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### A Thought On the April Club Auction Meeting

By Jim Seiber

The April Puget Sound Region Meeting program will be the annual auction. I have some thoughts to share regarding this program. The auction started as a result of members going to the Portland Swap meet club booth and finding other members had brought parts they would like to buy. The rationale for the auction; why haul all those parts to Portland to exchange, why not bring them to a meeting, auction them off and give the money to the club treasury?

Many of us have items that we would like have go to deserving fellow members in order to help the club fund raising efforts.

Over the past few years a question has evolved; is this activity a treasure hunt or a junk sharing time? I have donated parts I could sell at a swap meet in the \$30 to \$40 range that are sold at club auction for under \$5. It seems I would be better off to sell the item at a swap meet and donate the money. Why didn't that item go for a higher price? Perhaps only one member wanted it. Some members have misunderstood the process and brought parts needing much work. A couple of generous members will bid just to keep the bidding moving up a dollar or two. While a car part may be worth big \$\$\$ if there is no one in the room who can use that part, someone may get it for a \$1. This is a big discouragement to the person who brought the item. Or if there are no bids, the person who brought the item has been asked to bid a \$1 just to take the item home. This penalizes persons for bringing nice items.

What seems to stimulate good prices are parts/items that have universal appeal to many years of application, spark plugs are one example. Tools would be another high interest item with good auction potential. Items that are historic/antique related also do well at club auctions. Every item need not be auto related.

I would like to suggest the option of the owner being allowed to place a starting bid on items of great value. For example if I were to bring a new old stock oil pressure gauge for an early four cylinder car, I would place a starting bid on it of \$50. If no one bids above that price, I take the item home with no penalty. If this were the policy I might be willing to donate some nice items. If I bring a role of emery cloth, I would not put a starting bid on it and it may only sell for \$1 or if no one bids on it I take it home. That's fine with me.

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### May Meeting Reminder—NEW DATE!!

Our May membership meeting will be on **Monday, May 19th** because of Memorial Day. Start time is the same, 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. ***Jerry Brownell is on the list to bring the meeting treats.***

See the April meeting announcement on page 3.



## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2014



**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 1989 may be registered with the Region.

General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May, at **Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue**, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. No meetings are held in June, July, August, and 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 by 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. Email copy to [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com)

**For the May Tappet Clatter only—items will need to be submitted one week earlier due to the meeting date**

## ***Director's Corner***

### ***"From The Drivers Seat"***



**By Director, Al Howe**

The touring season has started with a wet welcome. February and March are making history with record or near record breaking rainfall. But don't let that deter you from planning a tour or going on one. We will have some good weather coming soon, I hope!

I am planning a tour to my place on July 19<sup>th</sup>. I have arranged for a special surprise for those who attend. If we have enough attend from north and south ends I will plan a tour from each. I am planning on a BBQ and potluck but it will depend on how many show up. It would be best if I know how many are planning on attending by the first of June so I can plan the tours and food. I will send out a broadcast about then asking for a response. So be thinking about a fun day in July.

The planning of the Northwest Meet is moving along on schedule with the prospectus done and submitted. We have some registrations sent in already. The next phase is preparing detailed info for the packet and all the things we have to do at the last minute. But we are working our way through all that very nicely.

I hope all the other Region members reading this and have not received the prospectus know they can get one by logging onto: [pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org](http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org) or [vcca.org](http://vcca.org) and downloading it. If you know someone who does not have access to the web and wants one, please see that they get a copy or send me an email and I will send them a copy; [chevval@comcast.net](mailto:chevval@comcast.net).

The Board has submitted the following addition to the By-Laws:

**Add to Article V:**

**Section 5. In the event of the passing of a club member the Director and Membership Secretary together have the discretion of granting a continued membership to the surviving spouse for up to one year.**

The membership will vote on it at the next meeting.

You know you are old when everything either dries up or leaks!

**Dick Olson reports that there will be no Garage Nite in May.  
Watch this space in next month's Tappet Clatter for the announcement of the next  
Garage Nite!**

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## **Ballard Parade Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Please join us in this fun community parade with a small town feel. The parade watchers will enjoy seeing our Chevy's. The parade is short and all on a gradual downhill grade and level at the end. It goes down 24<sup>th</sup> 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 **6:00pm**, but our turn to enter the parade will be later.

Afterwards, we invite you to come to our house for some special Norwegian refreshments.

Seattle City regulations require that you send me or bring 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. You can download a copy of this agreement from the web site below.

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 8<sup>th</sup>**.

We will meet at our house by **5:00pm** or come earlier to avoid traffic. We will line up on our street by year of car and drive to the parade at 24<sup>th</sup> Ave NW just south of NW 65<sup>th</sup>. To get to our house to avoid closed streets for the parade, (*removed for website posting*). You can also park a trailer on our street.

For some fun information on the parade, check out **<https://www.17thofmay.org/>**. For the Hold Harmless form go to **[http://17thofmay.org/participant\\_forms.html](http://17thofmay.org/participant_forms.html)**.

Contact us, if you have questions at our home phone (*phone # and address removed*)

Thanks, Rod and Evie Schein

## **Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes March 24, 2014**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:33pm by Director All Howe

**Welcome:** 24 members were in attendance. Al recognized long-time (since '67) national member Mike Voris from Seattle who attended. Ana Maria Haley's recruiting continues to bring new members. She introduced Jay and Lorraine Stanton who are also members of the Mt. Rainier Region. They own Corvettes ('63, '73, '86)

**Secretary:** Members accepted the minutes as printed in the Tappet Clatter.

**Membership:** Donna Onat welcomed the new members and thanked Ana Maria Haley for her efforts in recruiting new members.

**Glove Box:** Bob Stamnes asked if anyone had anything to add on the topic of how to prepare your car for the NW meet.

**Tours:** Rod Schein introduced the "Instant Tour" concept. When there is good weather predicted for the weekend, a member can plan a tour and announce it via email on a Thursday for that weekend. A follow up email with a go or no go for the tour would be sent on Friday. Tours would be done with directions via radios (no printed directions) Groups of three would stay together. Rod asked for ideas on possible tours. A tour to Snoqualmie Falls received the most votes.

**Potluck:** Al announced that he and Kathy will host a potluck on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP by June 1.

**Swap Meet:** Only 21 PSVCCA members volunteered to work at the Monroe Swap Meet this year. In past years, we have had 32 members volunteer. Ana Maria Haley told the group she is afraid we will no longer be offered the opportunity to work at the meet because of the low turnout from our club this year. This has been a steady source of income for the club for years. Ana will send out assignments via US Mail.

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**Board Meeting:** See the minutes from the board meeting for additional details on these items. Members voted to scrap the old club computer after Al removes the hard drive. A motion to extend membership to surviving spouses was passed. A By-Law change proposed by the board is in the Director's Corner. Please read it and be prepared to vote on the change at the next meeting. There was a discussion about creating an 'Associate Member' category for people not paying dues but providing services to members. Lots of discussion resulted in no consensus. The idea was tabled.

**Banner:** Diane Haddock proposed that a banner be made with the NW Meet logo. She volunteered to take the artwork to Costco during their sale. Membership agreed.

**Break:** Meeting ended and members enjoyed treats provided by Bob Starnes

**Program:** Bill Barker presented the Web and Technology Report he will be providing for the Board of Directors meeting next week.

Meeting adjourned around 9:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by Diane Haddock , substituting for Don Comstock

### **Puget Sound VCCA Board Meeting Minutes**

Renton Library March 12, 2014

Attendees: Al Howe, Dick Jones, Bill Damm, Don & Sallie Comstock

Called to order at 4:05 PM by Al Howe.

- Budget was presented to the general meeting in February. There were no questions or concerns.
- By-Laws were discussed with the possible addition of a section dealing with how the club should handle the death of a member and carrying the spouses membership forward for an additional time. After a thorough discussion we decided to let the director and membership secretary make a decision to extend the membership to the spouse.
- Al Howe discovered a club owned laptop that was acquired in the 1990's. It was decided that it serves no purpose and should be disposed of by removing the hard drive so no personal information is made public and the laptop disposed of properly.
- A Web Master is still needed for the club by September. A decision must be made whether to add a page to the national web site for the Puget Sound Region which will limit the amount of information we can share and store on the site or continue with our own web page that Jim Martoza has been web master for several years. The one we have now includes a lot more space but requires a greater cost in time and money to maintain.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Don Comstock

### **NEW FEATURE NEXT MONTH**

Be sure to watch next month's Tappet Clatter for a new feature. A monthly contest with details to be announced!

Bill Damm's  
SAFETY CORNER

## Safety Ditty

This year's Meet  
Has a good location  
Come join the fun  
Make it your vacation

You'll see old friends  
And some new ones too  
With vintage cars  
That look like new

Bring your camera  
And a folding chair  
Enjoy some talk  
And salty air

So register now  
And reservate (sic)  
Time goes fast  
Don't be late

Please be safe  
And take good care  
So this August  
We'll see you there!

### From the desk of Jim Seiber.....



In preparation for the March National VCCA Board Meeting in St. Louis, Bill Barker presented the information about VCCA demographics he will share with the Board of Directors this past week. The VCCA membership is changing. Are the policy's of the VCCA changing to meet the needs of the new members? Bill and our Area Director, David Gowan will be representing us at the meeting. We will look forward to hearing the results of the Boards actions upon their return.

Seen shopping at the Portland Swap meet were, Don Comstock, (who was selling in a space on the PIR track). Jim Farris, Bill Barker, Jim Darby, Dick Olson, Jim Seiber, Dave Roberts and Mike Voris.

Sorry if we missed seeing you there. The weather was decent, in that it didn't rain most of Thursday and no rain on Friday. Old car parts are getting harder to find, but we keep looking!

## Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Rod Schein

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
May 17	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein

### May Celebrations

<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>		<b>BIRTHDAYS (continued)</b>	
Dan & Sheri Johnson	5-16	Bob Helgeson	5-23
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		Dot Zeigler	5-24
Jim Farris	5-02	Sally Hall	5-27
Resa Gabelein	5-05	Mary Brownell	5-29
Walt Blair	5-08		

### Activities 2014

April	Club Auction		April 28
May	HCCA Breakfast & Tour 9am at the Puyallup Elks Lodge	Jim Farris	May 4
	Monroe Swap Meet Monroe Work Party	Ana Maria Haley	May 16-18
	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein	May 17
	<b>PSVCCA Meeting</b>		<b>May 17</b>
	Route 66 Tour	Bill Barker	May 13-30
June	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social		June 23
July	Tour/Potluck	Al Howe	July 19
Aug	NW Meet		Aug 21-23
	XXX Drive-In Issaquah Club Meeting		Aug 25
Sept	Early 6 Cylinder Tour – Colorado	Jim Farris	TBD
Oct	Teaway Hunters Breakfast Tour	Jim Farris	TBD
	Train Trip to Portland	Bill Barker	Oct 17-19
	Historic Cascades Roads Tour #2 (Weather Permitting!)	Rod Schein	TBD
Nov	Election of 2015 Club Officers		
Dec	Christmas Party		TBD

## Prospectus for the NW Meet Available

Copies were sent out via email and are also posted on the website. Go to <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/index.htm> and look under Announcements/News. Links to two versions are there - a PDF and a Word document file.



## 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](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) with your information.

### Hydraulic Jack Seals—The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly—By Bob Stamnes

Ken Hovda wrote:

*"The seal is going bad in my hydraulic jack. It settles slowly if I have much weight on it. I was wondering about where I could get the seals and how big a job it is to rebuild it."*

I suspect this is a very common problem. I have a leaking jack myself. I did a little research and found a detailed description on the web for rebuilding a floor jack.

The URL for the site is <http://goo.gl/WUNP9F>.

The following is the intro from this page and gives you an idea of how complex fixing a floor jack can be. I was surprised at the complexity, but found 19 steps on how to do it that included sources for parts and things to try.

ENJOY!!!

"This is a 1 1/4 ton hydraulic floor jack my father passed on to me. He bought it new during the 1970s. It began to leak down a little a few months ago. The lift arm no longer rises when the handle is pumped up and down. (I was able to pull the lift arm up by hand and it settled slowly enough that I could make a photo with the arm partially raised.)



I checked to be sure it was adequately filled with fluid, but that was not the problem. A few months before this problem, there were bubbles coming up through the vents at the filler plug. At that time I raised the lift arm with the handle, released the jack's valve, and let the arm fall slowly several times to purge air from the system. Finally, one day, the lift arm would not rise at all. If filling with fluid and purging air from the system do not restore function, there is probably internal leakage, even though fluid is not leaking from the jack. From what I have read, forty years of service is a reasonable time for a hydraulic jack to operate before it needs a rebuild.

A word of caution: Rebuilding this jack presented several challenges that seemed almost insurmountable at the occurrence of each. Rebuilding this jack was much more difficult than simply replacing a few "O" rings, and it required more than the very few hours some say are required for rebuilding a jack. Further, I had to make several special tools to get the job done. If you want to attempt rebuilding a jack and you are not a member of the web site Instructables, I would encourage you to pick a password and a screen name, and join. Doing that will allow you to download a PDF of this Instructable for printing, or to view at any time later on your computer, assuming you wish to consult what I have done as a guide.

When putting fluid into a jack never use anything other than hydraulic jack fluid. Do not use motor oil or brake fluid. Brake fluid makes the seals swell.

At this link you will find one man's description of how he rejuvenated his twenty-five year old jack by flushing its insides with a solvent, letting it dry completely, and filling it with fresh hydraulic jack fluid. It could be worth a try. I did find one manual for a floor jack that said the fluid should be changed every year. The procedure is to place the jack over a large pan, remove the filler plug, turn the jack on its side and let it drain. Then fill it again"



## Member News

Last October, Mike and Kathy Currie traveled to England, Scotland and Ireland. They had a wonderful time touring old castles and looking for the Loch Ness monster (but never saw it.) No old Chevys were spotted during the trip but they did see lots of other interesting vehicles and even spent seven days on a boat cruising the River Shannon while sampling various Irish beverages and visiting pubs and listening to local bands. Mike even got instruction on playing the spoons from a band member!

*(Editor's Note: What do YOU want to share? This space is reserved for our club members to provide information to others about what YOU are doing! If you don't want to keep hearing about what the Currie's are doing then send something about YOU to: tappetclatter@outlook.com. I promise that we'd all like to hear about it. Thanks!)*

By David Gowan VCCA Director Area # 3

### “Saint Louis, Here I Come!”

Yes, I've been to 'St. Louie' before but this time I'm on a mission. The National VCCA Board of Directors will meet here for three days to discuss the future of the Club and determine several issues of importance. There's the 'GMC' invitation, the 'modified' question, the future of our club magazine (all or part color - maybe more pages?) and other matters. These are all important topics. There is a need to keep our raison d'être in focus while encouraging all Chevrolet owners to get involved in VCCA activities on Regional, area and National levels. This may mean that we'll need to create new channels for more owners to participate. Thank you Area # 3 members for making your voice known. By the time you read this.....we can all go get some ice cream!



*(Editor's Note—See David's meeting report on Page 12)*

## 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/](http://www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/)

Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>



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Some suggestions:

Please discourage the practice of "bundling" items. I know it moves more stuff but it makes me take items I don't want. If there is no bid on the rusty 1948 hubcap, the owner takes it home. Don't pile that hubcap on the next item in line that I want to bid on. Now I am reluctant to bid higher not wanting to haul more junk home.

Keep it clean or boxed well. I have a 1937 truck master cylinder (fits 1936 to 1946 trucks). I have no use for it, but it is encased in years of grease and dirt gathered over years of accumulation. I won't bring it if I don't get it cleaned up.

Look through those boxes in the back corner that may have items you no longer need. Also consider a donation of time for a specific service...for example, donate a valve adjustment.

Thanks and happy bidding!

Ed Gallagher is a member of Columbia Region. He sent the following story to the 4 cylinder group. I thought it was so good I asked him if we could print it in the Tappet Clatter and he agreed. Enjoy! Al.



Here's a little levity on a St. Patrick's Day....around 45 years ago as a college student, I purchased this truck...my first Chevrolet. It's a 1926 Series X one ton. I certainly had youthful enthusiasm, but no real garage (had a gravel floor), few tools and no time--not a great combination. The truck ended up in my parents' carport for awhile, then I sold it to some folks who owned a photo studio in Seattle. They thought it might be a good advertising rig.



Over the last 45 years, a number of great Chevys have slipped through my fingers as I moved...but this one I don't think about too often.

Ed Gallagher  
VCCA #44216  
Columbia River Region

## 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. [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com)

### FOR SALE

**1935-6** Speedometer without cable, nice \$100  
Bob Stamnes [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1928** Head Light Trim Rings, new reproduction parts, still in shipping bags \$75 pr.  
Bob Stamnes [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1930's** Car Radio dial and cable for 30s car, nice \$50  
Bob Stamnes [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1934** Chevy ton and a half flatbed truck,

Older restoration, original engine, blue body, black fenders, interior is fair to good, pictures available on request. Asking \$22,850.  
Cathy Johnson,  
425-255-6325



**6.00 X 16** Wide Whitewalls, Five each. Bias ply B.F. Goodrich tires - good tread - low mileage. \$500.  
Jim Seiber 425-765-8195

**1926** Engine Head, \$100 Dick Olson 425 222-5798

**1936** Headlight Lens, 7-15/16 OD, 7-1/2" bucket?, new reproduction Appears to be same as GR-191 in Filling Station Catalog \$35  
Bob Stamnes [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1996** SS Impala, Black, Low Miles, All options,+ Sunroof, Weld wheels, Arizona speed headers & air intake. \$23,000  
Jerry Yoder (253) 307-1910, [JerryYoder@hotmail.com](mailto:JerryYoder@hotmail.com)

**Car Tube Radio box** without cables, unknown operational condition \$30  
Bob Stamnes [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pictures

**1931** Coupe, New Paint - Tires, etc. asking \$13,500,  
Janet Gore, 406-660-0916 or [tingore1943@gmail.com](mailto:tingore1943@gmail.com)



### WANTED

**1931** Ignition Switch, Dick, 425 736-8798,  
[dick10051@comcast.net](mailto:dick10051@comcast.net)

**1964** Chevelle SS - any condition  
Dave White 206-999-8138 [davidcwhite@comcast.net](mailto:davidcwhite@comcast.net)

### FREE STUFF

**Seat Frame and Cushions** (Needs Reconditioning) Fits  
1948 to 1954 Chevy Pickup. Don Hatley  
(253) 941-5674

***Comstock's have new Email addresses! Please make a note of them!!***

Hello All, Our email address has changed to [chevyguy2@centurylink.net](mailto:chevyguy2@centurylink.net) or [salliecat@centurylink.net](mailto:salliecat@centurylink.net) Please update your email list of contacts for Don and Sallie Comstock. We will stop using the ATT email address very soon. Don

## News from the National Board of Directors

David Gowan, Area # 3 Director

The 2014 National VCCA Board of Directors met on March 28-30 in St. Louis, MO. After touring Modern Litho in Jefferson City, where the G&D magazine is printed, we commenced business. Through Skype we met our new Editor, Kate Sullivan, formerly an Editor at Hemmings Classic Car, and our new Creative Directors, Steve and Lucy Blakey, who have also worked in car related publications. The BOD feels that hiring these professionals was a major achievement in 2013.

Membership dues have been fixed for 8 years despite increasing costs of postage and printing. **Renewal now will \$40 per member number** will be considered a 'family' membership allowing two adult votes on National VCCA business.

The major news is that the **VCCA will now recognize 'personalized' Chevrolets** (street legal, registered & insured with Chevrolet or GM produced drive trains) in a separate Chapter and judging structure. At this point it will be up to the Meet Chair whether or not to allow 'personalized' Chevrolets to participate in the events.

Another monumental issue was to **welcome GMC trucks as full members of the VCCA** to be shown and judged alongside Chevrolet trucks. Revised judging rules that will accommodate the GMCs will be forthcoming in 2015. Both of these decisions were based on majority input from VCCA members. Though mixed reactions to these changes are anticipated it is important to note that your BOD finally took forward looking action after considering them for many years. A prevailing sentiment is that the VCCA is now more responsive to a changing market without losing our basic tenant of "Preserving and Restoring Chevrolets".