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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, at **Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library, 11650 SE 60th St., Bellevue, 98006**, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. No meetings are held in January, June, July, August, and December. 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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Publication Information

The deadline for receiving articles for the Tappet Clatter is normally by the **5th** of the month. The Editor 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 and hardcopy.

Email copy to tappetclatter@outlook.com

GARAGE NITE

No Garage Nites are on the schedule for the coming months so how about you having one? They aren't hard to do and if you follow Bill Barker's lead it is a great way to get rid of stuff! Contact Al to set one up.

Director's Message

Al Howe



Hooray! Sunny days are upon us. It feels so good to work outside in the sun. So much to do after all that rainy weather. I just hope it continues for a while.

Tours are starting in May and continuing through the summer. The first tour for me was the Breakfast Tour on May 6th. It's always fun to see so many old cars of all makes and models.

While we are enduring the absence of a permanent meeting room for awhile we have the opportunity to explore some other options. As always, our August meeting is at the Triple X (XXX) in Issaquah. This is a dinner meeting starting at 7pm. The September meeting has also been scheduled at the XXX. This is a lunch meeting starting at 11am. As I am making these arrangements and talking to Rod Schein and Bill Barker, the idea that we could also meet at a member's home seemed to become a reality. We could alternate meeting in the north and south end during daylight hours so no one has to drive at night and traffic conditions are better. So as planned right now: In October (south end) we will meet at my house in the old-car building, November (north end) at Bill Barker's house in his old-car building, and in December (south end) at Comstock's house for Christmas party. Wow! That is enough planning right now. Remember, everything is subject to change as we see how things play out.

Over the last few years it has become more difficult to find someone in the club who can, or has time, to take care of our website. So here is what we need to know - do we really need the website? It seems that it has never brought in a new member, however it does provide an opportunity for sharing information. If you think we really should keep the site then please send me an email stating your opinion at chevyal@comcast.net.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on a tour or some other club function this summer.

You can tell a lot about a woman's mood just by her hands. If she is holding a gun, she's probably very unhappy.

Al Howe

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.wvrcca.org/>
Dave Folsom Blog, www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/
Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>



**Bill Damm's
SAFETY DITTY**

Things to see
Places to go,
Maybe a tour,
Or maybe a show.

Too bad the time
Goes so fast.
We want the nice days
To last and last.

It's time to drive,
Either near or far,
To show people
Our classic car.

Show our classics
Most everywhere,
And drive them safely
While getting there.

**2019 January Banquet
Planning**

We are beginning our planning for the January 2019 Banquet. Our initial contacts have narrowed the choice of banquet facilities to a few centrally located options. The top choice now seems to be Renton Technical College, Culinary Arts program. If you have suggestions for a banquet items please let Jim Seiber or Diane Haddock know of your input.

**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 the Darby's and Comstock's will serve the shortcake around 3pm (if you only want to come for that event.)

The club will 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 us for directions/help Dave or Diane

June Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Bill and Sis Barker | 6 |
| Jerry and Mary Brownell | 10 |

BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Rod Schein | 2 |
| Kent Sullivan | 5 |
| Gerri Johnson | 20 |
| David White | 25 |
| Glenn Landguth | 27 |
| Sheri Johnson | 27 |

Member Spotlight

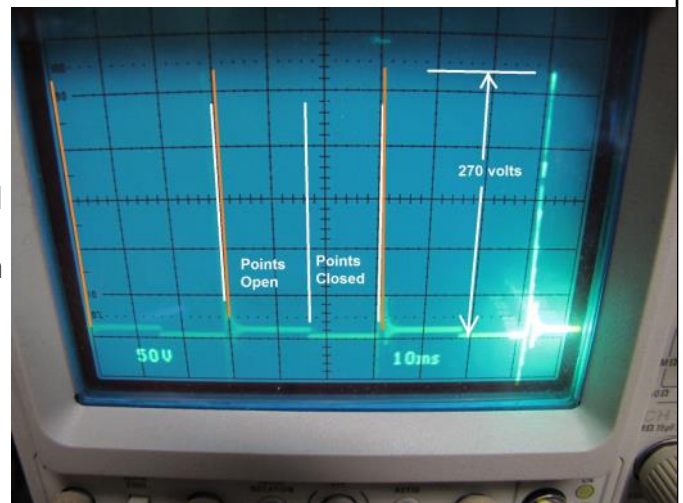
Jim Farris was unable to provide a Spotlight article for the this month's Tappet Clatter. Jim Seiber is scheduled for June. Hopefully Jerry Yoder and Jim Farris will each be able to produce an article for a future Tappet Clatter. Also looking for articles from other members.

So, without an article, I decided (as Editors are wont to do) that I would fill the space with a picture of my new hydroplane running at Lake Chelan on May 5 (it is the boat on the left.) Boy is it fast—80 to 85mph! I took a second and a third place in my two heats on Sunday.



Meeting Programs

May - Rod and Ken will be giving further instruction on our vintage car ignition systems. They will be using the circuit diagrams in this issue's Glove Box. Rod will be explaining more on how it works and Ken will be showing us how we can test to find the faulty component. See this month's Glove Box for more information.



September - Guest speaker - Car fire extinguishers.

October - Dave Haddock - Slide show of 2018 activities.

November - Bill Barker—Using powder coating.

Treats for 2018 meetings:

May - Howe

October - Stamnes

November - Howe

Puget Sound Region VCCA Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Al Howe, Director, at 7:27pm with 19 members present at Tillicum/Ringdall Middle School

Treasurer Report: Sallie reported the sale of some decals, some sales and account balance.

Membership: No changes were reported by Donna Onat.

Activities: Don Comstock reported that the coming activities include Horseless Carriage Breakfast May 6, The Ballard Parade on May 17, the Monroe Swap Meet May 19-20, the NW Meet in Chehalis June 7-9, the July 4th celebration and Strawberry Fest, possibly the Chelan Mahogany and Merlot hydroplane event in early October and the Christmas party, tentatively at the Comstock's. Some members will be travelling to the Big Sky Region Meet in Hamilton, MT in August (contact Dave Haddock), the Packwood Beef BBQ tour Aug 5, the Lemay Open House Aug 25, and/or the September tour to the Georgetown coal-fired power plant. Donna is planning a movie night at Bill Damm's Woodinville garage. It will feature Elvis's "It Happened at the World's Fair." The movie includes lots of vintage cars and the Seattle Worlds Fair. Bill's mini museum will also be of interest; July 21 is the tentative date.

Director: Al Howe led a discussion concerning three issues: TC Editor needed, a meeting place needed for the 2018-2019 school year, and a Webmaster needed. Diane and Dave Haddock have volunteered to take over editorial duties on the TC and are looking for someone to fill in when they are travelling. Bill Barker talked about the Webmaster position and proposed either dropping the website or using it only as a "business card" to show contact information and little else. Most information for members is in the Tappet Clatter. No resolution was determined. If anyone would like to take over the Webmaster position please contact Al Howe. Members discussed options for the meeting place next year. The Southcenter Sizzler was suggested. Also discussed: meeting in the afternoon, moving meeting, library meetings, weekend meetings, and a XXX meeting place. Actions to be taken: Al will check with Jose about meeting at XXX and Diane will apply for meeting at Odle Middle School. It was announced that George Kowats has requested a car show at the assisted living residence where Phyllis is now living. The location is in Kent, two blocks from the Golden Steer. Call Bill Barker if you are interested.

There was a break at 8:18

Presentation: Ken Scott provided a multitude of techniques for trouble-shooting your car's electrical system including hints on "what NOT to do," His entertaining and informative presentation included a strong recommendation to get a battery tester (a low cost Harbor Freight item) and a Jump Starter; a multipurpose item that charges your battery, fills your tires and performs other duties. It can be purchased at numerous stores and online.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Haddock, Secretary

This is the Last 'Hooray' for our NW Meet!

David Gowan- Area #3 Director



It has been a fun project for those of us who have spent time and miles bringing this Meet together. So many signed up we are a bit overwhelmed, but who said it was going to be a MINI MEET?

Come early if you can.

One tour will take place on Thursday morning because more than 90 people signed up for it. We are thrilled with interest in the Red Barn Banquet and the

Hooray for Hollywood extraordinary event.

Please read your registration papers, and especially the packet you get upon registration. Questions can be answered in those sheets.

If we missed something just phone or email me and I'll do my best to "set you straight".

Phone: 503-805-0327 email: deacon51@juno.com

Are you putting together a basket for this year's Meet? If so, they would like the baskets for the hospitality room on Wednesday. Thanks!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE NW MEET

Rooms are filling up for the NW Meet. It is early so we have located three more hotels for you to pick from. Ken Scott and Mike Rice have gotten this information and I wanted to get it out now so people can reserve. Seems there is a lot of interest. Please send the attached to your mailing lists so the information can get out. Then I'll put something together for the Newsletters later.

Reservations for the actual NW Meet, however, are not coming in as fast. Please encourage members to get this done so we have a better idea on how to plan. If my calculations are correct we already have 120 signed up for rooms and the RV spots make more. I'd sure be in a pickle if we have more attendees than we count on. Please help get the word out. Thanks so much; I am getting more excited each day. What a fun project. David

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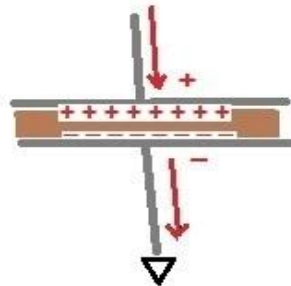
From the Glove Box is devoted to sharing technical information, technical problems and solutions to problems related to the restoration and preservation of vintage Chevrolets. Please share your knowledge, experiences and recommendations with your fellow members.

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

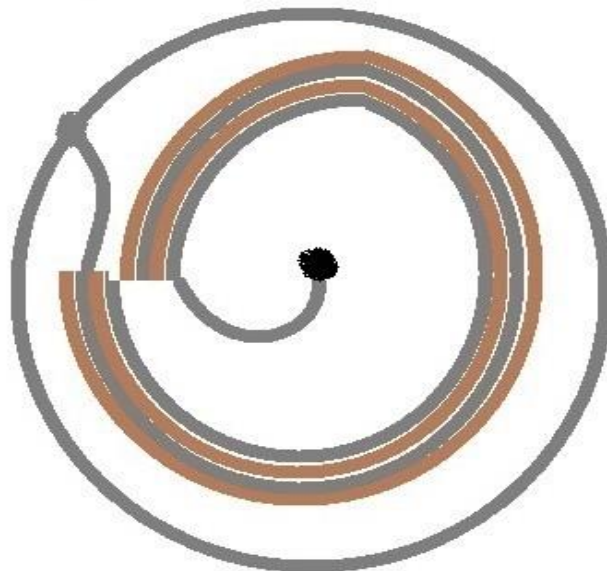
Contributed by Rod Schein

Condenser

A condenser, also called a capacitor, stores charge. It is like a small battery. It can be charged or discharged. It consists of two conductive plates separated by a non-conductive material. It creates an electric field between its plates. Note: A coil has a magnetic field around its windings.

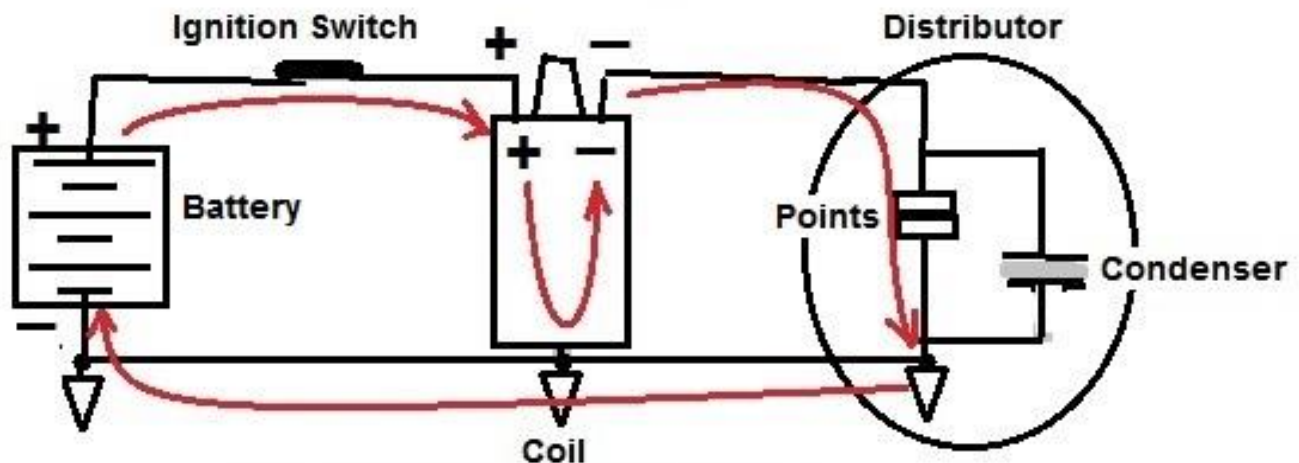


A condenser is constructed in a metal can by rolling up alternate layers of paper and foil into a spiral as shown below. One foil is attached to the can, ground, and the other to the axial lead out of one end of the can. The capacity of the charge that can be stored is directly proportional to plate area and inversely proportional to the thickness of the paper.



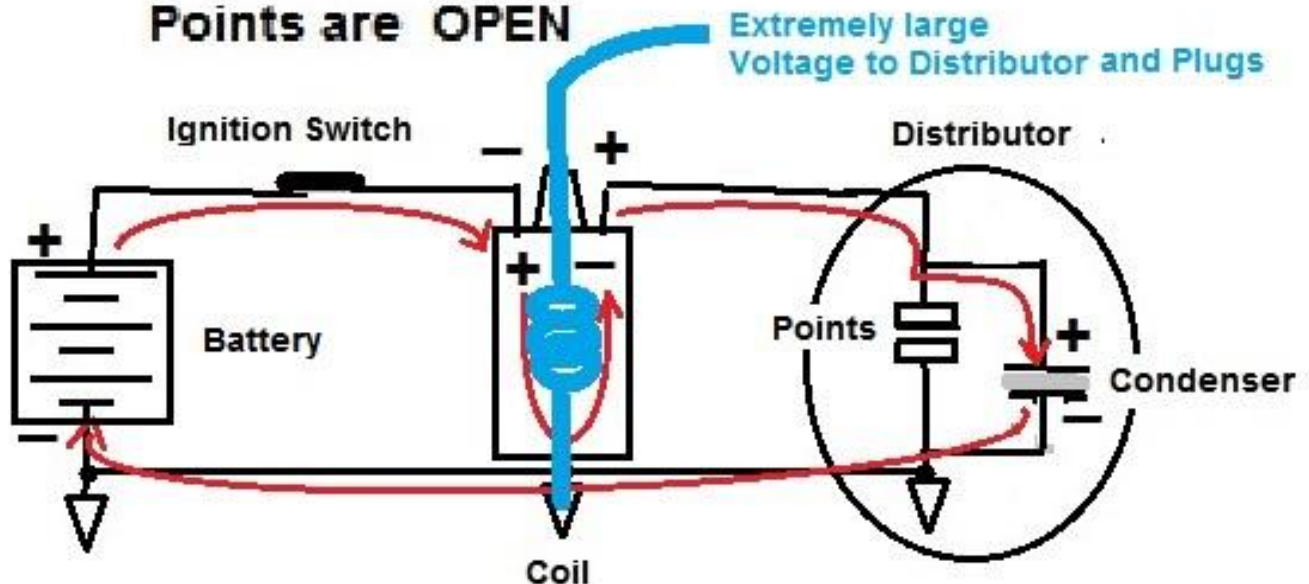
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Points are CLOSED



Coil Primary Winding is Energized
(This is the DWELL period)

Points are OPEN



When points open, a large reverse voltage is produced across the coil Primary winding. This produces an extremely large voltage across the coil's Secondary winding that is distributed to the Spark Plugs. Because the points are open, the condenser (also called a capacitor), is charged by current generated in the primary coil caused by the collapsing magnetic field in the coil. This keeps the points from arcing and burning. The capacitor is discharged when the points close again.

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 Front Fenders. Already primered. Excellent condition. Bill Barker : bbarkerjr@gmail.com

1931 parts, included are engine, transmission, clutch assembly, bell housing, two axles with bearings, four new tubes and liners 4.75x5.00x19, new firewall pad, '31 light bar with headlight buckets, one car headlight bucket with reflector, two '31 truck headlight buckets, one original 1931 owner's manual in excellent condition, and several used gauges, carb parts and gaskets.

1936 parts include four 17 inch 5-lug wire wheels with a 6-3/4 in. center opening to fit 1935-36 standard, two 17 inch 5-lug wire wheels with a 5 in. center opening and two 1936 sedan rear doors.

Phil Christensen philip082@centurytel.net

1928 Rolling chassis with motor, trans, rear end. \$1500. For more info contact Ken Scott. Email: kenws-cott62@Gmail.com

1936—39 Speedometer. Nice face, rim has slight bump. \$25 or best club offer takes it. Money from this will go back to the club. Picture available upon request. Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com,

1963 Corvette Roadster. Silver with black interior. Factory fuel injection, 4 speed. \$75,000.00. Don Comstock, chevyguy2@centerlink.net

Four-speed Hydromatic transmission, \$100.00. Jerry Yoder, jerryyoder@hotmail.com

1962 Corvette radiator. Cleaned and pressure tested. Excellent condition. \$200. Mike Currie

1957 1/2 ton 3-speed transmission. \$75. 1931 3-speed transmission. \$75. Phone Dick Olson or Email: Rolson82@comcast.net

20" MAGS and Radial Tires. Four each. These are six-lug wheels. \$500. Jerry Yoder 253-307-1910. Email: JerryYoder@hotmail.com

WANTED

A friend would like to buy a Chevy of the '50s or '60s. Running reliably would be good. Interior & exterior condition not so important, as she thinks my vehicle is pretty nice. (smile) Call me if you know of something. Donna Onat

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

FREE

235 and 216 engines - as they say, "Ran When Parked". There are no starters, fuel pumps or carburetors. Don Comstock chevyguy2@centurylink.net

2018Activities

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| May | 17 | Ballard Parade—Rod Schein is the organizer |
| | 18-20 | Monroe Swap Meet—Please contact Don or Sallie Comstock to volunteer |
| | 21 | PS-VCCA Club Meeting— <i>Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library</i> |
| June | 7-9 | Northwest Meet—Chehalis, WA |
| July | 4 | Cookout/Potluck at Haddock's - combined with the Strawberry Social |
| August | 3-5 | Big Sky Region Meet—Hamilton, MT |
| | 5 | Packwood BBQ—Don Comstock leading tour |
| | 25 | LeMay family open house |
| October | 5-7 | Lake Chelan Mahogany and Merlot—Need a tour leader |

Directions to Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School 11650 SE 60th St, Bellevue

Traveling 405 from either the north or south, take exit 10 and head east to 119th St (should be the first stop light east of 405). From I-90 take the 405 South Exit and immediately stay to the right, getting off at the Coal Creek Parkway exit. (Note: you'll never actually merge onto 405.) Turn left under the freeway and take a right at the light on 119th. Go up the hill, passing through a couple of stop signs and turn right on SE 60th. The shopping center will be on your left. Follow SE 60th and Ringdall will be on your right. The meeting place for monthly PSVCCA meetings will be at Tillicum/Ringdall School Library (not the cafeteria).