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THE PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

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Snoqualmie Pass Wagon Road Tour

Text by Al Howe; Photos by Evie Schein & Jim Seiber

Rod Schein's tour on September 29th beat the rain by a matter of minutes and was a great tour. We followed five miles of the first road over the pass if that's what you can call it; it was really mud with wheel-deep ruts in it. At the XXX, Rod and Evie did a fantastic job reading part of the story of the first woman, Clara Wasson, to drive a car over the pass in 1914. The road was nothing but ruts in the mud and Clara had only driven her new Model T 25 miles before her pass adventure.

From the XXX, we drove up I-90 to Exit #47. This was the start of the historic road to the pass. We went by the Denny Creek campground entrance; it was closed, which meant we didn't encounter cars parked along the left shoulder. The road is one way at that point to get to the pass. Along the route we saw heavy timber on both sides, rockslides, vine maple in splendid fall colors, and below us the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River. At times we could see I-90 eastbound above us, the Franklin Falls viaduct and I-90 west bound on our left. After two sharp double switchbacks and a straight section of road, we arrived at the West Summit Ski Area and the DOT Travelers Rest Facility. Here, Rod gave us an introduction to the alpine glacial activity that formed the low elevation of the pass and that sculpted out the valleys going to and from the pass. Bill and Sis Barker provided donuts for all to enjoy and Donna enjoyed the gift shop.

Members and friends who enjoyed the tour were Rod & Evie Schein, Al Howe, Jim & Sue Seiber, George & Anita Warren, Bob & M.G. Stamnes, Donna Onat, Bob & Florence Helgeson, Bill & Sis Barker, Clint Cave & his long-time 96-year-old friend. Clint is a relatively new member and was the only one who drove a vintage Chevy, a well-preserved 1960 pickup. So, what do the rest of us drive who are all comfortable in our modern car? Are we afraid of a little rain; that we might get wet during repairing our car in the cold wet water coming from heaven? I must admit, aging has something to do with the willingness to tackle the challenges of the vintage adventures; but the fun of driving these wonderful autos of the past never goes away.





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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 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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IF YOU WANT



Director's Message

"Jim's Junk Yard"



Director's Message October 2021

Time to check the head lights as you park your vintage Chevrolet. The days are getting shorter with less daylight. I mention this because I drove my 1982 El Camino to the restaurant one morning in the dark. When I came out to go home an hour later, I had no power, no lights, and no ability to start the car. The reason was obvious, I had left the lights on which drained an already weak battery. So out comes my modern tool, a cell phone, call to AAA to come jump start the El Camino. An hour later, I was on my way home parked in the garage and later getting a new battery (and Battery tray). Cheers for AAA! I recall a few such examples of a forgetful closing the car door not looking to see that I had turned everything off. Those were days without AAA, or a cellphone to call. It was still easy to resolve a dead battery issue then. I could wave down a passing car to help give me a push. My cars started easily on compression, pop the clutch in high gear and with a little push I could start the car. Bill Barker suggested an application that would sound a buzzer if I had left the lights on. I could just be more careful and try to remember to turn things off. In my 2017 daily driver, I have learned to depend on chimes that tell me something isn't as it should be. A door is open, a seat belt not connected, I don't worry about the lights, they are automatic and turn off a minute after the ignition is off. These "modern conveniences" do make driving the newer cars a pleasure, particularly, considering safety. At today's highway speeds, we can enjoy the great features that come standard with the newer cars.

So why do we own and drive older cars? For me, it is nostalgia. I can now afford a car I enjoy just sitting in the garage. I can drive remembering the "good old days" when I didn't worry about having a new battery, I had friends that would push me to get me started. I can do basic maintenance to improve the life of the car depending upon the advice from friends who know what I'm wanting to do.

Jim Seiber

National VCCA Meet 2022 Bowling Green, KY

HOTEL RESERVATIONS OPEN SEP 15. HOTEL DISCOUNT CODE - VCCA21

A maximum of two room reservations are allowed when you call or book online.

The VCCA for hotel reservations is CODE VCCA21. This code is required to reserve any rooms with the special VCCA rate of \$135/night.

- **The Holiday Inn University Plaza** will serve as the host hotel and is attached to the Convention Center, where most of our indoor activities and banquet will occur. **SOLD OUT**
- **Courtyard by Marriott Bowling Green-270-783-8569.** The Courtyard by Marriott is directly across the street from the host hotel, the Holiday Inn University Plaza. The side street can easily be crossed by foot.
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TO SERVE

Snoqualmie Pass Wagon Road Tour



OUR CLUB

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH POTLUCK

December 4th,

It's 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 around 11, eat around noon, and visit all afternoon.

Santa will be there sharing his favorite ride.

Decorations will be everywhere and on several trees,

Cats and Cars are the common themes.

Come one, Come all, there is room.

We are Covid free & well vaccinated, and feeling well. Masks are optional.

If it snows plan on staying until Spring.



[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.

Plan on gathering around 11 A.M., eating brunch a bit after 12 and going home when ready, sometime before it gets dark.

We felt a gift exchange was not necessary this year because of unknowns and added exposure shopping. It will be essential that you R.S.V.P. if planning to attend so we can prepare appropriate amounts of food as well as arrange enough seating for everyone.

Directions: Don & Sallie Comstock's

From I-5 going south 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)

1. Continue on WA-167 and go 19 miles
2. Exit WA-167 via ramp at sign reading "WA-410 E to Sumner / Yakima" and go 0.5 miles
3. Follow WA-410 4.2 miles (As you near the top of the hill get in the center lane and when the jersey barrier ends get in the left turn lane for Myers Road.)
4. Turn left on Myers Rd and go 0.7 miles
5. [SEE EMAILED VERSION FOR FINAL DESTINATION](#)

Pull in the drive and choose a parking place. Left up to the house has limited parking, but right to the shop should provide lots of parking but a short walk up to the house

OUR TC EDITOR

**Bill Damm's
SAFETY DITTY**

Harvest time is here,
Leaves are starting to fall.
Some people call it Autumn,
Some call it Fall.

It's transition time between
Summer and winter,
When clouds move in
The sun light they filter.

But the clouds bring the rain
That makes things green;
It cools and refreshes
And makes the air feel clean.

So the dark gray days
Really don't matter.
You just stay inside
Eat and get fatter.

As the days get shorter
And colder too,
It could even snow
Like an inch or two.

But before that happens
There still might be
A few nice days.
Just wait and see.

If there are some days
That turn out good,
Take out your Chevy
You really should.

Watch for leaves on the road
They might require action,
If they're wet and slippery
You could loose some
traction.

Keep driving safely.
Don't go too fast.
Enjoy the good days
As long as they last.

**A Dreadful Breakdown with a
Happy Ending** By Donna Onat

I was motoring in my '54 on a Bellevue boulevard enjoying a good-weather day when the car suddenly just quit! After coasting safely to a stop on a grass-lined sidewalk, the next thing was to call AAA. Now, the gas gauge had been on the empty dot, but usually the needle would go down below the dot. So this was a surprise. It was my lucky day when John Huguley arrived to help me. I was asking for gas and he was asking what had led up to the emergency. When I described the sudden silence he asked about slurping sounds that would indicate an empty tank. "Nope", I said.

Saying that he grew up working on his family's cars in the 60s, he insisted on trouble-shooting before putting in gas. Well, he was smart. After checking a bunch of things and my trying to start the car without success (it wouldn't even turn over), he found that the positive cable connecting the battery to the starter was completely loose at the starter. That is, not connected to the doodad that was hooked onto the starter. So with some jimmying we got the car to start. He then put in 2 1/2 gallons of gas, asked me how far I was from home, and offered to follow me to be sure I got there without another catastrophe. All was ok.

I called his supervisor with thanks for the 2 hours he spent on this, and to commend his expertise. I've got a new cable now and just need some help to install it. Another technician probably would have just put in gas, found the car to still not start, and ordered a tow. By the way, John would like to find a '66 Impala to buy! We may find him in the Club one day.

Just For Fun

"What's the difference between the bird flu and the swine flu?"
"One requires tweetment and the other an oinkment."

"What does Thanksgiving have in common with Halloween?"
"Gobble-ins!"

I had a problem with my computer yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11 year old kid next door. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?" He replied, "It was an ID ten T error." I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless asked, "An, ID ten T error? What's that?" Eric grinned... "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?" "No," I replied. "Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out." So I wrote down: "ID10T" And I used to like Eric, the little bastard.

November Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Marty Miller 8
Don & Lynn Boltz 23

BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Haines 8
Joanne Barquist 15
John Campbell 15
Dan Johnson 16

Puget Sound Region VCCA Zoom Meeting September, 27, 2021

Director Jim Seiber opened the meeting at 11:04.

Attending virtually: Jim and Sue Seiber, Dick Olson, Ken Scott and Fran Cissell, Evie and Rod Schein, Bill Barker, Jim Darby, George Warren, Donna Onat, Bob Helgeson, Don and Sallie Comstock, Dan Young, Don Hatley, Thomas Tarrico, MG and Bob Stamnes, George Reich, and Bill Damm.

Director's Report from Area 3:

The other regions are experiencing the same COVID-19 issues that Puget Sound Region is. Some are holding in-person meetings, like Willamette Valley has a Saturday morning breakfast meeting. Mt. Rainier is holding Zoom meetings only due to losing their meeting space. Some tours are being held. There have been no in-person National Board meetings due to the pandemic. The next Northwest Meet will be held in Shelton at the Little Creek Casino.

Treasurer's Report:

Currently, the bank balance is healthy. At the August meeting \$500 was authorized for the North Cascades Region to help with Northwest Meet expenses. That money has been sent. The club has received a refund of \$50 from the Haddocks for items purchased for the Fourth of July picnic but not used so the Haddocks kept them for personal use. A \$6 refund was received from the Comstocks for similar reasons. Expenses: Postage for Tappet Clatter issues that Al Howe distributes in hard copy \$100, postage on the large VCCA trailer decals sold through the G and D ad.

Dues Discussion:

Bill Barker opened the discussion with a question about continuing the current pause collecting dues for another year. Sallie indicated that there are enough funds in the bank at the current time to meet anticipated expenses for the year. Discussion ensued on the status of the Club Roster. Postponement of the dues collection would impact a new printing of the Roster since it is roughly \$1,000. It was suggested that Membership Chair, Donna Onat, collect the roster information for all new members since the 2020 Roster and distribute an email with all new members' information which could be printed by each member and added to their roster. Final decision on postponing dues collection will be made at the October meeting.

Decision on Christmas Party and January Banquet:

Discussion was held. Decision to forgo the banquet again this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Decision to hold the Christmas potluck at the Comstock home in early December. It was suggested to put an RSVP for this event in the Tappet Clatter so Don and Sallie will have an estimate of attendance as members determine their level of risk for attending.

Bylaws Review:

Don Comstock volunteered to review the current Bylaws with a report back on updates and/or changes that may be needed.

National Meet in Kentucky:

Don and Sallie Comstock and Ken Scott and Fran Cissell have their reservations and are planning to attend.

Upcoming Club Elections:

Bill reviewed the current officer positions and the process he and Jim used to recruit nominations and confirm the wishes of current office holders. Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor are 5 essential positions for the Club to continue functioning, 4 of which are open- Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, and Tappet Clatter Editor. All other officers have agreed to be nominated again for their current positions. There are a total of 22 positions most of which are volunteer positions rather than elected positions in the Club currently. Discussion was held on which elected positions are required by National VCCA and how the club might revise some current practices to meet the reality we are facing.

It was noted that a revision of the By Laws may be needed to implement changes. Assistant Director Bill is acting as the Nomination Committee Chair. He mentioned that the By Laws require a full slate of officers be presented at the October meeting with voting taking place at the November meeting. Discussion on how best to address filling positions led to a decision to hold the October 25th meeting as an in-person meeting. Suggestions were that the current office holder could answer questions about what is included in the responsibilities of each position.

Tappet Clatter Discussion:

PSR has a history of high-quality newsletters. Members agreed they look forward to the Tappet Clatter and read it. Finding an editor is crucial for maintaining club communication. The Tappet Clatter uses the Publisher software which requires some comfort with technology. Discussion of ways to reduce the size of the editor's tasks ensued. Suggestions included reducing the size of the newsletter, reducing it from monthly, and having reporters who send in articles. Members strongly support the importance of the newsletter for communication. (Continued on p. 9)

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.

Trying to Get Jerry Brownell's '54 Chevy Running Again

By Bob Stamnes

Al Howe, Dave Haddock, and I were stumped while trying to get Jerry's 54 Chev running. We were trying to get a spark. We had replaced the coil and the condenser and we had confirmed power to the distributor but could not get a spark at the plugs. We could go no further until we could get a spark. We were ready to give up. Then I thought about calling the expert, Dave Folsom.

Dave was nice enough to entertain our questions and concerns. Dave thought it might be corroded points since the car had sat for so long. We had never heard of such a thing. The test was to hold the points open and see if you get a spark between the end of the middle wire in the distributor (from the coil) to the distributor plate. If you get a spark, the points are not making contact. We had a spark. The solution was to file the points using a point file or double over a piece of fine sandpaper and drag it through between the points a few times, then follow that with a sheet of paper to clean any residual particles out from between the points, allowing points to make contact. We filed the points and now we had a spark. The car popped when we tried starting it, so the ignition side of the puzzle was solved. However, it shot fire out from between the head and the manifolds. Not so good.

Another discussion with Dave Folsom was in order. We could slip a feeler gauge between the head and the manifolds. It turned out that the three rings that fit between the head and the intake manifold were holding the manifold from seating tight against the head.

Al started working on that issue. We hope to get it running soon. More to come!!!!

Note: Photo on right is Jerry holding up a sketch of his '54 received as a gift in 2014.



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Area 3 Director's Message

Where has the summer gone? It seems like just yesterday when the Willamette Region was making the difficult decision to continue or cancel the Mini Meet because of the pandemic. I was very happy that the meet was held and changed to a very successful touring meet. Next year the Northwest Meet (a full meet) will be hosted by the North Cascade Region and will be held at the Little Creek Casino Resort in Shelton, WA. Also next year the National Anniversary Meet that is normally held every five years (delayed for one year account of the pandemic) will be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky. It sounds like a busy 2022 for our Area and the VCCA. Don't forget our club also offers various area tours across the country in addition to the National and Regional meets.

Be safe,

Gary Rogers

Meeting Minutes continued from p. 7

Member Priorities Discussion:

Rod Schein asked each attendee to list the one aspect of the PSR most important to you. Here are the responses summarized with the number of times that topic was mentioned by members in (): the cars and keeping them on the road (2); in-person meetings, communication within the club, gathering and sharing of ideas (10); Christmas potluck (2); Northwest Meets, tours, the people, social interaction and help with the cars, the social aspect, car knowledge and friendships, newsletter (5); Triple X annual summer meeting (1)

This led to a discussion of challenges currently facing the Club. Finding an indoor space to hold in-person meetings was a lengthy discussion. Sallie said that there was an annual fee of \$300 for a 9 month rental of a school facility when we met at a school in the evening. Most schools are not currently accepting reservations from outside entities for their facilities. Donna Onat volunteered to research potential meeting spaces in local churches. Don Hatley volunteered to check on the Renton Carpenters' Union Hall. Jim Seiber volunteered to check on Gibson Hall in downtown Issaquah. Other suggestions of locations included Eagles Lodge, senior centers, and members' large garages. Other challenges included timing of the meetings and reduced participation by members. Adding new members was posited as a potential solution to all the challenges. Jim asked the eastern Washington Zoom attendees how a return to in-person meetings with no Zoom connection would work for them. One suggestion was to hold an in-person meeting on Monday followed by a Zoom meeting on Tuesday. The common thought was if the minutes of the meeting were emailed after the meeting so all members were informed that would be an acceptable way to keep the remote members informed and engaged.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Seiber, substitute for Secretary Diane Haddock

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PDT



Halloween image courtesy Clipart.info

Burma Shave!

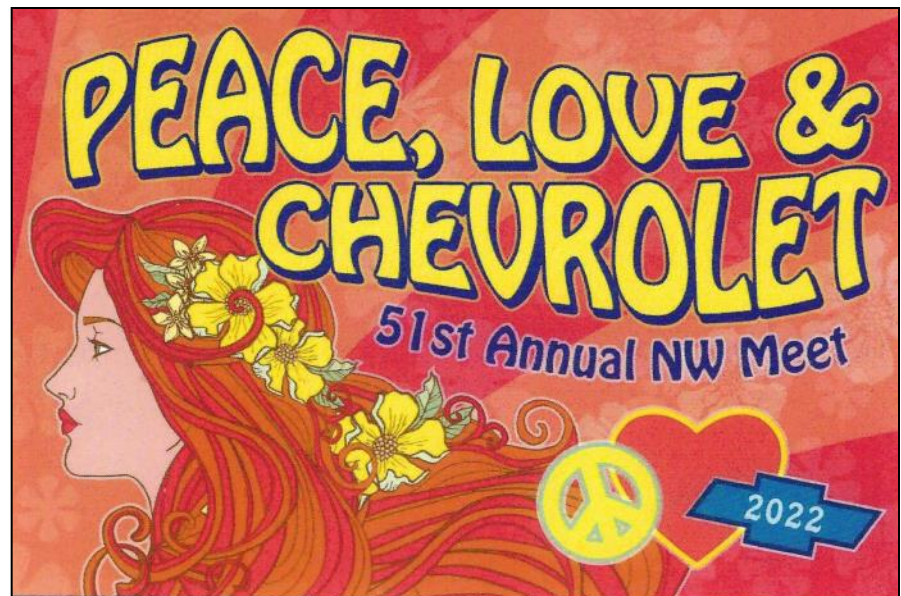
Hoard of Abandoned Chevrolet 3100 Trucks Discovered in the Woods

See Autoevolution,

<https://www.autoevolution.com/news/hoard-of-abandoned-chevrolet-3100-trucks-discovered-in-the-woods-all-for-sale-170741.html>



Start your planning for the 2022 NW Meet- See flyer on the right.



2022 Northwest Meet
August 25 - 27

North Cascade Region invites all VCCA members to the Shelton, WA area for the 51st Annual NW Meet:
Tours, Judging, Banquet & More

Accommodations: Rooms & RV Park

Little Creek Casino & Lodge, 91 West State Route 108,
Shelton, WA 98584
Ph: (800) 667-7711

Room & RV Reservation Code: "VCCA 2022"
Room Booking Starts **July 1, 2021** Cut-off Date: 7/17/2022

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Prospectus and Registration forms will be available online April 2022 at:

<http://clubs.hemmings.com/northcascadeVCCA>

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

1932 Confederate Coach with dual sidemounts & white wall tires is up for sale by former VCCA members, Larry and Carolyn Campbell. This is a restored, running and driving example with maroon body and black fenders. The interior is restored as well. The asking price is in the low \$20's. Contact Carolyn for more details. The car is located in Spanaway (south of Tacoma).

1926 Chevrolet 2 dr., Bloomfield gray (green)/black with orange pinstripe, all new oak frame, ground up restoration 1970-77 then garaged, hasn't been driven or started since 1977, asking \$18,000, contact Ken.

1983 Caprice, four door, 305, two-tone brown, good glass, interior, and paint. Only problem is transmission slips. Located in Redmond. **Free to anyone** who 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.

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

HELP WANTED

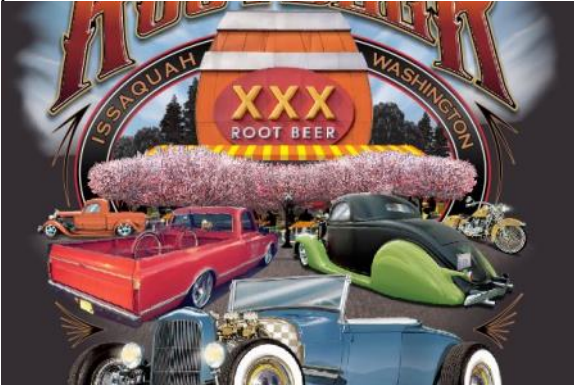
Mechanic Needed. The mechanic that I used to restore my '54 Chevy retired and moved away. I need to find someone to work on my car and I am looking for recommendations. I live on the Sammamish plateau, but I'm willing to drive it to a good mechanic anywhere in the Puget Sound region if they are worth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

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.

2021/2022 Activities

October	25	PS-VCCA Meeting, 11 am, at the XXX in Issaquah
November	22	PS-VCCA Meeting, 11 am, at the XXX in Issaquah
December	4	Christmas/Holiday Party (RSVP requested; see page 5)
August	25-27	2022 Northwest Meet, North Cascade Region, see p. 10

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.