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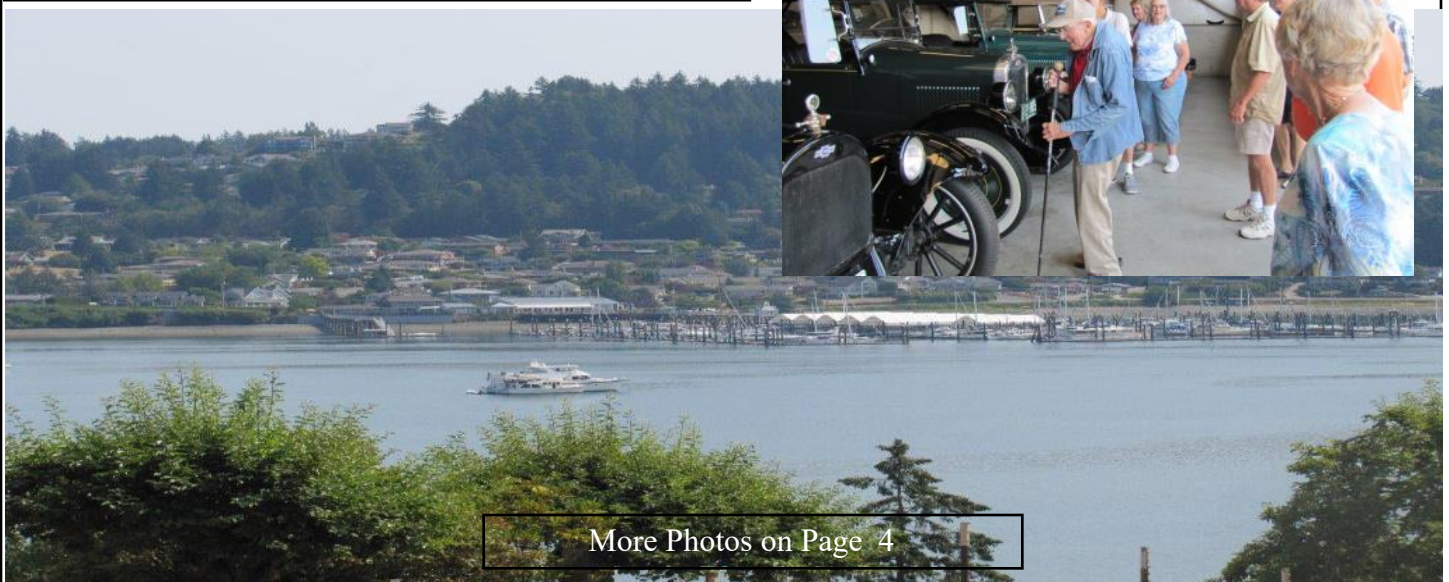
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Poulsbo Tour to the Johnson's

By Ken Scott

Photos by Rod & Evie Schein

We had Fran Cissell and me, Rod and Evie Schein, Jerry Yoder and Karen, Wally Martin, Mike Curry, Gary and Gloria Krehbiel, as well as Richard and Nancy Sanderson. Dan and Sheri Johnson had cookies and lemonade for us when we got there. Many of us have been to the Johnson's on other occasions but they always seem to add a car or two every year. We spent some time looking over their collection and doing a lot of visiting. One building had about 13 cars, all older than 1940. All were in very nice shape and looked like anyone of them could be taken out for a drive. Some of us made an overnighter out of it, visiting Port Gamble the next day before heading home. We all had a great time and would really like to thank the Johnsons for sharing their passion with us.



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The Puget Sound Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (PS-VCCA) is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, fun and enjoyment of vintage Chevrolet cars and trucks. Members are not required to own a Chevrolet. Regional membership is open to all Chevrolet enthusiasts who are members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA). All Chevrolets from 1912 through 1993 may be registered with the Region.

*General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May, at **Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library, 11650 SE 60th St., Bellevue, 98006**, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. No meetings are held in January, June, July, August, and December. You can learn more about the club by visiting the website where you can see color photos of previous tours, parts for sale, wanted, etc., and there is a link to view our monthly newsletter, "The Tappet Clatter."*

*You can find the PS-VCCA website on the **World Wide Web** at <http://psrvcca.weebly.com/>.*

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Director's Message

Al Howe



Directors Letter September 2018

We had a good turnout for the Board Meeting and lunch at IHOP in Issaquah. I can't think of a better place to have lunch once-in-awhile. I just love their blueberry pancakes. A big "Thank You" for everyone that turned out to help keep our club running. Meeting details are posted in this newsletter. (see page 8)

This has been a most unusual summer; dry and hot weather has led us into a season of forest fires and thick smoke. What a relief it was when the smoke drifted eastward and we could see the mountains; I know where I am again!

What a nice line of vintage cars we had at the XXX Drive-in on a warm August evening. They were mostly in the 50's, all clean and polished. Jose Enciso did his usual gift giving for us; what a generous man. We gave away BBQ ribs, watermelons and other fun stuff. We also welcomed a new member to our Region. Jim and Alice O'Connor recently moved from Helena Montana to West Seattle. They have been members of VCCA since 1993 and were affiliated with the Big Sky Region. They have one car, a 1974 Chevrolet Caprice Classic convertible they purchased new right off the Chevrolet dealer's showroom floor in Enid Oklahoma. When new it had a small block 400 engine. At 175,000 miles the engine needed help, so was replaced with a 350 as small block 400's were no longer being produced. It has one repaint in the original brown color. It now has 238,000 miles on it after transporting Jim and Alice and 4 kids around ten states. It has been a source of real joy for their entire family. This is truly a one owner car. Not very many of us can make that claim; I know I can't.

Our next meeting is also at the XXX Drive-in in Issaquah. This is a lunch meeting at 11 am. I was planning on having a guest speaker from the fire department talk about fire extinguishers but they now have a required activity for all personnel at the same time. So, I have arranged for the fire extinguisher presentation in October with the Enumclaw Fire Department.

"The six best doctors in the world are sunlight, rest, exercise, diet, self confidence and friends. Maintain them in all stages and enjoy a healthy life." Steve Jobs died at age 56, a billionaire.

Al Howe

PS. O'Connors and their Chevy Caprice shown on top of page 6.

Web Links Of Interest

Colombia River Region, VCCA: <http://www.vccacolumbiariverregion.org/>
Mt. Rainier Region, VCCA: None
North Cascade Region, VCCA: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/northcascadevcca>
Puget Sound Region, VCCA: <http://psrvcca.weebly.com/>
Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvrvcca.org/>
Dave Folsom Blog, www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/
Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>



Poulsbo Tour To The Johnsons



Bill Damm's
SAFETY DITTY

Fall is coming
All too fast.
Our summer weather
Will soon be past.

Touring and cruising;
We were having fun
Driving our classics
In the summer sun.

Almost time to
Put them away
And keep them dry
Until next May.

We'll drive our moderns
When it's raining for sure,
Saving our classics
For next year's tour.

In the wetter months
We'll drive with care,
And safely store our classics
Until the weather is fair.

DUES ARE DUE !

September is our renewal month, since our year begins in October. I am finding your checks in my mailbox daily, and do appreciate your timeliness. We will run your same photo in the Roster, unless you let us know that you would like a different one. Thanks, everyone!
Donna

North Cascades, Puget Sound, and Happy Times.

Invitation from Ken Scott & Fran Cissell

Our summer is almost over, but having some get togethers is not.

October 27th: We are having a Halloween gathering at our house.

Time: 12:00 noon until about 4:00 or 5:00 in time for you to get home before dark.

Activities: Pumpkin carving contest for young and old.

Bring your own pumpkin. You are encouraged to invite others from your family, especially the young ones.

Pumpkin chunking contest!!

50/50 with half going to winner and other half going to pumpkin carving and chunking winners.

Possible other games that I may come up with.

If you drive a vintage car and have a passport I will have passport miles stamped for you!!

Food: Baked Potato Bar. Fran will provide the baked potatoes, country gravy and chile; we could use sour cream, chives, cheese, onions, broccoli, butter, bacon or whatever you might like on your baked potato!! Also we will need some desserts. Give Fran a call to find out what you could bring to supplement the main dish.

Also let Fran know how many kids will be coming so she can have enough kits for decorating their pumpkins .



October Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Alice Shaw	4
Gerald and Keenon Greenfield	19

BIRTHDAYS

Philip Christiansen	8
Sheila Christiansen	20
Mike Currie	25
Francie Mullins	26
Sharon Lauderback	30

August General Meeting at the XXX Drive Inn

By Diane Haddock

Photos by Dave Haddock

Members convened in Issaquah at the XXX Drive-In for a meal and the August Meeting. The weather was perfect, sunny and not too warm. The great root beer was enjoyed by many, despite the yellow jackets! It was nice to see multi generations enjoying the great weather and camaraderie! Jose, also a member, was a gracious host and kindly provided raffle prizes. Of note, the XXX will also be the location for the September meeting (at 11 am on the 24th).



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Puget Sound Region VCCA Board Meeting Minutes August 21, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:08 am at the IHOP in Issaquah by Al Howe, Director. Also present were: Bill Barker, Ken Scott and Fran Cissell, Dick Jones, Jim Darby, Donna Onat, Bill Damn, Don and Sallie Comstock, Dave Haddock, Al and Kathy Howe, and Jim Seiber.

General Discussion: Al Howe read a nice note he received from Dave Gowan regarding the 2018 Northwest Meet. The Meet made a profit and our club's \$500 seed money was returned as well as a share of the profits on the Meet. Al thanked the organizing committee of the Meet for work well done and for sharing their profits with us. The money will be well spent when our club sponsors the Northwest Meet in 2020. Additional discussion ensued about our financial health. Sallie Comstock reported that we are doing very well due to the savings from sending out the Tappet Clatter via email and not having to pay the printer. Further discussion focused on the annual membership directory printing cost and that we could also save money by putting it out as an email file. After substantial discussion on the issue there was a consensus that some options for changing our approach for the directory should be taken back to the membership for a vote. Several options will be presented by Al Howe at the next General Meeting.

January Banquet: Jim Seiber led the discussion of changing our venue for the January 2019 Officer Initiation and Banquet that has previously been held at the Golden Steer in Kent. Jim and Diane Haddock have been looking at other possible venues that can handle around 50 people and what the costs would be like for a meal similar to what we have received at the Golden Steer. They are seriously considering having the event at the Culinaire Room at Renton Technical College (<https://www.rtc.edu/catering-culinaire-room>). Jim presented the estimated costs for a holiday menu event at their facility. Costs would be similar or possibly even less than what has been charged by the Golden Steer. There was a consensus that the club should continue to subsidize the cost of the meal through funds from the club treasury. Jim and Diane will continue their work and present updates to the club at General Meetings this fall.

2020 NW Meet: Much of this meeting was devoted to the discussion and planning for the 2020 Northwest Meet that our Region will host. Much work needs to be done to prepare for this big event. A Meet Chair was selected and a committee formed to begin this undertaking. A scouting trip was scheduled for one of the proposed locations for the Meet. Due to the desire to keep proposed locations confidential, this section of the minutes is deliberately very brief. However, more volunteers will be sought from club members as planning for this event moves forward.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Dave Haddock for Diane Haddock, Secretary

From Bill Barker...think about it!!

At any given moment during the day in America, more than 650,000 drivers are either manipulating an electronic device or a cell phone. Reaching for, dialing and texting on a phone increases the risk of having a wreck by 300%.

Each time a driver texts, their eyes leave the road for an average of 5 seconds; travelling at 60 mph, that blind driver will have travelled 440 feet – the length of nearly 1.5 football fields.

August Garage Nite at Kent Sullivan's
Photos by Jim Seiber and Dave Haddock



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How many VCCA'ers does it take to set dwell on a Corvair?



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 or email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

CAN WE DISPROVE THIS???? NEED YOUR HELP!!

Dave Haddock asked if I knew anything about checking the quality of the antifreeze in your car by use of a Voltage meter. The only way to prove or disprove this method is for members of the club to check their antifreeze using a voltage meter, then report their findings, the type of antifreeze used, and when they last changed their antifreeze back to me and I will tabulate the results. It is easy!!!

Coolant has additives to prevent all of that electron swapping. But, as coolant ages, the additives are depleted and can't do the job anymore. In fact, worn coolant becomes a pretty darn good electrical conductor, accelerating internal electrolysis. The good news is that it's pretty easy to check the conductivity of your coolant with a digital multimeter. If the conductivity is high, it's time for a coolant flush and fill. Here's a quick way to check it.

Begin with a cold engine. Remove the radiator cap and start the engine. Set your digital multimeter to DC volts at 20 volts or less. When the engine reaches operating temperature, insert the positive probe directly into the coolant. Rev the engine to 2,000 rpm and place the negative probe on the negative battery terminal. If the digital meter reads .4 volts or less, your coolant is in good condition. If it's greater than .4 volts, the electrolysis additives are exhausted, and you may be in the market for a new radiator, a water pump or a heater core in the future. All of those are far more expensive than a simple coolant change. Source <https://www.familyhandyman.com/automotive/car-maintenance/coolant-testing-with-a-multimeter/view-all/>



See also http://www.sancarlosradiator.com/VoltageDrop/testing_for_electrolysis.htm
<https://macsworldwide.wordpress.com/2011/10/03/acdelcos-guidelines-for-replacing-engine-coolant/>

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

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



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.

1928 Rolling chassis with motor, trans, rear end. \$1500. For more info contact Ken Scott. Email: kenwscott62@Gmail.com

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

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

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

WANTED

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

FREE

1931 Front springs and 19" spoke rims. Bill Barker bbarkerjr@gmail.com

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

- September 24 September Monthly Meeting, XXX in Issaquah at 11am. This is a lunch meeting. It is up to you if you want eat before or after the meeting.
- October 5-7 Lake Chelan Mahogany and Merlot, Don Comstock cancelled due to lack of interest.
- 22 October Monthly Meeting at Al Howe's at 11am. He will provide snacks. Al is planning on inviting a fireman to talk about fire extinguishers.
- 27 Halloween Party at Ken Scott and Fran Cissell's (see page 5)
- November 26 November Monthly Meeting at Bill Barker's at 11am. Bill will demonstrate powder coating.
- December 1 Christmas party at the Comstocks. More details to follow in future Tappet Clatters.
- January TBD Installation Banquet. More details to follow in future Tappet Clatters.