

# THE TAPPET CLATTER



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## March Castle and Car Collection Tour

Text by Don Comstock Photos by Rod Schein



March 19<sup>th</sup> was a mostly dry day for a tour, better than usual for the first tour of the season. A small but hardy group gathered at the Walmart in Renton for a 9:45 departure. Bob and MG Stamnes, Rod and Evie Schein, and Dave and Betty Roberts all made it on time to head further south to Ken Scott's house, the gathering point for North Cascades, Puget Sound and Mount Rainier members. Jerry Yoder and his sister Sally drove directly to Ken's. We arrived just in time to make a quick lunch to take with us and we were on our way to Jim and Chris Rolstad's expansive collection of cars and trucks.



Jim is mostly a Ford guy with cars and trucks from Model A's to a '55 T-Bird with everything in-between. He even had a neat little English Ford. For us Chevy guys he had a '54 and '57 Corvette. I think I remember seeing a '47 Lincoln Continental without an engine along with a Metropolitan and a few Volkswagens. There were so many cars and trucks scattered in four or five outbuildings and in the back woods, I didn't really keep track (I didn't think there would be a test later.) The point of his collection was to buy what you liked and fix it up later. Jim said he would work on one car until he got stumped then go on to another and so on. That sounded very familiar to me. As a result the buildings were packed with partially torn down vehicles. Jim and Chris joined us on the remainder of the tour driving their very nice '40 Ford sedan (I'm guessing at the year.)



At noon the caravan headed toward Graham and the "Castle". As we were leaving, John Strampher and his camping buddy, Rome, joined the group. He had battery issues so was late catching up. With limited directions and a line of cars stretching out over a half mile we all managed to arrive at the "Castle" without anyone getting lost. In fact Jerry and Mary Brownell caught up with the group. They didn't get the message about the time change.

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## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2016



**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 1991 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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# ***Director's Corner***

***"From The Driver's Seat"***



It seems like I was just sitting down to write this article not that long ago, and here I am already late again. By our next meeting, there will already have been 5 or 6 swap meets, and the XXX Drive-in will be well into car show season with 5 or 6 events already taken place. The two VCCA events keep getting closer; the Mini Meet put on by the Willamette Valley region will be in late June. Registration is due back to them by May 20<sup>th</sup>. You should have received a club email from me (sent by Al Howe) with this information earlier this month. If you didn't receive it or need a copy of the registration information contact me to get another copy.

As mentioned at the March meeting, we did get a request to assist at the Monroe Swap Meet again this year. We got a total of 34 hours: 20 on Friday, and 14 on Saturday. Thanks to those of you who have committed to working. I'll be getting you more information as I get it. The club is still working without an Activities person. We had a March event, and Ralf Luche and Rod Schein are working on our April event. It will have either happened by meeting time or the following weekend depending on weather. Watch for an email for the decision on the date. For May, many of us will be attending the Horseless Carriage breakfast held at the Puyallup Elks (314 27<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Puyallup) on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Breakfast starts at 9:00 with the tour afterwards beginning at 10:15. Breakfast cost is \$12.50. Hope to see you there.

So I'd like to encourage everyone to think of an activity that they could organize and bring it up at our April meeting. We can pick a month for it to occur and find additional help if necessary to make it happen and we'll have another activity for everyone to enjoy.

See you at the meeting.

*Jim*

## **Web Links Of Interest**

**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.wvrvcva.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>



## **Chevrolee Comments...**

on repairing, rebuilding, or replacing your Chevrolet engine

From 1929 through 1932 Chevrolet engines had a bore of 3 5/16" and a stroke of 3 3/4" giving a displacement of 194 cubic inches. In 1933 the stroke of the Master and truck engine was increased to 4"; the bore remained the same. This resulted in a displacement of 206 cubic inches which continued through 1936.

The 1933 engine also had larger valves than previous models.

The cam shaft now used one replaceable bearing in the center, while the other two ran directly in the cast iron block. The ignition system was redesigned using a larger distributor cap, 14mm spark plugs, and new ignition points. This was also the first year for a vacuum advance control on the distributor and a thermostatic heat control valve on the manifold.

The changes in 1934 were limited mainly to the cylinder head. The exhaust valves were now at an angle making larger valves possible. The compression ratio was increased producing an increase in horsepower from 60-80.

Several important improvements were made in 1935. The earlier engines had a small rectangular valve keeper, which fit through a slot in the valve stem. These keepers would sometimes pull through the valve spring caps causing considerable damage. In 1935 two "U" shaped keepers were used in a groove around each valve stem eliminating this problem.

Through 1934 the connecting rods actually dipped oil from troughs in the oil pan. Starting in 1935 a system of pipes and nozzles aimed a stream of oil at each connecting rod dipper greatly increasing the oil supply to the rods, particularly at higher speeds. The aiming of these nozzles is extremely important when engines are overhauled or rebuilt.

The 1935 engine now had two replaceable cam bearings, center and rear, while the front still ran directly in the block. The water pump was redesigned using a larger impeller. Front and rear engine mounts were changed, this basic design was used through 1951.

Continued next month...

Written June, 1988





## Meeting in April and May

This month we have our annual auction meeting so bring some really neat old car related items and lots of money. Remember this is a fundraiser. As was last year, it will be a silent auction.

The May meeting will be the last meeting for the summer. I anticipate that we will have lots of discussions about the Anniversary Meet, Strawberry Picnic, tours, etc. so there will not be any other program.

Al Howe

### Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Check the oil,  
Check the tires  
And what ever  
Your classic requires.

If it stays garaged  
It just gets dusty.  
There's even a chance  
It might get rusty.

If dust and rust  
Are a given,  
It's just as well  
That they be driven.

So roll 'em out-  
Go on a tour  
To have some fun  
That's for sure.

Drive them safely  
So they don't get bent  
And show them off  
Like they're meant.

### April Tour to La Conner

We will meet on Saturday at 9:00 am at the Wood-inville Park and Ride and at 9:30 am we will drive north on Highway 522 to Highway 9. We will proceed north on 9 to McMurray and then turn left on Highway 534 continuing west thru Conway to La Conner. We will have lunch there (La Conner Pub and Eatery?, Calico Cupboard Old Town Cafe?).

On the way back we will branch off and take Pioneer Highway at Conway, which merges into Highway 530. Highway 9 will take us back to the Park and Ride.

Bring your long-range radio. This is what we will use to keep the group together and give directions and alerts.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 28th for an accurate head count to Ralf Luche by texting to 206-313-9847 or by email (rluche@yahoo.com)

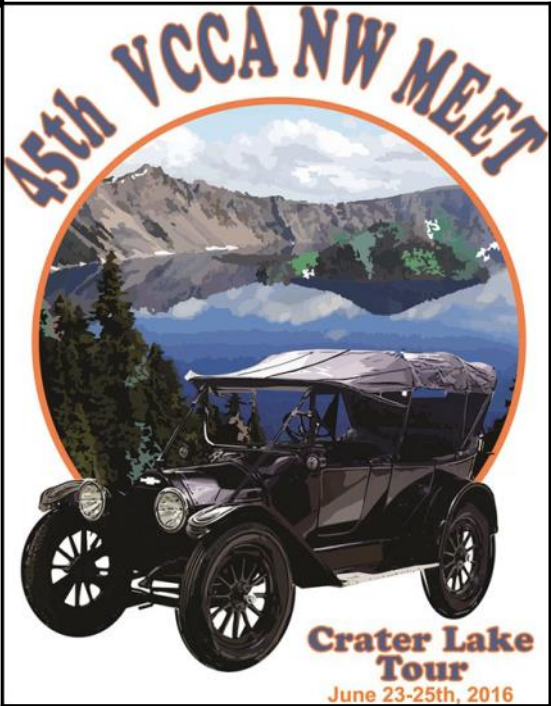
We are planning for Saturday, April 23 with a rainy day backup of April 30.

See you there!

### GARAGE NITE

There are no Garage Nites scheduled for any future month. We are looking for someone to take this on. How about you?

# 45<sup>th</sup> Northwest Meet June 23-25, 2016



The beautiful Rogue River Valley is the site for the 45<sup>th</sup> Northwest Meet hosted by the Willamette Valley Region, June 23-25, 2016. You are in for a treat driving old cars, visiting beautiful Crater Lake and the historic towns of Jacksonville and Ashland. Since this is a "Mini" Meet, there will be no judging or Ladies Luncheon, only laughter, good food and great friends. What more could you ask for! Brookside Inn and Suites in White City is the meet hotel and they have blocked all the rooms until April 1, 2016 so you need to reserve your room by March 31, 2016. You must call 541-826-0800 for a room. This cannot be done online. For the RVer's in the group there are spaces at Medford Oaks, RV Park and Cabins. Contact 541-826-5103 or go to [www.medfordoaks.com](http://www.medfordoaks.com) for more info.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



## Olson's Gaskets

### OPEN HOUSE & Potluck Picnic



**\* June 18, 2016 \***

Emphasizing: Original and restored collector cars, trucks and tractors



**WHERE:** 3059 Opdal Rd E Port Orchard WA 98366



**WHEN:** 11am to 4pm \ Lunch at 1pm

**Provided-** Hot dogs, drinks, plates and plastic ware

**Please bring your lawn chairs and any 2 of the following:**

Hot dish / salad / dessert / chicken / other

**\*Individuals please RSVP:**

**\*Clubs-need a head count by June 13<sup>th</sup> - thanks!**

**Phone contact # :** 360-871-1207 ask for Sheila or Sandy

**Contact e-mail:** [olsonsgaskets@gmail.com](mailto:olsonsgaskets@gmail.com)

Handicap and trailer parking available!

**NO hot rods, street rods or resto rods please**

## May Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Sheri Johnson                      5-16

### BIRTHDAYS

Jim Farris	5-02
Resa Gabelein	5-05
Walt Blair	5-08
Bob Helgeson	5-23
Dot Zeigler	5-24
Sally Hall	5/27
Mary Brownell	5-29

## 2016 Activities

April	23 25	Tour led by Ralf Luche PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School—Auction
May	1 17 23	Breakfast tour - Puyallup Elks - 9am - Jim Farris or Al Howe Ballard Parade—Rod & Evie Schein PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School
June	TBD 23-25	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Shortcake Social, Perrigo Park Mini Meet—Crater Lake, Oregon
July	4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Picnic—Dave and Diane Haddock's Home at Lake Forest Park
August	8-12 22	National Meet—Lake Tahoe PS-VCCA Meeting at "XXX Drive In" , Issaquah
September	26	PS-VCCA Club Meeting –Location to be Announced
October	1-2 24	Mahogany & Merlot led by Don & Sally Comstock PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be Announced
November	28	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be Announced
December	TBD TBD	Christmas Party Christmas Trains Party—Rod & Evie Schein

As you can see we have some open meeting dates. I hope to have some slide shows of summer activities like the 4 Cylinder and 6 Cylinder tours but we still need some other ideas. Some demonstrations like Bob Stamnes and Don Comstock did would be ideal but we could use other activities also. Give me a call or drop me an email and I will see what I can do. Thanks!

Al Howe

### PS-VCCA 2016 Meeting Treats

April:            Al Howe	September:    Glenn & Judy Landguth
May:             No one signed up	October:        Bob & MG Stamnes
June:            Strawberry Shortcake Event	November:     George & Barbara Reich

## **Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes**

March 28, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:30 by Director Jim Darby. There were 26 members present with one new member. Dorsey Helm lives in Renton and has a 1953 Bel Air Sport Coupe and Steve Denmark's 1932 Coach. Both are nearly roadworthy after 3 + years of sitting. Dave Gowan, Area 3 Director, also attended our meeting.

Secretary: February meeting minutes accepted as printed in Tappet Clatter.

Treasurer: Sallie Comstock gave an overview of the previous month. She finally received bills for the Roster and recent months Tappet Clatters and paid them all amounting to nearly \$1,000. Our balance is about where it should be at this time of year.

Membership: Donna Onat has mailed all Rosters that haven't been claimed in person. We now have 76 members.

Cover Story: Color copies of the Tappet Clatter were presented to Don Comstock for his February article on Caretakers and Dave and Diane Haddock who wrote about the January Banquet in March.

National News: There is a huge need for volunteers at the National Meet in Tahoe in August. Jim Farris received a package of raffle tickets for our Region to sell. Sallie Comstock will sell at the break. Recall that one of our members was the big winner at the last Meet. Tickets are \$10 each with prizes awarded of \$2016, \$1000, and \$500 with more if enough tickets are sold. Drawing will be held July 30<sup>th</sup> in Arizona and awards made at the banquet in Tahoe. You need not be present to win.

Tours: Coming up on April 23<sup>rd</sup> or the next weekend if the weather is bad is an all-day tour to La Conner led by Ralf Luche. Plan to leave the Woodinville Park and Ride at 9:30. Lunch in La Conner. Let Ralf know if you are planning on going. He will be driving his 1931. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the breakfast tour hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club. Breakfast is at the Puyallup Elks at 9:00 and the tour begins at 10:30 ending at Gerry Greenfield's place on Lake Tapps. Jim Farris or Al Howe are contact persons. The Ballard Parade is May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4P.M. An after-parade event will be at Schein's as in previous years. Rod and Evie are the contact people for this event.

Other Information: Monroe Swap Meet is a go with hours from 12 to 5 on Friday for 4 people and 5 to 7 for 2. Saturday has two shifts for 2 people each, 12 to 5 and 4:30 to 6:30 for traffic control. Let Jim Darby know if you can help out.

April Auction Meeting: Bring your auction items to donate to the club. This will be a silent auction like last year. You set the opening bid amount. Bids raise by a minimum of \$1. The final bidder when the auction closes is the winner. Items with no bids go home with the people who brought them. There will be breaks throughout the meeting to check on bids and raise bids.

Glove Box: Don Comstock started a discussion on why his '40 wouldn't start after spending the winter on a battery tender. The voltage charge was lower than what is needed to spin the starter and provide spark. His tender came from a motorcycle store. A quick charge with a regular charger boosted the voltage and the car started fine.

Treats: Ralf Luche brought treats for the break at 8:33.

Program: Bill Barker has made many trips to South Lake Tahoe in the past couple of years planning the National Meet. He shared his travel plan along with tips for places to stop for gas. He planned two days of driving with over 500 miles the first day when you are fresh. Going as a group is a good idea and fun. Contact Bill if you want help planning your trip.

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock



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

One more issue with my 1953 Chevrolet. The inside turn signal indicators were both blinking at the same time when I turned the turn signal on one way or the other. We had put a new electronic flasher in the car. Dave Folsom tried an old flasher, like the original flasher, and the problem went away. The indicator light comes on for the correct side when the turn signal is used, and it comes on brighter than with the electronic flasher.

The original flasher was not electronic. If anyone can explain this, please contact me at [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com).

Thanks

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It seems Ron Denning has been fascinated with castles since he was a young lad. When he retired from the Fire Service he decided to build a modern castle on a piece of property overlooking a small lake. As we came up the drive we were greeted by a friendly black Scotty dog and the sight of several small 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>



century shops. One contained a '78 Silver Anniversary Corvette and a hot rod. Going a hundred yards further we arrived at the castle. We took turns having lunch on the patio and touring inside. I don't believe I've ever seen so many swords, suits of armor, cross bows, long bows and lances in one spot. Amazing barely describes it when you include a well-stocked wine cellar and a DeLorean in the basement. The third floor housed bedrooms with appropriate furniture and trimmings as well as a narrow stairway up to the turret. Those who were able to go to the top and view the entire grounds were very lucky,

We made a quick trip back to Ken Scott's for a potluck with our old friends and a few new ones as

well. Food was plentiful with a good selection of salads and desserts. There was no final headcount that I know of so I will guess that there were about 40 to 50 people from all three Regions. There was talk about having a joint tour at least once a year. A big thanks to all the Puget Sound members who participated.





## Ballard Parade Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 6:00 pm

You are invited to join us in this fun community parade with a small town feel. The parade watchers will enjoy seeing our Chevys. 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,

Afterwards, we invite you to come to our house for some special Norwegian refreshments at 3214 NW 74<sup>th</sup> St, Seattle, 98117

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. You can bring the Hold Harmless Agreement and insurance card with you to our home on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

### RSVP:

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 11<sup>th</sup>**

My phone number is 206-783-8956

We will meet at our house before 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 24th Ave NW just south of NW 65<sup>th</sup>. To get to our house to avoid closed streets for the parade, do not go on Market St (downtown Ballard) but drive west on NW 65<sup>th</sup> St. to 32 Ave NW. Then travel north to NW 74<sup>th</sup> St and take a left. We are the 3<sup>rd</sup> house on the right. You can also park a trailer on our street. I will have our neighbors leave room on the street for our vehicles.

Our home phone is 206-783-8956

Our address is 3214 NW 74<sup>th</sup> St.

Contact us, if you have questions. Thanks, Rod and Evie Schein

For some fun information on the parade, check out

<https://www.17thofmay.org/>

For the Hold Harmless form go to

<http://www.17thofmay.org/participant-forms/>





## 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 Chevrolet** (modified). Sale or trade. Contact Lance Kesinger for details. 425-823-2263.



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**1931 Chevrolet Sports Coupe**, older restoration. Original engine and drive train. Hampton Coach interior is in good condition. Runs and drives very well. Comes with a large collection of extra parts. Radiator and water pump were replaced in 2014. \$12,500 Phil Christensen 509-636-2163



**1963 Corvair Greenbriar** 6-Door Van. Runs and drives and stops! Eastern Washington van. A little rust and a few dents but otherwise very solid. Good tires and lots of spare parts. A bargain at \$2,500! Contact Mike Currie 206-755-0137

8/15



**1948 Chevrolet Fleetline Aerosedan**, Restored about 15 years ago with only 3,000 miles since. Always garaged, Hampton Coach interior, original rebuilt 216 ci engine, options include Guide foglamps, six lug 15 in. wheels, backup light, and windshield washer. All reasonable offers considered.

Janice Dynes 425-827-9954

7/15



**1947-1971 Locking gas cap** for sale \$8 to club members. Manufacturer: FoMoCo No. C20Z-9030-A Appears to be the same as one listed on Ebay at 400393915956 which fits 1958-63 Chev cars. Key included. Chrome plated. 1947-1971 Chev Trucks Contact Bob Stamnes, [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com)

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### WANTED

**66-67 Chevy Nova or Chevelle SS**, Level 2 or 3. Engine- Big block or small. Color- preference is blue but open to other colors. Air Conditioning- prefer to have it for Arizona, possibly Prefer a car that is driveable on a daily basis, I don't think it will just sit in the garage. Contact: David O'Brien, [dkob131@aol.com](mailto:dkob131@aol.com).

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**1930 Passenger Radiator** Gary Barquist 509-636-2133

6/15

**1941 Chevrolet speedometer**. I'm needing to replace or have repaired/rebuilt the non-working speedometer of my 1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe coupe. Suggestions would certainly be appreciated. David Holiday, Gold Bar WA [davterr13@comcast.net](mailto:davterr13@comcast.net)

8/15

## BOWTIES gather at Lake Tahoe!

David Gowan - Area 3 VCCA Director

Pieces are falling together for the 55<sup>th</sup> VCCA Anniversary meet at Lake Tahoe, NV (August 7-12). This celebration will be one to remember. It will be streamlined, and you'll have time not only to see your friends and meet



new people, but also spend time seeing 'vacationland' sites in the area. I hope you plan to be at the awards banquet on Friday night. This one will not drag on forever. It will be held in a theatre with wonderful food, entertainment and interesting presentations. Registration information and forms are available. Are you taking a vehicle? Do you have a room? Will you be taking the tours? The plaque tour will be around Lake Tahoe. I urge you to get your BOW-TIE ready and shined up for a wonderful time in the mountains.