

# THE TAPPET CLATTER



THE PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

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## THE CHEVROLET

I've stepped on the gas in a Pontiac  
And I've pounded the road in a Ford;  
I've scared my passengers half to death  
As I've raced along in a Cord.  
I've puttied along in a Plymouth  
And a Buick has bowed to my sway;  
But for the real enjoyment in motoring  
Let me drive a Chevrolet!

I've driven an Oakland, a Star and a Paige,  
Through winter and summer and fall.  
In a Marmon too, the open road  
has answered to my call.  
Chrysler and Lincoln and Hupmobile--  
I've driven them all in my day;  
But I'm most content when I sit behind  
The wheel of a Chevrolet!!

I've ploughed through snow that was axle deep  
I've sunk in mud to the boards.  
Through sand and creeks and up mountainsides  
My panting exhaust has been heard.  
In far flung countries I've hit the trail  
With the sun riding high all day;  
But I always arrived when I started out  
at the wheel of a Chevrolet!!!

Fours and sixes and eights and twelves  
And sixteen cylinders too--  
Vacuum gadgets and hypoid gears--  
Transmissions that shift straight through--  
Bodies built in a rakish style--  
Such is the trend today.  
You can have them all, I'll be content  
With a sturdy Chevrolet!!!!

Author unknown

Borrowed from Tappet Clatter, who borrowed  
it from Royal Mail, who borrowed it from  
Vintage Car, who borrowed it from Carbide  
Chronicle, who borrowed it from??, ETC.

## Unknown Provenance-- Can you help??

I saw this wonderful "Chevy" poem online on a Facebook post and had to share it. It looks old and was obviously originally typed on a typewriter. It mentions our little Newsletter as well as the Columbia River Region Royal Mail. Does anyone know anything more about it?? Any idea when it was published in the Tappet Clatter?

Editor



## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2020



*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."*

You can find the PS-VCCA website here on the *World Wide Web*

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**CONGRESSMAN PIPP**





# Director's Message

## "Jim's Junk Yard"



I am writing to apologize for my failure to perform as a Club Officer. Reading a recent ad in the Tappet Clatter, I was aware of the request for assistance with an old Chevy. A member placed an ad asking for assistance with a 1954 Chevy that was hard starting, not running well. The ad was placed in the August Tappet Clatter and received no response from any member. The person asking for help, a newer member who lives in Sammamish, Arnie Mondloch, took his car to a mechanic in Shoreline for a major tune-up. The hard starting was attributed to a weak starter which was going to be sent to Ballard for a rebuild.

The problem with his '54 sounded fairly simple to me. At least, I could have given him some local mechanics that I would trust. I recall the times I have had with car problems when members have come to my rescue with at least suggestions of things to try. Arnie is a fairly recent Club member; I feel badly that we were not responsive to his request. Ideally, a team of a couple members familiar with the basics of the '54 motor could have made an appointment to stop by and make suggestions of next steps. Instead, there was no response. I remember the old days with members standing around a troubled car and owner, listening to a half dozen possible solutions to a problem.

By contrast, we had another request from a long-time member, for help in starting her '54. A member did respond to a direct request and spent a couple hours on a hot afternoon to get her car started and drivable. I wonder how a member can most effectively request help. Perhaps a Tappet Clatter ad is not the best avenue.

The irony here is when Arnie read in the August Tappet Clatter about our interest in Zoom meetings, he contacted me immediately with a suggestion of a similar program from Microsoft. He was willing to spend his time helping us set up a communication system.

I hope we can encourage new members by finding out what needs they have and how we can help. The basic rules are the same for most Chevrolet troubles. Most of us have some experience we could share.

Jim Seiber, Director



**LOST THE ELECTION**

## Have You Seen the USA in Your Chevrolet Lately????

Here are some pictures/captions describing what members have been doing with their cars.



Spending 4 days driving in Ellensburg and Cle Elum. Drove down the canyon to Selah and back today!

*Dennis and Gerri*



**BABIES HE KISSED**





Episode 04 of the VCCA Spotlight has been posted on the Southern California Region's YouTube channel. In this episode, Dave Miner (The Tool Man on VCCA Chat) and Dave Cufr (dcufr on VCCA Chat) give us the latest information on what we all can expect in Bowling Green, Kentucky in July 2021!

Here is a link to the show:

[https://youtu.be/wkYkn-SmJ\\_Q](https://youtu.be/wkYkn-SmJ_Q)

Enjoy!

### **Chevrolet Cars and Trucks Least Cost to Own**

The website Cheapism has named the 2020 Chevy Tahoe, Chevy Impala, and Chevy Silverado as the least expensive cars to own in their respective classes!



**HAD NO PROTECTION**

**Bill Damm's  
SAFETY DITTY**

The rain is back.  
The streets are wet.  
It'll be like this  
Till June I bet!

The sun is gone,  
Summer is done.  
That darned ol' virus  
Spoiled all our fun.

We hope that they  
Have found a vaccine  
That lessens the fear  
Of the COVID-19!

We're getting real tired  
Of wearing a mask.  
We'd like to be normal,  
Should anyone ask.

Want to eat in a restaurant  
Like we did back when.  
Give hugs, shake hands,  
And visit friends once again.

Meet at the XXX,  
Like we did before.  
Eat Jose's hamburgers  
Shakes, fries, and more!

But until that all happens  
Wear a mask on your nose.  
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And watch where it goes.

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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](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com).

## Don't Forget to Make Lists

By Dave Haddock

A recent article by Hagerty (<https://www.hagerty.com/media/maintenance-and-tech/write-a-to-do-list-for-your-project-even-if-its-a-bit-depressing/>) reminded me of the importance of making and saving lists about our cars. Yes, make the list in the first place but also remember to save the list to help you remember what you have done to your car.

Here are five ways, described in Kyle Smith's article by Hagerty, that a to-do list can make your time in the garage even more rewarding—especially if you are like many of us and have multiple projects running at once.

**Budget Time Effectively:** Some of us have to set aside chunks of time to make meaningful progress. If you know you will have 30 minutes one night this week, look down your list and find something you can reasonably accomplish in that time. Leaving the garage with a project finished is always better than walking away from a job undone; you remember where you left off, and you've avoided the frustration of working and feeling like nothing really got done.

**Order Parts Once:** That little addition of "parts on shelf" will certainly save me from ordering the parts again. If you are like me, you might recall an incident in which you placed separate orders for the same parts. Returns aren't so bad, but none of us want to spend project car money paying restocking fees—not to mention taking precious garage time to run to the post office. Leave a note next to the tasks on your to-do list to make sure that you don't order things twice unless you mean to. On the flip side, you'll also be able to glance at your list and see which projects still require an online order or parts run; you can then order components for multiple, smaller projects simultaneously and spend your time more efficiently.

**See Your Progress:** Here's that double-edged sword. Writing out the to-dos for a big project can quickly become discouraging as you grasp just how much work it's going to take. Cut through that gloomy cloud by crossing tasks off on a regular basis. The car might not significantly change in appearance for months, but your list will steadily shrink. That small act of crossing things off will keep up your motivation when progress is tough to see.

**To Stay Honest:** "Oh, I just need a good solid weekend of time and that'll be done and ready to go." You've said it, I've said it—we have all been there. It's often a lie. We forget about some fiddly task that eats up an hour, another job that consumes 45 minutes, and all those 15-minute projects that pop out of nowhere. You'll set more realistic expectations for yourself when you know exactly which jobs are left to do—not just the tasks you wish were left.

**Help You Sell It:** Maybe the project becomes too big for you, or you simply need cash to pivot to something else. Selling a project car will be significantly easier when you can confidently tell a prospective buyer: "I have done X, Y, and Z, but here is the list of things I know need to be done." With that information, the buyer knows exactly what they're getting into; a project might look like a mountain and actually be a molehill. Having a list of what is good and bad on a car like this can really help sell a buyer and help them understand what they are signing up for.

Making a to-do list for a project is a small time investment that can keep you sane as you navigate the oily mess of a project car. Especially when it is so easy to do.

Taking this a step further one article reviewer wrote "I always have a 6x9" coil notebook for every project. I write everything down as I am doing it. Part numbers and orders. Every bolt torqued down. Sketches of how things are laid out. Wire diagrams. Everything. Later when I wonder did I do something I can look back and see that I did. I might end up with a 100 pages. Plus, very

**TO WIN– USE**



# 50th NW Mini-Meet

The Willamette Valley Region invites all VCCA members to enjoy the Coast at Newport, Oregon for the 50th Annual NW Meet. Driving tours, Oregon Coast Aquarium (hors d'oeuvres will be served in the evening), Marine Science Center, Glass Blowing, Two Lighthouses, Newport Waterfront, Banquet.

## Accommodations

- Official meet hotel is the Best Western Agate Beach Inn  
3019 N. Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365  
Call directly: (541) 265-9411 mention WVR-VCCA for our room rates  
\$133.00 + tax for rooms facing the hillside, \$153.00 + tax for Ocean View rooms
- Alternate Hotel: Hallmark Resort 2.5 miles distant  
744 SW Elizabeth St., Newport, Oregon 97365 (855) 391-2484  
Rates: \$134.00 - \$179.00 + tax  
Both hotels have pet friendly rooms.

**Camping:** Oregon State Parks 1-800-452-5687 [stateparks.oregon.gov](http://stateparks.oregon.gov)  
reservations open 9 months ahead, they fill quickly.

Beverly Beach State Park: 0.8 miles north, South Beach State Park: 4.6 miles south

**Meet Chairs:** Gary and Brenda Burch: (541) 979-4415 - (541) 979-7039 [gbburch@comcast.net](mailto:gbburch@comcast.net)

**Registrar:** Nancy Rice: (503) 472-3075 [nancyrice2@comcast.net](mailto:nancyrice2@comcast.net)

Deadline for meet and hotel registrations: May 16, 2021

Prospectus and forms available February 2021 from the events calendar of the VCCA.org website or by contacting the registrar.



## California Route 66 Museum fights to survive coronavirus, avoid closure



Many of us have been there. The California Route 66 Museum needs our help. The museum, housed in a 4500-square-foot building in the Old Town section of Victorville, California, is located about 85 miles east of Los Angeles and 100 miles from the western end of Route 66 in Santa Monica. The museum, which opened in 1995, contains artifacts and memorabilia related to the famous Mother Road. Among the more popular items in the museum's collection is the very first Santa Monica "End of the Trail" booth, along with a Volkswagen "Love Bus" and 1917 Model T Ford.

"No donation is too small. The car clubs around here have been very supportive over the years, and we're hoping it continues," says Sue Bridges, Director of the Museum. "We can't gather, so this is the only way to do it." Donations can also be made online through PayPal (sent to [cart66musm@gmail.com](mailto:cart66musm@gmail.com)) or can be mailed to the following address: California Route 66 Museum P.O. Box 252 Oro Grande, California, 92368.

**Burma Shave!**



# Why Not Chevy/GMC Trucks?

By Dave Haddock

This newsletter has always had numerous articles and information on Chevrolet cars but not so much of anything on Chevy (or GMC) trucks. As a possible incentive to get a few more stories and maybe even helpful tips about trucks, I thought I would include a short article on my fifty-year old 1970 Chevy C10 pickup. I had always liked the styling of the 1967-1972 Chevy pickups. My Dad's first new truck was a 1967 C10 Camper Special and I have fond memories of my teenage self driving that pickup, equipped with an 8-foot cab-over camper and pulling a 15-foot boat, on camping and fishing trips to the Colorado and Wyoming mountains. So when a clean looking 1970 C10 showed up on a Craigslist ad (see attached image) in 2009, I jumped at the chance to see it and maybe own it.

I went to Fife to see the truck and wasn't disappointed. It had been owned by a Boeing employee who worked in Renton and, according to his daughter who was selling it, was only used for his short commute from a home near Renton to the Boeing Renton Plant. He had recently passed and the daughter had inherited the truck. She claimed that the 42,000 miles on the odometer was the original mileage on the truck which may be true. It has a four-barrel 350 V8 small block that runs great! But it had been converted to electronic ignition and the truck had been repainted which made me question whether the mileage claim was true. But it was an extremely nice truck!

Long story short, I purchased it from her anyway for about a grand less than her asking price and have been enjoying it ever since. About a year later I found a vintage topper for the bed that had orange and yellow stripes and added it to give the truck a true 1970s look! Because the truck was so clean and ran so well I have done very little additional work to it. Diane and I decided to freshen the interior and have added replacement seat covers to the factory-original bucket seats and have also replaced the carpeting. We also had Dave Folsom add power brakes to the truck in 2012 so Diane could feel comfortable driving it when I was not driving after my fall and injury in October 2011.

## 1970 Chevy CST C-10 Pickup Factory Bucket seats - \$6250 (fife)

Date: 2009-12-20, 1:25PM PST

Reply to: [sale-hn35e-1518733839@craigslist.org](mailto:sale-hn35e-1518733839@craigslist.org) (opens when replying to ad)

must sell will take offers my family bought this thing brand new from the factory it has 42,000 miles long bed runs and drives great 350 v8 automatic , long bed , rust free nice shape for its age please e-mail if you have any cash offers \$\$\$

- Location: fife
- it's NOT ok to contact this poster with services or other commercial interests



The truck is a wonderful example of the "Glamor" Chevy Pickups that were built between 1967 and 1972. They received that nickname because they were a huge departure in styling and handling from their pre-1967 counterparts. With their car-like amenities in the cab, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, and streamlined look, they were no longer just a cargo hauler. They could even be driven by a woman!!

Truly classic yet modern enough to not feel like an antique, Chevy's '67 to '72 trucks have always had a strong following among collectors. In fact, according to some magazines, the '67-'72 Chevrolet/GMC C/K series of pickups is well on its way to achieving icon status, just as the '55-'57 Chevy passenger cars have.

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## Area 3 Director Message:

Approximately 17 years ago, my Father-in-law was in a skilled nursing facility in Everett, WA. My wife Jeanne, while visiting her Dad met a gentleman who had his wife in the same facility. They met in the family room over a jigsaw puzzle. The gentleman introduced himself to Jeanne and mentioned he and his wife, Merlene, had a hobby of owning and driving classic Chevrolets. As they worked on the puzzle Jeanne mentioned that I had inherited my mother's 1964 Chevrolet and it was currently at a shop being restored after being neglected for several years. This gentleman invited us to a meeting that consisted of members who owned or were interested in vintage Chevrolets.

This gentleman was Jack Myers, a member of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America for 50 years who also served on its National Board of Directors. Jack was one of the founders and Charter Members of the North Cascade Region. It was so fortunate that Jeanne and I met Jack when we did because we have met some wonderful people through him in the VCCA. Being new to restoring a car, I relied on Jack for advice. The biggest advice I got was to leave the '64 in its original factory color of Palomar Red. Starting a new Region is quite a challenge, so I asked Jack how he recruited new members in a newly formed Region. He answered, "I would drive around Marysville (WA) in the '41 and when I saw an old Chevy I would follow the car to its destination and then introduce myself to the occupants and tell them about the VCCA". I do not think you could do that these days in fear of getting reported for stalking. We miss you Gentleman Jack and thank you for getting Jeanne and me into this fantastic organization.

Gary Rogers, Area 3 Director

*Gary Rogers*



## Why Not Chevy/GMC Trucks, cont. from p. 9

According to a recent MotorBiscuit article (<https://www.motorbiscuit.com/classic-trucks-skyrocketed-value/>) it's the later trucks ('70-'72) that are the most sought after, including the rugged but luxurious Cheyenne. You could take home one of the trucks for \$2,473 back in the early '70s. Today, immaculate examples can fetch up to \$45,000, a 1,819% increase in value.



Here are a couple of recent pictures of my 1970s color-palette, turquoise with orange and yellow stripes, 1970 C10.

Let's see your Chevy/GMC truck article and pictures in the next issue!





## 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.

### FOR SALE

**1983** Caprice, four door, 305, two-tone brown, good glass, interior, and paint. Only problem is transmission slips. Located in Redmond. **Free to anyone** that can make use of it. I am posting for a friend who is not a club member and have not seen the car. Bill Damm

**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

**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](mailto:ednoble@whidbeyisland.com). Parts are in storage. Ed Nobel.

### HELP WANTED

**Mechanic Needed.** Having trouble getting my '54 3100 Chevy truck running with my limited expertise. Ran when garaged five years ago. Would like to find a Chevy mechanic willing to come to my house so I do not have to tow it to a shop. Any help would be appreciated. Thanks. Chris Hoey, [cthoey@outlook.com](mailto:cthoey@outlook.com).

**Mechanic Needed.** The mechanic that I used to restore my '54 Chevy retired and moved away. I need to find someone to work on my car and I am looking for recommendations. I live on the Sammamish plateau, but I'm willing to drive it to a good mechanic anywhere in the Puget Sound region if they are worth it! Immediate work needed is addressing hard starting, howling brakes, and looking at a few leaks. Arnie Mondloch, [arniemondloch@msn.com](mailto:arniemondloch@msn.com).

**Request for referrals** on body restoration work. My 1980 Chevy truck needs to be painted. They can contact my email, [markshaw10.4@live.com](mailto:markshaw10.4@live.com). Thanks. Mark Shaw.

**Time to finish** the '27 Chev coupe that I have had apart for 59 years is closing in on me. My immediate need is someone to do the panel replacement (welding) on the body panels. Any leads would be greatly appreciated. [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com). Thanks. Bob Stamnes

### WANTED

**Car Wanted.** Pierre is looking for a 1952 to 54 Chevrolet two-door post, in good condition, Jim Seiber,

## 2020/2021 Activities

October	26	<b>PS-VCCA General Meeting, Online Zoom Mtg, 11 AM, Details to come</b>
November	23	<b>PS-VCCA General Meeting, Online Zoom Mtg, Details to come</b>
December	??	<b>Annual Puget Sound Region Holiday Party, Vo-Tech has cancelled, send location ideas to Jim Seiber</b>
January	??	<b>Annual PS-VCCA Banquet, Vo-Tech has cancelled, send location ideas to Jim Seiber</b>



Note: All club general meetings at the XXX Drive-In 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. Address: 98 Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, Washington.