

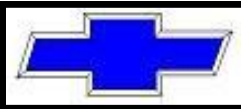
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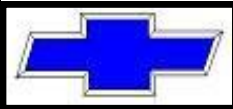
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# 1967 - Puget Sound Region



The Puget Sound Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (PSR-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 25 years or older may be registered with the Region.**

**Unless otherwise posted**, Hybrid "In-person and ZOOM" General Meetings are temporarily held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The Meeting will begin at 10:30 am from Kent Sullivan's garage or adjacent meeting room located at 6408 125th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033 (Pending COVID restrictions) until further notice. ZOOM information will be sent via email broadcast to all members prior to the Meeting. **General Meetings are not held in January, July, August and December.**

You can learn more about our Club by visiting our website where you can see color photos of previous tours, cars for sale, parts for sale, wanted, etc., and there is a link to view our monthly newsletter "Tappet Clatter". You can find the PSR-VCCA website here on the World Wide Web:

[Click Here](#)

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### **Publication Information**

The **deadline** for receiving articles for Tappet Clatter is the **25th of the previous month**; that is for example, articles for the September publication must be received no later than August 25th. The Editor Team reserves the right to edit material in any way as appropriate for wording, clarity, grammar, punctuation and available space. We can accept most electronic formats. and hardcopy; however, prefer all photos sent in JPEG format. Please submit proposed articles and photos by e-mail to: [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com)



## **PSR-VCCA DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE AUGUST 2023**



### **2023 NW MEET**

**Big Thank You to those members who stepped up to the plate to pull off the NW Meet. Without you, the Meet would not have happened. Thanks!**

### **2025 NW MEET**

Puget Sound Region is responsible for the 2025 NW Meet. **Can we do it?** We need to make this decision.

We will need the following:

- Someone to head up the effort
- A place to hold it
- Definition of what needs to be done

### **QUESTIONNAIRE**

The results of the questionnaire will be presented and discussed at the Board Meeting. If you have not completed the questionnaire, please do so.

All are encouraged to come and bring your ideas.

Voting, if any, is reserved for Board members at the Board Meeting.

### **BOARD MEETING**

**August 28, 4:00 PM, at XXX prior to the regular Meeting/Social**

**Please come and bring your ideas.**

Bob Stamnes #11563  
Director, PSR-VCCA

End.



## AREA 3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT - AUGUST 2023



I think there was consensus that the Packwood Northwest Meet was a real success. Thanks to all the members who worked on the meet! If I start naming people, I'll probably leave someone out, but I do have to give an acknowledgement to Ken Scott. Ken MC'd the get-togethers with humor, he must have been a teacher...yes, he was! The self-guided tours had good reviews. I wasn't sure if I could do a tour because my Impala somehow got locked into reverse. By auto-magic, Don Shannon got it unstuck and from then on, I shifted really carefully.

At the Regional Director's Meeting, we discussed how the clubs have survived COVID, and how we've bounced back, sometimes with new venues for Club Meetings. We discussed how the Clubs might move forward with future Northwest Meets. Two Clubs are surveying their members on their desires for future meets. I'm planning to do an Area 3 wide survey after I hear about the initial feedback. We also talked briefly about approaches to membership outreach. I'm hoping to share what our regions are doing on membership recruitment as well as what I hear from the national VCCA.

Please feel free to drop me a note or a call with any ideas you may have on making VCCA stronger.

Ed Gallagher #44216

Director VCCA Area 3

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Dear Packwood Attendee:

I neglected to announce that the Passport Stamp was available. If you would like to receive a Passport Stamp, please contact me and I will send you a piece of paper with the stamp and information that can be cut out and glued in your book.

Mike Rice  
[m.c.rice@comcast.net](mailto:m.c.rice@comcast.net)

# MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

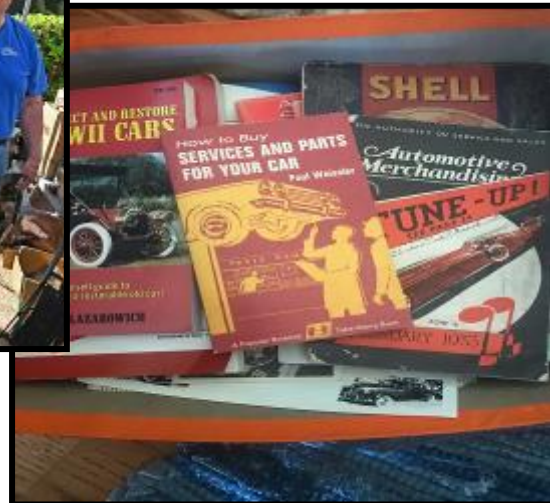
## Remaining Q3 & Q4 2023 Schedule

<b>August</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Car Maintenance Event (Donna Onat's '54 Chev), <u>11:30 AM</u>, Kent Sullivan's 6408 125th Ave NE Kirkland, WA</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Board Meeting, <u>4:00 PM</u>, XXX Drive in August Meeting/Social, <u>5:00 PM</u>, XXX Drive in</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>General Meeting (IN-PERSON, NO ZOOM), 10:30 AM, Kent Sullivans, 6408 125th Ave NE Kirkland, WA</b>
	<b>10 - 14</b>	<b>Pacific Early Six Tour - Springfield, OR*</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>General Meeting (HYBRID)</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>

\* Registration deadline August 10, 2023

End.

# JIM FARRIS ESTATE PART SALE



Photos by James Seiber

End.

## UPCOMING SEPTEMBER 9 PROGRAM

Our September 9th Program will be a tech session. The topic will be: **How to use a multimeter to check the electrical connections in the starter circuit.** I plan on demonstrating this (with help) and have people at the meeting practice it on their cars. Bring your Harbor Freight digital meter or your favorite multimeter. If you have them, bring a couple of sharp awls or ice picks and jumper wires with clips at both ends.

This will be an **IN-PERSON (NO ZOOM) Meeting.** We hope you can join us starting at 10:00am for a social time. The meeting will start at 10:30 AM sharp at Kent Sullivan's, .

See you there. Rod Schein



End.

# SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

## Birthdays

Dave Roberts	SEP 05
Diane Haddock	SEP 06
Dick Jones	SEP 15
Michelle Luche	SEP 29
Marilyn Campbell	SEP 30

## Anniversaries

Sharon & Tom Lauderback	SEP 02
Dot & John Ziegler	SEP 20



End.



# FROM THE GLOVEBOX

## Steering Problems & Cures

**By Stephen Kassis**

Note: Related parts and part photos follow the written article.

Early Chevrolet cars & trucks can develop steering problems which must be addressed for safety reasons. Loose steering will allow the vehicle to wander, forcing the driver to constantly correct by moving the steering wheel back and forth. Road conditions can also cause steering to wander and narrow tires on early cars are particularly affected by rutted roads.

Straight axle models from 1929-1954 have components that must be checked: steering box, tie rod ends, drag link ends, and king pins. Most early cars & trucks have replaceable components in the tie rod and drag link ends. The components include: springs, cups, pistons & end plug.

Check and adjust the tie rod & drag link ends if steering seems loose. Remove the cotter pin and turn the end plug in until resistance is met. Then turn in to the next hole and insert the cotter pin. Overtightening here can cause the steering to be hard. Be sure all components are lubricated with good quality grease. If steering remains hard, back off the plug adjustment one hole and try again.

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Bad king pins can cause steering to wander. To check king pins, jack up the front wheels off the ground slightly. From the side, grab the top and bottom of the tire. Push in and out on the tire and look at the brake backing plate. If any movement is noticed in the backing plate, the king pins or bushings are worn and should be replaced.

Some early king pins require that the bushings are pressed in place and reamed to fit the pins. Others have "floating" bushings which are pre-machined for proper fit. Check your shop manual for the proper installation procedures for your vehicle.

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After tie rod & drag link adjustments and king pin replacement, if steering issues persist, it is time to check the steering box. Have someone move the steering wheel back and forth until resistance is met. While this is being done, look at the pitman arm to see if there is up and down movement before it pushes and pulls the drag link. Movement here will indicate worn bushings or bearings.

Steering box adjustments will be found in the vehicle shop manual. After following the adjustment procedures, if there is still too much play in the steering box an overhaul will be necessary. Bushings, bearings, overhaul kits and a limited number of sector shafts are available to assist in steering box rebuilding. Disassembly, reassembly and adjustment procedures will be addressed in the shop manual. Steering gear lubricant is difficult to find, so I have made a "home brew" of 50/50 600W gear oil and grease to form a slurry that works nicely in a steering box.

1939-1948 Passenger cars with open knee suspension have another common problem that can cause steering to be poor. Pitman arm bushings are a steel & rubber bushing that often fail due to oil and grease causing the rubber to break down. Check these bushings first to see if your steering problem can be fixed with simply replacing these bushings. Of course, be sure to check king pins and tie rod ends for looseness as these can also cause steering problems.

1949-1954 passenger cars have a weak component in the steering system in the idler arm. The idler arm is the most common failure point in steering for these cars. Check for worn idler arm bushings by having someone move the steering wheel from left to right while you observe the idler arm. Worn out bushings will allow the arm to move up and down before moving left to right. Any up and down movement would indicate a need to replace the idler arm. A bushing kit or rebuilt exchange idler arm are available to resolve this problem.

Wheel bearing adjustment can cause steering problems. Check and repack wheel bearings on a regular basis. Another option is to change from ball bearings to tapered roller bearings. Tapered roller bearings are more stable than factory ball bearings, tend to run straighter and require less maintenance. After all of the above items have been addressed, a front end alignment by a professional shop is recommended. With this last item, your car or truck should run down the road straight and true. It will also be much nicer to drive.

### Related Parts and Part Photos



FS-148 Tie Rod & Drag Link End Kit



FS-A1 IDLER ARM ASSEMBLY

Continues...



FS-100 IDLER ARM REPAIR KIT



KING PIN SETS



STEERING BOX REBUILD KIT



TAPPED ROLLER BEARING KITS



TIE ROD ENDS



STEERING SECTORS



PIT ARM BUSHINGS

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## 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.**

## WANTED

**Passenger side Visor Bracket** for **1936 Chevy**. Please contact Tom Taricco at (425) 503-1360 or [tom@taricco.net](mailto:tom@taricco.net).

**Need two Hinge/Clasps** for **1934—36 Chevy Spare Tire Cover** (see photo ): Please contact Tom Taricco [attom@taricco.net](mailto:attom@taricco.net).



**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

**1947-1954 Chevrolet Truck (3600) parts.** Engine in good condition or rebuild, seat frame and other miscellaneous parts. [rluche@yahoo.com](mailto:rluche@yahoo.com)

## FOR SALE



**1950 Chevy 216 Cubic Inches cast iron Head. Can be used on any 216 Chevy**

The head has been cleaned and Magnafluxed to make sure the head has no cracks in it. The rocker assembly and head for \$100.00. Contact Bob at [helgy@comcast.net](mailto:helgy@comcast.net)

**FREE transmission** for a 1930, 1931, 1949 and 1957. Contact: Dick Olson at (425) 222-5798 or email [rolson82@comcast.net](mailto:rolson82@comcast.net)

51-52 hardtop **tinted 2-piece windshield**. Asking \$50 or OBO. Contact Duane Rice at (425) 226-8434

**Multiple Parts:** Used **Fitz visor** —asking \$200; two stainless Tudor NOS rear **fender gravel guards** (left & right) - asking \$300; 1950 Chev **grill piece** with letters NOS—asking \$150. Contact Greg Nowak VCCA #58936 at (206) 914-9347

## FUNNIES & BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Remember when we were young  
and you saw that old man and said,  
“If I ever try to leave the house  
dressed that way, shoot me?”



# CLUB STORE NEWS



## Club Store Specials for September

In September we are continuing the sale of all things from the National that weren't sold at the XXX in August. We have a small number of pins, decals, and license frames all on sale this month most below cost. They have the old National logo. Supplies are limited. First come, first served. When they are sold out likely can not be reordered.

50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary pins featuring 100 years of Chevrolet	\$3
VCCA Lanyards	\$2
VCCA Decals 2 1/4 X 1 1/2	\$.50
VCCA Lapel Pins	\$3
VCCA Name Badges	\$3
VCCA License Plate Frames	\$7
Large Trailer Decals with defective decal (old style) while they last	\$15
VCCA Year pins; 1yr, 5yr, 10yr, 15yr, 20yr, 25 yr, 30yr	

Our feature item for September is the Puget Sound Region Embroidered Back Patch regularly \$18 now \$10 which is way below cost. It is better to have them seen on the back of jackets rather than in a box in the club store.

It is the store keeper's job to keep tack of club owned items such as signs, banners, projector, megaphone and microphone etc. I have an old list from Bill Damm and need to update it. If you think you have club items please let me know. I will be going over the list at the meeting. Thanks,

Don Comstock #5882  
Storekeeper

# AT-A-GLANCE REFERENCES

## **GM Heritage Archive**

The GM Heritage Archive has trained researchers available to assist with your research. Request should be sent to [gmhc@gm.com](mailto:gmhc@gm.com). The email should outline your information or visual media need and the intended use. For commercial endeavors, fees may apply.

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## **Gas stations with gas without ethanol**

Web: <http://www.pure-gas.org/>