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Photos by John Campbell



To see John's video of the trip go to: <http://goo.gl/wcy0LR>



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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 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

The only club activity we have left this year is the Christmas Party at Don and Sallie Comstock's house on December 6th. It has been a busy year, yet filled with very enjoyable times for Chevrolet owners and drivers.

We had some wonderful day tours filled with fun and beautiful scenery shared with friends and family. Tours that include overnight stays like the Four-Cylinder, Six-Cylinder and Northwest Meet tours are always enjoyable.

The challenge for me on any outing is to complete it and not break down. Sometimes you make it and sometimes you don't. Making repairs on the road is not so frightening when you are touring with others. There is always someone who is willing to stop, help, has that extra part or knows how to make repairs. If you want to talk to someone just raise the hood and they gather around. As we fix the weak part of the machine it gets stronger and we begin to love that old Chevy even more.

This year, at the Northwest Meet in Port Angeles, was the first time I took the leadership role in a major event of this kind. It worked out great because I had an experienced hard-working team helping me. I just can't say enough about how well we all worked together making things fall into place. The Rendezvous was a big success. Thank you all very much!

Next year starts with our Installation Banquet on January 24th. Jim Darby is your new Director and I will be the Assistant Director. All other elected and volunteer positions remain the same.

This is a good time to thank Jim for accepting the Director's job. It is also a good time to thank all the volunteers for doing the work they do year after year. The next time you see them please say, "Thank you."

See you all at the banquet.

I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger.

Annual Banquet

Golden Steer Steak & Rib House
23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA
Saturday, January 24, 2015

This year Al Howe, Dick Jones and Sallie Comstock have teamed up to arrange the banquet facilities and plan the menu. The banquet will be held at the Golden Steer Steak & Rib House in Kent. Social time will start at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner being served at 6:00 PM. Drinks will be available via server from the restaurant bar throughout the evening.

Thanks to the hard work of all club members, our financial position is such that the club can afford to subsidize our dinners to the tune of \$15.00 each. As usual, there will be three dinner choices. All dinners come with bread, baby red potato with a seasoning, Caesar Salad, and the Golden Steer's legendary carrot cake or Chocolate cake for dessert. Coffee, tea or soft drink is also included. Prices shown reflect the club subsidies. There will be hors d'oeuvres available during the social hour.

Prime Rib, 8 oz.	\$17.00
Salmon Filet, 8 oz.	\$18.00
Chicken Dijon, 10 oz.	\$15.00

Vegetarian or vegan meal options are also available. Contact Al Howe (360-625-8233) to make arrangements.

January 24, 2015, Annual PS-VCCA Banquet Registration Form

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

	Prime Rib	Salmon Filet	Chicken Dijon	Carrot Cake	Choc Cake
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Phone: (____) _____	E-mail: _____				

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Registration forms must be returned to Sallie by January 11, 2015. Make checks payable to PS-VCCA.

Mail this form with payment to: Sallie Comstock
Address removed
Phone: removed, Email: chevyguy2@centurylink.net

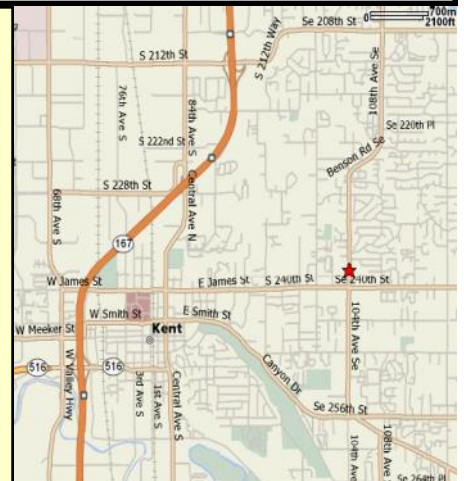
Directions to Golden Steer:

From the North

1. Take WA-167 So. (Valley Freeway)
2. Take the So. 212 St Exit, then turn left onto 212 St. So.
3. Turn right on 108th Ave SE. Changes to Benson Rd SE, changes again to 104th Ave SE.
4. Golden Steer is on your left.

From the South

1. Take WA 167 [valley Freeway]
2. Go right on WA -516 continue on Willis to Central
3. Left on Central Ave S. Changes to Central Ave N.
4. Right on E. James Street, changes to S 240th, and continues on SE 240th St.
5. Left on 104th Ave East.
6. Golden Steer is on your right.



The Lost Keys...

After a meeting several days ago, I couldn't find my car keys. I quickly gave myself a personal "TSA Pat Down."

The keys weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My wife had scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition.

She was afraid that the car would be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized she was right.

The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car and that my car had been stolen.

Then I made the difficult call to my wife:

"Honey, I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard her voice.

"Are you kidding me" she barked, ***"I dropped you off."***

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, ***Well, please come and get me."***

She retorted, ***I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your car!"***

The Lost Wife...

A husband went to the police station to file a "missing person" report for his missing wife.

Husband: I lost my wife. She went shopping and never came back.

Inspector: What is her height?

Husband: I never checked.

Inspector: Slim and healthy?

Husband: Not slim, could be healthy.

Inspector: Color of eyes?

Husband: Changes according to the season.

Inspector: What was she wearing?

Husband: Not sure whether it was a dress or suit.

Inspector: Was she driving?

Husband: Yes.

Inspector: Color of car?

Husband: White Chevrolet Corvette convertible with an LT 6 engine, five-speed transmission, stock suspension and BF Goodrich tires. It has a white top and is in showroom condition except for the very thin scratch on the passenger door. (And then the husband started crying.)

Inspector: Don't worry sir, ——we will find your car.

November PS-VCCA Meeting

Photos by Glenn Landguth



Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:33 PM by Director Al Howe. Al sent around the Needs and Leads sheet after explaining the options for creating an ad. If you fill out the N&L sheet at the meeting Al takes it home and enters it as ads that he emails to tappet.clatter@outlook.com for publication in the newsletter. If members create their ad and send it directly to tappet.clatter@outlook.com it saves Al time. He is happy to do the ads from the Needs and Leads board if anyone wants to list ads that way.

The cover story for the November Tappet Clatter was created by Mike Currie so he will be getting a color copy. (Woo hoo! - ed.)

Welcome: There were 23 members present.

Membership: Donna Onat updated us on our membership. Renewals are complete. We now have 77 member families which is down a couple from last year.

Treasurer: Sallie reported that the treasury was about the same as last month. We have a new batch of large decals and have sold 10 already.

National News: Bill Barker reported that the motion to change the name of the club to include GMC trucks was voted down so it stays the same. There are two other motions before the board that are concerned with recognizing modified Chevrolets. One keeps articles that feature modified cars out of the G&D magazine. The other one invites modified car chapters and the participation of Driver Participation Class cars on tours and meets at the discretion of the meet chairperson and are not eligible for VCCA National awards.

(Secretary's note: See Dec. 2014 G&D page 11 for more information.)

The 2016 Meet has a Ladies Event Chairperson willing to work only if the ladies event is not held at the same time as judging. There is also a person signed up to chair the Swap Meet.

Glove Box: Bob Stamnes asked for fresh ideas for Glove Box articles.

Tours: The next event is the Christmas Party at the Comstock's in Sumner. The date is correct as published in the November TC but the day was wrong. It is on Saturday from 1:00 to whenever with dinner at 3:00 followed by the gift exchange. April 30, 2015 is the start of the All Cal Meet to be held just south of Sacramento. It is 4 days and those attending last year had a very good time, no judging. See December G&D for contact information. Jim Seiber brought up the possibility of reviving a Poker Run next year and inviting another club to participate. Discussion was generally favorable. Long-time member, Lee Folsom is staying close to home with physical limitations. As such he is available for visits on the phone and perhaps in person.

Nominations/Elections: Al announced a complete slate of officers for next year as follows:

- Director - Jim Darby
- Assistant Director - Al Howe
- Editor or Chief Editor - Mike Currie
- Secretary - Don Comstock
- Treasurer - Sallie Comstock
- Membership - Donna Onat
- Club Store - Bill Damm
- Activities - Rod Schein
- Historian - Dave Haddock

Nominations were closed and the slate of officers were unanimously elected/re-elected.

Future Meetings: There will be no December meeting other than the Christmas Party and the January Meeting will be held in conjunction with the banquet.

Refreshments: Bill Barker brought several varieties of cookies, brownies, Pecan Delights and cheese and sausage slices with crackers.

Program: Jim Seiber led a discussion on really great Christmas gift ideas. Bill Barker shared a few really nifty and useful tools.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

January Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Glenn and Judy Landguth 1/11
Gary and Joanne Barquist 1/18
Myron and Resa Gabelein 1/23

BIRTHDAYS

Sis Barker 1/5
George Kowats 1/6

2015 Activities

January Installation Banquet

1/24

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Poor old Chevy
Sad and blue
Is hoping for presents
From Santa Claus too.

It has a list
It's not that long
Of useful things
Santa can't go wrong.

Start with a wash
And a coat of wax
Also could use
Some hydraulic jacks.

A chassis lube.
A change of oil
And a few shop rags
To clean up soil.

A tire wrench
To tighten the lugs
And washer fluid
That comes in jugs.

New wiper blades
Would be nice to wear
With brand new filters
For oil and air.

Replacement bulbs
For fronts and rears
And tranny fluid
For shifting gears.

And a nifty little safety kit
With reflectors and flares
Would make the Chevy happy
Knowing there's someone who cares.

See the USA In Your CHEVROLET!

Columbia River Region invites you to join us in celebrating **GOLDEN DAYS OF CHEVROLETS** **44TH NORTHWEST MEET** **AUGUST 13-16, 2015**

★ Judging ★ Tours ★ Birthday Party ★ BBQ ★ Banquet ★ Women's Brunch ★
and more!

Renewing Friendships ★ Meeting New Friends ★ Having a Great Time

Columbia River Region will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary
as a Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

Accommodations

Holiday Inn
25425 SW 95th Avenue
Wilsonville, OR 97070
503-682-2211
888-465-4329
Discounted Room Rate \$119—\$129 plus tax
Discount Code: 44th Northwest Chevrolet Meet
Pets Welcome at Additional Daily Charge

Pheasant Ridge RV Park
8275 SW Elligsen Road
Wilsonville, OR 97070
800-532-7829 or 503-682-7829
Discounted Standard Rate \$39.00 plus tax
Discounted Premium Rate \$43.00 plus tax
Complete hook-ups — Good Sam Discount
Less than 5 minutes to hotel (.7 miles)

The hotel is located in the Willamette Valley with close proximity to shopping, local parks and restaurants
Trailer parking is available at the Holiday Inn Parking lot.

Website information:

ColumbiaRiverRegion.org



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360-254-6088
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General Information:

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or mnmahler01@frontier.com
Bruce S DeFord: 360-695-3070
or dec Chevy32@gmail.com

Save the Date!

Prospectus and Registration forms will be available in early April, 2015



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.

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

Ignition Timing

The September G&D had an article on the 1933 Chevrolet Octane Selector that I found very interesting. Even though I do not have a '33, there is information in this article that helps me understand what I should be doing with my spark advance when operating the car at higher or lower elevations. I have often thought about this and wondered if I should be advancing the spark or retarding the spark under different situations. Thanks to James Cafarelli, VCCA # 12118, of New York, we have an answer in his September 2014, G&D article titled *Match the Car to Your Gasoline*.

Although our 1926 Chevrolet Touring ran well going to Hurricane Ridge at the NW Meet, I wondered if I should be changing the spark advance. The booklet on the new 1933 Octane Selector has the details. The booklet recommends advancing the spark 1 to 3 degrees above normal for very high altitude, such as mountainous country. It also recommends retarding the advance by 1 to 2 degrees from normal for very low altitudes. So this is a swing of 2 to 5 degrees depending upon conditions.

It is probably common knowledge that atmospheric and climatic conditions, and the internal condition of an engine have some effect on spark advance settings. A heavy carbon buildup can cause spark knock unless spark is retarded somewhat. The booklet recommends retarding the spark about 1 degree from when spark knock is first detected.

The booklet also notes that the more advanced the spark is set without spark knock, the greater the power the engine will develop, and the greater the fuel efficiency unless you have gasoline with an octane rating higher than 66. So this left me a little uncertain about greater efficiency and power with today's higher octane fuels. I checked with Dave Folsom, who said there is slower ignition with today's higher octane fuels. To get maximum power and efficiency with today's fuels, Dave finds that an additional 5 degrees advance from stock works best in most cases. However, this has much to do with how much the head has been milled. Higher compression engines will not accept much additional advance.

Jim Farris and others have suggested advancing the timing on the four-cylinder cars until the engine wants to kick back when started with the spark advance lever retarded. This is a fine line, as our car was overheating on one of the Four-Cylinder tours so we advanced the timing. When we started the engine with the spark advance lever retarded to see if the timing was advanced enough, the engine kicked back and broke the starter spring. The timing was obviously too advanced. This was not one of our better days.

The next day, after repairing the starter, the car did run a lot cooler with the timing further advanced.

GARAGE NIGHT

No garage nights scheduled for this Fall or Winter. Look for them to resume in Spring 2015.

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/>

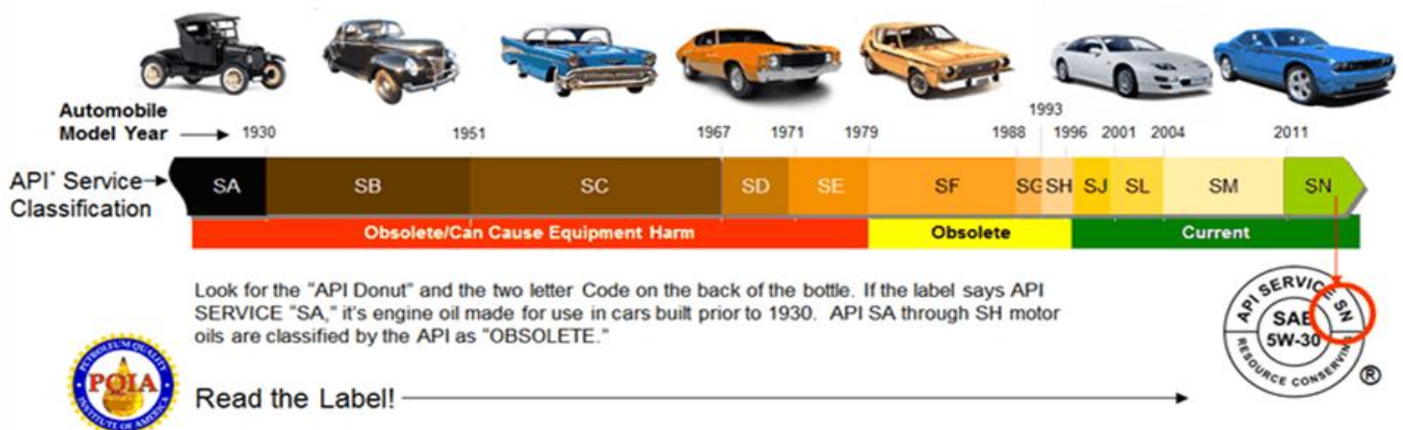
Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvrcca.org/>

Dave Folsom Blog, www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/

Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>



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Happy Holidays!

December 2014/January 2015 Club Meeting Notice!

There **will not** be a PS-VCCA meeting at the school in December 2014 or January 2015.

The December meeting will be during the Christmas Party at the Comstock's and the January regular meeting will be during the Banquet on Jan 24th.

The next club meeting at the school will be in February 2015.

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 when your listing no longer needs to be published.

FOR SALE

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

1949 Chevrolet, 2 Door, Deluxe Fleetline Sedan, Maroon
First year for push button door handles. Ranked high in popularity.. Solid car, needs TLC.\$4000 or offer. Contact Steve at 206 953-7461



11/14

1983 Chevette, 4 door .Does not run. \$500 or offer. Contact Steve at 206 953-7461



11/14

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.

1950 Chevrolet Deluxe parts. Prices reduced for quick sale.

Front and rear bumpers, front NOS, rear new chrome, \$125 each.

Rear bumper sheet metal pan below trunk, nice fresh paint, \$75. One straight used, \$40.

Bumper wings front pair right rear, \$15 each and set of re-chromed rears, \$50 pair.

NOS rear bumper guard, \$20. Nice used bumper guards, \$10 each.

NOS hubcaps, \$25 each. Good driver caps, \$10 each.

Nice set of full width beauty rings, \$ 40. Good set driver beauty rings, \$5 each.

Very nice polished rear fender top stainless trim, \$130 pair. NOS trunk handles, \$10 each.

NOS Power Glide trunk spears, \$35 pair. NOS right rear fender, \$125.

NOS hood emblem, \$20. NOS black butterfly steering wheel, \$150.

Many more parts left. Come visit and see if I have anything you need.

Roger Orness 253-312-6561 or r.orness@comcast.net

12/14

1949-50 Chevrolet. Many small new parts including tune-up parts, motor mounts, wiper motor & transmission, door rubber, rear fender guards, too many to list here. Roger Orness 253-312-6561 or r.orness@comcast.net

10/14

WANTED

1931 Ignition Switch, Dick, 425 736-8798, dick10051@comcast.net

1964 Chevelle SS - any condition. Dave White 206-999-8138 davidwhite@comcast.net

Set of 4 wheels, 6-lug Chevy pickup, 15", or set of garage dollies. Ken Hovda 509-863-3450. khovda@yahoo.com

FREE STUFF

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

1942 3/4 Ton Chev. flat bed - 4 speed trans. - rear end- mid 1950. 235 engine. Paul 425-891-8344

Helping Each Other

Text and Photo by David Gowan - Director VCCA Area #3

My granddaughter is a 'helper'. Whatever you do she is there to lend a hand. Fitting pieces into a jigsaw puzzle, however, does not compute with her.

As the VCCA navigates through recent issues, sensitivity and a sure hand are required. Some folks will 'see' how the pieces fit. Others will try to put square tabs into round notches.

Wouldn't it be great, even if we don't all see the 'pieces' alike, we are able rise to a high level of camaraderie?

We may not get it right the first time but we'll keep trying and keep adjusting and keep being dedicated Chevrolet enthusiasts.

