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Puget Sound Region's 45th Anniversary Potluck/BBQ Picnic

On a sunny Saturday at the Big K parking lot in Kent, a group of adventurous old-car enthusiasts gathered for a one-way trip to the picnic. One way? I will explain in a bit.



Roger Orness would lead the tour from the Kmart parking lot along mostly back roads initially generally paralleling I-167 southward, then cutting east to Lake Tapps.

At the parking lot, there was plenty of time for early birds to chat and swap stories. It was good to see George Haley, who is still recovering from extensive arm surgery but is feeling much better. George and Anita Warren are up from Arizona for the summer. And Gary Barquist came over from Lincoln. Rod McCarthy came from Silverdale. Rod had wanted to go to the banjo program that Bill Barker was in, and was sorry that it got cancelled. I explained to him that I thought that only the tour got cancelled, not the program. Dan and Sheri Johnson came over from Poulsbo.

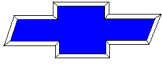


Roger then handed out written tour instruction and gave some advice about how the tour would

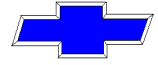
be conducted. He said that one of the first major turns was a little hard to spot and cautioned everyone to be sure that the car following was close enough to be able to see the turn.

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Reminder: Club meeting August 27, 6 PM, at the Triple-X Drive-In, Issaquah. See page 3 for the announcement.



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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 1987 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,** 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. 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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2013 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, 2012. 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 who has email. Please watch for it and respond in a timely manner. Members without email will be contacted separately.

Thanks from Dave Haddock, 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 Director Dave Haddock

I noticed the oddly wrapped "shrub" at the 45th Anniversary Picnic at Jerry Yoder's but just assumed that it was Jerry's gardener's "work in progress". Boy, was I ever surprised when it was presented to me and even astonished to find out it was a mini-dwarf apple tree.

This tree already has two huge apples on it and promises to deliver many more next year. And the best part, it will only grow to about nine feet tall!!! No ladders will be needed to pick these apples or to prune this little tree!! We got it planted in a couple days and it is flourishing. When it starts producing more of those wonderful apples I will be able to get rid of the tall ones that caused me the problems. Thanks to everyone for this very thoughtful and truly wonderful gift, especially the Stamnes' for delivering and Bob Helgeson for volunteering to plant the tree.

On the club business agenda I wanted to remind everyone that this is that time of year to renew your Puget Sound Region VCCA membership. You will also be receiving an email or will be contacted about information and photographs to appear in the club roster. Please do your best to get this done in a timely manner so that those preparing the roster are not waiting until the last minute.

Also, due to my injury and my pain meds I can't drive one of my old cars to the Northwest Meet so Diane and I are going to sit it out this year. I am sure that everyone who attends will have a wonderful time, as usual, and I will see you all at the XXX Drive-In for the August meeting.

Membership Meeting at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah, August 27

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 website at <http://www.triplexrootbeer.com/history.htm>. Bring the family and enjoy the evening with friends.

Garage Nite - by Dick Olson

There will not be a Garage Nite in Sept. due to everyone's busy schedule including the early-six tour to Logan Utah.

Golden Era Automobile Association (GEAA) Annual Reunion Picnic

The GEAA extends an invitation to the Puget Sound Chapter of VCCA to attend our picnic, August 26, 2012, at the Orting Soldiers Home in the picnic area. We hope your club members will join us for this great, family activity. Plan to arrive at the Orting Soldiers Home around noon.

This event is for 1942 and earlier vehicles in authentic original condition. But if you have a later one, join us, anyway! We attempt to park vehicles of similar vintages together.

There is no charge for the activity, but donations are welcome to help our club defray the cost of putting on the event. Bring your own picnic lunch or purchase a good lunch prepared by Rainier Catering for about \$8, which includes a nice burger or brat sandwich with all the trimmings, side dishes, and beverage.

There will be a dessert potluck. Please bring a non-perishable dessert that does not have to be kept cold. Mark your dish with your name, so you will get it back!

Sincerely, Jim Lesniak

Wellington Tour, Part 1

September 22, 2012

(Exploring the Railroad History of Stevens Pass)

Historical Background: In late February 1910, two westbound trains were stranded in a blizzard on Stevens Pass waiting for steam-powered rotary snowplows to clear their way into Seattle. On the evening of February 28th, as the crew and passengers slept, a massive avalanche roared down onto the tracks at Wellington sweeping both trains off the tracks and down into the Tye River Valley below. In what is still the worst avalanche in U.S. history, ninety-six of the crew and passengers aboard the trains perished.

On September 22, 2012, we are invited to Skykomish and on to Wellington (near the Stevens Pass Ski Area) to learn more about the Great Northern Railroad and the history of railroading on Stevens Pass.

Our guide will be Bob Kelly of the Skykomish Historical Society who will present a slide show in Skykomish and then accompany us to Wellington where we will hike the area. He will show us historical photographs of this unprecedented disaster, and he will be available to answer our questions. The hikes are short on flat grades but at high elevation and possibly during cooler weather so dress accordingly.

The road to Wellington is a gravel road, so for Part 1 of this event we will not use our vintage and classic cars.

(Note: We plan to return to the area next year for the Wellington Tour, Part 2, in our classic Chevys, for a tour of the back roads of Stevens Pass. Stay tuned.)

For this Wellington Tour, Part 1, we will gather at the Woodinville Park and Ride (17800 140th Ave. N.E., Woodinville) in our modern cars on September 22, 2012, and be prepared to depart there at 9 AM for Skykomish. We will be departing Skykomish around noon for the Wellington site, so we are recommending that participants bring sack lunches for this event. If the weather cooperates, we can enjoy our lunches at the trailhead parking lot at Wellington with beautiful views of the northern Cascades along the west slope of Stevens Pass. If you are not inclined to pack a sack lunch, there are gas stations with convenience stores around Skykomish but your menu will be extremely limited.

Carpooling would be appropriate and enjoyable for Part 1 and will save us a few dollars. There is a \$5 per vehicle charge for trailhead passes at Wellington. Rod & Evie Schein, Bob & MG Stammes, and Dave & Diane Haddock have scouted the areas and are available for any questions.

This promises to be an educational (and fun) series of tours and will offer amazing insight into building railroads and traveling across the Cascades at the turn of the last century.



Bob Helgeson at the 45th Anniversary Picnic

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Those little red fire extinguishers,
We hope we won't have to use,
If not there when we need them,
We have a lot to lose.

They need to be handy,
Placed somewhere just right,
Not buried in junk,
But out in plain sight.

Preventing a fire
Is step number one.
But if one happens anyway,
Do what has to be done.

Stopping a fire
While it's still small
Requires fast action,
No time to stall.

Fires start when least expected,
And can spread out really fast.
With quick use of an extinguisher
We hope the flames won't last.

But if flames are big to start with,
And they're hotter than the sun,
It's safer to escape them.
Quickly, get out and run.

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Good advice! That turn put the tour on a road that could have easily been mistaken for a driveway. And much of the first part of the tour followed one-lane one-way-at-a-time roads, with hills and turns reminiscent of a mountain trail. (That should explain my comment about a one-way trip to the picnic.) It was beautiful. Who would have guessed that people actually have houses up in those hills?



When we arrived at Jerry Yoder's estate (3.5 acres) Jim Farris was there to direct us to parking. Don Comstock was just starting to set up the BBQ and serving tables.

Jerry Yoder gave us a short description of what to expect to see in his garages, and explained his dislike for pine needles in the garage. With the dry weather, pine needles were not a problem and we were allowed to keep our shoes on.

That Jerry is a collector of cars is true. But in addition to cars, Jerry also collects other memorabilia. And he loves to share his collection with others who also appreciate the value of objects that bring back memories of a rich and colorful past. The garage (or museum?) is, in a word, immaculate.



Jerry's wife, Betty, said that she takes care of the grounds, but the garage is all Jerry's. Pointing out the car at the end of a row, Betty told us that it was the car that started the whole thing. It was Jerry's first car, a now restored 1952 2-door Hardtop Deluxe. It was the actual car that Jerry drove in high school.

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Betty's own personal favorite car in the garage is the coin operated 1957 toy riding car. She pushed a button and it ran.



Several people wanted their pictures taken in the “back seat”, also known as the “love seat”, including George and Anita Warren.

While most people were touring the garage, Don Comstock and Ana Maria Haley had fired up the BBQ grills. When it was announced that the food was ready, everyone streamed out of the garage and got into the food line. Trees shaded the picnic area and everyone settled back to enjoy the meal. Several members of the Mt. Rainier Region also joined us for the celebration in recognition of our common heritage.



Al Howe and Dave Haddock presented color copies of Tappet Clatter to writers of featured articles, and Donna Onat unwrapped a special gift for Dave Haddock.

As you probably know, Dave was injured about a year ago when he fell from a ladder while trimming his apple tree. To help avert a repeat mishap, Dave was presented with a dwarf apple tree, guaranteed

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not to grow to over 9 feet in height. And it already had some little green apples on it!



With the emphasis on involving children in Club activities this year, it was noted the Dick and Fran Olson brought their grandson, and Don and Sallie Comstock brought their granddaughter.



Don Comstock then unveiled the "Happy 45th Birthday" cake. Which raised a question. Was it a "birthday" or an "anniversary"? The obvious answer, of course, is that it was a "birthday anniversary". Don, granddaughter Sarah, and Sallie all helped serve the cake.

Before leaving, Donna Onat mentioned that her car had been behaving as though it was nearly out of gas as she arrived earlier, even though the gas gage registered full. Jerry Yoder offered gasoline from his lawnmower gasoline cans to give Donna a few gallons to get to a service station. It was fortunate that Jerry does not use an electric lawnmower.



As people were starting to leave, George and Phyllis Kowats parked their exceptional and unusual 1936 Standard Coupe Pickup for viewing. They have documentation to show that the car did in fact come from the factory in its present configuration.

It was a wonderful day and we thank Roger Orness for leading the tour, Jim Farris for his assistance, Don, Sallie, and Sarah Comstock and Ana Maria Haley for food service, and Jerry and Betty Yoder for their wonderful hospitality.

And thanks to everyone who came to share this time together in celebration of 45 years of enjoying, preserving, and restoring vintage Chevrolets with the Puget Sound Region of the VCCA.

2012 Four-Cylinder Tour

By Bill Damm

The headquarters hotel in Kanab Utah was Perry Lodge, well known for the famous movie actors that stayed there while filming popular movies and TV episodes in the local area from the 1930s into the 70s. Kanab is centrally located to many well-known parks and canyons in the area. The high altitude and hot weather of southern Utah was about to give the fifty Chevys of this year's Four-Cylinder Tour quite a workout. The tour officially started on Monday evening with an ice cream social to welcome all of the weary travelers who came from near and far. Some from the farthest distances away were from Iowa, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Missouri.

The first day's tour started with the included breakfast at the hotel, a drivers' meeting, and then it was off to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Leaving Kanab at about 5,000 feet we climbed in altitude until it actually got a little bit cooler, but the route still claimed three cars that tried and died, were retrieved by the trouble trailer, and two others that were able to limp back with the help of some minor repairs. Pictures of the Grand Canyon are very interesting but viewing the Canyon in real life was impressive beyond words. The night's dinner was on our own and even though Kanab is a small town it has plenty of restaurants to choose from.



Day 2 was group picture day at a location about fifteen miles out of town. After the group picture we all headed for Zion Canyon with its impressive unique sandstone and rock formations. At the park's canyon floor some of us enjoyed the camaraderie with fellow tour members in a shaded picnic area to consume our provided box lunch. The park was hot, busy, and parking was scarce. Finishing their visit of the park, members straggled back to the hotel to get ready for the cowboy-style dinner being provided that night. The road back out of the canyon returning to Kanab proved challenging to five more cars. Vapor lock and vacuum to the vacuum-operated fuel pumps were the main problems. Thanks to having a trouble trailer following the tour and the expert assistance from very knowledgeable Chevy owners, everyone was able to get running again.



Day 3 took us to Bryce Canyon which provided quite a different perspective from Zion Canyon by looking down into the canyon of very colorful and varied crumbling rock formations. The highest point on the park road was 9,115 feet. Again the box lunches provided were consumed in the park picnic area in the company of other members allowing time to make



acquaintances with members from other parts of our great country. That evening gave members another chance to try another restaurant in Kanab.

Friday, day 4, included a short tour to Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. Some members who

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didn't mind tracking sand back into their cars ventured off of the paved paths to walk and play in the fine colorful sand.



After a short stay everyone returned to the Perry Lodge in plenty of time to prepare for a farewell dinner of prime rib.

The four days of touring covered nearly 500 miles. Everyone had a great time, made new friends, and learned a lot about how to keep the old cars running.

A big Thank You to Jim Farris and Tom Meleo for organizing and planning the tour.

Also big thanks to Verlyn Husman from Minnesota for sharing his expertise on four-cylinder Chevys. He was always the last car in the tour, stopping to help anyone needing assistance with their car along the way.

Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

Dates	Activity	Activity Organizer
TBD	Board Meeting	
August 23-25	NW Meet, Wenatchee, WA.	North Cascade Region, VCCA
August 27	Triple-X Drive-In, Issaquah	Club Meeting
Sept 10-14	Early Six-Cylinder Tour - Logan, UT	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
September 22	Wellington Tour	Dave Haddock/Rod Schein
September 24	Membership Meeting	Club Meeting
October 19 - 21	Columbia River Region overnight tour to our area. Bill Barker has planned visits to a number of car collections north of Seattle for them. The final stop will include a meal.	Bill Barker
October 22	Membership Meeting	Club Meeting
TBD	Board Meeting	
November 26	Membership Meeting	Club Meeting
Early December	Christmas Potluck	

Web Links for Area 3 VCCA Regions

Capital City Region, VCCA: None

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

Mt. Rainier Region, VCCA: None

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

Northwest Meet Registration Form: http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/northcascadevcca/2012_meet.htm

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

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

From the Glove Box



From the Glove Box is devoted to sharing technical information, technical problems and solutions to problems related to the restoration and preservation of vintage Chevrolets. Please share your knowledge, experiences and recommendations with your fellow members.

Call the Glove Box Coordinator, Bob Stamnes via email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Bill Barker has posted some very useful information online for 1931 Chevrolets. The link to the Home Page is <http://1931chevrolet.com/>. All other information is available through the Home Page. Bob Stamnes

1926 Chevy Touring Radiator Tests - More Pictures

Last month I referenced a video on Dave Folsom's blog, <http://chev235guy.blogspot.com/>. This video was taken of a test on my 1926 Chevy Touring to determine why I recently lost 2 quarts of water while only driving 17 miles. Now I am providing some pictures of the testing equipment used. These show the test method used to get that video and to test the cooling water system. The utility spray bottle is used as an overflow reservoir connected directly to the radiator filler pipe. The bottom was cut out of the spray bottle and the bottle was inverted and taped over the filler pipe. Note that the bottle must be outside of the filler pipe. Water was then added to the bottle to bring the water level up into the spray bottle so any bubbling or change in water level could be easily seen through the plastic bottle.



This test is not recommended for use on a pressurized system.

Bob Stamnes

41st NW National Meet - August 23-25, 2012 - North Cascade Region

THURSDAY

Women's Event
Cashmere Cruz

FRIDAY

Judging
Short Tour: BBQ



SATURDAY

Main Tour
Awards Banquet

SUNDAY

Goodbyes

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel
509-662-1234/www.coasthotels.com
Mention VCCA for \$99 rate

RV's

Wenatchee Confluence State Park
360-902-8844

REGISTRATION: Carol Straight, registration2012chevysinthesun@hotmail.com. Online form at http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/northcascadevcca/2012_meet.htm. Deadline: July 13, 2012 (no on-site registration)
MEET CHAIRS: Gary Rogers, chevy6472@aol.com, or Dave Kosche, kosche2@frontier.com

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

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

1931 Chev 5-window Sports Coupe, with rumble seat, stock, previously restored, needs some paint work done. Comes with extra parts including: engine block, head, clutch, transmission, headlight assembly, 2 boxes of miscellaneous and electrical parts. Asking \$10,000. Phil Christensen, 509-636-2163, or philip082@centurytel.net.



1936 Chev 4-Door Standard Sedan. Very straight, all original, solid rust-free car. Needs restoration, have all the stock parts. Maple Valley area. Pic's available. Asking \$5500 obo. David Sanders, 425-413-8102

1947 Chev Stylemaster - Recently painted in the correct paint code of Oxford Maroon Metallic. Dave Folsom rebuilt the original 216 (bored 40 over with aluminum pistons), rebuilt the transmission and did the brakes, plus installation of a new wiring harness. All of the chrome and stainless steel has been done and I have new flat glass and all rubber for installation. I have all of the other parts to complete the restoration, of which I have done about 50%. Since it is not completed the new owner will only have to complete it and then choose an interior. I have over \$20K invested so far. Best offer. Dennis Dynes, 425-827-9954, ddynes@frontier.com.

1948 Chev Fleetline Aerosedan - fully restored after a body-off restoration 14 years ago, including a Hampton Coach interior. Runs perfect, plus Dave Folsom recently rebuilt the transmission and performed a brake job. Appraised at \$20K plus according to the Hagerty Insurance value guide as a solid #2 condition. Dennis Dynes, 425-827-9954, ddynes@frontier.com.



FOR SALE

1950 Chev Deluxe Styleline Four-Door Sedan. This car has 41,000 original miles and is a good driver. \$8,800. Contact Jim Cloutier at 206 878-6786.



1958 Chev Biscayne, 283 cu.-in.. Changed carb from 2bl to 4bl, (original manifold available), 3sp, column shift. Some mechanical and body restoration completed. New universal joints and center carrier bearing, wheel cylinders and brakes. Glove box replaced. Speedometer assembly rebuilt. Replaced turn signal assembly. New sending unit in gas tank. Previous owner replaced carpet, headliner, seat covers and door panels. Fixed rust problem in trunk. Minor rust behind left rear wheel. Paint is fair, should be redone. Runs and drives well, could use additional restoration. Asking \$4,000 but will take offers. Phil Christensen, 509-636-2163, or philip082@centurytel.net.



1979 Camaro Cascade, with all options including A/C. It is #8 of 90 of these models made. \$1,400, Jerry Van DeWalle 503-662-3701

Engine Stand, \$25, George Kowats, 253-852-8178.

Transmission Jack, \$25, George Kowats, 253-852-8178.

Floor Creeper (The Bone), \$10, George Kowats, 253-852-8178.

Come-Along, Two available, \$10.00 each, George Kowats, 253-852-8178.

WANTED

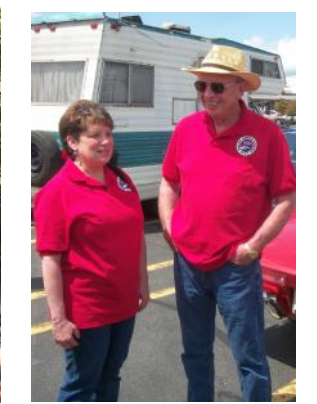
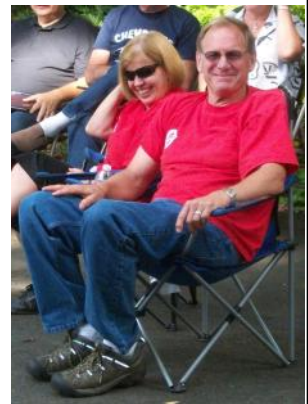
1973-1985 Good 350 small block - Interested in anything from bare block with crankshaft to complete car or truck. Dan Johnson, 360-697-6298, fourcylchev@embarqmail.com

Tires, 6.70 x 15, need two (2), for 1949 Chevy Fleetline Sedan, Al Anderson, 425-488-2245, zabe63@aol.com.



Don and Sarah serving cake at the 45th Anniversary Picnic

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More pictures from the 45th Anniversary Picnic.