

# THE TAPPET CLATTER

**PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA**  
Our 47th year!  
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### July 19th BBQ Report Text and Photos by Al Howe

As the vintage cars were being parked, Don Comstock came up to me and said, "Did you know there are strange people camped in your backyard?"

The July 19<sup>th</sup> BBQ and surprise at the Howe's was a big success. About 40 people were present to enjoy the festivities, food and nice weather. Square-dance friends Gene and Annie Trobaugh brought their family: daughter Katherine, son-in-law Brandon Sackmann and grandsons Aidan (age 11) and Ian



(age 8) to our house and set up an 1820s era rendezvous campsite. Such a wonderful family hobby that was enjoyed by every member of the family. The camp was so original with tents and items of that time period. They had a black-powder rifle, dried fruit, jerky and all kinds of items for survival used in those days. They all worked together setting up the campsite; each had their jobs to be done in proper order. Only took them one hour to completely set up.

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## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2014



**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 1989 may be registered with the Region.

General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May, at **Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue**, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. No meetings are held in June, July, August, and December. You can learn more about the club by visiting the website where you can see color photos of previous tours, parts for sale, wanted, etc., and there is a link to view our monthly newsletter, "The Tappet Clatter."

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

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# ***Director's Corner***

***"From The Drivers Seat"***



**By Director, Al Howe**

I just got the Generator and Distributor and saw Bob Helgeson's article about his 1964 Corvette. Great article, Bob! It is always good to see one of our member's article in the G&D. I hope we have more articles coming from other members for the G&D and also for the Tappet Clatter. We each have a story to tell and most likely it seems pretty dull to you but it would be interesting reading for others. You can work on a story a little at a time instead of trying to do it all at once. That seems to work best for me. I have to put my ideas in writing and make changes a few times before it works for me. The computer makes changing and correcting documents so much easier than writing by hand or on the old typewriter. You probably would not see much from me if I had to do without the computer.

I don't know what to say about the Northwest Meet. At the time I am writing this (late July) things are on schedule and looking good. We are currently making decisions from the kind of ice cream for the social to the color of linen for the banquet tables. By the time you read this we should be in Port Angeles having fun, eating too much and enjoying the scenic tours. The committee members have done an outstanding job of putting this all together. I know you will have a good time and the weather will be good, right?

Our next get-together will be the XXX Drive-in Restaurant in Issaquah on August 25<sup>th</sup>. This is always a fun evening especially with the grandchildren. After that we start meeting at the school on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

## **GARAGE NITE**

There is no Garage Nite scheduled for September.

## **Web Links Of Interest**

**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/northcascadevcca>

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

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





## Fourth of July—Continued



You could tell they had done this before.

Two wonderful desserts were cooked in a Dutch oven using charcoal instead of fire to prevent fire damage to our lawn. They dressed in costumes of that time period and each gave demonstrations on skills used by mountain men and families of years past.

As VCCA members hone their skills in restoring vintage cars, they do the same for a different time in history only they go further back in time.

They have studied and learned many things about survival, like how to keep water cool by using burlap bags and how to preserve food without electricity.



The boys gave demonstrations on throwing knives and axes. My 5 year old granddaughter, Keira, was very interested in what Annie was doing and spent a lot of time helping her weave using a board with pegs. She even got to choose the

thread colors. She and Annie had such fun working together. Everything in the camp site was made by hand using the same skills used by our elders. They even made their own bows for launching arrows. We truly had a rendezvous in our backyard.

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## Fourth of July—Continued



I had arranged for a north-end tour starting at the Triple X drive-in in Issaquah led by Dick and Gisela Jones and a south-end tour starting at the Super Mall in Auburn lead by Don and Sallie Comstock to arrive about the same time. That worked out quite well. Others drove on their own in modern cars. We parked the vintage cars in the yard behind the tents. That made for a great backdrop for the rendezvous.

Don and Sallie Comstock brought their big grill to my house beforehand and it was a good thing because mine would have never made the grade. Thank you, Don and Sallie.



With my son, Andy, cooking on my slow grill and Don on his grill they were able to supply a hungry group with hamburgers and hot dogs. With everyone contributing, we had tables full of delicious food. As always at a BBQ everyone had their fill of food and then came the cherry and

peach cobbler hot from the Dutch oven. Being full didn't stop anyone from tasting that delicious cobbler. I heard many times something like, "what a delightful day it this has been".



## Appreciating 'newer' old cars!

By David Gowan—Area #3 Director

To me a 1989 seems like a new car. Especially since I drove several of the boxy Chevrolet Caprices back in the day. I had a maroon 1983 (diesel) with all the bells and whistles, a gold 1985 with low miles, a black 1988 Brougham with grey



leather interior and one day I found this 1989 with unusual coloring. It happens the owner was the neighbor of a lady who passed away while he was in the service. As a kid he had mowed her lawn then joined the army.

When she died the family gave this deep maroon car with vinyl charcoal grey top to the boy who was now in his early 20s. I had never seen that combination but it was just beautiful. Just my luck the fellow wanted a pickup and not the big Caprice so I bought it at a sale price. I can't afford to hold and store all the cars I like so I sold it to a young man in Seattle who claims he'll own it until the wheels fall off. Yep, it is now 25 years old.



## Important Membership News!

Our new year begins October 1, so we'll be collecting dues (\$30) starting in September. In the next few weeks, expect an email with your on-line form to verify your information and make needed changes. Donna will appreciate it if you process it right away! Those without computers will get a phone call. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention!

### Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

#### August 2014 Safety Ditty

It's happening!!  
It's here!!  
The Northwest Meet  
Is now in gear.

Many months of planning  
Will be put to the test.  
We're hoping this Meet,  
Will be among the best.

Eager to meet  
New and old friends.  
The time goes fast,  
In three days it ends.

An enjoyable rendezvous  
With memories that will last.  
May your travels be safe.  
Don't drive too fast.

#### **REMEMBER!**

No more club meetings at the school until September!

Have a great and safe summer!

## 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

## 2014 Activities

Aug	NW Meet	Aug 21-23
	XXX Drive-In Issaquah Club Meeting	Aug 25
September	Early 6-Cylinder Tour – Colorado	Jim Farris Sept 8-12
October	Teaway Hunters Breakfast Tour	CANCELLED
	Train Trip to Portland	Bill Barker Oct 17-19
	Historic Cascades Roads Tour #2 (On a good weather day)	Rod Schein TBD
November	Election of 2015 Club Officers	
December	Christmas Party	TBD

## PSVCCA Memories





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

## Vacuum Advances



Dave Folsom sees many cars in his business and has identified vacuum advances as a common problem when cars come into his shop. A bad vacuum advance can cause backfiring, poor gas mileage, and engine overheating.

Just because the distributor twists when the engine is revved up does not mean it is working properly and advancing completely.

The vacuum advance can be checked by removing the vacuum advance tube from the carburetor and attaching a Mityvac to the tube and pumping up vacuum and watching that it holds vacuum (the distributor should twist counter clockwise as vacuum is applied). If you don't have a Mityvac, the test can also be done by sucking on a rubber hose attached to the tube you disconnected from the carburetor. While sucking on the hose, put your tongue on the end of the hose and stop sucking on the hose. If after a few seconds it is still pulling your tongue against the hose then it can be assumed the vacuum advance diaphragm is okay.



Mityvac

The rubber diaphragm can dry out and crack making the vacuum advance inoperable. Therefore, vacuum advances should be checked regularly for leaks in the diaphragm.

Reproduction vacuum advance units are available for some cars. Some suppliers can also rebuild your vacuum advance.

## Do you Remember?





## 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

**1935-6 Speedometer** without cable, nice \$100  
Bob Stamnes, [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1928 Headlight Trim Rings**, new reproduction parts, still in shipping bags \$75 pr.  
Bob Stamnes, [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1930's Car Radio dial and cable** for 30s car, nice \$50  
Bob Stamnes, [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1934 Chevy ton and a half flatbed truck**,

Older restoration, original engine, blue body, black fenders, interior is fair to good, pictures available on request. Asking \$22,850.  
Cathy Johnson, 425-255-6325



**6.00 X 16 Wide Whitewalls**, Five each. Bias ply B.F. Goodrich tires - good tread - low mileage. \$500.  
Jim Seiber 425-765-8195

**1977 L82 Corvette**, white with red interior. Less than 60K miles. \$12,000 OBO. Max Reich 206-830-8418

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**1926 Engine Head**, \$100 Dick Olson 425 222-5798

**1936 Headlight Lens**, 7-15/16 OD, 7-1/2" bucket?, new reproduction. Appears to be same as GR-191 in Filling Station Catalog \$35  
Bob Stamnes, [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1996 SS Impala**, Black, Low Miles, All options,+ Sunroof, Weld wheels, Arizona speed headers & air intake. \$23,000  
Jerry Yoder (253) 307-1910, [JerryYoder@hotmail.com](mailto:JerryYoder@hotmail.com)

**Car Tube Radio box** without cables, unknown operational condition \$30  
Bob Stamnes, [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pictures

**Air Compressor** - Like new. 220 Volt - \$425.00, with two 60 gal tanks. Bill Barker 425-643-0698  
[bbarkerjr@gmail.com](mailto:bbarkerjr@gmail.com)

**1953,54, 55 Corvette intake manifold**. Complete with 3 Carter YH side draft carburetors and fuel filters, Can't be too many of these out there! A little rough but good for parts and/or unique display. Owner wants \$500. Contact Dave Haddock, [chevydave@gmail.com](mailto:chevydave@gmail.com).

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### WANTED

**1931 Ignition Switch**, Dick, 425 736-8798, [dick10051@comcast.net](mailto:dick10051@comcast.net)

**1964 Chevelle SS** - any condition  
Dave White 206-999-8138 [davidcwhite@comcast.net](mailto:davidcwhite@comcast.net)

**Set of 4 wheels**, 6 lug Chevy pickup, 15", or set of garage dollies. Ken Hovda 509-863-3450  
[khovda@yahoo.com](mailto:khovda@yahoo.com)

### FREE STUFF

**Seat Frame and Cushions** (Needs Reconditioning) Fits 1948 to 1954 Chevy Pickup. Don Hatley (253) 941-5674

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