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PS-VCCA Christmas Party
Photos by Dave Haddock and Evie Schein



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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 1992 may be registered with the Region.

General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May, at **Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library, 11650 SE 60th St., Bellevue, 98006**, 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://psrvcca.weebly.com/>.

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Email copy to tappetclatter@outlook.com

GARAGE NITE

The club had two Garage Nites recently. None are on the schedule for the coming months so how about you having one? They aren't hard to do and if you follow Bill Barker's lead it is a great way to get rid of stuff! Contact Rod or Jerry to set one up.

Director's Corner

"From The Running Board"



Hi Guys and Gals,

It is not raining and the sun is shining. Thanksgiving was last week so maybe we should have one every week. It was good to see you all at the meeting last Monday. A good turnout and lots of input.

Rod and I are so thankful for the willingness of our members to step up and fill the leadership positions that have in the past, and will in the future, continue to make the Puget Sound Region VCCA so well recognized at both the local and National levels. It was even known according to the national December issue of the Generator and Distributor publication that we had our Christmas gathering at the home of Don and Sally Comstock. You can see Sally's picture by their Christmas tree on the back cover of the G&D.

I also want to draw your attention to the November issue of the G&D that has a great review and pictures of the 26th Annual Four-Cylinder Tour in Montana. Jim Farris, Al Howe and Jim Seiber all helped plan, conduct the tour, and provide the great pictures of the event. Our hats are off to you: Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

The greatest of our thankfulness goes to the medical successes that have, and continue to help, Rod Schein and Bill Barker (and I am sure there are others in our group of which we were unaware.)

So let us be thankful and count our blessings as we continue to grow in our knowledge and experiences with vintage Chevrolets, meet new car enthusiasts, go on tours, see the country and keep our spark plugs clean.

Have a Good Day, Jerry

"New" Meeting Place

This year, we will be meeting at the Tillicum Middle School temporary location at Ringdall starting in September. We will be using the library, which is closer to the parking lot and has chairs with backs! There are restrooms in close proximity also. We are hoping this temporary location will work out until the new Tillicum building opens in the fall of 2018 and we can use that facility. Look for the site map showing the location of the library on page 9.

See you there !!

Web Links Of Interest

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://psrvcca.weebly.com/>
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>





January Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

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

BIRTHDAYS

Sis Barker	5
George Kowats	6
Cecil Mullins	11
Gisela Jones	16

2018Activities

January 21	January Banquet—Details on Page 6 of this issue. PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE!!
February 26	PS-VCCA Club Meeting- <i>Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library</i>
March 26	PS-VCCA Club Meeting- <i>Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library</i>
April 23	PS-VCCA Club Meeting- <i>Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library</i>

Directions to Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School 11650 SE 60th St, Bellevue

Traveling 405 from either the north or south, take exit 10 and head east to 119th St (should be the first stop light east of 405). From I-90 take the 405 South Exit and immediately stay to the right, getting off at the Coal Creek Parkway exit. (Note: you'll never actually merge onto 405.) Turn left under the freeway and take a right at the light on 119th. Go up the hill, passing through a couple of stop signs and turn right on SE 60th. The shopping center will be on your left. Follow SE 60th and Ringdall will be on your right. The meeting place for monthly PSVCCA meetings will be at Tillicum/Ringdall School Library (not the cafeteria).

Treats for 2018 meetings:

February - Jones	March - Campbells
April - Olsons	May - Howes

Bill Damm's SAFETY DITTY

Two little doggies
Waiting to go outside,
And jump into a car
To go out for a ride.

They like the brown Chevy
That matches with their coats,
But when it's nicer weather
They like to ride in boats.

Their little fitted life vests,
Worn for their safety;
We hope they won't be needing them.
We try to boat real safely.

With the wind in their faces
And their little tails a wagging,
Looking happy to be riding,
Just like as if they're bragging.

If they could drive,
I'm sure they'd take the wheel
And go down the bumpy roads,
Just to get the feel.

Then they'd bark at all the other doggies
And everyone they see,
Just to get attention;
To say "hey, look at me."

But when the ride is over
And it's time to head on back,
They'll dream of all the fun they had
When they finally hit the sack.



JANUARY BANQUET NEWS FLASH

Golden Steer Steak & Rib House
23826 104th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98031
Sunday, January 21, 2018

Due to scheduling problems with the Golden Steer Restaurant we had to change the date of the banquet to Sunday, January 21st. Happy hour begins at 3P.M. with dinner at 4P.M. followed by the January meeting and installation of officers. It was decided by the members at the October general meeting to start the banquet earlier to take advantage of the daylight. Meal choices and prices are similar to previous years. Please see the attached reservation form. The club will again be able to offset a portion of the cost of your meal. Please download the form below, complete it and mail with your check payable to PSVCCA to: Diane Haddock 17012 35th Ave. NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155. **The deadline for us to receive your reservation is January 13, 2018.**

January 21, 2018 Annual PS-VCCA Banquet Registration Form

Prime Rib, 8 oz.	\$21
Salmon Fillet, 8 oz.	\$20
Chicken Dijon 10 oz.	\$20

Vegetarian or special meal requirements are available by contacting Sallie Comstock by December 31, 2017.
Choose an entrée and a dessert for each person

Name	Prime Rib	Salmon	Chicken	Carrot Cake	Choc. Cake
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check Payable to PS-VCCA

Registration Forms must be returned to Diane Haddock by January 13, 2017

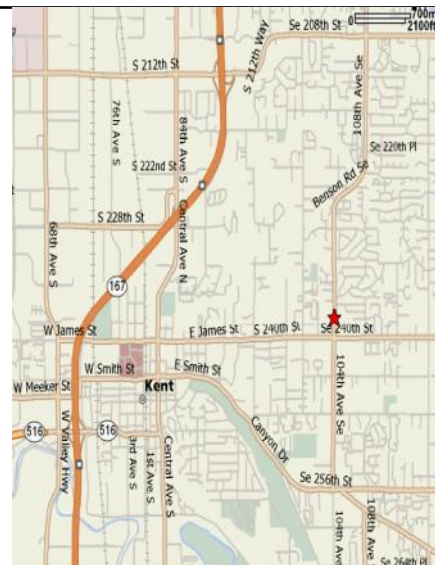
Directions to Golden Steer:

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.





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 or email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Removing a Race From a Blind Hole

There can be a number of situations where one cannot get to the back side of an outer race, or where the race design will not allow you to get good contact with a punch.

I just ran into this on a 1926 Chevrolet front inner wheel bearing.

The trick I learned years ago, which I used here, was to run a bead of weld around the surface of the bearing race.

As the weld cools it contracts, pulling the diameter of the race in with it.

In most cases the race will almost fall out after the weld has cooled.



Thanks to Dave Folsom for this great tip!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Your Editor was recently updating the membership list for birthdays and anniversaries and realized that there were many club members that he had not met. At the Christmas party I suggested that perhaps the club members could provide some information for the Tappet Clatter that would help us get to know each other. The idea was well received and several members volunteered to get the ball rolling by providing articles for future issues. I will provide an article for this issue (page 10) and the contributors for the first six months of 2018 will be as follows:

January	Luche	April	Olson
February	Comstock	May	Farris
March	Yoder	June	Seiber

It would be great if we could get something from each member so please be thinking about signing up for future months!

Diane Haddock submitted the following ideas for articles (edited for space).

We all have stories... many stories. The Tappet Clatter is a great place to share those stories. The following are some questions that you could answer in a story.

Where/how did you and your spouse meet? How long was your courtship?
How many children/grandchildren do you have? Do they share an interest in classic cars?
What is/was your occupation?
Where are you from? (from another state/country/local?)
What was your very first car?
When/why/how did you become interested in classic cars?
What other hobbies/ collections/ talents do you have?
What was/is your very favorite car?
What kinds of vacations do you like to take? (describe one or several)
How did you find any/all of your classic cars?
What do you like about the PSVCCA? Why are you a member?

Tell us about one or several of your cars.

How long have you had it? Where did you get it? (family member, online, car lot, etc.)
What attracted you to this car? Why do you like it?
What condition was it in when acquired?
What have you done to it?
Where have you gone with it?
What surprised you about the car once you got it?
What is your favorite story about the car?
What do you know about the history of the car?
What are your plans for the car?
Will you do more work on it? Do you need help with something you are doing to the car? (This is your chance to put out a call to other members for their ideas.)
Do you have some photos of your car to include? (old ones, new ones, at club events/tours, with your family, etc.)
Does your occupation relate to your love of classic cars or does your car hobby give you a respite from your job?
What is your other 'passion' in life (yes, other than Chevys)?
Travel Articles – where have you been, with or without your Chevy?

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Ringdall Middle School, by Jerry Brownell, with Rod Schein's assistance at 7:25 pm. There were 26 members in attendance.

Banquet: This year's banquet will be earlier than in the past (so people can get home earlier), and on a Sunday (because the Saturday slot was reserved for another group.)

Co-Directors: New officers will be voted on today. Jerry passed the leads and needs list.

Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were written by Don Comstock, published in the Tappet Clatter and approved by the members.

G & D: Bill Barker told members to check out the back cover of the G&D this month, look for a photo of one of our members.

Business: Don and Sallie Comstock lead a discussion on the large VCCA decals. The new batch was printed incorrectly. Discussion was mainly on how to 'dispose' of the incorrect decals. Bill Barker will check with National to see if they would use them for the National Meet signs. The Comstocks will have a good set made for fundraising/sales.

Membership: Donna Onat indicated only 5 members have not yet paid dues for the coming year. She has contacted all and expects checks, with the exception of a member who will not be renewing.

Treasurer Report: Sallie provided a status report on the Treasury. The club will be subsidizing the banquet again this year.

Glove Box: Bob Stamnes and Al Howe talked about working on the 'fellow' of the wheels of Bob's car, in an attempt to enlarge them (after previous owners had altered them to secure loose spokes.) They described using Al's machinist skills to work on the project. The wheels are now in the shop to have new spokes installed.

National News: Bill Barker was in the hospital for 11 days and then home for an additional 7 days before he logged onto the VCCA chat site. There was a lot of things for him to attend to at that point. There is a new webmaster and person doing membership at National. So far there have been no problems with the transition. The new data person prioritized membership, the website and G&D delivery. The chat site will be transitioned from Bill Barker to the new guy on December 16, the 16th anniversary of Bill's starting on the chat. Over 15,000 members use the site. The hosting company will be changing also.... So look out for an address change for the chat site. It will be posted at VCCA.org

Activities : Don Comstock and Sallie will host the annual Christmas party on December 2nd. They will start at 11am and end around 3 to allow everyone to get home before dark. There will be a white elephant gift exchange. Email announcement will be sent out. It is hoped that people will be driving mostly before dark. The Banquet will be January 21, a Sunday and will also start earlier than in past years. Don suggested that members carpool with new members or 'seldom seen' members so that more people attend. Next meeting he hopes to announce some planned tours.

Club Store: Bill Damm promoted the 50/50 and manned the store.

WEBMASTER: Ralf Luche told members that they should be receiving the Tappet Clatter in their email and reminded everyone that they can find current and past issues on the website: **PSRVCCA.weebly.com**

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Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes (Continued from previous page)

Election of Officers: Rod announced that there is a wonderful slate of officers through the efforts of club members and Jerry and Rod's efforts, including many officers who agreed to continue in their current offices. He complimented the many people in the club who "get things done", both officers and members and he voiced his appreciation. The slate of officers voted in at the meeting:

Director: Al Howe

Assistant Director: Ken Scott

Secretary: Diane Haddock, with assistance from Don Comstock

Treasurer: Sallie Comstock

Membership: Donna Onat

Tappet Clatter: Mike Currie

Historian: Dave Haddock

Activities: Don Comstock and Dave Haddock

Webmaster: Ralf Luche

Glove Box: Bob Stamnes

Equipment Manager and Club Store: Bill Damm

"Secret Officer" and Master of Refreshments: Bob Helgeson

Annual Model Train Event: Titled "Narnia" again this year, will be held on Dec 16, 10-2 and 17, 9-1 at University Presbyterian Church at 15th and 47th.

Meeting Presentation: Al Howe shared photos from the Hamilton, Montana 4-cylinder Tour and Dave Haddock showed slides from the PS VCCA 50th Anniversary Party.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM , Respectfully submitted by Diane Haddock.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By Mike Currie

I've always wondered what it was (or is) that attracts people to certain makes of cars. I love Chevrolets but I didn't always own them. My first cars were Fords and an Austin Healy. My parents always owned Mercurys or Fords and my grandparents owned Mercurys and Fords as well. One of my cousin's boyfriends who later became her husband owned a '68 Corvette that I certainly liked a lot but one of my best friends in high school owned a '56 Ford Thunderbird that I liked even better. The trouble was that I couldn't afford to buy either one. I could afford a Chevy though and so I acquired a 1964 Chevrolet 2 door Impala just before I left for active duty with the Navy in 1969. My brother, who is younger than I, had a 1969 Camaro (he apparently did better with his savings account and investments than I did.)

My Impala wasn't anything fancy, just a 283 with a powerglide transmission and a bench seat but it was dependable and sounded great after I switched the single exhaust to duals with glasspack mufflers. After my return to the States from Vietnam I took the car to California while I finished my 4 years of active duty. Once back in Washington I kept the car for a while but then sold it. I didn't own another Chevy until after Kathy and I were married. We were driving VW's but decided that we needed a truck so that we could take a camper on family fishing trips to Ilwaco each summer. I found a '63 Chev pickup that needed a new engine so after a little work we had our camping rig with an 8 foot Alaskan camper which we used for several years before replacing it with a '74 Chev pickup which was eventually replaced with a brand new Chev pickup in 1978.

Many other Chevrolets followed: several El Caminos, a 1919 490, about a dozen Corvairs, several Malibus and a '65 Suburban that I lovingly called the "Orange Crate". Now we own one Chevrolet, a 1995 Corvette Roadster. I do love Chevrolets but I think that more than the marque I enjoy the fellowship of other Chevrolet enthusiasts, and the Puget Sound VCCA Region has been the club that allowed those connections.

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

1931 parts, included are engine, transmission, clutch assembly, bell housing, two axles with bearings, four new tubes and liners 4.75x5.00x19, new firewall pad, '31 light bar with headlight buckets, one car headlight bucket with reflector, two '31 truck headlight buckets, one original 1931 owner's manual in excellent condition, and several used gauges, carb parts and gaskets.

1936 parts include four 17 inch 5-lug wire wheels with a 6-3/4 in. center opening to fit 1935-36 standard, two 17 inch 5-lug wire wheels with a 5 in. center opening and two 1936 sedan rear doors.

Phil Christensen, philip082@centurytel.net

1928 Rolling chassis with motor, trans, rear end. \$1500. For more info contact Ken Scott. Email: kenwscott62@Gmail.com

1938 Rolling chassis. Engine (216), transmission, rear end and tires. \$500 or offer. Mike Currie

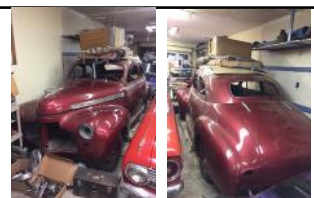
1936—39 Speedometer. Nice face, rim has slight bump. \$25 or best club offer takes it. Money from this will go back to the club. Picture available upon request. Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com,

New Bow Saddle Brackets for resting your top on when down, 5/8 " hole. \$12. Regularly \$24. Top Hold Down Straps, New. Come with all hardware a Model A/T needs. \$16. I paid \$32.60 +. I found these work very well on my '26 touring but I have duplicates.



1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe 5 passenger Coupe for sale – belongs to new member in Vancouver, WA – Been in storage years from Eastern Oregon. Very solid – to be installed new Hampton Interior – all parts and trim available – Engine was good and odometer says 58,000. \$7,500. Red paint needs buffed - email Stan at stantemperly@gmail.com or deacon51@juno.com

(ad courtesy of Dave Gowan)



1957 1/2 ton 3-speed transmission. \$75. 1931 3-speed transmission. \$75. Phone Dick Olson
Email: Rolson82@comcast.net

20" MAGS and Radial Tires. Four each. These are six-lug wheels. \$500.
Email: JerryYoder@hotmail.com

WANTED

66-67 Chevy Nova or Chevelle SS. Level 2 or 3. Engine- Big block or small. Color- preference is blue but open to other colors. Air Conditioning- prefer to have it for Arizona, possibly. Prefer a car that is driveable on a daily basis, I don't think it will just sit in the garage. David O'Brien, dkob131@aol.com.

One 4:75 X 19 inch Whitewall tire in good condition. Dick Olson.

FREE

235 and 216 engines - as they say, "Ran When Parked". There are no starters, fuel pumps or carburetors. Don Comstock.
chevyguy2@centurylink.net

Merry Christmas!

