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October General Meeting

Photos by Dave Haddock and John Campbell



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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. 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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Director's Message

Al Howe



Director's Letter November 2018

I apologize for not reminding everyone in my September Director's letter that membership dues are due in October so we can update the roster. We want all the information to be as accurate as possible, so always include updates about your address, name and car changes you want to see in our roster, with your check to Donna Onat. If you haven't submitted your dues yet, you can find her address on page 5.

It was really nice to see a big turnout at our October Meeting. We covered a lot of subjects but the hot one was the location of our meetings. The decision was between night meetings at a school or mid-day meetings at the XXX Drive-in in Issaquah. After all the pros and cons were discussed it was unanimous to use the XXX Drive-in. We already have plans for the November Meeting to be at Bill Barker's house so he can demonstrate powder coating. His address and phone as well as a map are provided on page 4.

December will be the Christmas Party at Don and Sallie Comstock's home. See page 4 for the invitation from them. In January a short meeting will be held at the Installation Banquet. Starting in February we will meet back at the XXX Drive-in regularly.

A fun day at Ken Scott's was enjoyed by many from the North Cascade Region and a few from the PS-Region. The weather was cooperative until time to leave and by then our tummies were full and the games were over so who cared? The rain is back! We had such a good summer I hate to see it gone. My cars are ready for winter but I am not. Are your cars ready?

Be the reason someone smiles today or the reason they drink. Whatever works.

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/northcascadvcca>
Puget Sound Region, VCCA: <http://psrvcca.weebly.com/>
Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvrvcca.org/>
Dave Folsom Blog, www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/
Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>



Annual Puget Sound Region VCCA Christmas Potluck

The
Potluck
Is Planned
For December 1st.
At the Comstock's Again.
Bring a salad,
A side dish or Dessert.
All will be welcome and enjoyed.
We will furnish a meat dish and beverages.
The best time to arrive is 11 am.
There will be old friends and new,
As well as a few things to see in the shop.
Sallie will have a tree decorated with lots of cats.
Plan to
Eat at 1.
Gift exch
After dinner.

***Here are the Details and Directions.

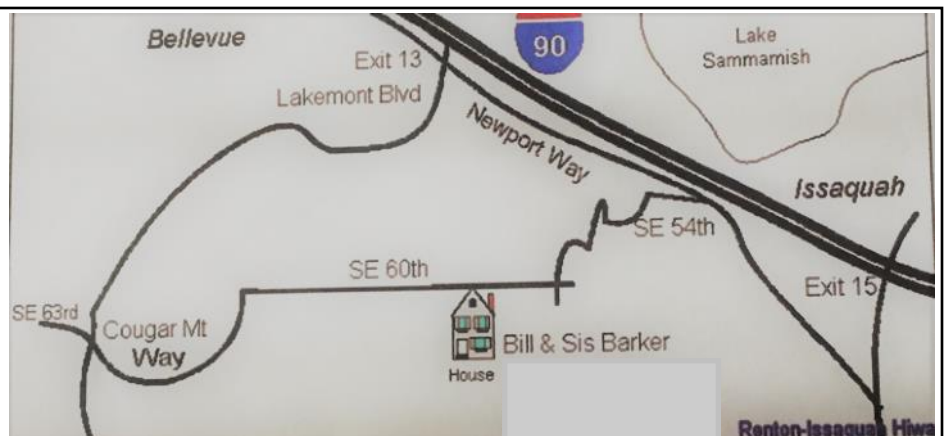
Attendees are encouraged to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Your hosts will be providing a hot meat entrée as well as hot and cold beverages. The ever exciting annual gift exchange/swap will continue with the suggested \$10 limit; creativity is encouraged. Gifts should be marked for male or female or child (if you are bringing children). Everyone who brings a gift will, hopefully, end up with a gift. It may not be the one you chose. The rules will be explained before the gift exchange begins. Plan on gathering around 11 A.M. and we will be eating around 1 P.M. The gift exchange will follow dinner.

<See emailed TC>

I-5 southbound take the I-405 exit to Renton then take the WA-167 exit to Kent / Auburn.
From I-405 going south, Exit I-405 via ramp at sign reading "Exit 2 WA-167 to Kent/ Auburn" (this is the second exit)
Etc., see emailed TC

November Meeting

November Monthly Meeting will be on the 26th at Bill Barker's at 11 am. Bill will demonstrate powder coating. Directions and address are in the inset map to the right.



Bill Damm's
SAFETY DITTY

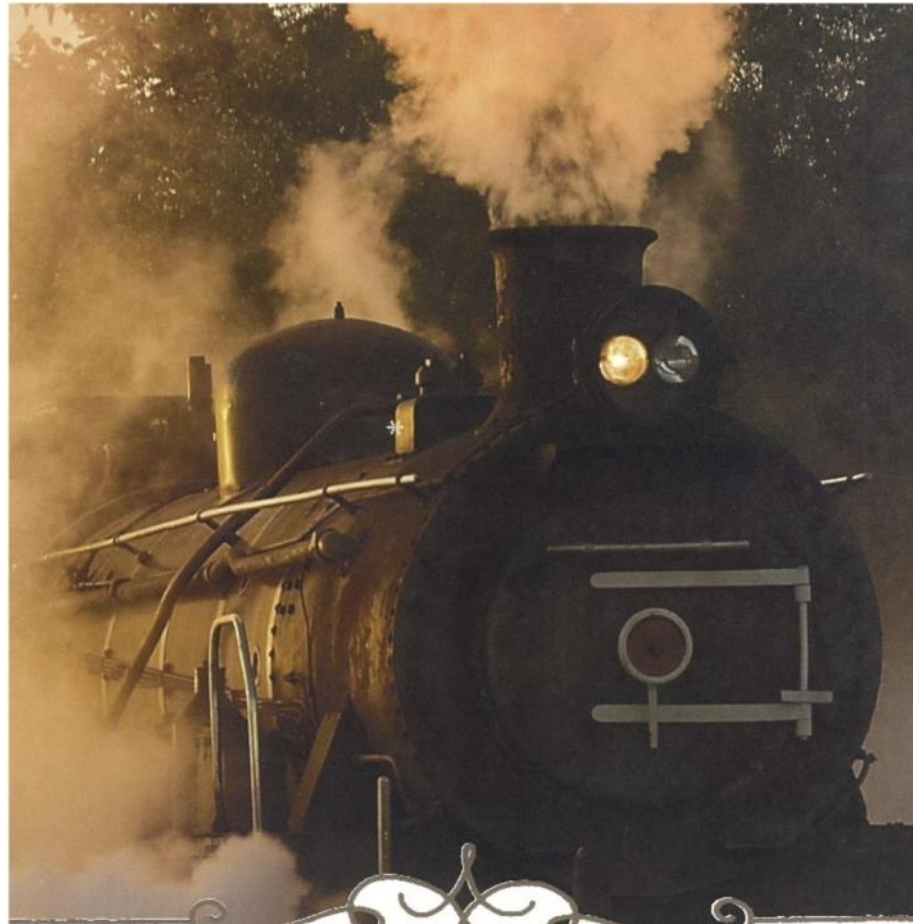
This is the month
With a day hard to beat.
It's a Thanksgiving feast
With turkey to eat.

Shared with family,
And a friend or two.
Lots of food to chose from
Served with wine or brew.

People come from near.
Some from afar.
Most everyone there
Will travel by car.

Stay safe in traffic;
Take time where needed.
Those speed limit signs
Need to be heeded.

Flowers for the cook,
In a pretty vase,
And a big jar of Tums
For later, just in case.



All aboard for
**CHRISTMAS TRAINS
& Narnia**

**Saturday, December 15th, 10am - 2pm, and
Sunday, December 16th, 9:00am - 1pm, 2nd Floor
@University Presbyterian Church 4540 15th Ave NE, Seattle**
Questions? Call Rod Schein 206-783-8956 (Trains)
Kate Littlefield 425-244-4102 (Narnia)

DUES ARE DUE !

Thanks to all who have paid up so far.
If you haven't yet, please mail me a
check for \$30, made out to PS VCCA.
Include a note if anything has changed
for the Roster (vehicles or personal in-
formation). Thank you, Donna Onat

December Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Philip and Sheila Christensen	4
Don and Sallie Comstock	23

BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Johnson	2
Dave Miller	9
Judy Landguth	10
Don Comstock	18
Myron Gabelein	25

October General Meeting



Photos from The Halloween Party at Ken Scott's Place



Tantalizing Treasure Tour

You couldn't predict this to happen in real life – by David Gowan

It all began when the Columbia River Region Director, Dave Koetje got one of those 'welcome' barn-find calls from a guy near Chehalis, Washington. It so happened that the small-time farmer bought a 17- acre place from the previous owner who just up and left everything as it was. Seems among other relics, there was a 1953 four-door Chevrolet on the property that could be had "just for coming-to-get it". That's enough to get the juices boiling, wouldn't you think?

So, with images of a shedded, low mileage, accessory-loaded old Chevrolet, Dave waylaid a couple of 'lackeys' from the club. Ron Heintz and I rode shotgun in that big 4-door F350 diesel pulling his equipment trailer. In case the car was not running, he also threw in his electric tow cable and tie-downs. Leave nothing to chance! Momentous sunny day for an adventure! We stopped at Spiffy's for coffee and a nut roll and the

attending 'boy' chatter. Our GPS took us right to the site and the farmer was waiting. He guided Dave through a narrow gate, then back to a big old wooden barn. Things were looking good. A shiny red tractor was on hand to help get the car on the trailer. This ought to be great! Then we glimpsed the object of our misguided affection! Off came our sunglasses! We rubbed our eyes again!



Look at that grin! Treasure!

Yep, the left tail-light bezel was intact enough to recognize it as a 1953. No motor! But it did have an accessory on it an undented chrome gas filler protector and the back window had no cracks or scratches. All the bullet holes were in the left side doors and the driver's window. What do Chevrolet aficionados do in such a case?



Poised at the Onalaska chimney

Well Dave didn't want to turn this obvious gift horse down. So, with renewed energy the skeleton was skidded up on the trailer and strapped down. No chance of it rolling off because there were no wheels! Ron and I tussled to ride in the back seat, taking advantage of the darkened windows. At Jeremy's Café we parked on a side street, near the tracks, to stifle any embarrassing whispers from the locals. Finally, after subdued discussions and debate, a good friend guided us to the local recycling plant. No, we didn't have an adequate title.



Then came the 'crunch'!

Finally, after sheepishly driving back through town we acquired an affidavit and had it notarized. All 1800 lbs. of steel, glass, barnyard debris and junk netted a grand total of \$45 just enough to pay for the fuel on this tour. Our friend Fletcher Anderson rescued our trip by donating the large "49 Chevy" billboard to our club from June's Hooray for Hollywood celebration. Another redeeming event was the acquisition of a six-foot antique circular saw blade at a bargain price.

Moral of this story: Be apprehensive if your illustrious leader asks you to go on an open-ended, undefined treasure hunt. Due diligence is required before thus spending your day. Make sure a picture attends the object to be found at the end of the rainbow. Our ride home was hilarious. So much so that we pulled in to McDonald's for a refreshment stop, some more sidesplitting razzing and a tasty ice cream cone.

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes October 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Al Howe, Director at 11:45 AM with 22 members and two guests present at the XXX Drive-In, Issaquah.

Minutes from September Meeting – were accepted by vote.

Director: Reminder that November meeting will be voting for officers for next year. Anyone wishing to volunteer to run should contact Al. The current slate is unopposed. Director-Al Howe, Assistant Director-Bill Barker, Treasurer- Sallie Comstock, Secretary-Diane Haddock/Don Comstock, Activities-Bill Damm, Club Store- Don Hatley, Webmaster – Rod Schein, Historian- Dave Haddock, Tappett Clatter – Dave Haddock.

Meeting Location: Discussion of meeting location as we continue. Tillicum is unavailable. Possible locations discussed were the XXX, Sizzler in Tukwila, and Odle Middle School. Members present decided that the XXX is a good location as it allows daytime meetings. We will continue meeting at the XXX in February, March, April and May, 2019.

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

Membership: Donna reported that many members had not renewed yet for this year, with dues due in October. She will start contacting them. We were joined today by potential new member Doxie Davis and his wife. Their 1951 Chevy is shown on the top of page 6.

Presentation: Don Comstock gave a presentation detailing benefits for two possible locations for the 2020 NW Meet to be hosted by our Region. There was a vote by the members present and the location was selected.

Activities: Don Comstock provided information on the get-together that Fran and Ken will be hosting on October 27. The next meeting will be held at Bill Barker's garage; map will be in Tappett Clatter. December 1 is the Holiday Party at the Comstock's. The annual banquet will be held at the Renton Technical College on January 26; details will be in the December Tappett Clatter.

Meeting adjourned at 1 PM.

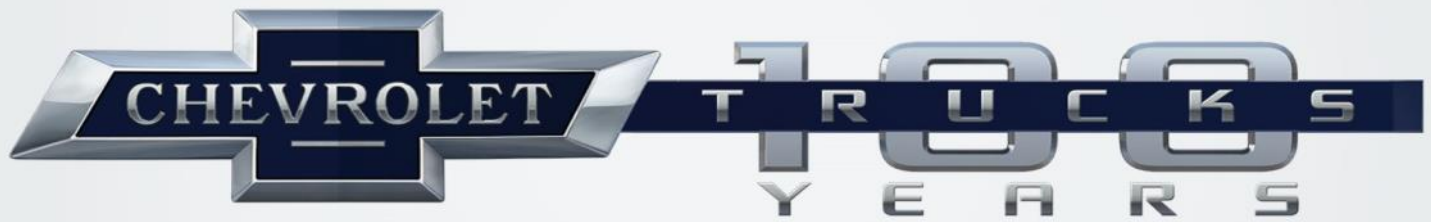
100 Years of Chevy Trucks



FAST FACTS: The 1918 Chevrolet One-Ton truck was powered by a four-cylinder engine rated at 36 horsepower. Its top speed was 25 mph.

Since the first Chevrolet truck sold in 1918 and up to the end of the second quarter this year, there have been 86,246,570 pickups, SUVs, and vans sold under the Chevy banner. Last year, Chevrolet trucks represented 65 percent of the brand's sales and 44 percent of parent company General Motors' total volume.





For those who want to buy vintage American but aren't attracted to muscle cars, classic trucks are a great alternative. Pickups like the Chevrolet C10 have a near-cult following, and more people are flocking to this niche market everyday, causing prices to skyrocket.

Chevrolet launched the Truck Legends program to recognize owners of these old haulers and more as part of the 100th anniversary of its pickup trucks. Anyone who has purchased/leased more than one Chevy truck or who owns one with more than 100,000 miles on it can apply for the program. Eligible models are restricted to the Avalanche, Silverado (includes C/K trucks), Suburban, Colorado (including old S-10s) and Tahoe. The nationwide launch occurred at this year's State Fair of Texas, where Chevrolet debuted multiple special edition trucks to celebrate the 100th birthday of its popular utility vehicles.

Chevy Truck Legends members enjoy countless benefits, including an exclusive cap, Legends decals, special invites to Chevy events, the ability to share your photos and story in our member gallery, exclusive merchandise and truck news and updates from Chevy. Truck Legends will also be eligible for discounts from various Chevy partners and the ability to purchase exclusive Truck Legends merchandise.



Have you joined yet? At least to get the free hat?? Want more information about the Chevy Truck Legends Program? It's not too late. Many of your questions can be answered at www.ChevyTruckLegends.com, but you can also contact Chevy Truck Legends Customer Assistance by calling 1-877-405-9890.

See <http://www.chevytrucklegends.com/us/en/100-year-history-of-chevy-trucks.html>

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 Starnes, at 206-365-1482, or email rstarnes@yahoo.com with your information.

OK! DID YOU BELIEVE YOU COULD TEST FOR CORROSION INHIBITOR WITH A VOLT METER?

Did you believe the Glove Box article in September about checking your radiator fluid for adequate corrosion inhibitor using a volt meter? Dave Haddock and I spent an hour or so making measurements using a digital volt meter just like the article said, except we failed to read the direction that said to rev the engine to 2,000 rpm while taking the measurements. In some cases we did hot and cold readings. The article suggested hot. We also moved the probe around in the radiator to determine if it made a difference in the reading---it didn't.

The article stated that if the digital meter reads 0.4 volts or less, your coolant is in good condition. If it's greater than 0.4 volts, the electrolysis additives are exhausted. Comparing this with our results all vehicles tested should have been good, but the coolant in my 2004 had small black specks in it which may be an indicator of problems. The reading for this vehicle was 0.25, well below the 0.4 cutoff. Well, here are the results of our testing. Let us know if you have thoughts about the procedure or results/conclusions.

Conclusions from our testing.....

- Testing is probably more important because it gets you to look at the fluid in your radiator.
- It appears hot readings generally are higher than the cold readings.
- There appears to be some correlation between the readings and the length of time since antifreeze was changed. The higher the reading, the longer it had been since antifreeze was changed.
- It is possible to add anticorrosion products to your radiator, but our testing ignored that possibility. I use only a corrosion inhibitor in my '26 so it will run cooler—not tested.
- Testing did not work when I tried testing coolant in the plastic container on our 2000.
- The positive probe should go directly into the radiator and not into the overflow container.
- Based on the results of my 2004, I would not base my decision on changing radiator fluid entirely on this meter test.
- It is unclear how the use of the vehicle might affect these results. Obviously half of these vehicles are not used often (shown with an “**”)
- It appears that it might take much longer than 5 years to reach the 0.4 limit for corrosion inhibitor exhaustion as detailed in the referenced article (Sept issue of TC). This may not be realistic.
- Based on our limited testing, I would encourage you to use a limit of less than 0.25.

The test results are listed below from lowest to highest readings. These generally correlated with the length of time since radiator fluid was changed.

Results.....

Car	Reading		Notes
	Hot	Cold	
Dave's 62	0.11		Added fresh antifreeze <6 months ago
Dave's 06	0.09		Flushed and replaced antifreeze <6 months ago
Dave's 04	0.03	0.11	Recently purchased so no history on antifreeze changes
Dave's 51*	0.16	0.14	Antifreeze changed greater than 5 years ago
Dave's 55*	0.19	0.11	Antifreeze changed greater than 5 years ago.
Bob's 00	0.19	0.18 warm	Antifreeze changed 75,000 miles ago (about 6 yrs ago) Antifreeze looked excellent
Bob's 53*	0.24		Changed greater than 5 years ago
Bob's 04	0.25	0.16-0.21	Antifreeze never changed – presently 153,000 miles Antifreeze looked good except for small black floaters.

WANT TO CHECK YOUR RADIATOR!! See the procedure in the Glove Box article in the September TC online at <https://psrvcca.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/2/1/102142458/tc-sep18.pdf>

VCCA 2019 Banquet, January 26th Registration Form

This year's Puget Sound Region Banquet will be catered by the Renton Technical College Culinary Arts Program
3000 NE 4th St., Renton, WA 98056 - www.RTC.edu/catering

- This year's dinner will be a complete buffet style presentation with the promise of *plenty to eat*, served in a timely manner.
- You will be able to bring your own wine or beer, which will be kept on ice, to be poured by a staff bartender.
 - The doors open at **3 PM on Saturday, January 26th**
 - Plenty of parking; elevator to lower floor
 - 3:00 to 4:00 Social hour
 - 4:00 to 5:00 fun activity
 - 5:00 to 6:00 Dinner
 - 6:00 to 7:00 Awards and new officer installation

Please print or copy this form. Send your completed reservation form and check for this year's banquet **by January 2nd** to:

Sallie Comstock, 6608 183rd Ave. E, Lake Tapps, WA. 98391

Entrée Choice:

Chicken Marsala, Quantity _____ - \$ 24 each, total \$ _____
Salmon with Dill Glaze, Quantity _____ - \$ 29 each, total \$ _____
House-made Meat Lasagna, Quantity _____ - \$ 24 each, total \$ _____
Total enclosed \$ _____

Your contact information:

Names _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

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FOR SALE

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. Picture on top of page 6. Send me an email for more pictures.

1926 Chevrolet Coupe. Engine rebuilt, transmission rebuilt, rear end gears checked and look good, new battery, new rear axle seals and bearings, new woven brake lining, good tires. Great radiator shell and radiator appears to be new. Car is very complete and he has had it running. Body wood rebuilt but needs some fine tuning. Nearly \$7000 into it, Asking \$3,250. Contact Elbert at 425-478-9194 or Dotti at 425-776-2404.

1966 Buick. Great condition w/435 engine. New interior and paint. Asking \$13,995, down from about \$17,000. Very nice car and very low mileage. Contact Elbert or Dotti.

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

2006 Chevy Impala SS. 68,000 miles, 5.3 Liter-303 Hp LS4, Sport Red, All of the SS performance and luxury features, very nice sporty sedan. Asking \$7,499. Contact Dave Haddock chevydave@gmail.com.

1963 Chevy Impala hardtop coupe 327 - 250hp. Unrestored original in very good condition inside and out. White with (rare) black interior. Matching numbers. Award winner at several shows. Recent engine-out complete detailing. Beautiful driver. Owned since 2003. Washington car with the original Washington plates. Straight. No rust. Professional Appraisal. \$21,750.00. Contact Greg Matzen



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.

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

1957 Chevy BelAir 4 Dr Sedan. 283 PP 4BBL. 1 owner car. Completely stock inside and out. Canyon Coral/White. 15K

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

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

WANTED

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

2018/19 Activities

November 26	November Monthly Meeting at Bill Barker's at 11 am. Bill will demonstrate powder coating.
December 1	Christmas party at the Comstocks. Arrive after 11 am, eat at 1 pm. See page 4.
December 15/16	Christmas Trains & Narnia Event, see page 5 for details.
January 26	Installation Banquet. See details and form on page 11.