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## **Meet "Daisy"**

**Gregor Parent's and Me Hueman's 1953 Chevrolet  
Program car presented at our February 11th General Meeting**

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# 1967 - Puget Sound Region



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.**

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 email 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.

[Click Here](#)

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### Publication Information

The **deadline** for receiving articles for Tappet Clatter is the **25th of the previous month**; that is for example, articles for the March publication must be received by February 25th. The Editor team reserves the right to edit material in any way as appropriate for wording, clarity, grammar, punctuation and available space. We can accept most electronic formats.



## PSR-VCCA DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE March 2023



It was great seeing so many of you on our ZOOM Meeting. Having time before the Meeting to get caught up with everyone was very nice.

The next Meeting, Saturday, March 11th, will be a hybrid meeting at Kent Sullivan's garage. Kent's garage is located at 6408 125th Avenue NE Kirkland, WA 98033.

The Northwest Meet in Packwood, WA will be a great area to tour. Motel space is going fast, so please make your reservations soon.

It's time to roll those old cars out of the garage and determine what fixes need to be done.

John Valiton is diligently working on a tour for April to be the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery and the XXX for lunch.

Our Board Meeting went well with many suggestions for the Tappet Clatter and Activities. We have a very enthusiastic Board with many good ideas. Thank you. I received little to no enthusiasm for holding lunch Meetings. However, I am still interested in trying something like that. It could be a lunch Meeting with a tour in the vicinity. Have some ideas? Please let me know your thoughts.

I became curious about the distribution of members and decided to identify everyone's location on a map. It turns out that half of the membership is south of Seattle and half in Seattle or north.

The Monroe Swap Meet on May 19-21 is a big fund raiser for our Club so thanks to all of you who have volunteered to work it. You can still volunteer for a two hour shift. Just contact Don Comstock at [chevguy2@century.net](mailto:chevguy2@century.net)

Bob Stamnes

PSR-VCCA Director



## AREA 3 DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE - March 2023



Greetings everyone,

To me this seems like a long winter and spring seems like it is so far away. I'm ready to fire up our classics and hit the road for tours, local shows and VCCA activities. Speaking of VCCA activities, make sure you check your schedules to see if you have planned to attend the Northwest Meet in Packwood, WA this summer, July 18-20. The Planning Committee will have the Meet Prospectus and Registration ready on March 15, 2023. Copies will be online on the North Cascade Region website ([www.ncrvcca.weebly.com](http://www.ncrvcca.weebly.com)).

I will be attending the annual VCCA Board of Directors meeting in Rapid City, SD April 10-12 where we will cover several items including the final selection location of the 2026 National Anniversary Meet. I will provide a summary report of the meeting to your Region next month.

Gary Rogers

Area 3 Director

# FEBRUARY'S GENERAL MEETING

## Puget Sound Meeting Minutes

### February 10, 2023 General Meeting

The Zoom only meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Director, Bob Stamnes. There were 25 members present on Zoom: Bob and MG Stamnes, Diane and Dave Haddock, Jim Seiber, Don and Sallie Comstock, Ken Scott and Fran Cissell, Bob Reller, Rod and Evie Schein, Jim O'Connor and daughter, Jennifer, Tom Taricco, John and Donna Valiton, Gregor Parent and Me Hueman, John Strampher, Donna Onat, Al Howe, John Campbell, and John and Dot Ziegler.

Secretary: Minutes from the January 21 meeting were approved as published in the Tappet Clatter.

Membership: Donna Onat reported that there were no new members and that the 2023 Membership Roster is nearing completion.

Treasurer: Sallie Comstock reported that our balance is \$4,768.40 after paying the remaining luncheon bill of \$118.

Editor: Tom Taricco reported two changes to general information in the Tappet Clatter: 1) The deadline for receiving articles for the Tappet Clatter is now the 25th of the prior month. 2) All Chevrolets 25 years and older may be registered with the Region. Tom also requested that all iPhone 13 & 14 photos be sent in jpg format. Dave Haddock, Rod Schein and others, suggested programs and procedures that can be used, and we can go to them for help. Finally, a request was made that Gary Rogers' email information be put into the Tappet Clatter. Tom agreed to do so.

Activities: John Valiton presented an idea for the first tour of the year. He suggested going to the Issaquah Fish Hatchery, lunch at XXX, and possibly the Cougar Mt. Zoo during a weekday in April. A hand raised vote indicated that many members would be interested. John will form up and present the details at the next Meeting. Rod Schein reminded us to save Wednesday, May 17th for the annual Ballard Parade combined with a visit to a retirement home. Bob and MG Stamnes will help Evie and Rod with the event.

Other: Don Comstock is looking for Club volunteers for the Monroe Swap Meet to be held May 19 (evening set-up) - 21. Last year, the Club earned \$1,000 for our treasury by working at this event. Please talk to Don about your availability if you haven't already.

Continues...



Bob Stamnes reminded us all about the July 18 - 20 Northwest Meet in Packwood, WA and to get your hotel reservations soon. Event Registration should be available in March.

Program: Rod Schein interviewed Gregor Parent and Me Hueman about their '53 Chevy. See FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM in following section.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15

Respectfully submitted,

MG Stamnes,

Secretary

## FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM

### Daisy

Gregor Parent and Me Hueman were interviewed by Rod Schein. They introduced us to their white and baby blue '53 Chevy that they fondly call Daisy! They acquired Daisy in August 2021 as an exchange for Me's painting of a dune buggy and chose Daisy as its name as Me will be painting daisies over the rust spots. While Gregor indicated that there are many projects left to do including a typical '53 problem of Daisy getting stuck in first gear, the upholstery was beautifully redone to match Daisy's exterior before they bought her and Gregor has redone the brakes. Daisy even includes a vintage swamp cooler in the trunk. We all smiled at the photo of Me as its special hood ornament. With their enthusiasm and skill, the Club looks forward to seeing Gregor, Me, and Daisy on the road with us!



# ACTIVITIES

## More photos from our January 2023 Officers Installation Luncheon





# ACTIVITIES

## 2023 Meetings, Activities & Misc. Schedule

January	21	Officers Installation Banquet.
February	06	Board Meeting - ZOOM
February	11	Club Meeting - ZOOM only
	18 - 19	Swap Meet - Puyallup, WA
March	04 & 05	Salem Roadster Show - Salem, OR Info: <a href="http://www.salemroadstershow.com">http://www.salemroadstershow.com</a>
	11	Hybrid Meeting
		Lower Columbia Astoria Swap Meet Info: (503) 468-0006
	17 - 19	Portland Roadster Show - Portland, OR Info: <a href="http://www.portlandroadstershow.com">http://www.portlandroadstershow.com</a>
	31 - Apr 2	Portland PIR Swap Meet—Portland, OR Info: <a href="http://www.portlandswapmeet.com">http://www.portlandswapmeet.com</a>
April	08	Hybrid Meeting
	12	<b>Short &amp; Sweet Tour</b>
May	05	Thunder Dome Car Museum Beer Garden Show Enumclaw, WA. Info: (253) 326-3689
	13	Hybrid Meeting
	17	Ballard Parade - Ballard/Seattle, WA
	20 - 21	Monroe Swap Meet - Monroe, WA
June	10	Hybrid Meeting
	18	Fenders on First Street - Issquah, WA
	24	Greenwood Car Shows - Greenwood, WA
July	—	No Meeting—Summer Break
	18-20	<b>Northwest Meet—Packwood, WA</b>



# MARCH MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

PSR-VCCA. March Meeting - **Hybrid (Zoom and In Person)**

**Mar 11, 2023 10:00 AM**

Social time 10:00 to 10:30  
Meeting called to order 10:30

Click blue line below to join Zoom Meeting:

**[March 11 Zoom meeting](#)**

One tap mobile (to join, open this email on your smartphone and click red line below)

**+12532158782,,81520805345#,,,,\*782346# US (Tacoma)**

To join with a landline, dial by your location and use the meeting ID and Passcode below

**+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)**  
**+1 669 444 9171 US**

**Meeting ID: 815 2080 5345**

**Passcode: 782346**

Find your local number, go to website: **[Click here](#)**

## **In-Person March Meeting Details**

Our In-Person March Meeting is being hosted and held by Kent Sullivan. Meeting location details are:

### **Directions to Kent's Shop**

Address: Kirkland WA 98033

From I405 North take Exit 17.

At end of exit, go left onto 116th Ave NE.

Follow 116th Ave NE to NE 70th Pl and turn right.

***(details, see emailed directions)***

Park on property inside Kent's gate or on cul de sac.

# UPCOMING MARCH PROGRAM

## Arnie Mondloch's 1954 Bel Air

We hope you can join us at 10:30 am Saturday in Kent Sullivan's Shop or on-line via Zoom after 10:00 am. See you there. Rod Schein.



### Directions to Kent's Shop

Address: 6408 125th Ave NE, Kirkland 98033

From I405 North take Exit 17.  
At end of exit, go left onto 116th Ave NE.  
Follow 116th Ave NE to NE 70th Pl and turn right.  
Follow NE 70th to 125th Ave NE and turn right.  
Follow 125th Ave NE to end of cul de sac.  
Kents Shop is on the left.  
Park on property inside Kent's gate or on cul de sac.

# UPCOMING JULY EVENT

## 2023 NORTHWEST MEET

The Northwest Meet will be July 18 - 20, 2023 at Packwood, Washington. The committee has reserved all available rooms at two Packwood Motels, Cowlitz River Lodge (28 rooms) and the Crest Trail Lodge (27 rooms). Each motel is about one mile from the Meet Headquarters which will be at the Packwood Community Hall. Motel room rates are \$169 to \$199 per night minus an arranged 15% group discount for VCCA members. Both motels are two-story; neither has an elevator. Both offer single queen, double queen or king bed rooms. The lower rates are on the second floor. Pet friendly rooms are available on the first floor. One family suite is available with 4 queen beds at the Cowlitz River Lodge, rate is \$247/night less the 15% group discount. Rates will be honored up to 30 days prior to the meet. Trailer and hauler parking is available.

Motel reservations can be made now. Please call the numbers listed below to make your reservations and be sure to mention Vintage Chevrolet Club or Chevy Club to reserve your room(s) at the group rate. Get your reservations early for the availability of your preferred choice. **You must call the hotel directly to get the group rate applied to your reservation.**

**Cowlitz River Lodge: (360) 494-4444**

**Crest Trail Lodge: (360) 494-4944**

**For RV options please call Ken Scott at (253) 350-7572**

More information on Meet activities, social events, tours and meals to follow. In the mean-

# UPCOMING APRIL TOUR

## SHORT & SWEET TOUR

**April 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am to 2 pm**

PSR VCCA's first tour of 2023 will begin with a guided tour of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery. This tour will last about an hour, with outdoor exhibits and an aquarium, so bring a warm coat and an umbrella (just in case). Cost is \$5.00

At 11 am or so, we can travel as a group, all of 1.1 miles to the Triple XXX Root Beer drive-in for lunch at noon. We have a spot reserved for up to 12 people.

After lunch, we can travel up Gilman Blvd. to Boehms Candies, and view the candy makers through the window or visit the sweet shop. The address is 255 NE Gilman Blvd, in Issaquah.

See driving directions to the Hatchery and Triple XXX below. Please contact John Valiton, Activities, for any questions: 206-643-7193.

### **DIRECTIONS TO Issaquah Fish Hatchery FROM THE WEST ON I-90**

Take EXIT 18 for E Sunset Way/Highlands Dr for 0.3 miles.

Keep Right at the fork onto E Sunset Way for 0.8 miles.

E Sunset turns into Sunset which turns into W Sunset, the hatchery is on your left.  
(125 W Sunset Way, Issaquah WA 98027).

### **DIRECTIONS TO Issaquah Fish Hatchery FROM THE EAST ON I-90**

Take EXIT 17 for Front St Toward E Lk Sammamish Pkwy SE for 0.2 miles.

Keep Right at the fork, follow signs for Front St/Sammamish for 300 feet.

Merge onto Front St N for 0.6 miles.

Turn Right onto W Sunset Way for 400 feet.

Fish Hatchery is on your left at (125 W Sunset Way, Issaquah WA 98027).

### **DIRECTIONS FROM Issaquah Fish Hatchery TO XXX Rootbeer Restaurant**

Turn Right onto W sunset Way for 250 feet.

Turn Left onto Front St S. for 0.5 miles.

Turn Right onto NE Gilman Blvd.

XXX is on your left (98 NE Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, WA 98027).



# MARCH CELEBRATIONS

## Anniversaries

Betty & Dave Roberts	6th
Gisela & Dick Jones	9th
Diane & Dave Haddock	17th
Florence & Bob Helgeson	27th
Sue & Jim Seiber	29th
Kathy & Al Howe	30th

## Birthdays

Jill Anderson	1st
Matt Dickenson	4th
Dave Haddock	14th
Evie Schein	15th
John Zeigler	20th
Jerry Yoder	21st
Gary Barquist	28th

# FROM THE GLOVEBOX



**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](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com).

## Handyman Harmonic Balance Repair

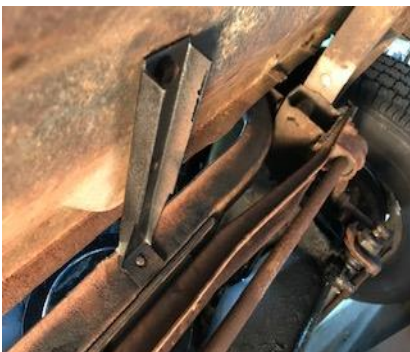
**By John Valiton**

There's always something that needs repair for my old, high-mileage '53 Chevy wagon. As of late, I've been noticing the lower pulley on my engine crankshaft wobbling, and slowly getting worse. I learned from my Chevrolet Shop Manual (for cars 1949 - 53), that the pulley is an intricate part of the crankshaft damper, called a Harmonic Balance. I had never replaced one, so I read up and proceeded to learn as I did the repair.

I drained and removed the radiator and hoses. 4 of the bolts holding the radiator to the support frame also mount the horns, so I removed them out of the way, (no need to disconnect the wiring from the terminal strip). At this point, the shop manual said to remove the bumper face bar, disconnect the parking lamps, remove the lower catch plate, front fender skirt, air duct baffle, radiator grill and filler panel baffle. THEN, remove the engine support side mounting bolts and jack up the engine 1/2" to clear the radiator support frame for attaching puller J-1287!



So I chose to approach things differently and removed all of the bolts securing the radiator support frame: to do this, I had to remove the battery and tray to reach the bolts on the passenger side. I then removed the 2 bolts and 4" flat bar with rubber on the underside of the support frame.



Next, I removed 2 bolts holding the center bracket attached to the front fender skirt.



I now lifted the radiator support frame with the top wiring harness as an assembly, about 4", and braced it with a short 2x4 piece of wood. (No need to do all of the other steps as shown in the book, unless my '53 design is different from the earlier models). At this point, I could reach the Harmonic Balancer head on.



I drove to O'Reilly's Auto Parts and rented the Timing Gear Removal Tool kit (67010); actually, it's free as long as you return it within 48 hours.



I had to buy a couple of 3/8 x 2 1/2" coarse thread bolts that were shorter to fit in the limited space in front of the Harmonic Balancer. I then used a large crescent wrench to remove the Harmonic Balancer.

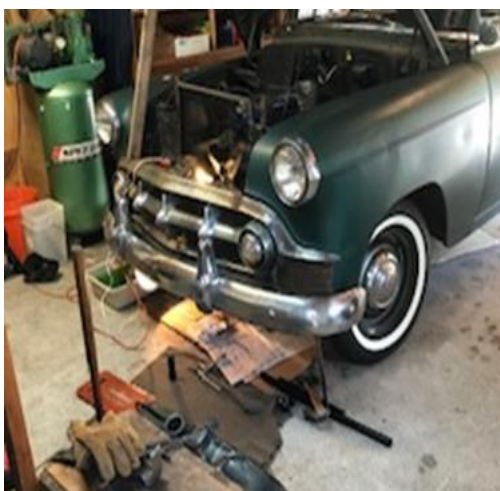


My old Harmonic Balancer was not reusable as the pulley was warped.





I bought a good used Harmonic Balancer from Old Car Parts in Portland, OR for \$75. I then shipped it off to Damoer Dudes in California. They rebuilt it for \$220. I also replaced the gasket and oil seal for the timing cover, fan belt, and the top radiator hose. Total cost with shipping was just over \$400.



John Valiton

VCCA member #58454

1953 Chevrolet 150 Handyman Wagon

## **Fuel Issues**

**By Steve Kassis**

### ***The Filling Station***

Today's fuel has a lower boiling point and is prone to causing vapor lock (turning fuel into vapor before reaching the carburetor). When possible, use non-ethanol fuel to prevent vapor lock. Non-ethanol is better for operation and much better when a vehicle is not run on a regular basis. The fuel is much more stable than ethanol fuel and won't turn to a gummy mess in just a few months.

Ethanol fuel can cause a warm carburetor to evaporate the fuel in the bowl, causing it to be hard to start on the next time it is needed. The extra expense of non-ethanol fuel is really worth the cost in our older cars. It will save you maintenance issues and frustration in the future.

These early engines are very simple and, if properly maintained, should operate smoothly and start easily.

**Where to find non-ethanol fuel:** <http://www.pure-gas.org/>

## 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](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com) when your listing no longer needs to be published.

### WANTED

**Toggle Door Lock** for 1936 Chevrolet Standard Coupe. Tom Taricco (tom@taricco.net)

**1947-1954 Chevrolet Truck (3600) parts.** Engine in good condition or rebuild, seat frame and other miscellaneous parts. Contact rluche@yahoo.com if you have access to parts from this era.

### FOR SALE

**1962 Chevy Impala 2 door Sport Coupe,** 283 cid, PS, auto, new paint and interior. I bought the car 60 years ago and have kept it original. Record Book. The car is in Mesa, AZ. Asking \$25,000. George Warren



**1955 Chevrolet Delray.** The car was purchased (original owner) new and has been in dry storage since the 1970's. The owner is moving to an assisted living facility and cannot store it. The car is currently in Bothell. I have limited information at time of posting but do have contact information. Jim Seiber in behalf of Brooks Whitehead

**Red 1973 Corvette** that I am selling for a friend. New paint, new exhaust, new radiator, tires are good, 350 ci with a 4-speed transmission, new battery... runs great, looks sharp.

**FREE transmission** for a 1930, 1931, 1949 and 1957. Dick Olson (rolson82@comcast.net}

51-52 hardtop **tinted 2-piece** windshield. Asking \$50 or OBO. Contact Duane Rice

**Multiple Parts:** Used **Fitz** visor—asking \$200; two stainless Tudor NOS rear **fender gravel guards** (left & right) - asking \$300; 1950 Chev **grill piece** with letters NOS—asking \$150. Contact Greg Nowak, VCCA #58936

**A brand new, exact Repro of a Delco 559** (aka 558 "wet" from factory) **tar-top battery** from Antique Auto Battery (still in original box). This battery was the factory-installed battery in many V-8 Chevys and other GM Marques. It is **100% correct for 1966**. For 1963-65, it is as close as **is** available. Sold dry. Kent Sullivan (kentsu@corvairekid.com)

### HELP WANTED

**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.

# AT-A-GLANCE REFERENCES

Below are websites frequently visited by our club members:

## **GM Heritage Archive**

The GM Heritage Archive has trained researchers available to assist with your research, whether the endeavor is of an enthusiast, academic or commercial nature. Request should be sent via email to [gmhc@gm.com](mailto:gmhc@gm.com). The email should outline your information or visual media need and the intended use. For commercial endeavors, fees may apply.

<https://www.gm.com> > heritage > archive

## **Vintage Chevrolet Club of America - VCCA (National)**

<https://www.vcca.org>

## **Vintage Chevrolet Club of America - VCCA (District 3 Clubs)**

### **Gary Rogers - Director VCCA District 3**

[chevy6472@aol.com](mailto:chevy6472@aol.com)

### **Puget Sound Region**

<http://www.psvcca.weebly.com/>

### **Mt. Rainer Region**

None

### **North Cascade Region**

<http://www.ncrvcca.weebly.com/>

### **Columbia River Region**

<http://www.vccacolumbiariverregion.org/>

### **Willamette Valley Region**

<http://www.wvrvcca.org/>

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Gas stations without ethanol**

<http://www.pure-gas.org/>