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MY 1967 CHEVROLET CAMARO

By Rod McCarthy

Let me start by saying that over the years, I have bought and sold many first generation Camaros with out giving much thought to how hard they will be to find these days. My '67 Camaro RS/SS 350 started out new in Wichita Kansas and via two owners made it to Lompoc, California in the late 1980's. I saw the car advertised in



the local paper for \$700, and decided to go see it. It was in rough shape, although everything was there and it had not been wrecked. I struck a deal and drove it home. De-

spite the noises the tired 350 engine made, and the faded yellow primer paint, I drove that car for nearly 3 years before I realized that this car would be a keeper.

August 27 Meeting

Dinner and Root Beer Floats in Issaquah at the XXX Root Beer Drive In. Arrive around 6 PM. See page 3 for more details.



1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2007



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. PS-VCCA Regional membership is open to all Chevrolet enthusiasts who are members of the Vintage П Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA). All Chevrolets from 1912 through 1982 may be registered with the region. General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue .WA. Meetings in September through May are from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. On nice days driving vintage Chevrolets is encouraged. June and August meetings are announced in this publication. 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 "Tappet Clatter." You can find the PS-VCCA website on the World Wide Web @ http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/

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Editor's Note

This month we celebrate our 40th anniversary. The Tappet Clatter focuses on that event with features for the year 1967 and information about three 1967 Chevrolets in the Club. Next month we will be back to our meetings and regular activities. There will be space in the September issue to feature summer events. If you have something of interest for the newsletter please e-mail or contact the editor. You'll also notice a new feature "Link of the Month" suggested by Bill Barker.

Jim Farris

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Director's Corner

"The Running Board"



August 2007 Directors Message

Our Region's 40th anniversary celebration is happening Saturday, August 25th. Like some of you, I too have never been to Centralia's Fort Borst Park, the birth place of our Puget Sound Region. It will be interesting to see where, in the early years of the Club, Northwest VCCA members met each year. Also, it will be interesting to hear long-time members recall those years and what they were like. In addition, there will be pictures of our four decades continuously showing on our projector. So, we better get our cars polished, our things packed, and be ready to roll on that Saturday.

Issaquah's XXX will be waiting for us on Monday. There we can share pictures from Fort Borst and talk about what didn't get talked about on Saturday and all our summer car activities.

Take care, drive safely, see you there.

Bill Damm

Anniversary Tour and Party August 25

The time has come for our 40th Anniversary Tour and Party. The event is at Fort Borst Park in Centralia, the location of the Northwest Meets for the first ten years. We have the kitchen for the day and will be serving members a meal to celebrate the occasion. The Tour will start from the Northwest corner of the Southcenter parking Lot **leaving there at 8:30 AM**. The first stop will be Wapato Park in Tacoma where a picture of the group will be taken. **The Tour leaves that location at 10:00 AM**. [Wapato Park directions; FROM I-5 TAKE THE 72ND STREET EXIT EAST 2 BLOCKS TO SHERIDAN AND TURN LEFT, THEN THE NEXT LEFT INTO WAPATO PARK. KEEP TO THE RIGHT AND DRIVE 2 TENTHS OF A MILE TO THE PARKING LOT]. The tour from Southcenter will approach Wapato Park from a different direction. (See more on the event on page 8.)

August Meeting

Our traditional August Club Meeting takes us to the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in I ssaquah on Monday, the 27th. Known as the "Home of the Messy Juicy Burgers and Ol' Fashion Shakes", you are sure to find members with their Chevys at the Triple X Drive-in. Come join us! Hear oldies music and sip on a frosty



root beer float. This is a fantastic event for the entire family or invite friends to join you for a ride in your vintage Chevrolet and a hamburger. Hope to see you there!

September Garage Nite

Sept. 12th Garage Nite will be at Dick Jones shop in Renton. NOTE: Go to the shop behind the house, do not disturb renters. Parking is limited to mostly street parking.

CLUB STORE

Again this month there will be no Club Meeting at Tillicum School. If you need items from the Club Store contact George or Ana directly via phone or email - found on page 2. As always, any suggestions for new or additional items are gratefully appreciated. Donations of raffle items are always welcome.

George and Ana Haley

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES!	NIVERSARIES! BIRTHDAYS!		
Tom & Sharon Lauderback	9/2	Dave Roberts	9/5
Ron & Janie Kohl	9/2	Diane Haddock	9/6
Jake & Lila Jacobs	9/9	Dick Jones	9/15
John & Dot Zeigler	9/20	Carolyn Frankhouser	9/19
		Phyllis Kowats	9/24
		Marilyn Campbell	9/30

Trudy Glassett of the North Cascade Region wrote this email message, "Am not sure whose account this is, but a big thank you to Bob for taking our group photo (before and after the table was moved) at the Yakima meet banquet. Several of them turned out great and we are printing 5x7 copies for all from our club who attended the meet."

"Also, thanks for your kind words during the meet. As you know, hosting a meet is a lot of work, so you know what it took to pull it off. We received many nice notes that were shared at the last meeting and others (including me) told of the verbal 'thank you's' we received while in Yakima. Hope to see you soon. Thanks again." Trudy.



Puget Sound Ladies gathered in the the Parking area at NW Meet

August 2007

One can't say our Region doesn't do anything. August is a busy month for the Puget Sound Region. It began with the "Wood Tour" - a tour for early Chevrolets to 1936. Eleven Puget Sound Region Members were there. The event was hosted by the Johnson's in Poulsbo. The next week Garage Nite was hosted by Bill Barker who opened his garage for the group and gave away some goodies. Seventeen Puget Sound Region members were in attendance that night. Not more that four days later Jerry Brownell and Al Howe led a tour to Mount Rainier and Sunrise. Later in the month, on the 25th, we celebrate the Club's 40th Anniversary with a tour and meal at Fort Borst in Centralia. There are currently 62 people signed up for that festive occasion. Finally, the next Monday we gather at the Triple X in Issaquah to have a hamburgers and shakes, then share experiences of the summer. Thanks to all the people who organized these events and saw to it that we all had fun.

Jim Farris

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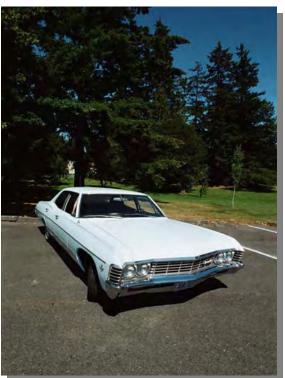
In the midst of restoring several other old Chevys I tore the Camaro apart and took it right down to the last nut and bolt. Much research was done deciphering the cowl tag and VIN number for the correct color and options. After nearly 2 years of work the Camaro was finally finished. The car is really something special. It was ordered as a SS 350 with the Rally Sport package added on. That gave the car the deluxe interior and hide away headlights. Other factory options include air conditioning, positraction rear axle, disc brakes, and the rally wheels. The factory color was a good choice, Bolero red with the black bumblebee striping. The rally sport interior has upgraded seats and fancier door panels and trim.



After nearly 20 years of fun owning and driving this car, I still get the same thrill and enjoyment out of it that I had the very first time I drove it. The way I see it, my '67 Camaro was well worth the time and investment and will always be a keeper.

My 1967 Impala Sedan By Daryl Davis

My aunt, Louise Weatherwax Bigelow, got this 1967 Chevrolet Impala 327 sedan with a 6-way electric seat from her spouse, the Chevrolet dealer, in a divorce settlement. Why she did not get a muscle car is beyond me, as she was that sort of person. In 1957 a new Corvette owner stomped into Bigelow Chevrolet, fuming that some blankety blank housewife in a 1957 Chevrolet wagon just beat him in a drag and there must be something wrong with his Vette. They didn't tell him who the housewife was.



Aunt Louise stopped driving the Impala as she was having too many bumper car incidents with it in parking lots. I inherited it. Retro Rods in Everett made it lovely again, but minus that refrigerator-white color. It has always been under cover or garaged, and as of now it has around 29,000 miles.



Our 1967 Chevelle Malibu By Jake and Lila Jacobs



Our 1967 Chevelle Malibu was purchased from a Mrs. Olsa Ostrem in February 1991. It originally came from University Chevrolet in Seattle. It was serviced regularly at Salmon's Service Center on N.E. 65th. Since Mrs. Ostrem only drove it to the grocery store the mileage was just over 42,000 when we purchased it. The 1967 has been going to the VCCA ever since. Rabid City, SD was the 1st time it had been driven long distance. We had to

replace the water pump on the way home in Cheyenne, WY in 1996. In 2001 we drove it to Springfield, IL with no problems. In 2006 we drove it to Grand Junction, CO. We did have a little problem on the way there, the fuel pump went out in Idaho, but considering it was the original fuel pump we feel that the part was well made. The Chevelle now has 65,000 miles on it and is still running strong. It still has the original paint and interior and looks good for its age.



Impala-Camaro-Chevelle

The Impala Caprice was reintroduced as the Chevrolet Caprice in 1966, taking the top position in the full-size Chevrolet lineup. The Impala; however, remained Chevrolet's top-selling model until the late 1970's. The 1967 model was redesigned along the lines of the 1963 Buick Riviera. The Coke bottle shape was strengthened and the curves were biggest with the 1967-68 model.

The big news in 1967 was Chevrolet's new Camaro, a "pony car" made in North America by the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors. It was introduced on 26 September 1966 as a 1967 model and was designed as a competing model to the Ford Mustang. The car shared the platform and major components with the Pontiac Firebird, also introduced in 1967. Four distinct generations of the car were produced before production ended in 2002. A new Camaro is expected to roll off assembly lines in 2009. The Camaro was initially advertised on Top 40 AM radio stations of the day in an attempt to woo the young adult market. Although it was technically a compact car (by the standards of the time), Camaro may also be classified as an intermediate touring car, a sports car, or a muscle car. Though the car's name was contrived with no meaning, GM researchers reportedly found the word in a French dictionary as a slang term for "friend" or "companion." In some automotive periodicals before official release, it was code-named "Panther", however, the project designation for the Camaro was XP-836 and some early GM photos show the final Camaro body labeled "Chaparral". Automotive press asked Chevrolet product managers "What is a Camaro?", and they were told it was "a small, vicious animal that eats Mustangs." The name conveniently fit Chevrolet's "C" naming structure that included Corvair, Chevelle, Chevy II, and Corvette. (Continues next page)

2007 Club Meetings & Auto Events Calendar

August 25 40th Anniversary Tour & Celebration Centralia

August 27 XXX Drive-In - Issaquah

September 23 Corn Maze Tour (T)

September 24 Meeting Darby's

October 22 Meeting Tillicum

November (T) 3 Col. River Region Visit

December (T) 9 Christmas Party January 26 2008 Banquet

Calendar Dates

The dates marked with a (T) above are tentative at the time of printing. The others are fixed dates. A Corn Maze Tour is being planned for late September and will be further detailed in next month's Tappet Clatter. The Columbia River Region Visit is listed as the 3rd of November because that is their priority date. The date will move to the next weekend if arrangements require a change. The December Christmas Party date is also tentative.

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The Chevrolet Chevelle pronounced "shavell" was a mid-sized automobile from Chevrolet debuting in 1964. It was produced from 1964 through 1977 and was one of General Motors' most successful cars. Chevelle models ranged from economical family cars to powerful coupes and convertibles. The Malibu was at first the top trim level of the Chevelle line, and it replaced the Chevelle name entirely after 1977. The Chevelle chassis (based on the reengineered GM A platform) provided the platform for the Chevrolet Monte Carlo, a very successful model itself.

The Chevelle was intended to compete with the similarly sized Ford Fairlane and to return to the Chevrolet lineup a model similar in size and concept to the popular 1955-57 models. Early design photos show what would eventually be the Chevelle wearing Nova nameplates, the name that was used for the top trim level in the smaller Chevy II series. From 1964-69 the Chevelle was the basis for the similar Beaumont, a re-trimmed model sold only in Canada by Pontiac dealers. Four-door hard-tops were available from 1966 though 1972.

In 1967 the Nova was still named Chevy II. It was also the last year of the Corvair, Chevrolet's car introduced in late 1959 as a '60 model to compete with Chrysler's Valient and Ford's Falcon. It was an innovative vehicle with an air cooled rear mounted motor. It became a victim of the press and the undeserved title, "Unsafe at any speed."

Chevrolet introduced a newly designed pickup in 1967. It came in the Fleetside or Stepside versions. That body style lasted through 1972.

Link of the Month

http://www.kansas.com/126/story/128333.html

This one is about a guy who has driven his Model A 10 times to Alaska!!!

This is a feature the Tappet Clatter hopes to continue each month. Members can contribute to the feature as they find interesting sites they think other members might enjoy. When you find something of interest in the automotive field just submit it to the editor via email.

PUGET SOUND NEWS BITS

Sallie and Don Comstock attended a Mopar show in Tacoma where they received a 1st place award for the best 40's car with the 1947 Dodge Business Coupe street rod.

Gail Darby wondered who Jim's other wife was when she read in the June Issue that Jim and someone named Gayle were celebrating their anniversary. Sorry Gail, that was a an example of a senior moment by the editor.

Sis Barker received a speeding ticket from a patrolman on her birthday. She was going up hill.

Dick Jones informed the editor that his motorcycle was a Gold Wing, not Gull Wing as improperly stated in the TC. Sorry Dick. Dick and Fran Olson drove their '31 Coupe on the Wood Tour in Poulsbo earlier this month. While on tour the Chevrolet Emblem broke loose from its mounting on the stone guard. They were fortunate that when it fell it lodged itself on the guard about half way down the radiator. Evidently it had been there for some time because Wally Martin saw it earlier in the day and assumed it was suppose to be there.

Gail Darby returned recently from a visit with relatives in Iowa. Bill Barker gave a ride to a woman on his running board while going up Toe Jam Hill on Bainbridge Island. The car she was in had to turn around and go up backward.

Wally Martin, Bill Barker, Bob Helgeson, Jeff Haines, Rod McCarthy, Dennis and Gerri Johnson, Dan and Shari Johnson, Don and Lynn Boltz, Dick and Fran Olson, and Jim Far**ris** participated in the Wood Tour in Poulsbo. They were joined by Jim Seiber and John Ziegler. Pictures and story in the September Issue.

Wally Martin bought an Anniversary card for Judy in Poulsbo only to lose it when the card, envelope, and bag it was in flew out the window of the '36 somewhere on 101 alongside Hood Canal. Seventeen members attended the Barker Garage Nite on Aug. 8. Bob Helgeson went to Hot August Nights in Reno, NV.

Anniversary Party Tour

Directions for the Tour are on page 3. You can meet the group at either of these locations. If you do not want to tour with the group and go directly to Fort Borst in Cenfralia it is at exit 82 off I-5. Heading south exit the freeway onto Harrison Street. Turn right on Harrison and go a short way west. Fort Borst Park will be on your left. The group from Southcenter and Wapato Park will arrive there around noon.

Jim Seiber will be taking a picture of the group at Wapato Park with the original Region sign and our current orange banner.

- August:

 40th Anniversary 25th
 XXX Monday 27th
 September
 Corn Maze Tour
 Meeting at Darby's

September 2007

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Please submit Tappet Clatter contributions before the 5th of the month.

Where Were You In 1967?

That was forty years ago. The world was unsettled. It was the year of the six day war between the Arabs States and Israel and the United States was deep into the Vietnam conflict. Lyndon Johnson was the President of the United States. A sewing machine cost \$149 and an 8-track Tape Player \$67. A gallon of gas was 33 cents. The average income hit \$7,305 with minimum wage at \$1.40. A new home cost \$14,425, new car \$2,724 and first class postage was 5 cents. The Concorde was new and the first microwave ovens were sold. Computers were first used to generate electronic music, Rolling Stone magazine is founded and the first human heart is transplanted. Mickey Mantle hits his 500th home run and Peggy Fleming wins the World Figure Skating championship. 1967 was the year of the first Super Bowl and.....It was also the year the Puget Sound Region began its journey.

How about some of our members? What were they doing that year? Roger Orness drove his freshly painted 1933 Eagle Coupe to the first meeting of what is now the Puget Sound Region. Adrian Taylor was attending first grade at the Central School (elementary) in downtown Denver, CO. **Jim Seiber** graduated from Western Washington State College, drove a 1956 Buick, and got his first teaching job in Issaguah. Sue Seiber was an honors student at Washington State University, majoring in education. Sallie & Don Comstock exchanged marriage vows in December of 1967. This was also the year Don completed the 1966 Corvette coupe that Sallie was pictured on the hood in a sexy pose on her 21st birthday. Gary Barquist was enjoying his senior year and graduation in 1967. Wally and Judy Martin's oldest daughter Jennifer Lynn was born on October 3, 1967. Jim Farris' son Jim was born November 27, 1967, the first day he began his job in the School District Administration. He joined four sisters. **Donna Onat** was a sophomore in college at Central Washington in Ellensburg and was thrilled to have her first airplane ride home to Eugene for Christmas. It was a DC 3 and she still remembers boarding at the tail & walking uphill in the aisle to find her seat! "In fact, somewhere in a box, I still have the ticket & boarding pass! It was so amazing, the view of the snow-covered Cascades from the air for the first time. I'll never forget." Dick Jones graduated from Boise College in 1967. First four year graduating class for the school. It is now known as Boise State University. Bill Johnson left Ottawa Kansas to go to Miami Florida and ended up in Seattle, never having seen Florida. Jim Martoza drove a Schwinn Sting-Ray with a banana seat in 1967. However, his parents drove Chevrolets. An Azure Aqua '64 Impala 4-door hardtop was mom's and a '54 210 2-Door Sedan for dad, which Jim still has today. Bill Barker moved from Concord, California back to Seattle, WA. On the back of his trailer he painted a sign that read "Fresh Air Smells Funny." It got many horn honks and waves during the three day trip north. Bob Helgeson was working at Boeing in Estimating and Florence was staying home happily raising their 1 year old daughter Kimberly. Bill Damm had been working at the Boeing Renton 727 flight line for 1 year as an Avionics technician. David White graduated from High School in Burbank, California. He says 1967 was a watershed year for many things, Monterey Pop Festival, Summer of Love, and the Release of "Sqt. Peppers". Ernie Tear was out of the Navy and working at Boeing in R & D on the SRAM program, an early version of the Cruise Launch Missile. He dated his future wife Gennette and was driving a 1956 Pontiac. Also that year, he volunteered for a layoff from Boeing in the fall and returned to college. In a few years he finished school and bought and restored a 1935 Chevrolet Master Business Coupe and joined the Puget Sound Region of the VCCA. George and Anita Warren became parents for the first time and brought their daughter home from the hospital in a 1962 Impala. In December they bought a 1968 Impala SS and still own both Chevys. George and Phyllis Kowats had their home built and moved into it in June 1967. Shortly afterwards they brought "Jake", their 1936 pickup home for the start of restoration. Dave Haddock used money earned by mowing neighborhood lawns in Colorado to purchase his first motorized wheels, a 1967 Yamaha dirt bike. **Diane Haddock** got her first job working for a food broker in the historic Boston Custom House.

From the Glove Box



Why Nitrogen? What's wrong with "plain old air"?

"'Plain old air' contains OXYGEN which has smaller molecules that NITROGEN. For this reason, OXYGEN escapes from a tire 3 to 4 times faster than Nitrogen. Air also contains moisture. The moisture in air will expand and contract with ambient temperature changes and when the tire heats up from normal operation. This results in fluctuating tire pressures. The NITROGEN that Costco uses to inflate tires is absolutely dry. The dry nature of NITROGEN helps minimize fluctuating tire inflation pressures. Together, moisture and OXYGEN have the potential to corrode rims and rim hardware."

What is Nitrogen? It is an inert, dry gas that is non-combustible, non-flammable, and non-corrosive. In other words, NITROGEN is as safe as air when used in a tire application. Where is NITROGEN found? Nitrogen makes up the majority of the air we breathe. The air we breathe is made up of 78% Nitrogen and 21% Oxygen. The other 1% are other gases in small amounts.

Nitrogen helps to stabilize a tire's inflation pressure when there are no defects or damages to the tire that could promote pressure loss. Stable tire pressure helps maximize Vehicle Handling, Fuel Efficiency, and Tire Life. (From the Costco Tire Center bulletin)

We need car-related issues to discuss in this feature. It helps our Club members with their cars as well as providing a opportunity for others to learn more about their Chevrolets. Contact AI Howe by phone or e-mail with any questions you feel might be included in the Glove Box. You can email AI Howe at deahowe@earthlink.net or Jim Darby at jdarb@worldnet.att.net. Former Glove Box columns are now included on our web site.

Custodians of the Glove Box

Safety Corner

A camera for your glove box,
The throw away kind is fine,
To document an accident,
Of a less than happy time.
So when disaster strikes,
We hope its not your own,
Take a picture of the incident,
So that it can be shown.



DRIVE SAFELY Always

TAPPET CLATTER Classifieds

The Board approved a new Tappet Clatter Ad policy. They will now be run for two Issues. A date will appear showing the last issue the ad will run. An ad can be resubmitted for another two months. Ads are accepted at meetings, by phone, email to the Editor or by the new on line address. psvcca.ads@gmail.com

FOR SALE

1931 Chevrolet Independence Sport Roadster (rumble seat) Canadian model., excellent body, rolling chassis, I have lost my storage, hidden hinges and some other oddities compared to U.S. model. Price is negotiable on the appraised value of \$15,000 Canadian. Trades considered, am looking for a 36 Chevy low roof pickup...it must be sold.. hopefully to a restorer. Jack Arnold, Nanaimo, B.C. Canada. email at nbstrods@shaw. ca or phone 1 250 741 4655

1939 Master Delux Sedan, very nice original car. Perry Sorenson (Everett) 425.353.7653 \$15000 9/7

Carburetors Carter W-1 (10) Used but complete, in restorable condition \$75 all.

1928 spare tire rack, **1950** fender skirts, Landau irons with supports brackets, metal spacers, and caps (slightly longer than my those on 27 coupe) Bob Stamnes, 206 365-1482

19" '31 Wire wheels, good, no caps & 100, George Edie, 425.269.0265

1922 Dodge touring. New bows, needs new canvas, runs great, upholstery partly done. \$13,500. call 509-465-8835 for more INFO, email howe60@hotmail more pictures. 9/7



'77 El Camino Classic 305 V/8 Auto, Runs well, new leather seat, good tires, new muffler and windshield, Burgundy and yellow \$800. Chris Frawley 425.788.7607

'30 Special Delux Sedan, Two 1930 Chev. 4 Dr. Special Sedans. One 95% complete, original, new restoration, solid wheels, new honeycomb radiator and more. One complete spare parts car plus extra engine, front end, rear end, steering column and 12 wire wheels, plus lots more. If interested please contact Jake Jacobs 206-243-7327.



WANTED

'26 touring parts –Name Plate for 1926 Superior V-Steering wheel-Tail light assembly and parts-Side holders for top bows-Rear view mirror-Running board trim-Running board mats (rubber)-clincher rim for 30 x 3 1/2 tire-26 License Plate. Bob Stamnes 206.365.1482 9/7 **'26 Touring** Speedometer Cable inner and outer. Bob Stamnes 206.365.1482 rsstamnes@yahoo. com

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Car Stories for the Tappet Clatter
Technical Articles for the Tappet Clatter

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Puget Sound Region's first Club Sign. Will be used on tour for photo of group in 2007.