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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 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 1992 may be registered with the Region.

General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May, at **Ringdall Middle School, 11650 SE 60<sup>th</sup> Street Bellevue**, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM (until September 2017.) 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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### GARAGE NITE

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

# ***Director's Corner***

***"From The Running Board"***



Hello Club Members,

As you are well aware Rod and I are riding on the Running Board together this year as a team. I talked with Rod yesterday for the latest update on the medical procedures and tests that he has already completed and those that are still scheduled. His outlook is positive and he is confident about the best medical care. I am sure that he will appreciate your prayers.

We cannot thank Jim Darby enough for his leadership and the car club members who assisted in planning and providing another excellent annual banquet at the Golden Steer in Kent. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, as a reminder, the decision was made to receive the Tappet Clatter via email, with the exception of those few members who need a hard copy. Al will update you soon on those procedural changes.

The decision to investigate and locate another place for our monthly club meetings was initiated and Jim Seiber has made a recommendation to hold the next Board of Directors meeting at the IHOP Restaurant in Issaquah, Saturday, May 13th, at 1:30 p.m. which was the best of the dates considered. The idea is to evaluate this IHOP as a possible meeting location instead of Ringdall Middle School.

Another item to think about is the 50th Anniversary of our club in 2017. Give your thoughts on this to Don Comstock.

This is a reminder that the Board of Directors prefers that you talk with them or the committee members directly about the topics they discussed and that are under consideration.

Looking forward to our meeting this month. Remember to check your dipstick. You don't want your oil to get too low.

Best Regards, Jerry

## **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.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>



Bill Damm's  
SAFETY CORNER

April is here  
And so is spring.  
With the better weather  
We can do our thing.

We've all had enough  
Of the continuous rain,  
So it's kind of nice  
To see some sun again.

In between  
The remaining showers  
We can take out our classics  
For a couple of hours.

We can dust them off  
And make them clean,  
Then drive them around  
So they can be seen.

We'll check the fluids  
And check the tires;  
Make sure they're safe  
With no stranded wires.

We'll fix what's broke  
And what needs repair,  
Then we'll all be ready  
To enjoy the warmer air.



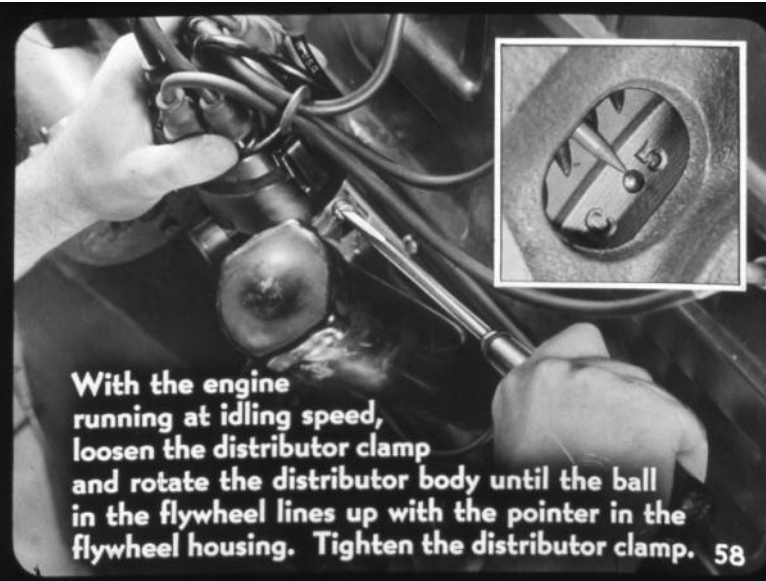
## Treats for 2017 meetings:

April - Bob Stamnes  
May - Jerry Yoder & Karen  
October - George & Barbara Reich  
November - Bob & Starrann Reller and  
Ken Scott & Fran

**THANKS!!**

## Program for April Meeting

Al Howe will lead a discussion on  
how to time your old Chevy without a timing light.



With the engine running at idling speed, loosen the distributor clamp and rotate the distributor body until the ball in the flywheel lines up with the pointer in the flywheel housing. Tighten the distributor clamp. 58

**2017 is the Puget Sound Region's 50th Anniversary!!**

Should we do something to celebrate? If so what? Bring your ideas to the April meeting.

Al Howe

## Ballard Parade Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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.

Depending on our placement in the parade, we will enjoy some special Norwegian refreshments either before or after the parade at our house, 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.

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. We also are inviting our neighbors to drop by to see our cars on our street. Contact us if you have questions. Thanks, Rod and Evie Schein

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

For the Hold Harmless form go to <http://www.17thofmay.org/participant-forms/>



## May Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Sheri Johnson 16

### BIRTHDAYS

Jim Farris 2  
 Resa Gabelein 5  
 Bob Helgeson 23  
 Dot Zeigler 24  
 Mary Brownell 29

## 2017Activities

April	13 24	Tour /meet with the destination LeMay Cruise-In in Tacoma. PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School
May	7 17 19/20 22	Breakfast tour starting in Puyallup -- Al Howe / Jim Farris Ballard Parade—Hosted by Rod & Evie Schein Work party for Monroe Swap Meet PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Issaquah IHOP
June	TBD TBD 26-29	Tour or event to be determined Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Shortcake Social and meeting- Perigo Park 4 Cylinder Tour in Hamilton, MT -- Al Howe / Jim Farris
July	4 TBD	Social—Dave and Diane Haddock's home at Lake Forest Park 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour and BBQ at Jerry Yoder's on Snag Island
August	14 16-19 28	Hunters Breakfast tour -- Jim Farris 2017 Northwest Meet -- Anacortes PS-VCCA Club Meeting - Issaquah XXX
September	TBD 25	Tour through the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery date and leader TBD PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Issaquah IHOP
October	6-8 TBD 23	Mahogany & Merlot-Lake Chelan Octoberfest, Corn Maize or Halloween event TBD PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Issaquah IHOP
November	27	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Issaquah IHOP
December	TBD	Christmas Party date, location and time set by the first week in November

Ringdall address is 11650 SE 60<sup>th</sup> Street Bellevue. Travelling 405 from either the North or south take Exit 10 and head east to 119<sup>th</sup> Street (should be the first stoplight east of 405.) From I-90 take the 405 South exit and immediately stay to the right getting off at the Coal Creek Parkway exit. (Note you'll never actually merge all the way on to 405.) Turn left under the freeway and take a right at the light on 119<sup>th</sup>. Go up the hill passing thru a couple of stop signs and turn right on SE 60<sup>th</sup>. (The shopping center will be on your left.) Follow SE 60<sup>th</sup> and Ringdall will be on your right.

# Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2017

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at Ringdall Middle School, by Jerry Brownell, with Rod Schein's assistance at 7:29 pm. The meeting began with Jerry distributing color copies of the Tappet Clatter to those who wrote cover articles or provided cover photos. The Tappett Clatter for February included an article on Walt Blair, a long time member who passed away. Don Comstock mentioned how much we learn about members from such articles and noted that we should feature living members in the TC.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the January meeting as published in the February Tappet Clatter were approved by vote of those present.

**Business:** Al Howe circulated the sign-up sheet for meeting treats.

Announcements: It was noted that the February meeting was cancelled due to snow. The decision to remove the annual auction from the April meeting was confirmed. Al Howe will work on a topic for the meeting. Al also mentioned that member Jeffrey Haines' home had a fire this winter, but that he thinks repairs have been made and that he has moved back into his home.

**PSRVCCA NEW WEBSITE:** Ralf Luche, webmaster, provided information on the new Puget Sound Region website that he has developed for the club. It is now online for members to access. The new website has numerous photos and lots of information for club members. The web address is: <http://psrvcca.weebly.com>. It can easily be found by Googling "psrvcca". You will also find classified ads, reminders, activities, a 'sanitized' Tappet Clatter and the club store. Be sure to submit a photo of your car, which will be posted without your name, on the site! The activities section includes previous, recent and planned events. Be sure to check it out, make submissions and suggestions to Ralf, and enjoy!

**Membership:** Donna Onat was not present at the meeting.

**Rod Schein:** Rod's valve replacement is still in the future; it will be a five-hour long surgery and he asks for your prayers.

**Treasurer Report:** Don Comstock filled in for Sallie who was ill. He noted the club spent more on the banquet than was brought in. It was a subsidized event. We contributed \$500 to the Cascade Region for the NW Meet. For the 2016 Budget, the club also spent more than was brought in. For 2017, with the switch to an emailed Tappet Clatter, rather than a printed copy, the budget will be in much better shape. With no newsletter printing costs and no website domain fee things are looking good. Some non-essential expenses for 2017 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It will probably be a July party with over \$200 in expenses including a potluck. The Swap Meet contract this year will provide us an opportunity to earn \$620 (for 62 hours work at the vendor gate.) The Swap Meet is May 19-21. Don has broken the hours into 3-4 hour shifts. He circulated a sign-up sheet. Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Don. Duties for gate tenders are to verify vehicles have mirror hang tags and credentials, and to restrict entry during specific hours, pass out flyers and provide directions and maps to vendors.

**Tours:** Don Comstock is looking for April tours. There is a scheduled tour to the LeMay Museum on April 13. May also brings the Ballard Parade and Elks breakfast. It was decided to combine the Strawberry event with the July 4<sup>th</sup> get-together. Jim Seiber scouted the Carnation/Duvall area and reports traffic is a problem. Ken Scott and Fran have invited members for a crafts event at their place. Both men and women can use car parts to craft picture frames and other home décor to take with them. They could also host a scrapbooking event. Ken also mentioned they enjoy RV trips in groups and invited the members to join in (see details on all in activities.)

**Glove Box:** Bob Stamnes asked members if they had any information on reconditioning license plates.

**Meeting Presentation:** Bill Barker was at a National Board of Directors Meeting; he said they will be voting on the location of the 2021 Anniversary Meet soon. Yearly decisions also include when to have meetings; lately they have been quarterly. The last meeting was in August with a full agenda. National VCCA has lost 500 members from 2011 to 2016 from a previous 8,000 members. There is a declining income. The G&D is increasingly expensive to print and it requires ¾ of the annual dues income. It will probably go electronic. Online packs for Portland Swap Meet tickets are available (3 day pass.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM , Respectfully submitted by Diane Haddock.



**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, [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) with your information.

### HOOD SPRING REPLACEMENT

I got tired of hitting my head on the hood every time I worked in the engine compartment. The hood was always too low. Now I suppose some people would just put a stick up there to hold the hood up. Well, I was ordering other parts and saw new hood springs offered, so I purchased them without knowing how tough they are to install, or even a clue on how to do it. I noticed the same supplier was selling something to assist with this but I really did not understand how it would help. Well, with the knowledge of Dave Folsom, the new hood springs are now in our (MG's) '53 Chevrolet and the hood is definitely higher and more out of the way.

Here is how it went and some of the issues to think about.

To get each spring off, you have to hold it in the extended position while you lift the hood, so the spring is loose and can be removed. The first challenge is to extend the spring by pulling the hood as low as you can get it and still reach the spring with your hand. While in this position, you install a trough shaped tray with slightly angled end caps (see photo) around the spring with the angled end caps slipped between the coils of the spring. A 2 ½ inch hose clamp is then installed (see photo) to hold the spring in the trough as the hood is lifted to release the spring from the mounts. Note the position of the ends as the new spring should go in with the same orientation.



Now you have the challenge of removing your trough from the spring. This can be dangerous, so be cautious. The way we removed it was to use a floor jack and hook one end of the spring on the axle and the other over the top plate that would normally contact the car. As you pump up the jack, it extends the spring slightly so the trough can be removed after you remove the hose clamp. Lowering the jack releases the old spring. The process can now be reversed with the new spring.

The new spring is attached to the jack with one end on the axle and the other on the plate that lifts a car, and the jack can once again be pumped up to stretch the spring to the desired length. You want the spring stretched slightly more than that required to hook it back on the car (slightly more than 15" of length in the case of our (MG's) '53 Chevrolet). Note: If the spring releases from the jack unexpectedly, it can be very, very dangerous as it goes flying across the room. So if your floor jack is not shaped properly or strong enough for this project, please abandon the idea of installing your own springs. The trough is installed while the spring is stretched to hold it in that length. Again, the hose clamp is wrapped around the spring and trough to hold the trough to the spring while it is removed from the floor jack and positioned in the car. Once the new spring is in the car, the hood can be lowered to stretch the new spring so the trough can be released after the hose clamp is removed.

Stretching the new spring slightly more is required as some of the coils are outside of the trough and will collapse when the new spring is released from the jack (see photo). This may require a little trial and error to make the spring the required length.

Remember to place the trough in such a position in the car so the trough can be removed. In our case the trough had to be on the back side of the spring to get it off the new spring in the car. Note that if the trough is on the side or front of the spring, it would be wedged between the new spring and the car, making it very difficult to remove.



# SAVE THE DATE

## SEA TAC HCCA ANNUAL CAR SHOW

### 100<sup>TH</sup> Centennial of the Ballard Locks

[The Hiram M. Chittenden Locks - Seattle, WA - Est. 1917]

**Date:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 (Rain or Shine)

**Time:** Show/ Display 9:00 - 3:00

**Event:** All-Decade Antique & Classic Car Show

30 year and older and special interest vehicles, **no hot rods**

**Activities:** Live music and Locks, Fish Ladder, Gardens

**Pre-Registration begins:** April 2017 (\$20.00 per vehicle)

**Contact Information:** Roxanne / Dennis Trees - [rltrees@q.com](mailto:rltrees@q.com)

Dennis: (206) 419-2737 Roxanne: (206) 790-4545



Join us and celebrate 100 years ....

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Did you know?

The Locks were formally dedicated July 4, 1917.

They were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

The Locks were built by Seattle and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop the City of Seattle and as a commercial navigation route connecting Puget Sound to the Lake Washington Ship Canal.

The Locks are the nation's busiest; 50,000 vessels a year 'lock through'.

500,000 fish, including endangered salmon species, must pass through the Locks, spillway or fish ladder to move between Lake Washington and Puget Sound.

Carl S. English, Jr., 43 yr. horticulturist, landscaped the romantic English gardens with 570 species and 1500 plant varieties.

The Locks attract over 1.3 million visitors per year.

Participate in our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with a 30 year and older era vehicle or specialty car! First 100 cars (no hot-rods) accepted. Pre-Registration is required with an application. See contact information above.



## ***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**



**1931 5 Window Coupe** for sale. Price Negotiable.

Bob Gordon 206-799-3656

**1931 parts**, included are engine, transmission, clutch assembly, bell housing, two axles with bearings, four new tubes and liners 4.75x5.00x19, new firewall pad, '31 light bar with headlight buckets, one car headlight bucket with reflector, two '31 truck headlight buckets, one original 1931 owner's manual in excellent condition, and several used gauges, carb parts and gaskets.

**1936 parts** include four 17 inch 5-lug wire wheels with a 6-3/4 in. center opening to fit 1935-36 standard, two 17 inch 5-lug wire wheels with a 5 in. center opening and two 1936 sedan rear doors.

Phil Christensen [philip082@centurytel.net](mailto:philip082@centurytel.net)

**1936—39 Speedometer.** Nice face, rim has slight bump. \$25 or best club offer takes it. Money from this will go back to the club. Picture available upon request. Bob Stamnes [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com),

**1957 Chevy truck hood.** OEM complete with hinges. \$200. Don Hatley [dhatwaa@comcast.net](mailto:dhatwaa@comcast.net)

**New Bow Saddle Brackets** for resting your top on when down, 5/8 " hole. \$12. Regularly \$24. Top Hold Down Straps, New. Come with all hardware a Model A/T needs. \$16. I paid \$32.60 +. I found these work very well on my '26 touring but I have duplicates. Contact Bob Stamnes



**1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe** 5 passenger Coupe for sale – belongs to new member in Vancouver, WA – Been in storage years from Eastern Oregon. Very solid – to be installed new Hampton Interior – all parts and trim available – Engine was good and odometer says 58,000. \$7,500. Red paint needs buffed - email Stan at [stantemperly@gmail.com](mailto:stantemperly@gmail.com) or [deacon51@juno.com](mailto:deacon51@juno.com)

(ad courtesy of Dave Gowan)



### **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).

**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)

### **FREE**

**1970's 6-cylinder** Chevy 250 engine in pieces, no head, 230 crankshaft, rusty, but will work. 1967 2-speed Powerglide transmission from Camaro. I haven't been able to sell these for cheap, nor can I find any traders for beer. If you can take it, it's yours. Otherwise, it's going to the recycling center. Mark Shaw. [markshaw10.4@live.com](mailto:markshaw10.4@live.com).

## PSVCCA Board Meeting, April 6, 2017

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 by Rod Schein and Jerry Brownell at the Issaquah IHOP, others in attendance were: Evie Schein, Bob Stamnes, Dave Haddock, Diane Haddock, Al Howe, Ralf Luche, Bill Damn, and Donna Onat.



Discussion was centered on whether we should **change the meeting place to the Issaquah IHOP** and when the change should be made. After a discussion on the merits of the location and venue, a motion was made by Bob Stamnes, and seconded by Dave Haddock to change the meeting site to the Issaquah IHOP starting with the May 2017 Meeting.

The cost to the club would be \$20 per meeting. This amount is paid for use of the room. The room will be reserved starting at 6:30 pm on meeting nights. There are several booths and tables/chairs (which can be moved around) for use to eat dinner/snacks/beverages before the meeting. A single wait person will be assigned to the room. Each member will be responsible for paying for their own meal (including tax and tip.) The \$20 fee will be paid to the wait person on the meeting night, but will go to the restaurant, not the wait person.



Ralf will include a map of this location in his presentation at the April meeting.

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A map and detailed directions will also be posted on the new website.

Ralf mentioned that the website is free at this time, but the capacity for memory is limited to 500kb unless we pay a fee. The cost of the new website would be \$150 all together for unlimited storage and domain name. (This is approximately the same as we are currently spending. Purpose of website is both to attract new members and to provide information to current members. Members can sign on at any time to see photos of past events and/or look up information on planned events. Bob Starnes made a motion to approve expanding to a paid website once we exceed the 500kb capacity. Al Howe seconded motion which passed by vote of the board. **The board also voted to reserve the room at IHOP for the club meetings in May, September, October, and November of 2017.** The IHOP will allow us to cancel meetings if necessary, payment is not made until the night of the meeting.

Donna has extra copies of the Tappett Clatter issues and will give Dave Haddock, Historian, a single copy of each for keeping with other historic documents. Ralf will be posting information on club events on the website. Meeting adjourned approximately 12:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Haddock.



# Everybody Can Park in my Lot!

David Gowan, Area #3 Director

I drove through Poplar Bluff, MO a while ago and found that my family name is significant down there. A grocery store and various other businesses carried the Gowan name. This photo made me grin. I decided that my own lot needed a sign like that.

The National VCCA Board of Directors met last week. We have some new officers including President Jim Gephardt. He has taken a vital interest in the VCCA and wants to help us get more members. Ideas are already floating and you'll hear about them soon. Planned activities often are the key to getting new interest.

Invite a Chevrolet owner to an event. Do you need applications, G&D's, business cards?

