertible. Upcoming Triple XXX events are listed at <http://triplexxrootbeer.com/xxxFlyer.pdf>



July Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Kathy Currie	1
Ralf & Michele Luche	11
Arnie & Katie Mondloch	20
John & Marilyn Campbell	31

BIRTHDAYS

Al Howe	2
John Strampher	5
Linda Wheeler	15
Julie Solon	18
Betty Roberts	19
Genie Folsom	19
Jim Darby	21
Bob Stammes	26

More Pictures from the Ballard Parade



NW Meet Fundraiser
Dave Gowan, Area Director

The NW Meet committee for 2019, sponsored by the Columbia Region, has requested that I let you know their desire for volunteer baskets for the raffle. It has been determined that the funds raised from the sale of tickets and the 50/50 drawing will be sent in full to **VCCA for additional relief to the fire victims in California who lost their homes and VCCA cars.** Over \$20,000 has already been raised, and though that is only a token for the losses, it shows our VCCA community that we all care.

The NW Committee requests that each Region contribute a basket to this fund raiser. As leader of last year's NW Meet I sure appreciate the cooperation from each Region to help with raising funds. The funds this year will not be used to pay for the Meet but be sent to VCCA for distribution. August is late but we have asked that the account be left open until our donation is in. Thank you so much and if you have any questions, please address them to me or Neil Buetler at neilbuetler@yahoo.com

SITS ON

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, email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Spark Plugs

Ever wonder what those numbers and letters on your spark plug mean? Are they of any value or just something assigned by the plug manufacturer to keep us confused and dependent on the parts store? When I need a spark plug, I just go to the parts store where they can cross reference it to other plugs and other manufacturers. This required great trust that the new plug was similar to what I had. Now we have a way of checking what that parts store gave you. Dave Haddock ran across a very helpful table that explains the AC Spark Plug Numbering System (below). Now I thought this would be a slam dunk as all plug manufacturers must use the same nomenclature ---- Wrong!!! Each manufacturer has its own spark plug numbering system. There are some common nomenclature, however. For each manufacturer, the numbers and letters really mean something and with this information, you can determine if the plug your parts store gave you was correct. Most manufacturer spark plug charts can be found on the web. The AC Spark Plug Numbering System is included on p 11. The chart is fairly self explanatory.

You can see from the following chart that you must depend upon the specific manufacturer's Spark Plug Chart or you can go wildly wrong. Heat Range Nomenclature varies for various brands of plugs. Information provided below was developed from https://www.briskusa.com/spark_plug_cross_reference_heat_range_chart and other sources.

Heat Range Cold Hot

Brisk 8 10 12 14 15 17

NGK 10 9 8 7 6 5

Denso 31 27 24 22 20 16

Bosch 2 07 3 4 5 6 7 08 8

Champion 4 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

55 57 59 61 63

AC 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Here is a general example using the NGR Spark Plug Chart.

Plug number CR9E, C gives thread size, R means it is a resistor plug, 9 is heat range, and E is thread reach.

Why would you want to make certain your spark plug is correct? Well we had a Toyota Tercel, that each of our kids drove. This car smoked really bad, so I asked a mechanic about it and he suggested using a different spark plug. So I did. I don't remember if it helped the smoking issue but within days, I received a call to pick up Bryce on SR 522 as one of the plugs blew out of the engine. No one told me that the timing should be checked when you change plugs. So the plug got cherry red hot and blew out of the engine. That was the end of the Tercel.

The issue of Spark Plugs is very complex. There are now so many types of spark plugs compared to 1926, that it is nearly impossible to select a plug for your car if the manufacturer has not specified the required plug. Seems there are special plugs for each make and model of vehicle. There are also different Spark Plug Charts for Marine, etc. I thought this would be a simple article to write when Dave asked me to write on spark plugs, but as usual, there is much more to it than what meets the eye.

Bob Stamnes

Combined Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Shortcake Social and Fourth of July Celebration

The Haddock family will host the Strawberry Social and the 4th of July Celebration at their Lake Forest Park home on the afternoon of the 4th. All members and their families are invited to either event or both. Please arrive at (or after) 12:30pm.

We expect to serve the **strawberry shortcake around 2 pm** (if you only want to come for that event.) The club will also provide hotdogs, hamburgers, the fixings and utensils. Please bring a dish to share: salads, sides, snacks, cheeses, chips, etc. Desserts will not be needed this time, but if you want to bring one, then do. Also, bring chairs and beverages for yourself.

We have a few parking spots next to our carport; the rest of the parking will be on one side of the street (only two neighbors live beyond us on the dead end street.) If necessary, you can park in the school parking lot on the east side of the street. Call or email us for directions/help, Dave and Diane (chevydave@gmail.com).

THE ENGINEERS LAP

Jim Farris' Honor Flight Trip



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 – May 20, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Al Howe at 11:53 at the Issaquah XXX in the dining room. About 35 members were present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published in the Tappet Clatter.

Treasurer's Report: We will have some income from the Monroe Swap Meet work. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time.

Membership: This month we welcome new member, Wayne Woulfe, whom you may have met at the meeting in April. Wayne has a '73 Camaro, pickups from '72, '65, and '55, and Impalas from '63 and '66. His garage in Newcastle must be quite something! Wayne does not have a computer; his phone is 425-271-7549. When an email comes with the info in Roster format, please print it and put in the back of your Roster.

National News: The National Board Meeting was held and "no decisions were made." The PCC and CDPC will not be combined at this time. They have different judging criteria. No more board meetings will be necessary in Bowling Green. No decision was made concerning the suggestion to update the VCCA logo with a newer vehicle. Discussion continues. Dave Gowan and Bruce DeFord attended the meeting. Next board meeting will be in Dallas, Texas. New officers are: Franklin Gage, President, Roger James, Vice President, Tim Larson, Treasurer.

Monroe Swap Meet: Dave White gave a presentation on the Meet and thanked members for volunteering. The crew did a great job getting 33 car clubs set up. He also announced the Greenwood Car Show will be June 29th. He can arrange to have a designated location for club members if you let him know in advance that you want to have your car in the show. You will have to show up at 6AM. Information at www.greenwoodcarshow.com.

Ballard Parade/July Activity: The Ballard Parade was lots of fun. There were four PSVCCA cars and the club was placed toward the end of the parade this year. On July 27th there is a car show in Kingston with a possible tour. Several members were interested. More details later. Jim Lewis is planning the tour. Could be an all day or partial day tour. We could have our cars in the show. The Zeiglers volunteered to host a potluck.

Summer Activities: Club members voted to hold the August meeting in the evening at XXX so that families can attend. Fourth of July will be combined with the Strawberry Fest, which will be served at 2pm this year. See page 7.

Club Store: There are VCCA license plate frames with the logo available for \$7.50.

Program: Member Jim Farris gave a great talk on the Honor Flight he took in May. The program is designed to honor wartime veterans with a complimentary trip to Washington DC complete with honor guards along the way and guided tours of the memorials. There were 53 vets and their guardians on the trip and all were treated well and even bystanders cheered them! Jim recommends the trip to any veteran and encourages people to go. See photos on p. 8 & 10.

2020 NW Meet: Don Comstock gave an update to members.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at about 2:00 PM.

More Honor Flight Photos





Vintage Rally Cruise In at WAAAM West June 28, 2019



1015 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA 98665

10:00 AM
Food Carts Open
WAAAM West Museum Open

2:00 PM
Cruise in

5:15 - 8:00 PM
Great Race vintage cars on display

5:30 - 8:00 PM
Live Music from the King Brothers




The Great Race is making a stop in Vancouver on Friday, June 28, 2019.
 Bring family, friends, and your favorite ride and check out the vintage cars participating in the event.
 Enjoy drinks and food cart fare, available for purchase at the 78th Street food carts.
 And check out Vancouver's new car museum, WAAAM West Cars by Ron Wade.
 Additional parking available at: Domino's, KFC, Fred Meyer north parking lot,
 & the shopping center north of 78th Street.

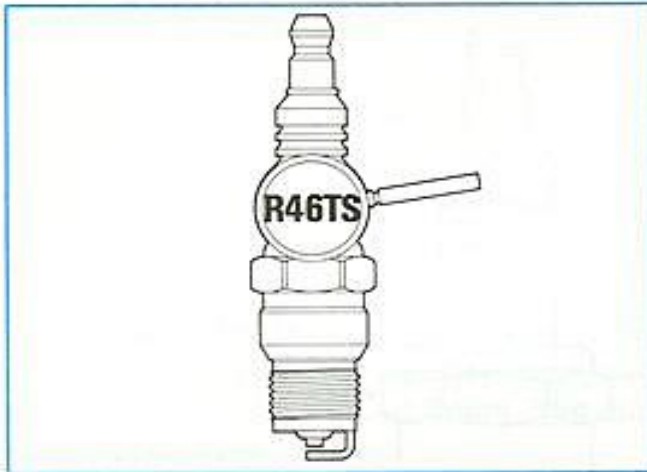
For more information, go to:
www.thegreatrace.com [The Great Race] | www.waaamwest.com [WAAAM West Cars by Ron Wade]
 Contact: info@themuseumcrw.com



Sad Note

"Wally Martin's wife, Judy, has ended her long battle with health issues; she is now relieved of all pain and suffering. They were married for 59 years." Our sympathies go out to Wally and his family.

Al Howe



The AC Spark Plug Numbering System

Prefix and suffix letters are used to identify a specific type AC Spark Plug the numbers relate to thread size and heat range. For example, the R46TS spark plug shown is:

- R = Resistor
- 4 = 14 mm Thread
- 6 = Heat Range
- T = Taper Seat
- S = Extended Tip

AC Spark Plug Identification Table

Prefix	Suffix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B - Series Gap C - Commercial CS - Chain Saw F - Fine Line 14 mm 5/8" Hex G - Gas Engine H - High altitude (aircraft) or weather proof (shield connector 3/4-20 thread) M - Marine MC - Motorcycle types (are now S) LM - Lawn mower type R - Resistor S - Shielded (5/8-24 thread) S - Sport Vehicle SR - Shielded Resistor SN - Snow Types (are now S) TC - Tractor-Commercial (now C types) V - Surface Gap W - Water proof (shield connector, 5/8-24 thread) WR - Waterproof - Shielded Resistor <p>Prefixes are sometimes combined e.g. VB, CR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A - Clip Gap C - Copper Core Center Electrode C - Colder Version of M44 Plug E - Special Design Electrode, Extended Tip F - 1/2" (12.7 mm) reach FF - 1/2" (12.7 mm) reach, fully threaded G - Pin Gap (Cold Running) I - Iridium Center Electrode K - Special Design, Marine L - 7/16" (11.1 mm) reach LT - Long reach, .715" (18.16 mm), Tapered Seat M - Special Design Electrode N - 3/4" (19 mm) reach, 3/8" (9.5 mm) threaded O - Threaded Terminal (no screw-on nut) <p>Suffix's are combined to form such AC suffix designation as: FG, XLS, TS, FFM, TSX, SZ, etc.</p>
Numbering	
<p>1st number denotes THREAD SIZE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 = 14 mm 8 = 18 mm 10 = 10 mm 12 = 12 mm 	<p>2nd number denotes HEAT RANGE</p> <p>0-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9</p> <p>COLD ——— HOT</p> <p>The higher the second digit, the "hotter" the plug; the lower the last digit, the "cooler" the plug (except Z types). (The numbering of Z type plugs is opposite to that for other types and the heat rating is indicated by the last two digits: the higher the number, the cooler the plug.)</p>

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

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

1936 complete good running engine. \$350 Dick Olson

1951 Chevy Styleline Deluxe with PowerGlide Transmission. Recently restored with new: gas tank, fuel line, fuel pump, vacuum pump, water pump, manifold gasket, flange gasket, valve cover gasket, oil line hoses, master cylinder, all wheel cylinders, brake springs, carb kit, battery, plugs, wires, distributor cap, rotor, condenser, coil. Extensive clean-up & minor repairs. On the road, registered with WA State Collector plate. Asking \$8,000. Contact Doxie Davis doxiedavis@gmail.com. Send me an email for pictures.

1962 Chevrolet Impala sport sedan. \$6,500. Contact Jim Seiber seiberphoto@comcast.net.

1930 Chev sport roadster. New restoration. \$25K Dick Olson

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. 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. Parts are in storage. Ed Nobel.

WANTED

One 4:75 X 19 inch Whitewall tire in good condition. Dick Olson.

FREE

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



2019 Activities

June	21-23	Peach City Beach Cruise, Penticton, BC (https://www.peachcitybeachcruise.com)
June	24	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive In, Issaquah
July	4	4th of July Celebration/Strawberry Social, Lake Forest Park (See page 7 for more info)
July	22	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive In, Issaquah
July	27	Kingston WA Car Show & Tour (more info next month)
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

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.