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The four cylinder tour this year was in Porterville California as a tribute to Tom Meleoe. Along with several other Puget Sound Region members and several Area three members, Fran, my son and I attended. We drove the motor home and trailer 2000 miles and drove the 28 another 500 miles while on this trip. There were about 38 cars and about 100 people to go with them. They came from all over the mid west and west coast. One of the main attractions was Tom Meloe's collection. Our final tour was going up to Sequoia National Park. 100 miles up and 100 miles down with plenty of curves and steep hills. I think for the most part, most cars made it. Members who attended from Puget Sound were; Ken and Fran, Jim Farris, Theresa & Pat Deacy, Paul Burcroff, David and Diane Haddock, Dennis and Gerri Johnson, Dan and Sherri Johnson, Jordan Johnson, Jim and Sue Seiber and Bob and MG Stammes. Members from other area 3 regions were Mike and Nancy Rice, Jim Schoffstoll and Cec Pratt, Dave and Lynn Koetje, Mark and Sally Bjerke and Laura and Bob Burk. It was a great time for all with very few serious break downs.



<https://vccachat.org/ubbthreads.php/topics/470144/lurch-goes-on-tour.html>

- Visit this site for a very interesting article on the 4 cylinder tour from Lurch (1927 LM 1 ton cattle truck) Dean Meltz truck.!!!Fran Dean Meltz's cars view!!! Fran



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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 Chevrolet cars, trucks and GMC's. Members are not required to own a Chevrolet. Regional membership is open to all Chevrolet and GMC enthusiasts who are members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA).

General meetings are temporarily held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. No meetings are held in January and December.

*In person meetings will be held at 10:00 am at Kent Sullivan's 6408 125th Ave. NE
Kirkland, WA 98033 (Pending COVID restrictions). Zoom meetings will resume as needed.*

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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Director's Message

"From the Crankshaft"
Al HOWE



June 2022 Director's letter

Our hybrid meeting was well attended with just a few on Zoom. Remember, having our meetings at Kent Sullivan's on Sat. morning was an experiment and we need to keep in mind that we still need to find a permanent meeting room. Hopefully, at a more central location for our widespread membership.

Kent Sullivan will not be home to host our meeting in June, so our June meeting will be a Zoom meeting only. We usually have a 4th-of-July picnic-potluck in July and we have the Northwest Meet in August; with summer family activities add into those months, the members voted not to have regular meetings in July and August.

Dave Haddock presented an option for the location of the 4th-of-July picnic. Jim Darby offered to host it at his place in Moses Lake. This presents an opportunity for a tour. It would be a road tour and could include stops in addition to Darby's. Maybe an overnight stay could be added in. Everything suggested in our meeting was new to me. Dave Haddock is making a list of opportunities and I will broadcast it to see what interest members have for this.

I broadcasted the 2022 Roster to members by email; for whatever reason, some did not get that email. If you know anyone who did not get it, please let me know so I can make sure they get it.

Most people don't think I'm as old as I am until they hear me stand up.

MONROE SWAP MEET REPORT

The Call went out – “Volunteers I need.”. Members stood tall, Many did Heed. Tom, Al, Mike, Bob, Jerry, Sallie, Ken, Fran and Karen - they did Rally.

Our crew worked hard and long at the vendor gate. Bob and Starrann arrived before 5AM for the early shift on Saturday while others put in extra time as needed during the weekend to ensure vendors got in quickly and had their needs met. Al Howe and Mike Voris each logged 3 hours or more on Sunday to end the meet. Tom Taricco, Kent and Kyle Sullivan each served more than 4 hours doing their shifts. Bob and Starrann stayed overnight with their daughter nearby while Ken and Fran, Jerry and Karen and Don and Sallie stayed in their motor homes across the street in a field. Starrann and Bob Reller volunteered for two shifts plus many extra hours, more than eleven for the weekend. Jerry and Karen had a long day on Friday working from 10AM to 7PM and adding extra time at the gate on Saturday for at least 11hours. Ken and Fran did 4 hours on Saturday, Sallie put in 8 hours on Friday and shopped all day Saturday. Don did two shifts plus extra time checking in at the gate for a total of 12 hours.

The Early Ford V-8 Club truly appreciated our massive effort and hope to see us again next year. A very sincere “Thank You” to all who helped.

To those behind

May 17th, 2022, a Day to Remember

By Rod Schein, Photos by Evie Schein, Bill Griffith, Dave & Monica Haddock, Bob & MG Starnes, John Valiton

We lined up at Sunset Hill Park that overlooks Shilshole Bay Marina as Jim Lewis drove up with his banjo in his '30 Chev. Heading toward our destination of Blue Ridge scenic touring we were stuck behind our neighborhood's Tuesday garbage truck as several houses of collection were accomplished. I wondered if we would make it in time for our 2:30pm arrival time to show our cars to the residents of Ida Culver Retirement Center. We broke loose when the garbage truck turned into an alley and we were on our way, led by our '40 with Evie, followed by Dave Haddock, '28, Jim Lewis, '30, Don Williams, '50, John & Donna Valiton and son Santosh, '53, Donna Onat & Carolyn Frankhouser, '54.

After driving the scenic roads of Blue Ridge, we headed to Ida Culver, arriving early. The gate opened and we drove in to wait for residents to come out, which they did, milling around our cars and talking to us. Just as we started our parade out the exit gate, Bob Starnes in his '26 decorated in Norwegian décor, arrived to lead our parade around the block and back through the complex two more times. We lined up inside the complex and had a mini car show. The residents came to talk to us as Jim picked on his banjo some tunes. I found out later that John Valiton was having charging problems with his '53 and he did a coasting start out of Ida Culver and headed home. From Ida Culver we headed for Dick's Drive-in on Holman Road to pick up food. When leaving, Dave said Donna was having starting problems with her '54. Dave stayed with her to help. It turned out her starter was smoking. Eventually, AAA gave her car a tow to a shop Jim Lewis knew about in the area. Donna was sad to miss the concert that she and Carolyn were planning to attend.



We regrouped at our house and headed for the 17th of May Ballard Parade. Our lineup was led by Evie in her Norwegian bunad with our daughter, Kristin, followed by Bob, MG, & grandson, Olaf, in the '26, then Dave and Monica Haddock, '28. Next was me with Jim in the '30, my son, Andrew, and his fiancée, Jamie, and Garrison, our grandson, in my '40, then Don, '50, and our neighbors, Brian & Patricia in their newly restored '67 Chevy, opps, I mean Austin Healey!



We were #49 out of 65 parade entrants and started off down the parade route. Bob must have been having trouble with his steering as he was zigzagging from curb to curb so we all followed his "act", hooting our aah-ooga horns with squeaking
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They don't know

brakes. The crowd loved it! We passed the live stream booth where we were interviewed briefly which some of you might have seen on your TV's. Passing the reviewing stand on Market St. we ended up in old town Ballard going by many outdoor restaurants where people were looking out through plastic curtains and enjoying their favorite brews.

What a day. Driving our cars through beautiful residential curving and hilly roads, bringing joy and memories to our seniors in their relative isolation, and experiencing the thrill of entertaining tons of very young kids and families packed along the parade route. As we often say in our Club, our cars are only a vehicle (pun intended) to connecting with people and having fun!!



What's in your mind

Photos by
Rod Schein



BALLARD PARADE 2022



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BY
ROD
SCHEIN



Puget Sound Regions 20th Anniversary Banquet & Awards Bash

By: Back Yard Mechanic II

Place: Majestic Speakeasy

Time: Roaring 20's on a (what else) rainy Seattle evening

The PS-VCCA held its kick-off 20th Anniversary Banquet and Awards Bash. "Revenuer's" was the password from the past that would allow the shieks and shebas dressed in their pin stripes and fringe to enter.

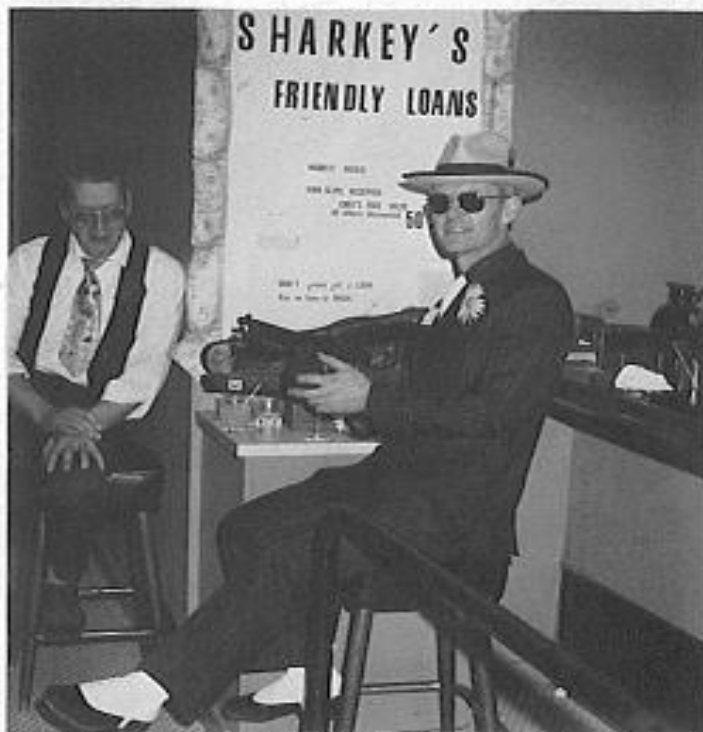
Glenn Miller, the Dorsey brothers, and Lady Blue were at their finest for the evening, as "Sharkey" the friendly loan shark was accepting all Chevy pink slips at face value for those who were down on their chips at the tables.

Suddenly the mood changed as two of Sgt. Friday's finest showed to the sound of "Dragnet" and attempted to put a damper on the festivities. But thanks to Sharkey's generous offer, the bouncer's threats, and an alluring look from "Legs," all was reconsidered and we settled down to a great dinner.

During dinner, the club honored members who had helped make everything so much fun during the past year.

After dinner there were more sounds of the big bands, gambling, and socializing. During the evening, the bank was broken by none other than our club treasurer. An audit will be requested at the next club meeting!

The Dudleys were impressive on the dance floor, showing the younger generation how it's supposed to be done, and it is a sure bet that everyone enjoyed the evening!



Bouncer Gene Lorentzen and Dick Olson (Sharkey).



Bill Barker (Pit Boss).



The Bust Jim Ferris is apprehended by Dave Gehrkey.

COKE OVENS IN WILKESON WASHINGTON

How Coal was Coked

Small coal cars would take the raw coal along a rail laid on top of the ovens. The car was then tipped and a trap door would open pouring the coal into the 'charging hole'. Once the oven was filled, a metal lid was set on top of the charging hole before firing. The oven's side entrance (used to unload the final coke product on nearby rail cars) was sealed, either bricked in as in the case for Wilkeson's ovens, or closed by a metal door such as Carbonado's ovens. The ovens were ignited and burned for 48 to 72 hours, depending on the desired needs, to smelt away any impurities. The charging hole lids were then removed carefully by grappers and the ovens were allowed to cool. After cooling, the "rakers", seen above, would remove the sealed openings and rake the coked coal into the waiting rail cars. Coke oven workers were easily burned if not careful during the firing and unloading process. By the 1920s, a machine replaced this job. The machine moved along the ovens by rail and removed the coal by a conveyor belt inserted into the oven.

One Sunday afternoon, Sallie and Don Comstock, Ken Scott and Fran Cissell had a hankering to take a classic car for a drive and ended up in Wilkeson Washington at the Coke Ovens Park. A lot of history in this little town. If you are looking for someplace different to take a Sunday drive, you might try this one. Fran Cissell

A Battery of Coke Ovens

Raw coal is heated at very high temperatures to burn off impurities to make "coke". This was done in ovens made of firebrick, specially-designed by experienced brick layers from Pennsylvania. The fire brick was imported from Scotland and travelled as ballast in ships. In Scotland each brick was stamped with a number for constructing the dome shape and entrances. The "beehive" shaped ovens were constructed back to back, in alternating double rows called a battery. They were covered by a clay-like soil to hold the heat. It was important to retain this heat after a firing to help fire the next batch or "charge" of coal. Wilkeson sandstone was used for the retaining wall, built around the ovens to hold the heat and soil in place. The ideal location for the battery was near the bunker (the tall storage building seen above) which had a trap door to load the coal into waiting cars. Coal was brought up from the mines to be washed and placed in the bunker.



FROM YOUR EDITOR

I AM GOING TO GO FISHING IN CANADA ON JUNE 26, SO PLEASE GET YOUR ARTICLES AND PICTURES TO ME BY THE 20TH SO I CAN GET YOUR NEWSLETTER OUT EARLY!!!!

Thank you to those of you that send me news for your newsletter.

FRAN

No Safety Ditty this month

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

None this month

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JUNE CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY

Bill and Sis Barker 6th

BIRTHDAY

**Rod Schein 2nd
Kent Sullivan 5th**

Fourth of July !!!!!!!!

Jim Darby has generously volunteered to host a **4 th of July** get together this year, but to include more members, we are proposing to NOT have the tour/gathering on the 4th.

We are proposing an overnight tour to Moses Lake, a get together at Jim's place and a tour to the Railroad Museum in Ritzville. Jim has done a lot of work on his place and will give a tour. Club members have also checked out the Ritzville Museum in advance and it is highly recommended! The owners of the hotels in Moses Lake will give us a group rate and provide parking for new and classic cars. The current plan would be to tour **To Moses Lake** on a weekday morning, have the hamburger lunch at Jim's and view his shop, cars, and livestock. We would tour to the Museum that afternoon . We could stay at a local hotel that evening and leave as a group the next weekday morning. Jim has also offered his property as a 'dry camp' for RVers who would prefer that option, but you will have to be 'self contained.' He has plenty of grassland for parking, but no facilities. The proposed dates were chosen to avoid weekend traffic to the east side and also because the museum is only open on Thursday through Saturday.

If we have the need/requests we could have a tour starting at the south end and one starting at the north end, with both meeting somewhere near I-90 to tour to Moses Lake together. We are choosing weekdays to avoid traffic and also to allow members to spend the holiday with their families and still attend the event.

So, this email is a questionnaire to give the planners some information to plan this tour. Please take a few minutes to provide answers to these questions to help us make this a great July gathering.

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AREA THREE DIRECTOR

Greetings Everyone,

Touring in our vintage Chevys is a great adventure. We get to display our passion and love for a hobby of driving and displaying our Chevrolet and GMC classics. I understand the four cylinder tour was a great success and upcoming this fall will be the early six tour (watch for details in the G&D). The 51st NW Meet will have tours all three days of the Meet around the Shelton area so bring your Touring Passport and collect miles towards the Louis Chevrolet Touring Award Oval. If you don't have a passport for your car or truck you can apply by submitting a request to the Touring Committee Chairperson: <https://vcca.org/page/touring>. More information on the touring program can be found on the vcca.org website.

The request for a Passport must include the following:

1. A copy of current G&D mailing label information
2. Phone number and email address (if available)
3. A 4"X6" color photo of the vehicle
4. Year, Make, Model, color(s) of Vehicle

Note: All years of Chevrolet/GMC can have a passport and collect touring miles.

Mail to:

Dean Echols - Chair Touring Committee
2049 Mohave St.
Chico Valley, AZ. 86323-8213
deanechols@cableone.net



Be safe,
Gary Rogers
Area 3 Director

PUGET SOUND MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2022 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Director Al Howe at 10:10 at Kent Sullivan's shop after a brief delay getting the sound system working properly. Thirteen members attended; Al Howe, Bill Barker, Kent Sullivan, Bob Helgeson, Bob and Starrann Reller, Jim Seiber, Lee Johnson and Dick Olson were in person and Dave and Diane Haddock, Don and Sallie Comstock, George and Anita Warren, Tom Taricco, Rod and Evie Schein joined via Zoom.

The Minutes were approved as published in the Tappet Clatter.

The treasury stayed approximately the same as last month, Kent Sullivan has been reimbursed for the microphone he purchased to make the Zoom meeting work.

Future tours were discussed. Diane Haddock will send out a questionnaire to get information about a potential "Fourth of July" tour to Moses Lake. Jim Darby has invited the club over to see his place and take a tour to Ritzville. This would be an overnight event with dry camping or motel options. Several midweek dates were suggested.

A second tour suggestion would be slated for September. It would be to visit railroad museum (s). Kent Sullivan has some ideas to develop and present to the club.

The National Meet in July and August and the Northwest Meet in August will take up much of the summer so no July or August meeting. Secretary's note: I don't recall any mention about the annual end of August meeting at the XXX in Issaquah.

Bill Barker presented the outgoing Director an award for the stellar job he did keeping the club going during the pandemic. Jim Seiber, we all congratulate you and thank you for your service to the club for 2020 and 2021. Bill also had gifts for all those attending the meeting in person.

The presentation was featuring Kent Sullivan and his Forward Control Corvaair pickup. Kent shared his story with the pickup and other Corvaairs then shared his Rampside pickup with those attending the meeting in person.

Meeting Adjourned around 11:25

Respectfully submitted,
Don Comstock, Secretary

Have you made your Reservations yet??

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

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Shelton, Washington
August 25 - 27, 2022**

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2022

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Prospectus and Registration Available Online April @ www.ncrvcca.weebly.com

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.

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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 \$18,0000, contact Ken at lakex@yahoo.com.

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. 360-221-4749. Parts are in storage, or leave a message in several places so I will look and get back to you. Ed Noble.

1936 STANDARD five-lug artillery wheels with 17-inch tires, **FREE**. Dick Olson 425-222-5798

FREE

Two five lug 15 inch wheels with tires from a 49-50 Chev. Two five lug "peanut" spare wheels FREE. Dick Olson

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PARTS NEEDED

1947-1954 Chevrolet Truck (3600) parts. Engine in good condition or rebuild, seat frame and other miscellaneous parts. Contact rluche@yahoo.com if you have access to parts from this era.

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, arnie-mondloch@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.

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2022/2023 Activities

June 11* PS-VCCA Meeting 9:30 am log into **ZOOM ONLY NOT IN PERSON**
June 18 Tunnel Days of Skykomish
July 4 Possible Tour and potluck to Mosses Lake
July 31/Aug-5 60th Anniversary Meet Bowling Green KY
August 25-27 2022 Northwest Meet, North Cascade Region
Sept 10 PSR-VCCA Meeting in-person & zoom Kent Sullivan's garage

Note: All club general meetings at Kent Sullivan's for the foreseeable future are subject to cancellation due to COVID. Please check this publication or call a club officer if you have questions.

* June meeting will be a zoom meeting only. Being we normally do not have summer meetings and we have a potluck in July and the Northwest Meet in August we will not have regular