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To The Mountain Tops

By Jim Farris

Sunday March 10, seventeen hardy Puget Sound Region families ventured into the murky first day of daylight saving time on the initial outing of the year.



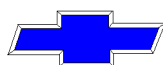
Weather forecasts predicted rain later in the day but sprinkles persisted at times. Nevertheless, onward the hardy band went to the mountain vistas planned for the day.

The past seven years the Region's first yearly outing explored Seattle. Rod Schein began this tradition in 2005 with a tour of Ballard. This year the group expanded into the metropolitan area with a drive into "The Issaquah Alps", where magnificent vistas of the City, Lake Washington and downtown Bellevue abound.

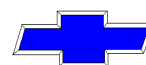
The scenic views are spectacular on a sunny day, which unfortunately we did not have. However, we could see westward toward the buildings of downtown Seattle bathed in the overcast that gave them "The Seattle Look".

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Reminder: Our April 22 Club membership meeting will be 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. Jerry Brownell is signed up to bring treats.. (The meeting announcement is on page 3.)



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*General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at **Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue,** 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. No meetings are held in July or 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://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>*

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Editor's Note

The monthly deadline for receiving input is the 5th of the month. We reserve the right to edit material in any way as appropriate for wording, clarity, grammar, punctuation, and space available. We can accept most electronic formats and hardcopy. Photographs can be scanned and returned. We will take reasonable care of copy provided, however we cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged material. Send copy to *Glenn Landguth via gklandguth@msn.com*

Director's Corner

"From The Drivers Seat"



By Director Al Howe

With such a beautiful Easter weekend and the trees blooming I do believe spring has arrived. Things are happening all around us and it is time to bring the old Chevys out for tours and pleasure drives.

Our fundraiser auction is this month at our April 22nd meeting. In the past we have seen things that should have brought more money go for almost nothing. Also we have seen stuff find its way to our auction that was hard to sell. We know this is a fundraiser and we have a limited audience but it is not a dump ground. At the Board meeting this was discussed and suggested that we bring stuff that someone could possibly use and put a minimum price on it. Let's give this a try this year and see how it goes.

The HCCA Breakfast and tour is May 5th. So many different vintage cars to see and tour with makes this a very popular event.

The Ballard Parade is May 17th and is very popular with the residents around Ballard. They enjoy the old cars being in the parade each year.

Our big money maker each year is the Monroe Swap Meet. The dates are May 17th, 18th and 19th. I hope everyone got signed up who wanted to help out.

Remember April has five Mondays so our meeting is on the 4th Monday the 22nd. Also, the fourth Monday in May falls on Memorial Day and the school will be closed so the meeting will be on the third Monday, May 20th.

Sometimes I'll look down at my watch three consecutive times and still not know what time it is.

eBay Good Source for Radios Appropriate For Club Tours

I found a lot of Motorola RDU2080d radios on eBay. I didn't want to spend the high price for new ones at the retail stores. I bought two at different times and spent \$220.00 for the two of them. They were "Used" but were advertised as nearly-new with very little use. When I received them they were in like-new condition, with the charging station and any extra accessories that come with new ones. We were able to save two-to-four-hundred dollars by buying them on eBay. Just pay the shipping and there is no sales tax. Gary Barquist

Garage Nite - by Dick Olson

The May 8th Garage Nite will be at Dick Olson's in Preston, 7 PM.

See mailed or emailed Tappet Clatter for contact information and directions.

Membership Meeting April 22

Our April 22 Club membership meeting will be 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue.

The meeting program will be the annual Club Auction. This year we will emphasize good stuff and the person donating an item may specify a minimum bid requirement.

Here is a look-ahead for coming month's programs:

May 20: open

June 24: Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social

Jerry Brownell is signed up to bring treats.

Ballard Parade Invitation
from Rod and Evie Schein
Friday, May 17th, 2013

You are invited to join us in this fun community parade with a small-town feel. The parade is short and all on a gradual downhill grade and level at the end. It goes down 24th Ave NW beginning at NW 62nd and then goes on Market St. ending on Ballard Ave NW. We will travel together as a group. The parade will start at 6:00 PM, but our turn to enter the parade will be later.

Afterwards, we invite you to come to our house for some special Norwegian refreshments. **See mailed or emailed Tappet Clatter for address and phone number information.**

Seattle City regulations require that you email or send me a copy of the front page of your insurance policy or copy of your glove box insurance card for your car and also that each participant fill out a Hold Harmless Agreement which you can pick up at our April general meeting or we can send it to you. If possible, *please send me a copy of your insurance card*. You may give me your insurance card copy and fill out the Hold Harmless Agreement at the parade if this is helpful. You can download a copy of this agreement from the website at http://www.17thofmay.org/participant_forms.html.

Please call me and let me know what car you are bringing so I can make a list of cars for the parade announcer. I will need to turn this list in by May 8th

To line up for the parade after 5:30 PM, come to the corner of NW 62nd & 24^h Ave NW and we will direct you where to park nearby. To get to this meeting location, do not go on Market St (downtown Ballard) but drive west on NW 65th Ave from 15th Ave NW to avoid streets closed for the parade. If you want to travel before the rush hour, you are welcome to come to our house in the afternoon. You can also park a trailer on our street.

(For some fun information on the parade, check out <http://www.17thofmay.org/parade.html>.)



MAY BREAKFAST TOUR

An all-car-club annual event sponsored by Sea-Tac HCCA

Sunday, May 5
Puyallup Elks Club
314 27th Street NE, Puyallup

Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.
Tour leaves: 10:15 a.m.

\$12

Payable at the site

A great tour! A great time!

Tour includes a stop at the residence of Jerry Yoder, former owner of Sunset Chevrolet in Sumner, to see his outstanding collection of vintage autos. Coffee & snacks will be served.

Be there to kick-off the 2013 touring season and get together with folks from other clubs!

For information, contact Jim Farris,
206-937-5636 / farrismej@aol.com

May Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan and Sheri Johnson 5/16

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Farris 5/2
Resa Gabelein 5/5
Walt Blair 5/8

BIRTHDAYS (continued)

Bob Helgeson 5/23
Dot Zeigler 5/24
Sally Hall 5/27
Mary Brownell 5/29
Judy Green 5/30

Mountain Tops (Continued from page 1)

This view was first experienced as we descended the heights of Somerset.

From there it was on to the Newcastle Golf Course, an even higher vista westward. This was an interesting stop. Dave Haddock reminded some that the area was a landfill. Unusual for a mountain top! It turned out that Dan Johnson had worked on that fill, carting up the steep hill part of the million tons of dirt hauled from the I-90 dig on Mercer Island.



Higher on Cougar Mountain, a swing into "The Pinnacles" provided even a loftier view.



From there it was on to the Barker's where Bill and Sis opened their home for a rest stop and a quick look at the Chevrolets in his garage.

The tour continued on, descending to the valley on a winding steep downhill grade to The Issaquah Museum, where a docent provided a talk and information about the area's history and the artifacts in the small old Gilman Town Hall.



The day ended after lunch at The Brew House in downtown Issaquah with friendly chatter and food.



This tour was the first outing for three VCCA cars. Matt Dickinson drove his 1954 3600 ¾ Ton Pickup, Roger Orness was out in his recently acquired 1955 Bel Air Hardtop, and Dan Johnson drove their 1975 Corvette.



Thanks go to Dick and Fran Olson who led the tour. This route

had long been a plan of Dick's since his working years installing and repairing appliances in the many newer homes on the slopes of the mountain. Also thanks to Bill and Sis Barker for sharing their home, and everyone who participated.

Next year the tradition will continue as we explore the area we call home. Any suggestions where we can go?



PSR Director Al Howe Weds Kathy Kahrs

By Al Howe

Yes, Kathy Kahrs and I were married March 30th at our house in the “love cave” that used to be the “man cave”. You know, the place where you store cars, work on cars and have lots of greasy stuff just laying around that you don’t really need any more but just cannot let go.

At first, we were just going to have immediate family only and have the wedding in the house. Well you could not invite this one without inviting that one, so we decided to rent a hall and invite more of the family. But that meant everyone would come to the house to visit after the wedding, so we thought that we might just as well have it at house.

How do we handle so many? When we finally decided to have the wedding in the shop, I had visions of car stuff being part of the show. Parts hanging on the wall and tools in their proper place all clean and shiny. I could show off my man stuff. Kathy said, “That was a joke.” We needed all the floor space possible so some of the stuff on the floor had to go.

Ok, Ok! I had a utility trailer so I started putting stuff in it. Well, next we needed this wall cleared for decorations so more went into the trailer and then another wall fell victim to the “love cave” transformation. The car lift could not be moved so I got to leave that in place with a car on it. Yes, one of the cars got to stay. I chose the ‘55 Bel Air. It looked so good there with Christmas lights all around it. However, something was missing so I thought I would leave some car-related things like a crank and star wrench on the wall behind it. No way, down they came.

Kathy worked so hard cleaning inside the shop. She did a marvelous job turning the doors and walls into something that did not show spider tracks any more. However, she was having a hard time visualizing how the shop should be decorated. Her neighbor likes planning weddings and volunteered to help.

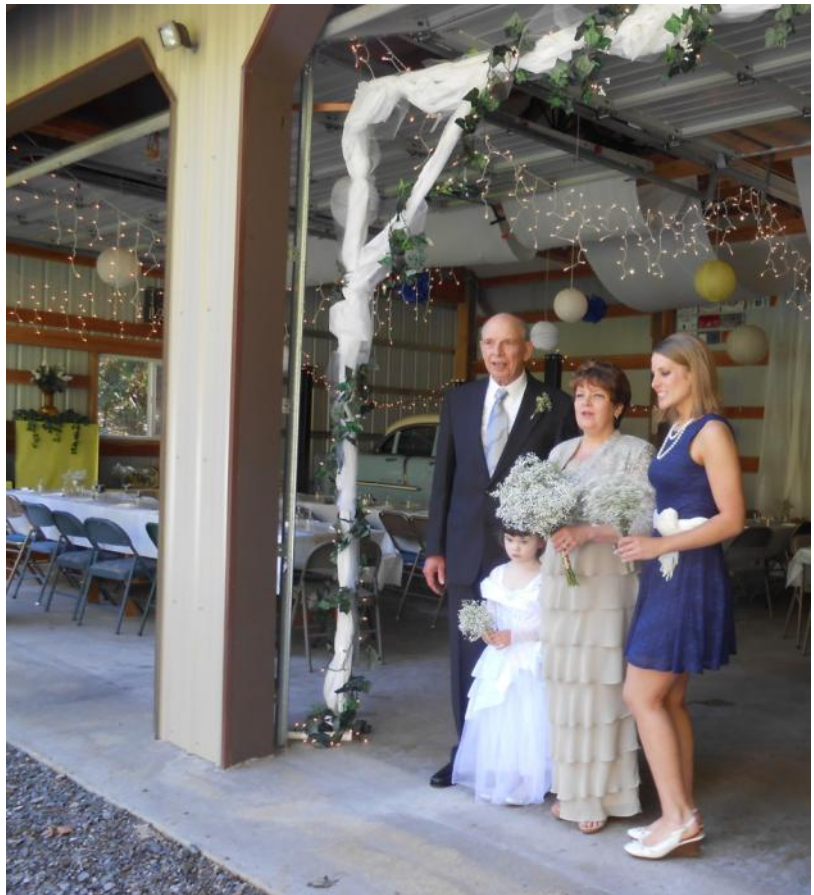
After they looked at the shop and discussed ideas, Kathy felt so much better. I had no clue what they were talking about. After translation, I discovered the floors needed to be mopped, tutu material on the table and a peacock feather in my lapel. The line had to drawn. In the end I did not have to put a peacock feather in my lapel. The wedding planner had a lot of good ideas and each one became a “to-do” for me.

The “love cave” did turn out very nice and the weather could not have been better for our very special day.

All the relatives had plenty to eat and enjoyed a chance to visit with some whom they do not see very often. I parked the ‘27 on the grass in front of the building beforehand and drove Kathy from the house to festivities in the “31. Everyone was standing around so they could watch better. Her father opened the car door for Kathy and escorted her to the rest of the wedding party.

All went as planned. My four-year-old granddaughter, Keira, wore her Cinderella wedding dress that she got for her birthday and was the real star of the show as she stood with us as flower girl.

We are glad it is over so we can at last sleep at night without the wedding committee keeping us awake. So much to think about in planning a wedding. It would have been easier had I listened to Kathy’s first suggestion and eloped but then we would have missed all the memories we made on that very wonderful day.



See page 12 for another picture.

Puget Sound Region VCCA
General Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2013

Welcome: There were 33 members present and one guest. Jim Farris's son Jim was the guest speaker for the evening's program on replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct with the new tunnel. Jim is a Civil Engineer working on the south end of the tunnel. The project is much more than just the removal of the viaduct and drilling a tunnel. Everything from rebuilding the seawall to the Mercer Street upgrades are part of the overall project. Jim shared lots of information with visual support for an hour. Then we had a break, followed by the business meeting.

Business Meeting: The business part of the meeting was called to order at 8:45 PM by Director Al Howe. Glenn Landguth was awarded a color copy of the Tappet Clatter for his cover article for March on the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI).

A purple quilted clutch bag with a strap, shown in a close-up view. The bag features a quilted pattern and a strap with a buckle.

Tours: The annual Horseless Carriage Tour and Breakfast is May 5th. Flyers were handed out to those interested. The Ballard Parade was again mentioned for May.

Matt reminded us of the “Cruzin’ to Colby” in Everett May 26 and 27. A notice was published in the March TC.

Treasurer/Budget: Sallie Comstock showed the 2012 expenses and income for the Club. We spent \$643 more than we took in. She also showed a basic expense budget for 2013 with just the absolutely necessary items. We will be discussing dues and potential savings next meeting.

April Auction Meeting: Al talked about the quality of items donated for the auction. He encouraged members to bring better stuff and set a realistic reserve on the items so they weren't being given away for a dollar or two.

Respectfully submitted, Don Comstock

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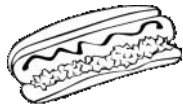
Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

Dates	Activity	Activity Organizer
April 22nd	Club Auction, Membership Meeting	
May 5 th	HCCA Breakfast & Tour	Jim Farris
May 17 th	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein
May 17 th /18 th /19 th	Monroe Swap Meet	Ana Maria Haley
Late May to Early June	Tour Suggestion Needed	
June 16 th	GM Picnic in Graham	
June 24 th	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social at Perrigo Park	Club Meeting
June 24 th to 28 th	Four Cylinder Tour - Dillon, Montana	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
July 4 th	Folsom's Picnic/Pot Luck	Lee & Carol Folsom
July 27 th	Historic Roads of the Cascades	Dave Haddock/Rod Schein
TBD	Board Meeting	
August 15 th to 17 th	NW Meet, Federal Way, WA	Mt. Rainier VCCA
August 26 th	XXX Drive-In, Issaquah	Club Meeting
Sept 9 th to 13 th	Early 6 Cylinder Tour - Baker City, OR	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
October 26 th (Tentative)	Weekend Portland Trip	D. Olson/B. Barker
October 12 th	Teanaway Hunters Breakfast Tour	Jim Farris
TBD	Board Meeting	
Early December	Christmas Party	

I've listed ranges of dates that we'd like the membership to help come up with tour suggestions. I will help with the paperwork and submit the tour passport miles requests. We still need to set dates for some events.

Matt Dickinson



Open House - Potluck - Picnic

Olson's Gaskets



3059 Opdal Rd. E, Port Orchard WA 98366
June 22, 2013, 11 AM to 4 PM (Lunch is at 1:00 PM)

Trailer Parking and Handicap Parking available
Emphasizing Pre-war and Orphaned Vehicles
Free gift for first 100 vehicles

Provided: hot dogs, coffee, plates, plastic ware
Please bring any 2 of the following: hot dish/salad/dessert/chicken/other

Individuals please RSVP
Clubs please provide head count by June 15th
Contact (360)-871-1207 or Email olsonsgaskets@gmail.com

No hot rods, street rods, or resto rods please

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, via email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

What Causes A Brownish Color on Sidewalls?

According to Michelin's website:

The brownish color on sidewalls is normal. It is likely an anti-ozone agent in the rubber, used to slow down the negative effects of ozone, that migrates to the surface over time, leaving the appearance of a brownish dust. According to michelinman.com/tire, there is technically no cause for concern and it will likely disappear in time.

What Do You Know About Your Tires?

By Bob Stamnes

Towing season is upon us, and proper tire inflation is especially critical when towing. I recently had two incidents that reminded me that I should pay more attention to my tires. (A much more in-depth discussion can be found at www.michelinman.com/tires.)

First, one day at Dave Folsom's, Dave happened to look at the tires on my van and politely said my tires looked under-inflated. I had just checked them and inflated them to what I thought was the correct pressure of 32-psi. Dave suggested I check the sticker on my door, thinking that the tire pressure should be closer to 38-psi. Dave was right. I then realized that low tire pressure may have caused the excessive sway I had experienced while towing my car trailer last summer. The lesson: verify the correct inflation pressure before checking the tires.

The second lesson was when the tire on MG's car went flat twice in 3 weeks, both times fixed by Schwab. After the second time, I heard a thumping sound at speeds over 50 mph. I could not get back to Schwab for a couple hours, so I took it to another tire shop and asked them to check the tire that was recently repaired. It turned out some tire plies had separated. This may have been the result of running it with low tire pressure. The lesson: Every flat tire should be thoroughly examined for other damage before repairing the leak. It should also be road-tested after the repair.

Routine tire inspection can detect problems early. Any abnormal tire wear may indicate improper inflation or mechanical problem with brakes or alignment that should be corrected. Flat spots may indicate brake lock-up. Excessive wear on either the inside or outside of the tread can be caused by misalignment. Wear on both the inner and outer part of the tread may indicate under-inflation. Excessive wear on the center of the tread may indicate over-inflation.

NOTE: These notes apply to radial tires and may not make sense for biased tires.

Tire Improvements Over The Years

Three major tire improvements have been made over the years (from the Costco Connection):

1946 - The use of all-steel reinforced radial ply tires by a Michelin technical director significantly improved tire traction and handling.

1992 - The use of silica filler in tires in place of carbon black greatly improves tire performance on wet pavement. The filler bonds the rubber and gives it strength and durability. The use of silica also reduces rolling resistance giving better fuel efficiency.

Recently - Advanced elastomers were introduced into rubber to improve fuel efficiency. This reduces the rolling resistance of tires and hence, improves fuel efficiency. The use of advanced elastomers has now spread from hybrids to other vehicles.

TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

Ads will be carried up to three months on a space-available basis, unless withdrawn sooner or an extension is requested. Please notify the Tappet Clatter Editor when your ad is answered or you need an extension. gklandguth@msn.com

FOR SALE

1933 Chev Pickup Project. New cab wood installed. Asking \$4,500. Dick Olson, 425-222-5798, Rolson82@comcast.net.

1936 Chev Coupe, \$10,500, Bill Johnson, 425-255-6325, snkshk@comcast.net

1987 El Camino Parts, used, free to a good home:

- 1 Set Rally Wheel Trim Rims
- 1 Set Rally Wheel Center Caps
- 2 Trim Rings for headlights
- 1 Grille
- 2 Parking Light Lenses
- 2 El Camino Script (Chrome Emblems)

If nobody wants them they go to the dump. George Kowats, 253-852-8178.

Air Compressor Wright 12 Gal, seldom used. Asking \$125. Jim Seiber, 425-765-8195

Tires 4 Sears Allstate 4 ply tires / size - 4.75/5.00/5.25/5.50 X 19 black walls, \$100. These tires have good tread. I removed these from our 1930 when we installed the wire wheels & new tires. Gary Barquist 509-636-2133 or email ggary017@centurytel.net

WANTED

1926 Water Pump, Rebuilt. Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com

1928 Headlight Rim (door), Jim Farris, 206-937-5636, far-risnej@aol.com

1928 Chevrolet Sedan. Front Bumper Center Medallion and Bolt. It's an oval piece that holds the double-bar bumper together. Jim Farris 206-937-5636 farrismej@aol.com

1936 Dash Clock, Bill Barker, 425-643-0698, bill@barkerville.net

1936 Chevy Engine, Rebuilt. Dick Olson, 425-222-5798, Rolson82@comcast.net

Overdrive for 1926 Chev. Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com.

2013 NW Meet Prospectus

The 2013 NW Meet Prospectus hardcopy will be available at the next General Meeting.

Ana Maria Haley

Monroe Swap Meet Volunteer Update

from Ana Maria Haley

I will have a meeting with the Swap Meet organizers on April 23rd., one day after our Club General Meeting. The volunteer job assignments/parking/letter, etc will be mailed a couple of days later.

If you have any questions please e-mail me at anama97@q.com. Thanks, Ana Maria

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Renewals for car tabs
Sometimes aren't mailed.
Make sure that you're current,
So you don't get nailed.

Driver's licenses too
Can get out of date.
So look in your wallet
Before it's too late.

Not a problem for safety.
Just a possible fine.
Check on your licenses.
It won't take much time.

Web Links Of Interest

Capital City Region, VCCA: None
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://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>
Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvrcca.org/>
Dave Folsom Blog, www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/
Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>

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Newlyweds Mr. And Mrs. Al Howe
and Al's granddaughter Keira pose
in front of the 1927 Chevy Coupe.
(See story on page 6.)