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THE PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

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Early Memories with the Club

By Marilyn Campbell

My introduction to Chevrolets (and later the Puget Sound Region of the VCCA) began with a trip to Nebraska in 1983. John traveled with his niece and her husband back to Trenton, a small town in the southwest corner of Nebraska, to bring back his grandmother's 1950 Chevy (picture on p. 4) and other items that we wanted to keep in the family. The plan was for John to drive the Chevy back, and John's niece and husband would drive their loaded pickup and a U-Haul trailer full of furniture and memorabilia. This included about 10 rocking chairs, a round oak table, a large ice chest, a wicker furniture set and an upright piano. Needless to say, everyone got a rocking chair.

Being 8 months pregnant with Amy, I would not be much use as a mover. Therefore, our son Chris and I took the train. It was a great trip, except for Chris's terrible nosebleed in the recreation car as we crossed the Continental Divide. As I began cleaning up the mess, fellow passengers took over, with a nurse stopping the nosebleed, and others cleaning up all the blood. We were scheduled to get off the train at 2 AM in McCook, Nebraska, where they only stop if someone needs to get off. I was figuring how I was going to get a sleeping Chris, his toys and our suitcase to the train door in time to jump off, when more passengers chipped in to help. One man picked up Chris, and others took everything else. When the train stopped, these wonderful people just handed everything, including Chris, down to John who was waiting beside the tracks. It's a great way to travel, and I'll never forget those fellow travelers!

John and the local mechanic checked over the car before heading back to Washington. The mechanic was pretty familiar with the car. In 1970, the Chevy and Mayble (John's grandmother) had an encounter with a garbage truck and the mechanic had done the repairs. Also, he put chains on the car every fall before the snow and took them off after the last snow in the spring. Mayble was the town librarian and taught Sunday School every Sunday, so she needed to get around town in the winter. The locals always knew when Mayble was going somewhere; you could hear the chains clicking as she drove. When John was leaving Trenton with the car, he left a picture of the car in one of the two taverns in town. Several years later when his nephew went back to visit Trenton, he said the picture was still on the wall.

By the 1986 25th National Meet in Santa Rosa, CA, we had joined the Club and were ready to go to a Meet. There were many members going to this Meet, and most of them were driving (not hauling) their Chevys. George Warren was behind us in his '50. Amy adored him, so her job was to make sure George was always behind us. For being only two, she took her job very seriously, keeping us posted about every 5 minutes, all the way.

There were a lot of kids in the PS-VCCA at the time of the Meet, and the El Dorado, the host hotel, was a perfect place for kids since the rooms surrounded a large grassy area. The event organizers also had many activities geared for them, including their own banquet and car race. Both Chris and Amy were very proud to win a 2nd Place trophy. The Seiber, Barker and Curry families also won trophies.

Another memorable time with the club was the NW Meet in Parksville, BC which had a sand castle contest. We all (grownups and kids) worked very hard on our sand sculpture (a turtle) and came away with 1st place. I also remember having a great time at the Mount Vernon Meet when we all showed off our watermelon seed-spitting abilities.

As you've probably noticed, I don't remember a lot about the cars at all these events, but I do remember all the fun I had with everyone and watching all the kids grow up. (See pictures on p. 4)



1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2019



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 11:45 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 here on the **World Wide Web**: <https://www.weebly.com>

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SLOW DOWN, PA

Director's Message

Al Howe



Director's Letter November 2019

Some of you received an email supposedly from me requesting you to purchase five \$100 gift cards for charity to be refunded by the Puget Sound Region. This was a scam and I don't think anyone fell for it; at least I hope not. I assume the scammer got the information off our website. Good job everyone for not falling for this scam.

At our September meeting I appointed a committee of three to poll our officers to find out who would be willing to remain in office another year. I would like to thank John Campbell, Bill Barker and Rod Schein for their efforts in following through with this assignment. This was not an easy task and I would like to thank them for following through and coming up with candidates.

Several members have been Director at least once or more, so do not want to take another turn. Others can't because of physical limitations. After an extensive search, I would like to thank Jim Seiber for taking on this position for the coming year.

The existence of the Puget Sound Region remains in the hands of the membership to be involved. The list of candidates for 2020 is listed on page 6. I would like to thank them for stepping up to the task. Remember, there is always help available.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends; may your table be full of healthy food. Oh, ok maybe some yummy stuff would be ok too.

Church Ladies with typewriters: The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

NOVEMBER MEETING

For the November topic we have 3 or 4 short subjects. One of them is discussing electric cars. (Is the time now?). And a related topic is "What is MPGe?" I will show you a neat device that allows you to run 12-volt devices in your 6-volt car. And, lastly if it arrives in time, I'll demonstrate a clever new tool (Yippee) that allows you to remove electrical connectors from those confounded electrical connections. This month's raffle drawing will include a one-time only item. Easily worth over \$100. Hint: AM/FM/Phono/Cassette/CD. Only \$1 per ticket.

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: <https://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>



SAKES ALIVE!

Early Memories with the Club (continued from p. 1)



John's grandmother, Mayble, was quite a character and served as the first woman county sheriff in Nebraska (maybe the country). She loved telling stories about her life, and she was very proud of her Chevy and wanted it to remain in the family.

Kid's trophy for Hot Wheels "race" at the 25th Anniversary Meet in Santa Rosa, CA.



We were awarded this prized memento of our club's sand turtle creation at Parksville, B.C.



Times are changing...along with other things!

David Gowan, Director Area #3 VCCA

It has been several months in the making but finally we have approved a new logo for the Vintage Chevrolet Club. I hope you like it for simplicity and ease of reproduction. Our previous National President, Jim Gebhardt, took the 'bull by the horns' and initiated this process over a year ago. He actually funded the first efforts to produce a new logo to represent our club to potential new members who may have thought we were only interested in real old Chevrolets, i.e. the



1917 Royal Mail in the center of the oval. It went through stages with several cars shown. Comments and ideas were solicited until it became clear that most of the early drafts were too cluttered and didn't satisfy everybody. Please know that the Board of the VCCA has your interest at heart. Though the logo is final we are interested in your comments. Thanks and happy touring.

MA MISSED SIGNS

**Bill Damm's
HOLIDAY SAFETY DITTY**

It might be a crazy subject,

To write about it now,
There's more for next month,
So I wrote this anyhow.

Here's a little bit of history
When Santa was just starting.
He needed a new delivery system;
From tradition he was departing.

Package delivery was a problem,
And unreliable when done by Elf.
That's when Santa realized
It need be done himself.

He could use an airplane
To fly the midnight sky.
But that would be too noisy,
He wanted a silent way to fly.

He thought of a sleigh
Pulled along by horse.
It could hold a lot of cargo,
And was silent of course.

But the horse would go clip clop,
Letting people know,
Santa was getting near
So the horsey had to go.

Word was reindeer were real quiet
And that would just be great.
But to get the equal horse power
He'd need a team of eight.

Add a little magic,
For the speed that he needed,
And to lift them to the sky
Totally unimpeded.

Santa bought the reindeer;
The sleigh was also included.
Ready for Christmas use
All delays would be eluded.

All his reindeer are female,
They grow horns for Christmas day.
Now they added one named Rudolf,
To help them pull the sleigh.

Rudolf's nose looks red,
With the glowing of his snout.
But Santa wants a back-up
In case his glow burns out.

Santa will bring a big red lantern
He found when flying south.
Rudolf then could light it up
And hold it in his mouth.

Checking on things early now
There is a darn good reason.
Making sure that all is ready
For the Christmas season.

The reindeer and the sleigh
Are now in Santa's care.
Both needed a good washing,
The sleigh still needs repair.

A busted tail light
Needed some fixen.
It got kicked out
By a deer named Vixen.

The DOT got on Santa's case,
About the sleigh, is why they called.
It was lacking a safe seat belt,
Before next flight, it had to be installed.

A fire extinguisher was also added
That the DOT now requires.
For hover board, and e-cigs
And sudden "I" phone fires.

It happened just last year,
An elf was very rude.
To put some potent Ex- lax
In the reindeer food.

Timing of this nasty prank
Was really not the best.
It caused a massive failure
Of the emissions test.

The elf was reprimanded;
Broken tail light all rewired.
Seat belt properly installed
And extinguisher as required.

Now they're ready for next month
And so far as they can know,
The sleigh and the reindeer
Are now ready set to go!

**Just a note of interest
from Bill:**

Rudolph the red nosed reindeer is actually female, scientists have said. Edinburgh University professors Gerald Lincoln and David Baird say Rudolph cannot be a male because female reindeer still have antlers at Christmas. Males shed theirs before mid-December. Nov 3, 2009 Copied from "Live Science"



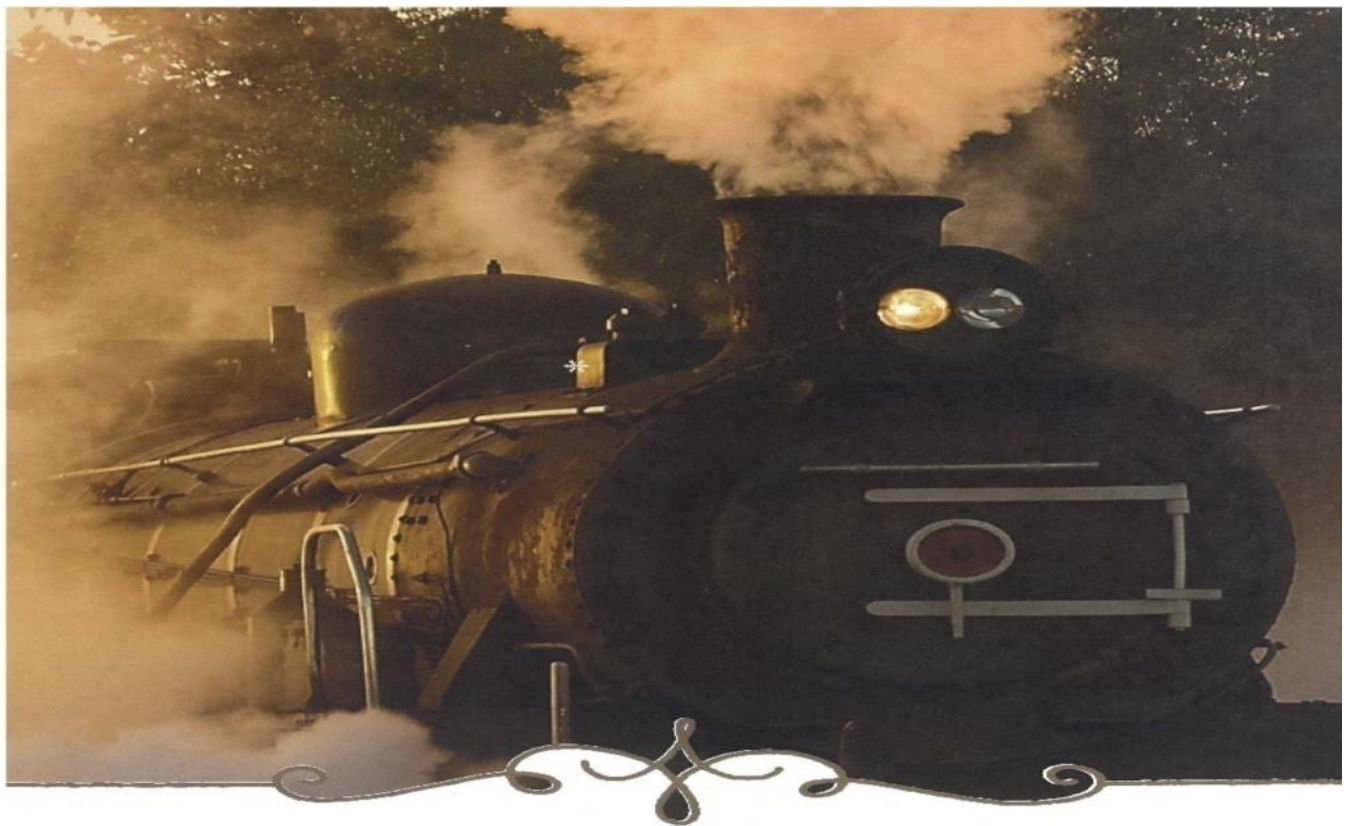
December Celebrations

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



All aboard for
CHRISTMAS TRAINS

Sunday, December 15th, 9:00am - 1pm, 2nd Floor
@University Presbyterian Church 4540 15th Ave NE, Seattle
Questions? Call Rod Schein 206-783-8956

Invite your Neighbors



Elected Officers for Region

Director	Jim Seiber
Assistant Director	Bill Barker
Secretary	Diane Haddock
Treasurer	Sallie Comstock

Important: Docket of
Proposed 2020 Officers for
 consideration at November
 Meeting.

Other Elected Support Positions

Membership Secretary	Donna Onat
Activities Coordinator	Al Howe
Newsletter Editor	David Haddock
Historian	open – needs job review
Club Store	Don Hatley
Webmaster	Ralf Luche
Refreshment Facilitator	open – recommend suspend

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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.

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

PREPARING YOUR CAR FOR WINTER STORAGE?

Are you preparing your vehicle for winter storage about now? Here are some tips that may help. I found an article by the Mechanic on Duty in the September 2018 Auto Restorer to be the most complete list of things to protect your car during storage.

- First clean and give it a good coat of wax. Cover the painted, chrome and stainless surfaces. Suggests leaving chrome and stainless un-buffed. Buff in the spring.
- Jack up your car and put on jack stands to take weight off the tires. Leave the emergency brake off to avoid sticking and corrosion .
- If a standard gear box, you may want to hold the clutch in a slightly depressed position to avoid the disc from sticking or corroding to the flywheel.
- Disconnect battery cables and coat them and the battery terminals with grease.
- Hook up a good battery tender to the battery.
- Recommends changing engine oil. This removes acids that have built up while in service.
- Top off the cooling system or drain the cooling system and leave the radiator cap off so it can dry out as much as possible.
- Apply white grease to electrical terminals and friction points in linkage.
- For fuel, he fills the tank into the neck of the filler pipe. This reduces the amount of air entering the tank from contraction and expansion, hence reducing the amount of moisture entering the tank from condensing out. Fuel tanks generally rust from the inside from condensed water
- Adds fuel stabilizer, when he revives the car. NOTE: This surprised me as I had understood that fuel stabilizer prevented the breakdown of fuel while the car is stored. Longer storage may call for draining the fuel tank and carburetor.
- Suggests turning the engine over every month or so to keep the valve springs from developing a set.
- Wool upholstery calls for the use of mothballs open in small containers. NOTE: I can vouch for this as I experienced extensive moth activity in the upholstery of my '27 Chev coupe.

The final suggestion is to cover the car with a breathable car cover.

Bob Stamnes

AND FIVE!!

Christmas Party December 7, 2019

The Seventh of December
Is a Saturday! Don't be confused.
The location hasn't changed however.
A potluck is planned to celebrate the season.
Bring veggies, a salad, a dessert, or some fruit.
Arrive after 12, eat at 2, and trade gifts later.
Santa will be there sharing his favorite ride.
Decorations will be hung on several trees
and Cars are the common themes.
Come one, Come all, there is room.
A great time for new members
to get acquainted.

Here are the Details and Directions.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. The club 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 \$15 limit (participation not required); 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 first choose. The rules will be explained before the gift exchange begins.

Plan on gathering after Noon and we will be eating around 2 P.M. The gift exchange will follow dinner. Everyone should be heading for home before it gets dark. There is plenty of parking on the grounds. Please save the area up by the house for those who don't hike well.

Directions:

Don & Sallie Comstock's

See emailed Tappet Clatter for detailed directions.



Burma Shave

VCCA 2020 Banquet Registration

This year's Puget Sound Region Banquet will be catered by Renton Technical College Culinary Arts Program

Once again, 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 3PM on Saturday January 25th
- 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 send your reservation, by Jan. 11th, with entrée choice, for this year's banquet to: Sallie Comstock, 6608 183rd Ave. E, Lake Tapps, WA 98391

Entrée Choices:

Chicken Marsala Number ordered _____ - \$ 24 each, total \$ _____

Salmon w/ dill glaze Number ordered _____ - \$ 29 each, total \$ _____

Home-made meat lasagna # ordered _____ - \$23.00 each, total \$ _____

Check to: PSR VCCA. Total enclosed \$ _____

Your contact information:

Names of attendees _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Remember to mark your calendars for the 2020 Meet and to volunteer to help!! It's a big job and we still need more member support. Contact Don Comstock.



Left- Draft Meet Logo by George Reich.

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 by Director Al Howe at the Issaquah XXX with 26 members present.

Membership: Donna Onat distributed tickets for the \$10 lunch drawing and reintroduced a recent member, Jason Monty. It is time to pay your dues for the coming year. Donna collected from several members at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Sallie Comstock reported many dues deposits from members and was able to make the deposit for the January Banquet at the Renton Vo-Tech. The treasury balance is healthy.

Tappet Clatter: Dave Haddock stated that new stories are needed so he doesn't have to report on shaving cream in every issue! It was decided by consensus to require raffle winners to write new stories for the newsletter. Marilyn Campbell was the first "winner"; hence her new story on page 1. Rod, Karen, and Jason were the next winners. Thanks to all you winners!!! We will see your stories in future editions!!

Activities: Comstocks will continue the tradition hosting the Christmas Party (see invitation on page 8). The date will be December 7th starting at 12 Noon. Our January Banquet will again be at Renton Vo-Tech. Jim Seiber will make the arrangements for Saturday, January 25, 2020. Reservations are required by January 11th. See page 9 for reservation form.

Northwest Meet: Don Comstock discussed the pros and cons of having judging at the NW Meet in 2020. A vote of the members present showed strong support for having judging. Don has talked to prospective judges and has commitments from a Chief Judge and a Personalized Class Judge. The Canadian members have agreed to host a Peoples Choice judging and award. George Reich presented a draft of the Meet Logo for members comments.

2020 Officer Nominations: The Nominating Committee presented their results to the group. After much discussion Don Comstock agreed to be a Secretary backup for Diane Haddock. Marilyn Campbell also agreed to be a new Tappet Clatter Checker and Al Howe suggested that he could take on the Activities Coordinator role. The docket of proposed club officers for 2020 is presented on page 6. A vote will be held at the November General Meeting.

Program: Bill Barker made an excellent presentation on dwell meters and it will be the topic of a full article in the January or February edition of the TC. He also discussed an oil change problem where the dealer's mechanic stripped the oil plug resulting in a bad leak. Because of the GM autoworker's strike it was very difficult for him to find a replacement in the Seattle area. Bob Helgeson also discussed a leaking brake cylinder issue with his '64 Corvette and advised members to change their brake fluid regularly.



Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Haddock for Diane Haddock



Lauren Ziegler Wedding

Aaron Hazen and Lauren Ziegler were married on October 26 at Friday Harbor. Congratulations!!! Some lucky Puget Sound VCCA members were in attendance as well as many vintage cars. Most of our members have seen Lauren's blue Chevy pickup (shown below) and Jake's Chevy pickup at club events. Also the group photo below includes one of our most enthusiastic members, Cassandra (Kassi) Leicester (Jake Ziegler's BFF) who drove her "new" 1972 Chevelle Concours Estate Station Wagon (also shown below) to the wedding. Jake and Kassi have been dating for five years and her father John Leicester just recently joined the VCCA and attended his first meet in Oregon a few months ago.

Patrick Ziegler, John's brother, was driving the '73 Corvette which blew a water hose on the way home. Several wedding guests saw the car on the side of I-5 and asked later if that might be John and Dot's car?? Ziegler had to tow the car back to Renton for one more repair on John's To-Do list.

Lauren and Aaron are spending their honeymoon in Fiji and plan to work on expanding the future VCCA membership roll. (Editors Note— Yes, we need more younger members!!!!)

By Bill Barker with additions by John Ziegler, Dot Ziegler, and Jake Ziegler.



Puget Sound VCCA members





Halloween Party-
hosted by Ken Scott and
Fran Cissell, photos by
The Plummers,
Spokane contingent of
the North Cascade VCCA
Region.



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

1953-1954 Chev Push Button Radio, Asking \$100. Contact Ted Hutchinson, revted47@gmail.com



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, Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia

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

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

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.

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

FREE

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



2019/2020 Activities

November	25	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah
December	7	PS-VCCA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK (Page 8)
January	25	PS-VCCA 2020 Banquet, Renton (Page 9)
January	27	PS-VCCA General Meeting, XXX Drive-In, Issaquah
February	24	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.