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2007 Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 9th, 31 Puget Sound Region members gathered at the Comstock home for our annual Christmas Party. Driving to the event we were greeted with a light snowfall that left fir trees with a light mantle of white. As we ascended the hill on SR 410 the valley below looked pristine with its dusting of white as light clouds nestled against the hills. It was a perfect setting for the occasion. After much talk and a look at Don's garage and cars, dinner was served. The Club provided ham and, as always, the pot luck dishes provided for a festive meal. Following the meal the always popular gift exchange occurred. To determine the sequence for opening gifts, Don had each person select a card. After everyone had their own another matching one was selected from a separate deck. As turns came participants could select an unopened gift or from those already open. Eleven of the gifts were "stolen", some the maximum of three times.

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Comstock's new '51 Station Wagon on their front lawn with Santa greeting PS-VCCA members attending Christmas Party



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. Regional membership is open to all Chevrolet enthusiasts who are members of the **Vintage 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, 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 "Tappet Clatter." You can find the PS-VCCA website on the **World Wide Web @ <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>**

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Photos in this issue by: **Jim Seiber, Bob Helgeson and Gerri Johnson**

Editors Note

While putting together the monthly Tappet Clatter is a time-consuming job I have found it enjoyable the past two years. It takes a bit of work but it's rewarding because it puts me in contact with many members. I've always known that to get the most from an organization one must be actively part of the on going process. In 2008, I would like to put together a Tappet Clatter staff so that more members could be part of this monthly adventure. Consider volunteering to be part of this staff. The work will be simple and easy but most of all you will be part of the editorial staff deciding what we print. Grab some power while you can. I am continuing to be the Editor and we already have three pretty good photographers. *Join the staff and have some fun.*

Jim Farris

Director's Corner

"The Running Board"



December Directors Message

As 2007 comes to an end we can reflect back onto our Region's 40th year of existence. It was an interesting and exciting year, celebrating at Fort Borst, the DVD, and commemorative mugs, along with the tours, parades, and meeting events, all made our 40th year special.

I have enjoyed serving as our Region Director for 2007. As a relatively new member, for me it was a crash course in learning how our Region functions and interfaces with other Area 3 Regions. It was also a confidence builder, and excellent way of getting to better know our members. My thanks to everyone who helped support me during my term.

Our Region is in good hands with the members just elected for 2008. Most Board positions are being filled by previous Board Members, so if you haven't served as a board member before, please start considering volunteering for a position for 2009. Some new faces would sure be welcome to share the glory. It is rewarding to be part of what keeps our Region ticking. Current volunteers are willing to share their expertise with new candidates so transition would be easy. Which position would you like to fill?

In 2008 I will be serving our Region as "Safety Focal". I am hoping to develop our Tappet Clatter "Safety Corner" into a more informative forum. By setting an example, hopefully we can encourage other Regions to start their own safety forum, and maybe eventually the G & D could include safety corner too.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season, and that the New Year brings new adventures and enjoyment in your lives. See you at the Awards Banquet.

Bill Damm

Happy Holidays

And-- Now on to 2008

The first activity for 2008 is a **Board Meeting** at 7:00 pm on January 15th at Jim & Roberta Martoza's home in Redmond. All Puget Sound Region members are welcome to attend.

Call for **Directions to the Martoza's**.

Link of the Month

Information on winterizing your car

<http://www.oldcarsweekly.com/Default.aspx?tabid=525&articleid=8665&articlemid=1524#1524Articles>

CLUB STORE

This Month of December there is no Club Meeting. If members want items from the store as Christmas presents they will have to contact George and Ana directly.

George and Ana Maria Haley

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES!

Glenn and Judy Landguth 1/11 Gary and Joanne Barquist 1/18

Myron and Resa Gabelein 1/23

BIRTHDAYS!

Sis Barker

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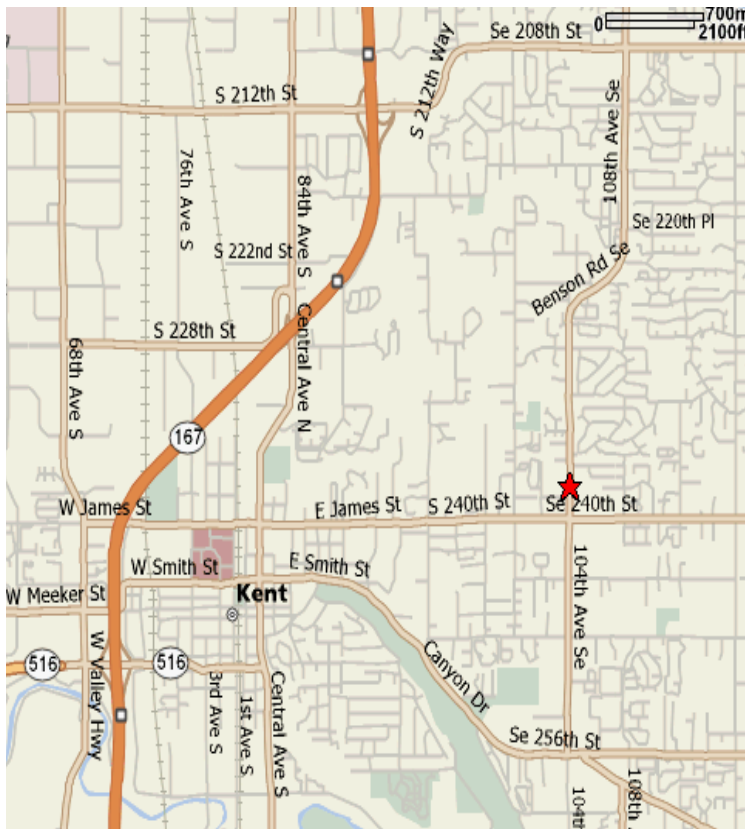
George Kowats

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Gisela Jones

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BANQUET LOCATION



Golden Steer Steak'n Rib House
(253) 852 1144

From the North

- 1: Take WA-167 [Valley Fwy]
- 2: Take the S. 212 St/S. 212th Way exit. Turns into S. 208th St
- 3: Turn right on 108th Ave SE. Changes to Benson Rd SE. Changes again to 104th Ave SE. Golden Steer is on your left. Arrive at 23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031

From the South

- 1: Take WA-167 [Valley Fwy] North
- 2: Go right on WA-516 Continue on W Willis St and E Willis St
- 3: Left at Central Ave S. Changes into Central Ave N.
- 4: Right on E James St. Changes to S 240th and continue on SE 240th St
- 5: Left on 104th Ave SE. Golden Steer is on your right. Arrive at 23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031

**Get Your Reservation for this
Yearly Gala Event
Deadline January 12, 2008**

Annual Awards and New Officers Installation Banquet

This year, George Kowats, John Strampher and Jim Martoza have teamed up again to arrange the banquet facilities and menu planning. We have reservations again at the Golden Steer located at 23826 104th Ave SE in Kent for Saturday January 26th. Social time will start at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner being served at 7:00 PM. Map and directions on page 4.

Drinks will be available via server from the restaurant bar throughout the evening. The prices below include tax and tip.

We have 3 dinner choices. All meals come with bread, baby red potato with a seasoning, Caesar salad and **infamous carrot cake** for dessert. Coffee, tea or soft drink is also included.

TERIYAKI STEAK: 8 ounce portion \$23.00

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA: 8 ounce portion \$23.00

SALMON FILET: 8 ounce portion \$26.00

Vegetarian or vegan meal options contact George Kowats at 253-852-8178 for arrangements.

Annual Banquet Registration Form

(Place an X under the corresponding dinner choice for each name.)

	Teriyaki Steak	Chicken	Salmon
Name_____	_____	_____	_____
Name_____	_____	_____	_____
Name_____	_____	_____	_____
Address_____ City/State_____			
Phone_____ E-mail_____			

Registration forms must be returned to John by January 12, 2008.

Mail them to John Strampher 9712 66th Ave E; Puyallup, WA. 98373-1701.

His phone number is (253) 770-1798. Email: chevyjohn1955@msn.com

Please make checks payable to PS-VCCA.



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2008 Club Meetings & Auto Events Calendar

January (2008)	15	Board Meeting Martoza Home
January (2008)	26	2008 Banquet Golden Steer (details page 5)
January (2008)	28	General Meeting Tillicum

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes November 26, 2007

Call to Order – The Meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:32 pm by Director Bill Damm.

Welcome – Two guests were introduced; Bill Kelley, friend of Don Hatley. Terry Beedle, second time as a guest and joined the club later in the meeting.

Leeds and Needs – Passed clipboard around, Jim Ferris says the new policy of removing the ads after two months in the Tappet Clatter has resulted in no current ads. He needs new ads!

Secretary - Minutes accepted as printed in Tappet Clatter.

Treasurers Report – Sallie reported that the club continues to be solvent.

Membership – Donna reported that we have 48 paid up members. That is 73 percent of the membership.

Glove Box – Nothing new. If you have items get them to Al Howe or Jim Darby.

Activities – Nothing new.

Historian – Bob has coffee cups (6) for sale if yours is not looking so well after washing in the dishwasher. Bob Helgeson still needs pictures from some of the events that he wasn't able to attend.

Tappet Clatter – Jim Farris needs spotlight articles and other articles for the newsletter.

Nominations for 2008 Officers - This is the current list: Director – Jim Martoza,

Assistant Director – Al Howe, Secretary – Dick Jones, Treasurer - Sallie Comstock, Editor - Jim Farris, Membership - Donna Onat, Activities– Dave & Diane Haddock, Historian – Bob Helgeson. A call was made for additional nominations, none were made. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Club Stores – 2008 Northwest Car Clubs Event Calendar are available for \$1.50. 50/50 Bill Kelley won 1st prize, Dave Haddock won 2nd prize. Door Prizes were won by Betty Roberts and Sallie Comstock.

Break Refreshments – Refreshments were provided by Dave and Diane Haddock. Coffee by Bob Helgeson.

2010 NW Meet – George Kowats is still looking for volunteers to help with the planning for the 2010 NW Meet. The first planning meeting will be held sometime in March, 2008. Potential locations for the 2010 NW Meet are still being accepted.

Program – There was a showing of a 13 minute video of the Yakima meet. Jim Martoza led a discussion and demo on accessing the club's website and information that is available there. Some of it is password protected, any club member may obtain the password by requesting it from Jim via email. There were 28 attendees and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Submitted by Dick Jones.

Christmas Party, continued from p. 1 Rod Schein, Don Boltz and Dennis Johnson had a number of theirs taken by others. When it was all over everyone had a gift. The group lingered before leaving, testimony to the great time had by all. Those there were: Al Howe and Marsha Ullrich, John Strampher and his mother Edna



Webster, Don and Sallie Comstock, Dave and Betty Roberts, Dick and Gisela Jones and Grandson Alex, Dennis and Gerri Johnson, Bob and Florence Helgeson, Dick and Fran Olson, Don and Lynn Boltz, Dave and Diane Haddock, Bob and MG Stamnes, Rod and Evie Schein, Carolyn Frankhouser, Jim and Sue Seiber, Glenn and Judy Landguth, and Jim Farris.



PUGET SOUND NEWS BITS

John Strampher had some minor surgery for sinus relief and has recovered nicely.

Don Boltz had some unwelcome guests in his home recently when some furry animals ate their way through a drainage pipe. Thankfully, that issue has been resolved.

Lee Folsom For the first time in 38 years Lee's name was not on the list of officers for 2008. He's earned his rest but you know he will always be there with the helpful helping hand when needed.

Al Howe started the '22 Dodge that was advertised in the TC this year. The car is in Spokane and he stopped off there on his return trip from the Four Cylinder Tour in Belgrade MT.

Dan Johnson won a weeks trip with all expenses paid to Orlando Florida. They are going to drive to Key West while in that State.

Diane and Dave Haddock will be spending the holidays with their two daughters in Chicago and Ann Arbor.



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January 2008

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People All Over The World Read The Tappet Clatter

Hi Jim, This is a quick note to say how much I enjoy reading your monthly newsletter. My family and I lived in Issaquah for a couple years in the late 90's and have very fond memories of the Puget Sound area, and is always interesting to read about your runs to various spots that we may have visited while there. Your web based format is very easy to read and navigate, and a credit to your members.

I brought back a souvenir with a Mustang badge but I won't mention the "F" word here, but in the last few years have thoroughly enjoyed getting more involved in the vintage car community. I currently have a '29 Chev. Sports Roadster. My daughter has been in Lake Louise (went to work a ski season and has not come back yet after a couple years) and we are hoping to visit her and some of our very good friends in Puget Sound area next year. I noticed from your web site the details for your North West meet, so would be great if we could coordinate to be there at that time. Keep up the good work.

Barry Leane

BTW - if you are interested there is some info on my Chev plus photos of our recent National Vintage and Veteran Rally that was held in Western Australia a couple weeks ago at <http://members.iinet.net.au/~bleane/RallyWest/RallyWest-home.htm>

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

2007 Puget Sound Wood Tour

What's a wood Tour anyway? It's a tour for old Chevrolets whose bodies were made on a wooden framework. This was the traditional way of making automobiles in the early part of the last century. Chevrolet used a significant amount of wood through the 1936 production year. Hence, the wood tour is a tour for Chevrolets made up to and including 1936. The term was picked up from tours Dick Bertolucci and the Sacramento Valley organized in the 1980's. While moderately successful in that area the idea took a bit of time to spread. Tours for early Four Cylinder Chevrolets began in 1992. The success of these events spurred the organization of a six cylinder tour. Because there was no obvious cut off date for these cars, as in the case of the Four's, cars to 1954 were eligible. Often the early



Chev's, 1929 to 1936 were left at home in favor of driving a more comfortable vehicle. To provide for the early sixes the Wood or Three Main Bearing Tours have developed. They are generally Area specific. August 1-4 of this year the Johnson's hosted a Wood Tour in Poulsbo. 37 VCCA members from California, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington in eighteen 1929 to 36 Chevrolets assembled to drive their cars on the Kitsap Peninsula roads. Gerri and Dennis, along with Dan and Sheri, graciously hosted the event on their property across the bay overlooking the town of Poulsbo. The event

opened with dinner there and entertainment by the Sons of Norway Leikarringen Dancers. This is a group of young people directed by Gerri's daughter. They were dressed in authentic Norwegian clothing and were delivered to their grassy stage, overlooking the bay in the Johnson's 1925 Chevrolet Truck. Tours took the group along beaches, with scenic views of the water, islands, and mountains. Bainbridge Island was circled on roads many had never seen before and Toe Jam Hill was a favorite of most. Spectacular Views of downtown Seattle with ferries sailing back and forth made the day picturesque. No one lost their way and all made it back to dinner. The tours around quaint Port Townsend and the Hood Canal in the old cars with numerous stops at parks provided even more enjoyment for the group. Nine Puget Sound Region cars were on the tour, the Johnson's '32, Boltz's '32, Olson's '31, Martin's '36, McCarthy's '28, Dan Johnson's '26, Hayne's '28, Farris's '32, and Johnson's '33 driven by Ken and Carol Beach. They provided assistance along the way if needed. Also Bob Helgeson, Bob and MG Stamnes and Jim Seiber from our Region participated.



From the Glove Box



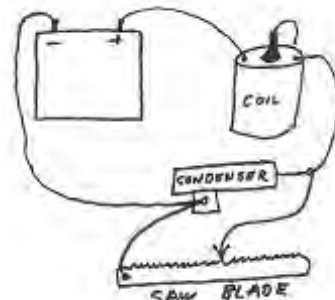
Condenser Leakage and Capacity Test /Carburetor Hints

LEAKAGE TEST

Touch wire "A" to the condenser wire - Meter will read battery voltage
Remove wire "A" from condenser wire - Meter should go down close to 0 volts. Compare various condensers to sort good from bad.

CAPACITY TEST

Touch wire "A" to condenser wire as before - Meter will read battery voltage
Remove wire "A" from condenser wire - Measure the time required for the voltage to drop to 2 volts- Compare condensers as before. *Lee Folsom*



Carburetor problems?

Sometimes when a engine is hard to start or will not start it means one of three things can be a problem. If you have compression, spark and fuel your engine should run providing all three items are where they should be at the right time. One way to determine between a fuel or spark problem is spray some quick start in the carburetor and then turn the engine over, if it starts for a short time, you have spark and your problem is fuel. Disconnect the fuel line at the carburetor, turn the engine over, if gas squirts out, the fuel pump is working. That puts the problem in the carburetor. It could be a sticky needle valve or foreign material plugging the jets. There are two kinds of needle valves, one is all steel and the other has a rubber tip. The rubber tip one sometimes sticks and can be dislodged by tapping lightly on the carburetor with the handle of a screw driver or equivalent. The steel ones often leaks allowing the gas to drain out, however as you are turning your engine over the carburetor should fell and the engine start. If all else fails, take the carburetor off, disassemble and clean the jets etc. Reassemble and good luck. A carburetor that continues to give you problems should be rebuilt by someone that has had some experience in that field.

Al Howe

We need car-related issues to discuss in this feature. Contact Al Howe by phone or e-mail with any questions you feel might be included in the Glove Box. You can email Bob Stamnes rstamnes@yahoo.com

Safety Corner

When stranded on the shoulder,
With a tire that's just gone flat,
It might be quick to change it,
But it depends on where you're at.
If you're on a busy free way,
Or a very narrow road,
It might be safer to make a call,
And have your buggy towed.



Puget Sound VCCA 2008 Activities Questionnaire

Hello Everyone– This is your last chance to “speak up” before we select the list of activities for next year!!! In order to help us understand what events folks would be most interested in attending we have (with Jim Martoza's help) assembled a questionnaire and hope that we can get members to fill it out. It is similar to the one Jim prepared for meeting subjects and can be found on the web at <http://app.doubleknot.com/form/formjump.asp?bidx=0&surveyID=5978&OrgKey=409>. Or, make it easy on yourself and email me (chevydave@gmail.com) with a request for the hot link. Once you have this you can just click on it and go directly to the questionnaire. Please find some time before mid-January to go online and complete this form for us. We'll present the results to everyone at the January 2008 meeting. Thanks- - *Dave and Diane Haddock*



**WOOD TOUR
DANCERS**

TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

FOR SALE

1956 Chevrolet 2 door Hardtop Sport Coupe. 265 Power Pack V8, Powerglide automatic transmission. Matador Red and India Ivory paint with correct matching Interior. Push button radio and deluxe heater. New Coker radial wide white wall tires. This is an older restoration but has had the following mechanical upgrades completed: New rear five leaf springs, new shocks, new radiator hoses and antifreeze, new temperature sending unit, new battery, new fuel tank and fuel lines, rebuilt speedometer head, rebuilt carburetor, new transmission seal, universal joints and differential crush seal. Asking \$34,950 Phone Leigh (503) 329-5856

1964 Ford Galaxie XL 500 Four Door Hardtop. Straight Car originally purchased new in San Diego CA and always garaged. Asking \$4500 (206) 550 4146. Dick Olson has pictures of the car.

CHAIN HOIST, half ton, 6 inch pulleys. \$35.00
Dick Olson 425 222-5798

WANTED

1926 Cowl and Map light cover. Bob Stamnes
206.365.1482; rstamnes@yahoo.com

December 2007 Issue

2007 Christmas Party
hosted by the Comstocks

