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Puget Sound Region members at Early Four/ Six Tour To Houghton Lake, Michigan

By Jim Farris

Michigan is a long, long way from Seattle but nine Puget Sound Region members towing five four-cylinder and early-six Chevrolets tackled the near week-long drive to that state to attend the Houghton Lake tour. The twentieth Four-Cylinder Tour and seventh Early-Six Tour were combined into one event, held a week before the Fiftieth VCCA Anniversary Meet in Flint, Michigan.

Houghton Lake, Michigan, is home ground for Pinky Randall, a long time active VCCA member and participant of all the previous four-cylinder tours. He hosted the event for the group, opening his home and garages to the forty-one registered families from 18 different states and a couple from Australia.

The lake and town are situated in the middle of the state. It is the largest body of water completely in Michigan. The area is somewhat flat, nothing like the mountains so typically a part of the past four-cylinder and six-cylinder events.

Jim Farris and his daughter Theresa arrived at Houghton Lake Sunday July 10 around noon. A group from Montana was already there unloading two cars. The rest came in later that day and the next. We ended up with 40 cars and about 75 people.

Monday, packets were passed out, final counts were made, and that evening we toured to Pinky and Joyce Randall's home for an ice cream social. Pinky is a 50 year VCCA member and has spent his life collecting Chevrolet memorabilia and cars. He has a newly



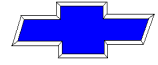
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August Membership Meeting

This month's membership meeting will be August 22 at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah, a family style restaurant that caters to car clubs. Good food, old music, and memorabilia abound. Bring the family and arrive about 6 PM.



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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 1986 may be registered with the region.*

*General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at **Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue .WA.** 7:30PM to 9:30PM. No meetings are held in July or December. You can learn more about the club by visiting the website where you can see color photos of previous tours, parts for sale, wanted, etc., and there is a link to view our monthly newsletter, "The Tappet Clatter."*

*You can find the PS-VCCA website on the **World Wide Web** at <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>*

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2012 Membership Renewals

It's that time again! Be prepared for renewing your membership in September so we'll have a full crew on board by October 1. Our year runs from October through September.

A link to an easy online form with instructions and payment options will be sent via email to each member that has email. Please watch for it and respond in a timely manner. Members without email will be contacted separately.

Thanks from Donna Onat, Dick Jones, and Jim Martoza.

Editor's Note

We reserve the right to edit material as necessary for space available and clarity.

We can accept most electronic formats and hardcopy. Photographs can be scanned and returned. We will take reasonable care of copy provided, however we cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged material. The monthly deadline is about the 5th of the month.

Glenn Landguth, gklandguth@msn.com

Director's Corner

"The Sunday Driver"



By Dave Haddock
Puget Sound Region Director

Chevy 100-Year Record

While many were on the road to Flint in mid-July to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the VCCA and the 100th anniversary of Chevrolet, a big announcement regarding Chevy sales was made by General Motors. In the first half of its 100th anniversary year, Chevy sold 2.35 million vehicles and set a new worldwide sales record.

This, of course, is great news for Chevrolet and GM who just 2 years ago emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy. This sales number, which surpassed the old record by more than 200,000, was due to growth in both the sales of new models and of sales in newer global markets.

With gas prices still high, the new Chevy Cruze sold well and became the best-selling passenger car in the U.S. in June. In addition, Chevy lead the new muscle car craze in the first half of the year selling 48,000 Camaros versus 39,000 Ford Mustangs and only 20,000 Dodge Challengers. Overall, Chevy sales were up 16% in the US. And international sales were also strong with Chevy setting all-time sales records in Brazil, China, France, and South Africa.

In addition to selling a bunch of cars, Chevy is also having a little fun this year. At www.chevrolet.com you can find a link that will enable you to vote for the "Best Chevy of All Time", assuming that your choice is one of the 16 vehicles that has been nominated. While I am partial to the '62 Impala, maybe you will want to vote for the '69 Camaro, the '57 Bel Air or the '36 Suburban!! It will be fun to see which vintage Chevy gets the most votes!

So, we can come back from Flint and prepare for our next event with a sense of pride, not only in our vintage Chevys, but also with the overall direction of General Motors and its marquee brand, Chevrolet.

Hope to see you all at the Northwest Mini Meet in Silverton!! Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

Membership Meeting at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah, August 22

Our next club meeting will be 6 PM at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah. The meeting will feature special "door prizes", the nostalgia of a drive-in (although there is no in-car service), an abundance of memorabilia, and good tasting food. There is still nothing like a root beer float, burger and fries on a warm summer day. Throw in a shake or a malt and what else could you ask for. Except for a friendly group of people who love old cars as much as you do.

Owner Jose Enciso is a member of our club. He's an old-car enthusiast and has always greeted us with a warm welcome. More info and some history about the restaurant may be found at their web site at <http://www.triplexrootbeer.com/history.htm>. Bring the family and enjoy the evening with friends.

Invitation to Potluck Picnic at Haddock's September 24

Dave and Diane Haddock have decided to have a potluck picnic at their new home.

Fire up your Chev's and come to the picnic at the Haddock's new home on Saturday, September 24th. Please arrive around 1:30 PM; lunch will start around 2:00 PM. Our Club will supply hamburgers and chicken, and members are asked to bring side dishes.

There will not be a "Garage Nite" in September, instead Dave's garage will be open during the picnic.

The Haddock's address is (*removed, see your mailed or emailed copy of the Tappet Clatter for their address.*)

For those interested in touring in their Chev's to the picnic, Matt Dickinson will lead a tour from the parking lot on the west side of I-405 next to the freeway and on the north side of SE 8th street at the SE 8th Street off-ramp of I-405.

.He will depart the parking lot at 12:30 PM

Invitation to Golden Era Automobile Association (GEAA) Picnic

The Golden Era Automobile Association has extended an invitation to Puget Sound Region to join them at their picnic on August 28, 2011, at the Orting Soldiers Home Picnic Shelter. This picnic is a nice, enjoyable, family oriented event.

Our own Ana Maria Haley is also a co-chair of this event, along with Jim Lesniak, so attend if you can to show your support for the GEAA and Ana Maria.

The focus of the Golden Era Club is 1942 and earlier stock-only automobiles, although there are some stock vehicles of the post war era that attend. The Two-Cylinder Club is also invited to show their tractors.

They ask that you bring a potluck dessert, and you may bring your own picnic lunch, or purchase burgers and side dishes which will be prepared and served at the site. Soft drinks are available too.

The GEAA provides a dash plaque, an award for "people's choice" pre-war car and one for a post-war car, plus they encourage you to wear vintage clothing, for which there is an award for most popular period dress.

These awards are presented during a brief club meeting, which begins at 3:30 PM.

If anyone wishes to take a little optional tour in the morning, please meet at the Sumner commuter rail station. Please be prepared to leave at 10:30 AM. This is located off of Main Street and the rail line through town. Sid Shoemaker leads the tour, which will stop at a local brewery and should arrive at the Soldiers Home at about 12:30 PM.

Puget Sound Region Overnight Tour October 15

Again this year we are repeating our fall Overnight Tour. The date is October 15.

We will assemble at the North Bend Factory Outlet Mall at 7:30 AM Saturday morning October 15. The mall is located at exit 31 off I-90. Go under the Freeway, the mall is on your left. Coffee and restrooms are available at McDonald's and at a Starbucks for those who arrive early.

The Tour will leave sharply at 8:00 AM.

This year our first stop will be the popular Hunter Breakfast at Teanaway, WA. This yearly event is sponsored by the Teanaway Grange, who provide a sumptuous breakfast for hunters and the entire community. It is so popular that buses even bring people in from Seattle.

From there we will travel to Yakima for the night. Our hotel for the night in Yakima is The Clarion Inn. You are responsible for making your own reservations by calling 509-248-7850. Mention you will be with the Vintage Chevrolet Group. We have 10 rooms reserved under Jim Farris' name. The rate for the night is \$82 and that includes a full breakfast Sunday morning.

We'll return Sunday October 16 via Mount Rainier.

Contact either Dick Olson at (*phone number removed*) or Jim Farris at (*phone number removed*) for more information. They also can be reached by their email addresses listed in the Roster.

September Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Sharon Lauderback	9/2
John & Dot Zeigler	9/20

BIRTHDAYS

Dave Roberts	9/5
Diane Haddock	9/6
Dick Jones	9/15
Carolyn Frankhouser	9/19
Phyllis Kowats	9/24
Marilyn Campbell	9/30

Four/Six Tour, (Continued from page 1)

restored 1914 Light Six Touring made in 1913, one of the earliest Chevrolets.



Tom Meleo in our Region has one of these cars as well. His is a Roadster with an earlier number. Dan Johnson also owns a 1914 Touring.

Tuesday the tours began with a drive to a wooded park called Hartwick Pines. It was a pleasant drive. Rain this year has left the area lush with vegetation.



We made a stop along the way for coffee and donuts at a business where generators are rebuilt. This guy also had a collection of vehicles.



As usual, a few of our cars experienced some problems. Most of these issues were resolved along the way with the help of other participants.

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Four/Six Tour, (Continued from page 5)

In the middle of one small town a '23 coupe had a flat tire. It was changed in moments with the efficiency of an Indianapolis pit crew. Thinking there was plenty of time, Theresa had gone around the block to pick up some fudge for the people doing the work. But they were on their way before she got back. Not to worry though, the fudge was passed out along the way as other minor problems developed.

This event being so far east there were a number of new participants with unproven vehicles, resulting in more small breakdowns.

Verlyn Hussman from Minnesota, our tail-end guy who always stops to help people, was in great demand that day. He's done this on all these early-car tours. One roadster wiped out a rod, putting it out of commission the last day of touring.

And John Ziegler's '28 had engine problems from the start. Dot had purchased the car for him as a Christmas present, hoping it was roadworthy. The car was in Winona, MN, and they picked it up on the way to the tour. At first they thought that there was a problem with a rod, and help was located to fix that. It turned out that the center main bearing was shot. Further investigation proved the task too much for John and the parking lot crew. But he is not discouraged and will have the car back on the road soon.

During the three days of traveling 255 miles in the old cars we visited a wooded park, a pleasant well manicured ranch location for our picture, drove a stretch of dirt road (an experience reminiscent of travel conditions in the 1920s and early 1930s), and along the way saw some Amish farms.



Driving by one such farm, seeing clothes hanging on a line, Jim Farris mentioned to his daughter Theresa, "You don't see that very often. I wonder why so many of the clothes are black?" She realized immediately it was an Amish place.

Dan Johnson told me of seeing a cart hitched to a horse waiting by the front door of a house in the same way you would expect to see a car parked there ready to be used.

We also saw a farmer in a field

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Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

Date	Event	Person Responsible
August 18-20	NW Mini Meet, Silverton, OR	Willamette Valley VCCA
August 22	XXX Drive-In, Issaquah, WA	Club Meeting
August 28	GEAA Tour & Picnic, Orting, WA	Ana Maria Haley
September 12-16	Early 6-Cylinder Tour, Tulare, CA	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
September 24	Potluck Barbeque at the Haddock's, including a Tour to their home	Dave & Diane Haddock Matt Dickinson
October 15	Weekend Tour	Jim Farris/Dick Olson
TBD	Board Meeting	Dave Haddock
Early December	Christmas Party	Don & Sallie Comstock

Four/Six Tour (Continued from page 6)

plowing ground with a team of heavy draft horses. These sightings may seem simple but were made ever so enjoyable for having been viewed from a '22 roadster.

The last day of the adventure we drove around Houghton Lake. In some ways it was the best day of the tour as people living along the lakeside waved and greeted us as if we were parading just for them.



That night the tour was capped with a dinner at a local church. Theresa put her pictures on her laptop with music for all to view.

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Four/Six Tour (Continued from page 7)



Two participants from Ohio, a father and his son, were accompanied by a grandson, making it a three generation family on the tour. This family now succeeds the Johnson's of our Region. Jordan has been attending these tours since he was two years old. Jordan is now in the Air Force.

Puget Sound members attending were: Al Howe, '28 Coupe; Dan and Sheri Johnson, '26 Touring; Dennis and Gerri Johnson, '34 Cabriolet; John and Dot Zeigler, '28 Sedan; and Jim Farris with daughter Theresa Deacy, '22 Roadster.

This was a great prelude to the Flint celebration the next week, which will be covered in next month's Tappet Clatter.

August 2011 Tappet Clatter

Lee Johnson Chevrolet Dealership in Kirkland Car Show July 23

By Glenn Landguth

The Lee Johnson Chevrolet dealership hosted a car show in Kirkland on July 23. The weather cooperated to make for a very comfortable summer day. Rod Schein filled in for Dave Haddock at the registration table.

Local Chevrolet car clubs were invited to participate, including nearby Regions of VCCA.

Tiny the Clown entertained kids with balloon art. And an inflated jumping house provided an way for kids to get rid of their excess energy while the adults admired the new and vintage cars. A buffet was served to participants and the public.



The local Theno's Dairy provided hand dipped ice cream. Puget Sound Region was well represented in the show.



Thanks to all of you who brought out your cars for this event. It was a good show for everyone.

A special treat was the introduction of the car that may one day be remembered as the first mass produced electric powered

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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 at rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

I Was Having Trouble With My '26 Overheating

By Bob Stamnes

I was having problems with overheating in my '26 Chevrolet Touring, especially in parades and when idling. I was looking for a quick fix and could not find a four-bladed fan that was from a '26 or '27 Chevrolet, so I purchased a used four-bladed fan from the 1930s that had the holes over-drilled slightly to fit the 4 cylinder engines. The '26 originally had a 2 bladed fan.

If you were on the Montana Four-Cylinder Tour last year, or the 2011 May 17th Norwegian Independence Day Parade, you likely heard the racket from my fan hitting the lower hose clamp on the radiator. While in Montana, we bent the single blade that was out of line so it no longer hit, but it started all over again at the parade. It was so bad, that I coasted the entire parade except as we passed the Review Stand, and I idled past that.

I investigated this and discovered that the used four-bladed fan had one blade that was soft (would bend easily), probably from having been bent repeatedly before I purchased it, causing it to bend readily into my radiator hose clamp when the engine was revved up. (YES I WAS LUCKY IT WAS NOT BENDING INTO THE RADIATOR.)

Then I discovered that the Filling Station was selling four-bladed fans for '29 through '36 Chevs. I purchased one, and could tell that the blades were much stiffer than the used fan blades and were about the same price. Yes, I will have to file a little or ream the holes out slightly to make it fit, but I believe this will solve my overheating problem temporarily.

A final solution will be to install a radiator with better flow and better cooling. I recently received a used radiator from Dick Olson. I have tested the flow through it and compared it to the radiator from my '27 Chevrolet. The flow is much greater.

I now need to leak test it and if all goes well, I will have it in the car for the Oregon Mini Meet this month.

Lee Johnson Car Show (Continued from page 9)

Chevrolet, the Volt. Can you imagine your grandchildren someday restoring a vintage Chevrolet Volt to original condition?



Or maybe they will never need restoration. I still have an old electric motor from the 1940s, or maybe earlier, that powers a lathe, drill press, and grinder that my grandfather built in about 1943.

We may even want to convert our vintage cars to electric if we still want to drive them. Or maybe not.

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Whether parked or moving,
Tires lose their air.
Don't know where it goes,
But it goes somewhere.

They need to be tested,
For correct inflation,
While in your drive,
Or at a gas station.

A pressure gauge,
Is all it requires,
To check the spare,
And all four tires.

Your drive will be safer,
If your tires get bumped,
When they have enough air,
And are properly pumped.

TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

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

FOR SALE

1934 1 1/2 T Chevrolet, \$17,000, Bill Johnson, 425-255-6325, snkshk@comcast.net

1967 Chevelle 4-Dr Sedan, all original, 67,000 miles. Asking \$7,500. Jake Jacobs, JakeLila@comcast.net, 206-243-7327.

1972 Blazer. Nice looking, driving and sounding. 350 V-8, auto trans, 2 wheel drive, lowered, A/C, vintage plates, all manuals. Red and ready to run. Pictures available. \$14,000 Tom Lauderback, 360-668-7799, tslback@frontier.com

Puget Sound Region VCCA Embroidered Jacket Back Patches, pristine (never used). There are a total of 3 patches. \$25 for all 3. Jake Jacobs, JakeLila@comcast.net, 206-243-7327.



WANTED

1939 Chevy Coupe Trunk Lid, or '39-'40 Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile. Bob Reller, 253-922-2709, RLRELLER@HOTMAIL.COM

1948 to 1955 [1955 1st series] 1/2 ton Chevrolet pickup Differential Assembly. Need an extra to set up with highway gears. Gary Barquist 509-636-2133 or ggary017@centurytel.net

Chevrolet School Buses

The buses pictured to the left are owned by Ron Nardone of Snohomish, WA. This picture was taken at the Hot Rods and Hogs car show at the Maltby Christian Assembly on June 18, 2011. I have not talked to him. But I was noticing the different treatments of the various logos.

The bus on the left is a 1949 Chevrolet 454 THRIFTMASTER on the side of the hood, and with CHEVROLET below the bowtie on the front of the hood.

The bus on the right is a 1938 Chevrolet. The emblem on the side of the hood has CHEVROLET on the bowtie.

Any comments?

Glenn L.

1949 Hood Side

1949 Hood Front

1938 Hood Side



Garage Nite - by Dick Olson

There will not be a Garage Nite in September as several members will be attending the Early Six Meet in California. Instead, Dave Haddock's garage will be open during the picnic at his home on September 24. See notice on page 3.

Vendors

Al Howe stumbled onto this web site. Even though it is for Plymouths, there are a lot of vendors that serve other makes of cars. Al thought that it might be worth checking out and keeping it handy.

<http://www.ply33.com/Parts/>

Web Links for Area 3 VCCA Regions

Capital City Region, VCCA: None

Colombia River Region, VCCA: <http://www.vccacolumbiariverregion.org/>

Mt. Rainier Region, VCCA: <http://www.mtrainiercarclub.com>

North Cascade Region, VCCA: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club=northcascadevcca>

Puget Sound Region, VCCA: <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>

Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvracca.org/>

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Puget Sound members wearing their new red club shirts at the 50th Anniversary Meet in Flint, Michigan.
See the upcoming September Tappet Clatter for more coverage of the Meet.