



**THE PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA**

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**FULL SUMMER OF VCCA FUN**

This summer has been full of VCCA events for Fran and I. It started with going to the 4 cylinder tour in Porterville California with our 28. A 1000 mile drive down with the motor home and trailer proved to be no problem. My son came out from Indiana and drove down and back with the motor home and also drove the 28 during the meet. We covered 500 miles with the 28 with 200 of it on one day. The Johnsons had three generations of family there each driving a four cylinder. As well as the NWM, quite an accomplishment.



After coming home we prepared the 63 Impala for a 5000 mile round trip to Bowling Green Kentucky for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meet. We knew from the start it would be challenging with the hot weather, no air conditioning and no cruise control. Going we stopped to visit friends and relatives but on the way home it was 6 days of 8 hours a day driving. Not a lot of fun. The car was tired as well as us, but we made it home safe and sound. We had a great time at the meet.

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## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2022



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

*In person meetings will be held at 10:00 am at Kent Sullivan's 6408 125<sup>th</sup> 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



## September 2022 Director's Letter

How was the Anniversary Meet in Bowling Green Kentucky? Since Kathy & I could not attend, we look forward to a lot of photos and stories. Now, we must wait four years for the next one.

By the time you read this issue, the Northwest Meet in Shelton will be history. How does this all happen faster than we can print and read about it? I wonder if there is a time pill for this. After all, it seems like they have a pill for everything. It would be nice if someone would come up with re-do button; I could use a little re-doing. Oh well, nice to dream a little now and then.

Just a reminder about scammers. Donna Onat received a scam email using David Gowan's name. We all know he was our Area Director and passed away some time ago. She called to suggest warning us all about this.

We have a lot of things to think about between now and the end of the year. Some that come to mind are: our upcoming Northwest Meet, New Officers, Christmas Party, Meeting Place and Installation Banquet. Give it some thought; perhaps you can help.

Our September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting is in Kent Sullivan's garage at 10am. We are not planning on doing Zoom also. I hope the weather holds up so we can drive our vintage cars, because we are planning a tour after the meeting including lunch. The tour will include driving on some historical Red Brick Road; hope you can join us.

*My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. Rodney Dangerfield*

## AREA THREE DIRECTOR Gary Rogers

With the National Meet in Kentucky and the North West meet in Shelton so close together, I have no news this month.



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After a few days home we loaded the 63 Nova into the trailer to attend the 51<sup>st</sup> North West Meet in Shelton Washington. We had a great time visiting people mostly from area three. Gary and Judy Albertson have attended every area three North West Meet as well as attending National in Bowling Green Kentucky. They are truly dedicated VCCA members.



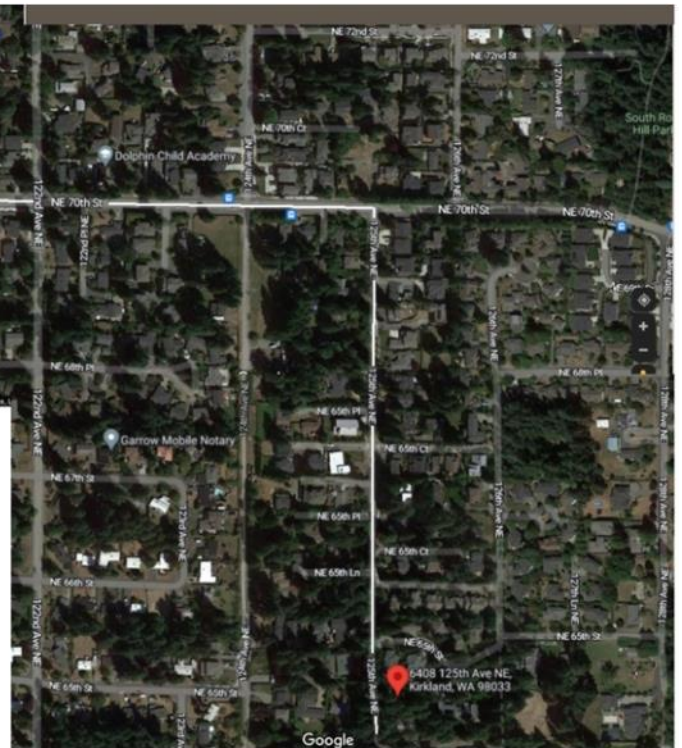
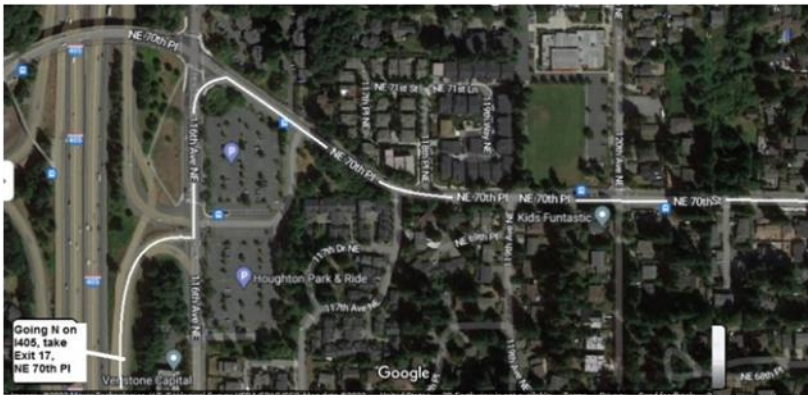
*What an accomplishment for us to attend 3 VCCA events in one summer !!!!  
We have a couple of more camping trips to do before putting the motor home away for the winter. We are just trying to make every day count.  
Ken and Fran*



# Our September 10th Program will feature Bob Reller's 1956 Bel Air Sports Sedan



We hope you can join us at 9:30am on-line via Zoom or in-person at Kent Sullivan's Shop  
Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
This meeting will start at 10am.  
Rumor has it there will be a tour after the meeting  
See you there. Rod Schein



**Take Exit 17 off of I405 N**  
**At end of exit, go left onto 16th Ave NE**  
**Follow 16th Ave NE to NE 70th PI and turn right**  
**Follow NE 70th PI to 125th Ave NE and turn right**  
**Follow 125th Ave NE to cul-de-sac. Kent's shop is on the left.**



**6408 125th Ave NE Kirkland WA**



# BRING OUT THE CORVETTES

BY Bill Barker

On July 30th, Bill Barker and Bob Helgeson showed off their cars at the annual Corvette Meet at the XXX Root Beer Restaurant in Issaquah. They arrived at 7:30 am and stayed until almost 3 pm. The temperature was in the mid-90's. But they were prepared with lots of ice cold water, snacks and an 8'x8' canopy. Additionally, due to arriving early they managed to pick a perfect location along the curb with trees and grass alongside their cars. It was an excellent spot and it was available since most Vette owners wanted to park in the first three rows - on the pavement!?!?!?

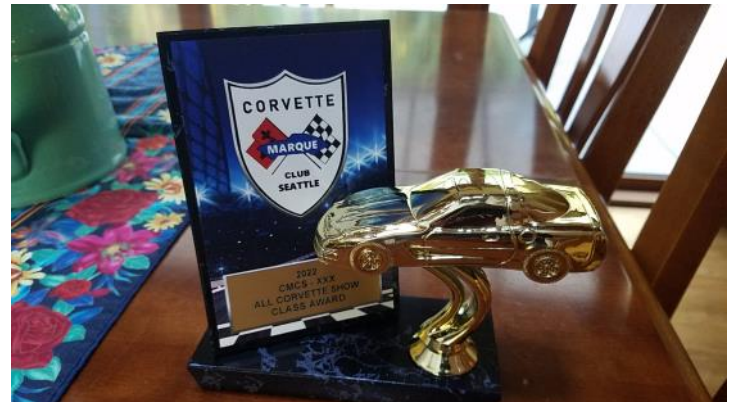
Together they also displayed some items including a photo montage of the Route 66 trip that seven VCCA families went on in 2014. Bill had various memorabilia items on display in his trailer including patches, hats, coasters and a Route 66 Soda Pop bottle (still unopened). Many, many folks stopped by and reviewed the photo board while remarking that their "Bucket List" also includes making a similar trip sometime in the future. We concluded afterwards that the majority of them were expressing "wishful thinking". Only a couple of folks related their own Route 66 experience to us, but they were usually in conjunction with making a fast trip from the East Coast back to home, with little or no tourist intentions included. We concluded that our trip truly was one-of-a-kind that dozens of folks envied.

The car show had over 100 Corvettes on display and all were eligible to be judged. There was even a brand new 2023 Vette prominently displayed by one guy. Unlike past years, we did not see a single "For Sale" sign on any car. I found that to be interesting.

The final action in the afternoon was the awarding of trophies to the many cars that were judged by the "mystery judges" throughout the day as well as the People's Choice ballots. As you can imagine, this was an extremely subjective process. For example, how do you judge the differences between fifteen brand new 2022 Corvettes? Bob and I were never able to figure that out.

But as luck would have it, Bill received a trophy as a Class winner (C2 1963-1967 Corvettes). This was most likely due to the fact that he had the ONLY TRAILER in the entire crowd of cars. And, as Bob insisted, it was because he voted for Bill instead of himself. And he declared that Bill probably only won by one vote!!! Ha ha

Good time. We should think about hosting a viewing party there next year. But only if the temperature is below 90 degrees.





# 2 BOYS AND THEIR TOYS







On a tour at the NW Meet last month, I saw that our 2017 Corvette was getting just over 36 miles to a gallon. Remembering a posting that I saw by Dave Haddock a while back, I decided to take a picture. But by the time I got my camera in position it had dropped to 35.7 mpg. Not bad for an "economy sportster".

--Bill Barker

## You Almost Made It Except For The Language When Working On Your Car





**PUGET SOUND MEETING MINUTES  
NO MEETING—NO MINUTES**

**CHECK OUT THE PUGET SOUND WEB SITE  
PSRVCCA.WEEBLY.COM**  
Lowercase or uppercase makes no difference

**SEPTEMBER**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Sharon and Tom Lauderback 2nd  
Dot and John Ziegler 20th

**BIRTHDAYS**

Dave Roberts 5th  
Dianne Haddock 6th  
Dick Jones 15th  
Michelle Luche 29th  
Marilyn Campbell 30th

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# BIG SKY REGION MONTANA INVITES YOU TO A TOUR

Big Sky VCCA

P.O. Box 2196

Hamilton, MT 59840

June 15, 2022

*All-Cylinder Tour*

Dear Former Big Sky Tour Participants/Inquirers/Or anyone interested in joining us for a tour:

As many of you may know, we in the Big Sky Region had decided last summer that we would forego a 2022 tour. However, after speaking with several VCCA members at the recent tour in Porterville, and conducting our annual meeting here in Montana, we changed our minds. Quite a few westerners, especially, seemed to be passing on Bowling Green, so we thought this might be something closer, to do.

We are not advertising in the G&D, as it would have been too late to get in before the August issue. We would appreciate your sharing this information with anyone you think might be interested. The final route and accommodations are not firmed up, but the following will be the general itinerary. Of course, all life is subject to change! This will be a Passport tour.

We are planning to tour in Idaho. We have covered much of the western part of MT previously, and the eastern part is a long way to go. We once went to Fort Peck, and it was 500 plus miles, one way, for us.

Planned dates: September 20-23, 2022. Arrive in Hamilton, MT, on Sept. 20, to be ready to leave there Sept. 21, AM. Or join us in ID. Hamilton to North Fork, ID, to Shoup and Ebenezer Bar, and back to Salmon, mostly on US 93. Us 93 to Challis. Spend night in Challis. Challis Hot Springs is nearby, for those interested. Approx. 193 miles. Thursday, drive ID 75 to Stanley, Ketchum, to US 20 to Carey. US 20/26/93 to Arco, via Craters of the Moon Nat. Mon. Spend night in Arco. FYI - On this drive we cross Galena Summit, 8,701 feet. Approx. 194 miles. Friday's route would take us back on US 93 to Salmon to Hamilton. Approx. 220 miles. Total, 607 miles. Approx. The route might be done in reverse order.

If this is something you or someone you know would be interested in, please let us know as soon as possible. I will have a registration form, at your request, and more detailed information about accommodations, etc. Thank you for considering joining us.

Joann Hosko



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## TAPPET CLATTER EDITOR NEWS

When I took on this job as Editor of your newsletter, I agreed to do it for one year, this issue is number 9 of 12. I hereby give notice that December 2022 will be my last issue. It has been my pleasure putting together this newsletter each month, but find that all good things must end.

Thank you, Fran

**Q: Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have drove fords exclusively when I could get away with one. It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8"?**



**A: Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde ) in 1934.**

# SEPTEMBER FOR SALE ADDENDUM

Over the course of about 16 years, I restored a 1951 Chevrolet Bel Air. I sold it last year due to some life issues, and now want to sell the extra parts that I accumulated as I was restoring the car. While many of the parts are generally **1949 – 1952 Chevrolet parts**, some are also specific to 1949 Convertibles, and to 1950 – 1952 Convertibles and/or Bel Airs.

I would prefer to sell everything as one lot, rather than piece by piece. Also, I prefer to sell to someone who will pick the parts up, rather than have to box and ship them. Considering those all of that, I am willing to discount the lot of parts beyond what I might possibly get if I were to sell individual pieces. I am asking \$3500 total for the lot, but will be willing to consider lower offers.

If anyone wishes to contact me regarding the parts, I can be reached at: [kensluys@aol.com](mailto:kensluys@aol.com)

## A BARN FIND?

35 Chevrolet Master Coach For sale in Orting. As a former VCCA member, Mike Roberts has decided to offer his Chevy for sale, saying the realization of time and his age would not allow him to do the kind of restoration work he would like. He describes the car as a good solid drivable vehicle. He says it starts and runs, the body being in good condition. The upholstery shows wear, the front driver side showing the most use. He has a title with the matching ID numbers. Mike has kept the car inside, showing 60,000 miles on the odometer ( the speedometer was disconnected for a period of time). He has made some improvements, like powder coating the 17 inch wheels and collecting extra parts. He is asking \$8500 cash. Give him a call, Mike at 253 397 4226

Submitted by Jim Seiber

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## FOR SALE

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

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

FREE Engines, 1951 ran when parked , 1926 ? with a 28 head. Dick Olson

I have a **51-52** hardtop tinted **2 piece windshield** for sale. \$50 or offer.  
Thank you . Duane Rice

Trailer **Rear Camera** w/ 7" LED monitor and all necessary cables. Original cost \$445 See at: <https://www.rearviewsafety.com/> Search for Model-770613 Works Perfectly. \$180 Bill Barker

My name is Natalie Silvesti and I live in Sammamish. My late husband was a vintage Chevy fan and now I am the owner of a number of parts that he acquired for his **small block Chevy**. The "collection" includes:

- a 327 large journal crankshaft
- 8 Crowerods connecting rods (new in boxes)
- Speed-Pro Piston Ring Set
- 8 Manley Forged Pistons
- 32 Manley .042 Sprial Locks

Roto-Master AR/60 Turbo Charger (not sure if this is for a Chevy but I think it is)

If you are interested in seeing what I have, I can provide pictures of all of them or we can set up a time for you to view them.

Any thoughts that you have for how I can sell them would be most appreciated.

**1962 Impala SS** trunk panel and cove ends (3 pieces) \$200.00

1950 Chevy accessory bird ornament \$50.00 This ornament should fit 1949-1952 Chevrolet passenger cars

George Warren

## PARTS WANTED

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

### TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

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## 2022/2023 Activities

### PS-VCCA Activities 2022

Aug 24-27 Northwest Meet in Shelton

Sep 10 PS-VCCA Meeting in-person ONLY @ Kent Sullivan's garage

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> PS-VCCA Meeting in-person ONLY @Kent Sullivan's garage

Note: All club general meetings at Kent Sullivan's 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.