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A Flash Back To The Beginning

Story by Dave Haddock, text starts on p. 4.



Nineteen VCCA Members and their cars at the Van Nuys, CA Chevrolet Assembly Plant, Feb. 1963, photo courtesy Friends Magazine (Editor's Note: Vertical lines are fold/binding lines in original magazine)



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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."

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WITHIN THIS VALE



Director's Message

"Jim's Junk Yard"



Here we are again absent a plan for Chevy Club activities. I am reminded of my experiences in the restoration of my 1937 Chevrolet ½ ton pickup, the one I had owned since high school. It ran okay, looked terrible, and did not bring me great pride to drive. Our Black Lab, Licorice, always wanted a ride. I decided I needed to restore it. I began by making every mistake anyone could make starting in this hobby. I took everything off down to bare bones. Every nut, bolt or fastener was removed. If I had the inclination, I would clean the part and paint it. If it was too impacted with 50 years of grease and dirt, I would just throw it in a box to be cleaned up later. It wasn't long before I had a garage full of disassembled parts. How hard can it be to install them to build the truck back from the frame up? I sand blasted the cab only to find rust that developed after years in the damp Pacific County coastal weather. For some unknown reason, I decided to paint the frame red.



I soon realized that this was going to be far more than just a clean and re-attach parts exercise. Getting the engine rebuilt was accomplished thanks to a neighbor who was an automotive dealership service manager. He was the guy who helped me install new kingpins in the front axle. How was I to know I needed new kingpins? Each piece I picked up seemed to inspire questions; is this right for my truck? I tried once to list all of the Chevy Club members who gave me advice, parts, or places to search. There were hundreds of them. Some advice came unsolicited from members who heard I was in need of something specific. How was I to know the tire tread on the spare should be the same as all the other tires? There were guys who were willing to go out in the dark of night to measure the length of boards in the wood bed so I could make the right cut. I am deeply appreciative of all the help I received.

The restoration process takes years and the learning curve is high but it helped me realize the value of Chevy Club. A good example of this value is when Mike Burns, an active member, died suddenly at age 47. He had planned to restore the 1939 sedan that he had driven over 400,000 miles. He had collected parts for years; all that was needed was assembly. We harnessed the expertise of members to complete the restoration which was much appreciated by the family. The Puget Sound Region worked together; and, starting with a newly painted body assembled a completely restored car. There are plenty of reasons for a club, plenty of reasons to share, to give back to those who have helped and will continue to help. It's the shared love of the vintage Chevys we all appreciate.

Working together now means working in smaller groups. Recently we saw the power of getting vintage cars on the road. Al and Kathy Howe had 8 vintage cars in a tour of the south county. Rod and Evie Schein started with 4 cars on a tour of the north Seattle and Shoreline neighborhoods. Dennis and Gerri Johnson took their '40 convertible on a tour to downtown Poulsbo. I am impressed with folks going out in their cars to keep the spirit of Chevy Club vibrant. Short, local tours which don't require loads of pre-planning are fun even with social distancing. When we work together, we are a Club activity.

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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: <https://psrvcca.weebly.com/>
- Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvrvcca.org/>



OF TOIL

Director's Message, cont. from p. 3



Wearing a mask has long been a fashion necessity for anyone doing restoration projects. We didn't have a rule requiring you to wear PPE, we just knew if we didn't we couldn't breathe.

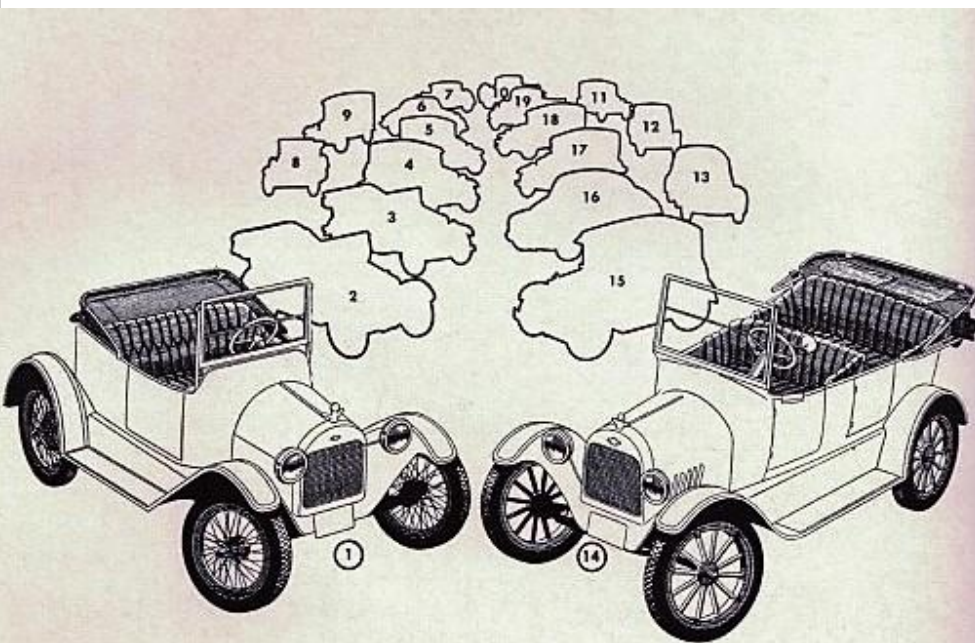
As far as I know, the current restrictions on meetings in the state would make a June meeting at the XXX impractical, if not impossible. We will continue to monitor the situation and let you know of any changes. We should consider any options for a meeting place. If you have suggestions give Al a call or email him.

Jim Seiber, Director

A Flash Back, continued from p. 1

As we all know or have heard, the VCCA began in 1961 when a group of twelve Chevrolet collectors/enthusiasts met in California and formed what has become the Vintage Chevrolet Club or America. By February 1963 it was an International Organization with more than 300 members and 19 members drove their cars to the Van Nuys, California Chevrolet Assembly Plant for a tour and a Photo Op for "Friends" magazine.

Friends was distributed free at that time to Chevrolet customers who had purchased a new car from Chevrolet. My family received them every month as most of your families probably did as well.



The March 1963 VCCA G & D proudly proclaimed "Special Enclosure!!!!, March issue of FRIENDS magazine enclosed with story on the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America." Chevys built between 1911 and 1942 had gathered for this tour and great national advertising for the fledgling club. The photo is reproduced on page 1. Do any of you recognize any of these early members or their cars?? Do any of you remember receiving this issue of Friends??

The numerals in the drawing above identify the cars: **1**, 1914 Royal Mail Roadster; **2**, 1920 Baby Grand touring car; **3**, 1929 touring car; **4**, 1931 Special four-door sedan; **5**, 1931 two-door sedan; **6**, 1937 De Luxe coupe; **7**, 1928 sport coupe; **8**, 1931 sport roadster; **9**, 1929 panel truck; **10**, 1931 sport coupe; **11**, 1932 De Luxe four-door sedan; **12**, 1938 two-door sedan; **13**, 1941 Fleetline Special De Luxe four-door sedan; **14**, 1919 "490" touring car; **15**, 1927 two-door coach; **16**, 1941 Special De Luxe business coupe; **17**, 1930 Universal four-door sedan; **18**, 1929 four-door sedan; **19**, 1936 pickup truck.

AND SIN

Remembering Wally Martin, 1939-2020, R.I.P.

I just got a call from Alicia, Wally Martin's daughter, that Wally had passed away on Easter Day April 12th. He was 81 years old. Wally had been under treatment for cancer and was undergoing chemotherapy, but still living at home. The cause of death was not determined; the guess was a heart attack or a stroke. He had a will that listed his two daughters as beneficiaries; they are specifically listed as getting the cars. I will put out a memo to all club members tomorrow. One thing I thought we should do is share our remembrances of Wally; he was a character. At his request there will be no memorial service.

Bill Barker, Asst. Director

Another project I would like to see us tackle is a memorial for **Wally Martin**.

As you may know, Wally Martin passed away on April 12, at the age of 81. Wally was a long time active member of the VCCA and participated in numerous club activities. He was very proud of his pristine 1936 Chevrolet Sport Coupe and his 1950 1/2 ton utility pickup. These vehicles will stay with his family. At his request, there will be no memorial service. Wally left us with memories of him as a character who spoke his mind about any number of topics beyond car restoration. He was a devoted family guy. We would like to collect any remembrances you have of Wally to assemble to give to his family. Please send your thoughts/remembrances to Jim Seiber (seiberphoto@comcast.net) or Bill Barker (bill@barkerville.net).

Jim Seiber, Director

JUNE 2020

A message from your Area 3 Director:

Greetings to all Chevrolet and GMC truck VCCA members.

I was thinking about what to write this month and it was difficult finding a topic to think of with virtually no activities taking place locally or nationally because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Then I thought how fortunate we are to have such a great hobby enjoying our classic cars and trucks. If it's preparing for an event (soon I hope) by detailing your ride with a little extra polish or going out in the garage/shop and putting in some time on a full restoration, to me this is what it's all about with our passion for preserving old cars and trucks.

Driving a classic is one of the most rewarding benefits from having a vintage vehicle. I believe we all have various reasons for enjoying our cars and belonging to the VCCA. Maybe it might be the tours, judging/certification of your car or just meeting people with a common interest and there are many more reasons such as getting technical advice from a fellow member. For me it started with my family connection to the ownership of Chevrolets. For what I can remember Chevrolet was the only make of car or truck my parents owned. The 1964 4-door sedan (pictured) now sitting in our garage was my mother's last new car purchased in Marysville, WA. I hope we can soon get back to normal with our Region activities and meetings.

From my family to yours Please stay safe and we will see each other down the road.

Gary Rodgers, Area 3 Director



YOUR HEAD GROWS BALD

Bill Damm's SAFETY DITTY

Cars that are classic
Or vintage out there,
Usually are shiny and polished
By people who care.

The sun brings out
All kinds of brands,
Those American made
And from foreign lands.

When out on the road
With others like that,
It's fun to wave at each other
Or stop somewhere to chat.

Lots of old car buffs
Are like peas in a pod,
They love to talk cars
Be it vintage or rod.

On a real nice day
When there's bright sun,
There will be other classics
Out cruising for fun.

The Harley kind of bike riders
Like our classics too;
They'll give us the 'thumbs up'
When they go passing through.

We'll be sharing the road
With other buffs alike.
We'll surely drive safely
In a car or on a bike.

Lets enjoy the summer sunshine.
Drive our favorite car.
It's got to be classic or vintage,
That makes us who we are.

Ninety and Still Going - A Note from Jim Farris

Last month the Tappet Clatter carried information and pictures of my 90th Birthday celebration. Disregarding my countless comments; "Just let it pass", completely unknown to me, my five children set up a party during these days of social separation. Despite the rain it was Grand! The chair of honor was on the porch of my



home. They set up a covering for the four of them on the lawn and my daughter in Michigan was on a laptop. Lunch was provided by Husky delicatessen.

An additional treat included a video of my life in pictures developed by my granddaughter Caroline. Groups I am part of were notified of the party, resulting in a cascade of birthday congratulations. The moment was marvelous and very touching. Many warm feelings surfaced when the cards were open and read.

Thank you all who sent notes and cards. They were heartwarming and much appreciated. The VCCA and Puget Sound Region have been a large part of my life these past thirty-nine years. We've shared numerous good times and many miles on the road. Thanks for all of them!

July Celebrations

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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.

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To:

- Tappet Clatter <tappetclatter@outlook.com>;
- David Haddock <chevydave@gmail.com>

Hi Dave,

Going through stuff and dumping papers. Found an article on ability to use Tubes in Tubeless tires. This is from the Coker Tires web site, <http://www.cokertire.com/blog/tube-tech>. Thought you might want to use if for glove box article.

Bob

"Tubeless tires are pretty straight forward. In most cases you can mount them to the wheel, and air them up, and they will remain inflated, unless there is damage to the tire or wheel. With that said, buying a tubeless tire doesn't mean that you CAN'T use a tube. It simply means that the bead is designed to seal against the rim without the use of a tube. As mentioned previously, wire wheels require the use of a tube"

Editor's Note- Re: Email above. Some of our Glove Box Coordinators really don't retire!! Thanks Bob.

Hershey Swap Meet Cancelled

It's faced hurricanes, flooding, even the threat of nuclear armageddon, and yet the Hershey swap meet has gone 65 years without skipping a beat. That is, until this week, when the board of directors of the Antique Automobile Club of America's Hershey Region decided to cancel the club's signature event for the first time in the event's history due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Thanks, Bill Barker.

See https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2020/05/28/hershey-swap-meet-canceled-for-the-first-time-in-its-history-car-show-may-still-go-on?refer=news&utm_source=edaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020-05-29

BUT NOT YOUR CHIN!

A Norwegian Day Tour With Social Distance

By Rod & Evie Schein, May 17th, 2020

This was to be our fifteenth year of driving our Puget Sound Vintage Chevys in the Ballard Parade that celebrates Norway's Constitution Day. However, the corona virus ruled and the Parade was cancelled. So we put together our own mini parade to celebrate the day and provide an opportunity to drive our Chevys.

The weather turned to beautiful sunshine and blue skies. With Norwegian flags clamped in our wing windows, we headed out through our neighborhood, by our Sunset Hill Park and on to a portion of our usual parade route. We passed by Golden Gardens Park where I took a picture through my side-view mirror.



We were Rod & Evie, '40; Jim Lewis, '30; Eric Muhs, '53; Don Williams, '50; Jim Lesniak, '55 Chrysler; and Bob & MG, '26. We were also joined by David Hellene in a 1979 Porsche.



Burma Shave

(Norwegian Day Tour, Cont. from p. 8)

As we departed the Blue Ridge community we were greeted by a long-time Norwegian family that our son Andrew had contacted.



Then on we went to the Ida Culver retirement complex. On the way, Jim's '30 decided to get tired and stalled on the roadside. Bob & MG stayed with him and called AAA. They caught up with us at Ida Culver where we did two loops around their buildings, passing by friends of ours, John & Martha that I knew in Richland as my pastor and his wife in the late '60's. They had asked me recently "if I still had that old car". They knew it in a different state!



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There was a lady taking photos from her 3rd floor balcony. Later, Martha said that the residents had been given school bells at a previous event and as we drove around the complex they were ringing them in their rooms. From there we entered a very scenic and hilly portion of our trip to Edmonds. This is the bike training route that Bob & MG use for

Rolling Tours???

I posted a note in previous Tappet Clatters that a rolling tour may be a way to enjoy driving our vintage car along with others and still stay safe from the killer virus that has us imprisoned in our own homes. Well I tried it and we had a great time; Rod Schein tried it and had even a better time. I think we have an opportunity to do even more. Here is what you can do in your own community. Make a list of 2 or more senior living homes; plan a tour to include driving to them so seniors can view your car through their windows. Call each senior home to tell them when you will be there. Call members who live close to invite them or if you want, I will send out a note to all members. You can even invite people you know who have other makes of car.

Remember they have been hit the hardest with the pandemic so maybe this will brighten their day just a little. If you want some help with this, I will be glad to assist. Al Howe

getting in shape for their long bike tours. It led us through Innes Arden, Richmond Beach, Woodway, and onto the Woodway Parkway to the Edmonds waterfront. Then as we drove back out toward Woodway, we were greeted by our daughter's family at the top of a grade.



Then on toward home with each driver leaving the lineup as they neared their homeward routes. The total miles for the tour were 33. This is a sanctioned VCCA Passport Tour. It is titled "May 17th Tour"

NW Meet Future Plans

The latest news on the NW Meet plans for the next few years is summarized here. Sorry for the lack of detail, but I will update as more information becomes available. This summer, we canceled the NW Meet in Ellensburg based on the unknown threats to health, presented by the COVID-19 issues. Next summer, projected to be a Mini Meet, will be sponsored by the Willamette Valley Region. They made investments in motel reservations and planning, specific 2021 date to be determined. This will be listed as the 50th NW Meet. The following summer 2022, will be sponsored by the North Cascades Region. They have made reservations and have initial deposits on a site for the NW Meet. Currently no plan is in place where to host a Meet; one suggestion was we take all parts of the planning and activities for this meet. Mt. Rainier would then have responsibility for the 2024 NW Meet. (They would have a chance to co-host with us, taking advantage of our vast experience) The normal rotation would have the 2023 Meet sponsored by the Mt. Rainier Region. Keeping our options open. Jim Seiber (Editor's Note: Reprinted from last month in case you missed it.)

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

1931 Convertible Cabriolet \$7,000 plus 47 year accumulation of parts and accessories, needs wood kit. Four 1932-33 Chevrolet accessory wire wheels, sandblasted Kelsey Hayes bent spoke \$400, 1925 fenders \$25 to \$75 each. Contact Roger Orness or r.orness@comcast.net.

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

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

February Issue G & D. Ken Scott would like anyone who is not saving their last issue of the G&D (Feb. issue) to keep it for him. He would like to have some extras. Thanks, Ken

Rear bumper guards for a '49 Chevy car, a **front bumper guard cross bar, hood emblem and jet plane** for a '51 Chevy car, all in good driver quality. Don Comstock

18-inch wire wheels for a 1932 Chevy. Contact Ken Scott. 2

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

2020 Activities

June	21-25	4-Cylinder Tour, Minnesota POSTPONED 1 YR.
June	22	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah CANCELLED
July	4	Annual Puget Sound Region BBQ/Picnic CANCELLED
July	15-18	Northwest Meet, Ellensburg, WA. Don Comstock CANCELLED
July	27	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah??
August	24	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah??
September	13-17	Pacific Early Six Cylinder Tour, Shady Cove (Medford), OR. Gerri Johnson
September	28	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah??

Note: All club general meetings 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. August meeting at 6 pm. Address: 98 Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, Washington.