

# THE TAPPET CLATTER



THE PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

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## August 2021 Tour to Museum and Memorial Wall

Text by Al Howe; Photos by Bill Barker

Our tour of the Thunder Dome Museum and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall was not rained out as the weather forecast had predicted. Both the north and south tours arrived at the restaurant at the same time with no mishaps reported. We had the restaurant dining room to ourselves, so we were able to catch up on lost time together.

We had nine cars on tour; because of the threat of rain only four were vintage. Al Howe drove his Blue 1955-4 door BelAir, Don & Sallie Comstock had their really nice 1949 Styleline Station Wagon Resto-mod with V8, George & Anita Warren brought their one-owner well-preserved 1968 Impala SS Custom Coupe and Roger Orness drove his beautiful 1933 Eagle 2 Passenger Coupe with Ernest Tear as navigator. The following drove modern cars: Bill & Sis Barker, Rod & Evie Schein, Jerry & Mary Brownell, Bob & Florence Helgeson, and new member Terry Gemmell. Terry just got his first vintage car, a 1937 Chevrolet, and he was a little skeptical about driving from Sumner without being more familiar with the car. It was adventurous of Terry to go on a tour with a group that he had never met, but we are glad he did. I hope to see him and other members on more tours in the future.

The Thunder Dome Museum in Enumclaw was our first stop. There were beautiful cars of all kinds, even some unusual ones that were of limited production or made per request of the buyer. There was a volunteer at the museum available on the floor who could answer questions. This always makes the visit more meaningful. He was knowledgeable about most of the cars on display. Also of interest was the second-floor catwalk that was available for meetings or banquets or groups up to 200 people. Being able to look down upon all the vehicles was very interesting. Finally, they also had a viewable 2-bay area where car restorations were actively being worked on. What a great way for a behind-the-scenes look.



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## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2021



*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 September 2021**

Fall is in the air, a time to make a few short trips before the days get shorter and colder. Keep the old Chevy running as long as possible. Plan on burning that last few gallons of gas to get down to the empty tank to store for the winter. Or should I fill the tank with fresh gas and add a stabilizer? I usually end up with some of both- a mostly empty tank and adding stabilizer. I have been happy with my storage habits in the past because I have not experienced any springtime starting issues. Planning ahead for winter activity leads us to Club plans for the future. Puget Sound Region is like the other Regions in that we need to carefully consider nominations for Club officers. Thanks to current officers who have agreed to be considered for next year's officer positions. Your efforts are much appreciated. We have some key offices that are going to be open. We need a new Tappet Clatter Editor, a new Director, and Assistant Director. If you would like to be considered for an office, I would be happy to share the job description. We will need to be creative in how to maintain our Club activity.

I am reminded of the value of our Club meetings and activities from our recent XXX gathering where 28 members got a chance to share time with fellow members. In that spirit, we appreciate the Comstock's invitation to host a "Christmas Party" in December. Thanks Don and Sallie.

It is sad to note the passing of Jerry Brownell. Jerry was a gentle guy who participated in many of our tours and activities as well as having served in club officer positions. Just before he passed his family asked for help in starting the motor in his '54 Chevy. Three of our best mechanics made a last-minute valiant attempt to get it started so he could hear it run. Sadly, there was just too much to do. Al Howe has vowed to get it running. Our condolences to the Brownell family.

Are our in-person meetings worth doing? Zoom meetings allow for participation from our long-distance members. Everyone enjoyed the visit from Gary and Joanne Barquist who drove to the meeting from Lincoln (in Eastern WA). They must have come for the door prizes, I apologize for the lack of sound level during the outdoor meeting. We will be looking for a meeting place where all can participate and practice safe COVID protocols. Thanks for all of your support.

*Jim Seiber*

### **Special Director's Message - Heads Up for Sept!**

We are going to try to hold the September Club Meeting in-person. I am looking for a small conference room that is quiet so that we can have a serious discussion. The topic is largely going to center around our lack of volunteers for the club officer positions next year. Also, my current plan is to hold a similar meeting one or two days later using Zoom. This will be for Region members who are NOT physically located in the Puget Sound area. Between both meetings we hope to have a good strategic discussion about the future of the club. Please try to attend in person if you're in the area. An email with specifics will be sent out approximately one week in advance.

**TO SERVE**

Thunder Dome Tour, cont. from p. 1

Depending on individual schedules, members all left the museum at their own pace. Some members visited the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall that was set up a couple of miles down the road in a school athletic field. The Wall is a half-size duplicate of the original Wall made in panels so it can be loaded on trucks and moved around the country. While on display it's open 24-hours a day.

Security was provided by the Army National Guard with members of the special forces stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord as well as local VFW members.

All in all, it was a perfect day for a tour, not too hot and not raining. Best of all we got to visit with members we hadn't seen for a long time. I hope to see you in the coming months.

Al Howe



**OUR CLUB**

## More Sad News— Jerry Brownell



Sadly, on August 23, 2021 we lost 20-year member Jerry Brownell to heart disease. Jerry was very active until shortly before his death, even attending the August Tour in Enumclaw. Jerry had been very involved in our club since John Strampher convinced him to join in 2002. He served twice as Club Co-Director in 2004 and 2017 alongside Rod Schein. He shared his strong Christian faith with Rod and others in the Club and will be missed for his kindness and generosity.

Upon completing high school, Jerry joined the Air Force and served in Japan and upon returning in 1957, he purchased a 1954 Chevrolet Coupe that he still owned on his passing. He met his prospective wife, Mary, while attending school at Washington State University.

Upon receiving his degree from WSU, Jerry taught school in the Auburn area until his retirement. Jerry is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Carri, two sons, Jerald and Scott and grandchildren Jakub, Sydney, Ryan, Dane and Cody.

Services are scheduled for 10 AM on September 20th at Mt. Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 SE 240th St, Kent, WA, 98042 and then continued at their church, Grace Community Church, 1320 Auburn Way S, Auburn, WA, 98002.



**OUR TC EDITOR**

**Bill Damm's  
SAFETY DITTY**

One day in the 1990s  
The camp trip was on,  
For the park in Conconully  
To pitch a tent on the lawn.

From east bound SR 20  
The road map shows  
A shortcut to Conconully;  
Is the way it goes.

Marked as unimproved,  
All dirt I suppose,  
Hope it saves some time,  
How much, who knows.

We turned off the highway  
Hoping it's the right way.  
It looked like a cow trail  
Let's try it anyway!

One set of tire tracks  
Winding through the trees,  
No place to turn around,  
And low gear, go slow, please.

If you meet someone  
Going the other way,  
One of you has to back up  
A long, long way.

A few little wide spots  
Where two cars could pass,  
Don't want to get stranded;  
Hope we have enough gas.

Some cows in the woods,  
It seemed kind of strange,  
Later we were told  
That was open range.

We kept on going  
When to our surprise,  
The sight of paved road  
Met to our eyes.

From our adventure  
We've finally recovered.  
Conconully's back way  
Has now been discovered!

Going the short cut  
Wasn't faster I know,  
But I think it was safer  
The slower I go.

We made it to the park  
And set up the tent.  
The kids were real happy  
And glad that we went.

NOTE: The short cut was actually a private trail to herd cattle down. The map was in error to show the trail as a road, and now it does not show on any of the new maps. Just before hunting season the cattle are collected out of the woods and herded down that trail, down the city street, past the park, and down the main Conconully access road, to the farm for the winter, using genuine cowboys on horses hollering and whistling at the cows.

**JUST FOR FUN-**

Why did the chicken go to the seance? (To get to the other side.)

When I got to work this morning, my boss barked, "You missed work yesterday, didn't you?" I answered, "No, not particularly."



TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?  
DONALD: H I J K L M N O.  
TEACHER: What are you talking about?  
DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

Some mornings I wake up Grumpy. Other mornings I let him sleep in!

**October Celebrations**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Mark & Alice Shaw 4  
Gerald & Kennon Greenfield 19

**BIRTHDAYS**

Ralf Luche 5  
Philip Christiansen 8  
Sheila Christiansen 20  
Mike Currie 25  
Francie Mullins 26

## September Tour- Driving the Historical Snoqualmie Pass Road

Wednesday September 29th, 2021

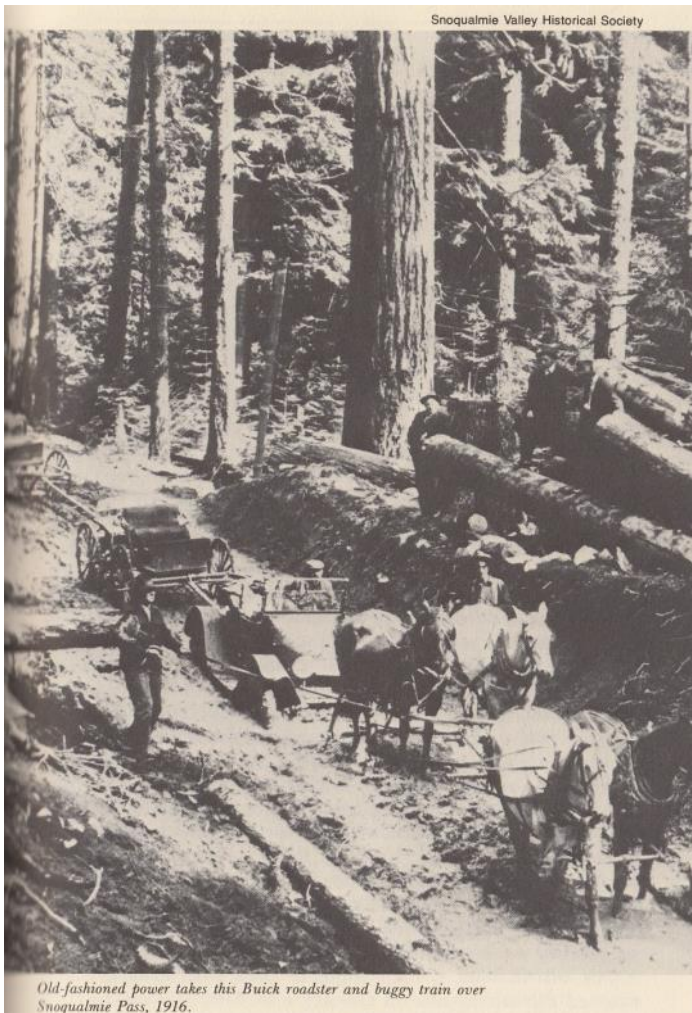
There is still a small part of the mud trail that was used in 1910's & 1920's over Snoqualmie Pass. It was driven by Clara Wasson in 1914, the first woman to drive over the pass before it was paved. Rod Schein has planned a tour on this piece of history. The road is just like it was except for being paved. It is narrow and curvy with switchbacks and has beautiful woods scarred with rockslides. It gives us a small demonstration how the earth continues to change. It is a perfect road for vintage cars. Unfortunately, there is also freeway driving required on this tour.

The tour starts at the XXX in Issaquah and ends at the top of the pass with plenty of rest stops along the way. This is a one-way road so you can't re-drive it on the return trip. As always, modern cars are welcome. Departure from the



Clara Wasson, 1916.

Courtesy of Jo Wasson



Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society

Old-fashioned power takes this Buick roadster and buggy train over Snoqualmie Pass, 1916.

XXX will be at different times depending on what your freeway speed is. Drivers will all meet at 12:15pm. Rod and Evie Schein will present the Clara Wasson story at 12 noon.

This is a sanctioned tour with mileage from home to home. Bring your vintage car passports. Name of sanctioned tour is "Wagon Road."

Al Howe & Rod Schein



## 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).

## It Takes A Village

Contributed by Jim Lewis

A basic tune up ought to be simple enough for my 1930 coupe, but not this time. From The Filling Station came: plugs, points, condenser, rotor and cap. I had been having "engine dying" issues out on the road with no obvious reasons for quite a while. But, after installing the new parts ...no joy. After numerous adjustments with no success, I returned to the house and remained there for two weeks and stewed. Done stewing, I called Rod Schein for a lifeline. He skillfully dragged me through the electrical logic trees and with the magic of my ohmmeter we found a compromised wire running from the coil to the points. This would eventually prove to be the intermittent "stalling" source, but not the ignition problem. We also talked through the firing order/distributor cap plug wire placement. I was sure I had it wrong but couldn't get it right. So, I gave Dick Olson a call. He patiently spent time explaining just how to sort this out by running the #1 cylinder up to pressure and then locating where the rotor pointed and going from there. After two tries the '30 fired up and ran sweetly! Funny how moods can change, just like that.

But this little story is really about the true value and wonderful resources we have in our Chev Club community. Thanks again to all.

Jim Lewis



**IS THE HUB!! APPLY NOW!**



## Area 3 Director's Message

In my last message I reported that Jeanne and I were going to attend the Big Sky Meet in Ennis, MT. We got back a couple of weeks ago and I want to thank the Big Sky Region for their hospitality and giving us two days of touring the beautiful Madison River Valley area of Montana. Driving a vintage car 792 miles each way in temperatures hovering at 100 degrees gives us new appreciation for our modern (new steel) rides. I've decided that two after-market options on our '64' would certainly have made the trip more enjoyable- cruise control and air conditioning. I know part of the challenge of going on these tours is driving our vintage cars to bring back and remind us of the era of when the car you're driving was built, so I probably will never add any items to our '64'. It was worth every mile when we stopped for gas, or a rest stop, and other travelers would approach to look at our cars.

They would ask questions and be amazed at our venture with cars that are 50+ years old. There were three cars that travelled together on this trip and I want to thank our traveling companions, the other Rogers and Plummers for a wonderful trip and adventure. Picture (right) is of cars lined up for a tour at the Big Sky Meet, Ennis, MT.



Be Safe

*Gary Rogers*

## 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.
- **Hilton Bowling Green-270-781-6778.** The Hilton Bowling Green is directly across the street from the host hotel, the Holiday Inn University Plaza. The side street can easily be crossed by foot.

**Burma Shave!**

# NOTICE

SORRY, DUE TO THE CURRENT WASHINGTON STATE RESTRICTIONS DUE TO THE COVID 19 VIRUS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIRGROUNDS, AARC, THE SPONSER OF THE SWAP MEET, HAS DETERMINED IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO SUCCESUFULY HOLD THE SWAP MEET IN 2021.

VENDORS THAT HAVE REGISTERED AND PAID FOR THEIR STALLS WILL BE CONTACTED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF THEIR PAYMENTS.

AT THIS TIME WE ARE PLANNING ON HOLDING THE SWAP MEET IN 2022 ON OCTOBER 8TH & 9TH.

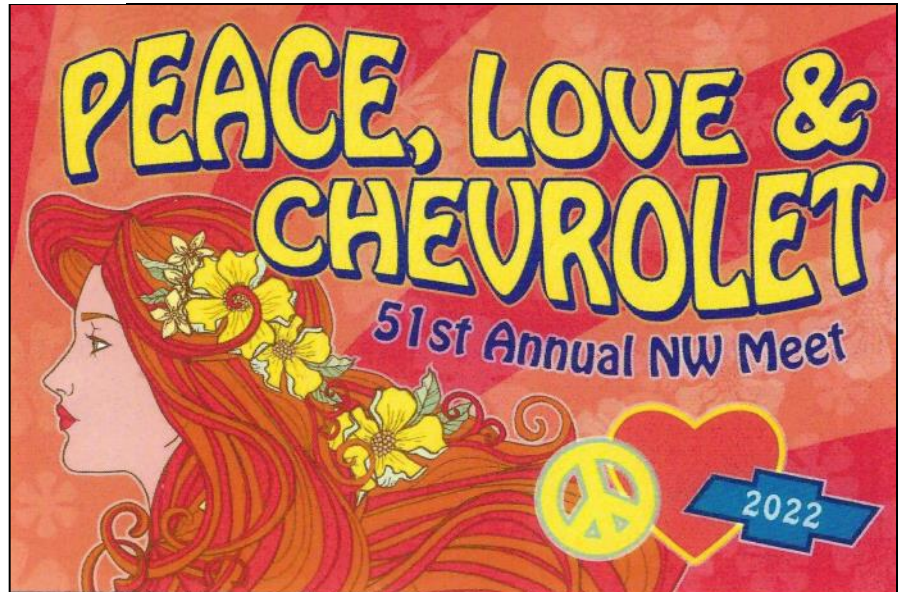
WE WILL ATTEMPT TO KEEP EVERYONE UP TO DATE ON ANY FURURE DETAILS.

YOU CAN RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL WITH ANY COMMENTS/QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING YOUR RESERVATION.

Ray  
AARC Reservations

**Fall 2021 Monroe Swap Meet Cancelled- See notice on left.**

**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 51<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 at [lakex@yahoo.com](mailto:lakex@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto: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

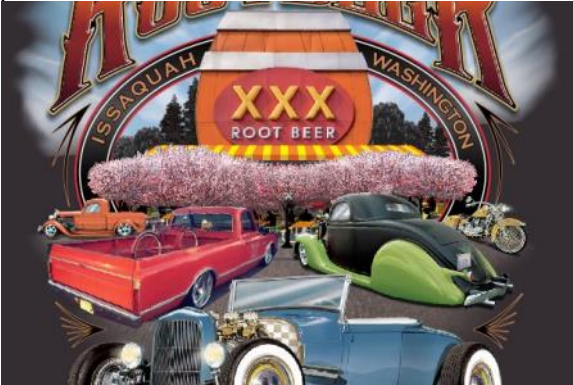
**Mechanic Needed.** The mechanic that I used to restore my '54 Chevy retired and moved away. I need to find someone to work on my car and I am looking for recommendations. I live on the Sammamish plateau, but I'm willing to drive it to a good mechanic anywhere in the Puget Sound region if they are worth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

## 2021/2022 Activities

|           |       |   |
|-----------|-------|---|
| September | 23    | <b>PS-VCCA Meeting, 11 am, at the XXX in Issaquah</b>                       |
| September | 29    | <b>Historic Snoqualmie Pass Tour, 12:15pm XXX, Rod Schein &amp; Al Howe</b> |
| October   | 25    | <b>PS-VCCA Meeting, 11 am, at the XXX in Issaquah</b>                       |
| November  | 22    | <b>PS-VCCA Meeting, 11 am, at the XXX in Issaquah</b>                       |
| December  | ??    | <b>Christmas/Holiday Party??</b>  |
| August    | 25-27 | <b>2022 Northwest Meet, North Cascade Region, see p. 10</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.

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