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2009 Banquet

The annual Awards and New Officers Installation Banquet was held January 24, 2009, at the Golden Steer Steak'n Rib House, in Kent. Many thanks to John Strampher and George Kowats for making the arrangements. Jim Martoza was master of ceremonies for the program.



We were all reminded just how much we will miss Jim and Roberta as they move to New York, following Roberta's new job opportunity.

A highlight of the program was the "roasting" of long-time member Lee Folsom. As members shared their many memories of past experiences with Lee,

Lee was seated in the chair of honor and a "This is your life" banner appeared on the screen. Lee's wife Carol also expressed how much she appreciated her husband.

The Director's Award went to Jim Farris. Jim has been an active member for many years. Most recently he just retired as Newsletter editor, writes the Tappet Clatter "News Bits", was the Seattle Tour guide, and was involved in many other events.



As an aside, it was noted that Jim Farris actually made this rotating trophy many years ago.

New rosters were distributed to members at the banquet. Donna Onat noted that Jim Martoza prepared the printed roster, adding member's pictures where available.

The food was great. And club photographer Bob Helgeson's pictures, being shown before dinner, brought back many memorable club activities from last year.

(See pages 5 and 9 for more pictures from the banquet.)

February 2009 Meeting

George and Phyllis Kowats will give a detailed update on plans for the 2010 NW Meet.

Meet at Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue, WA, Monday, February 23, 2009, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM. (See page 3 for the full meeting announcement.)

Dave and Diane Haddock are signed up to bring the break-time refreshments.



1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2009



*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 1984 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** at <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>*

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Editors Note

We would especially like to continue First-Car, remember when, and restoration stories. These features will continue to run as long as stories and pictures are made available. Send in stories and pictures of Chevrolets and your families. History, trivia, little known facts, and many other articles are also welcome. We can accept 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.

Either current or vintage old-car stories and snapshots are welcome. Deadline is about the 5th.

Glenn Landguth, gklandguth@msn.com

Director's Corner

"From The Drivers Seat"



By Al Howe

We had an overwhelming turnout at the Awards and Installation Banquet Saturday night; I believe we had sixty-eight Chevy Lovers attending. George Kowats, John Strampher and Jim Martoza did an excellent job organizing the banquet again. We enjoyed lots of visiting, eating and presentation of awards.

I thought the new look of the activity awards was great.

The Director's award went to Jim Farris, a very deserving award indeed. Then we had some fun with Lee Folsom; so many wonderful comments were made for a most helpful person. Jim and Lee are so knowledgeable and always ready to lend a helping hand; we are lucky to have them in our club.

Donna Onat handed out those beautiful new rosters that Jim Martoza worked so hard on. They look great – good job! Rod Schein made his well done DVD available that we all look forward to each year.

What a nice surprise it was to hear from George and Ana Haley by cell phone while we were enjoying ourselves; George is recuperating well. Thanks for thinking of us, George and Ana.

Although Jim Martoza is moving to New York, he will still be a member of our club, and has volunteered to keep doing our website and other computer work. I had the pleasure of presenting Jim and Roberta with a gift of three books about New York from the membership as a going-away gift. And Bill Damm presented them with a big thank-you card with a commemorative poem written by Bill and signed by the members present.

I have been promoted to Director and Dave Haddock has accepted the nomination for Assistant Director. I look forward to working with all of you this year. I will need all the help I can get and many of you have already said you are willing to lend a helping hand. Thank you very much.

We have some challenges ahead of us, one being preparing for the 2010 Northwest Meet that we are hosting. However I believe George Kowats is an excellent person to be in charge and we will have a most successful Meet. Remember we will need more helping hands so if you haven't had an opportunity to volunteer yet, there is still time. We will have an update at the next general meeting in February.

Matt Dickinson is doing a great job planning activities for the year and I know we will have a good turnout as we always do. This is really what we love, to drive the old car and talk cars.

Keep your tires on the pavement and a cool head while driving.

February Meeting Notice, Puget Sound Region VCCA

Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue, WA

Monday, February 23, 2009

7:30 PM—9:30 PM

Program: 2010 NW Meet Update

George and Phyllis Kowats will give a detailed update on the plans for the 2010 NW Meet. Find out what has already been done and what is ahead of us. Come with your ideas too and help support their efforts! Then Bill Barker will continue his program from January on "Using Chevy Websites." See You There!! - Dave Haddock

March Board Meeting

On March 5, 2009, at 7 PM, there will be a Board meeting at the home of Bill and Ann Damm in Bellevue. All members are welcome to attend!

March Meeting Heads-Up

The March meeting features our Annual Auction. Start digging through your closets, basement and garage for items to bring !! Then on March 23 come to the meeting ready to buy!

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Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:37 PM by Al Howe, new Director, taking over from Jim Martoza who is moving to New York.

Needs & Leads: Nothing was brought to the meeting. (Contact Glenn Landguth with any new ads. Jim Farris shared a newly restored 1969 pickup for sale in West Seattle for about \$10,000.)

Secretary: Minutes were accepted as printed in the Tappet Clatter.

Treasurer: Sallie reported on the banquet costs, dues collected, expenditures for the Tappet Clatter and current balance.

Membership: Rosters have been given out to all those attending the banquet and this evening's meeting. Thanks was given to Jim Martoza for an excellent job creating the roster. It was noted that 60 of the 64 current members have email addresses.

2009 Officer Changes: Al Howe will be taking over as Director per the Bilaws. Dave Haddock volunteered to fill the Assistant Director position. A motion was passed to close the nominations. Voting will take place at the general meeting in February.

Glove Box: Bob Stamnes asked for membership input on trailers. He wants to know about maintenance, experiences (good or bad), and helpful hints to share in upcoming issues.

Activities: Matt Dickinson shared the activities as published in the January Tappet Clatter. March 1, 2009 is a definite tour date for the Fourth Seattle Tour. It will begin at Fred Meyer on 185th and Aurora. We need a good turnout as Bob Helgeson has made arrangements for 3 mini tours of auto-related shops. The tour is taking place rain or shine.

Dave Kosche has confirmed that we are invited to a joint tour on April 11th with the North Cascades Region. We will likely meet in the Woodinville area. Details later.

The overnight tour in September will be a back roads drive to Ellensburg with minimal I-90 travel then on to Yakima and return to Seattle via Mount Rainier.

Historian: Rod shared the DVD he created with half the tours from last year. He may get to the second half when he gets time.

Other business: Please send newsletter information to Glenn Landguth by the 5th of the month. He needs articles on any topic.

Jim Farris shared an idea about buying denim jackets with our club logo embossed on the back. The cost would be about \$35.00. There was interest so Jim will pursue this project.

Bill Barker shared a device that plugs into your working car radio to play your iPod, MP3 player and other devices through the radio. It comes in either 6 or 12 volt and costs between \$110 and \$130. Discussion followed.

Jim Darby shared his experiences getting reproduction parts for his '39. Though there are many parts being reproduced, they won't necessarily always be available. The Filling Station borrowed a hood bird from him to have reproduced. He brought a sample. His point was to buy when something comes along that you need because it may not be available when you can better afford it.

Program: We toured the Puget Sound Region Web Site with Jim Martoza and the National Web site and Chat Site with Bill Barker. Our tour guides are also the managers of those web sites.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at about 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock



February Garage Nite

There will not be a Garage Nite in February.

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More Pictures from the 2009 PSVCCA Banquet

(More pictures on pages 1 and 9)



GOLDEN STEER
REAR ENTRANCE



Christmas Potluck 2008

By Don Comstock

December 7th was before the big snows of 2008, so travel was relatively easy and gas was affordable again for the trek to the Comstock's potluck.

Santa parked a Red '67 Impala Sport Coupe in the front yard, a tradition featuring a different car every year the potluck has been there.

Sallie had two trees decorated for the season, one with cats, the other with cars. The house soon was filled with 38 club members from near and afar. The guys and a few gals took a brief tour of the shop and grounds, seeing the remodeled landing with woodshop tools, and the other cars parked in the three rooms of the shop.

Brave souls even wandered the grounds looking at the '53 Plymouths under carports, the tractor and other junk sitting around.

Everyone reunited in time to warm up before dinner. Tables were set up in the solarium, library, living room and dining room, so almost everyone had a place to sit for dinner. The food was plentiful and delicious.



After eating, everyone gathered in the great room for the traditional gift exchange. The rules included stealing gifts with a three owner limit.

Don Boltz was again the victim of many thefts. The ladies got in the spirit in a big way with one theft nearly becoming a tug-of-war over a gift basket containing sparkling wine. Guests began gathering their goodies and began making their way homeward filled with great food and good spirits.

In the end there was a bag of shredded wrapping paper, a used lawn mower blade (decoy) and a few serving dishes to wash as a reminder of the spectacular day at our house.



First Tour of The New Year

March 1, 2009 Noon

Three years ago we began to tour sections of the Seattle Metropolitan Area. This year on Sunday March 1 the fourth of this series will take us to the Shoreline community.

Our Tour will start from the northern part of the Fred Meyer parking lot on 185th and Aurora by the Garden department. We will leave that location at Noon (12:00 pm). It will also end there, later in the day, where we will have pizza.

The drive takes us first to a picture location along a historic brick section of the 1914 Seattle Everett Highway, then a scenic drive along the Sound with stops at a couple of parks, culminating at The Cycle Barn and Draggers Vintage Car Showroom with its classic memorabilia, finally ending back at 185th for a bite to eat.

This should be a fun outing for us all and we hope many members will participate with their Vintage Chevrolets. The two businesses have opened their doors on Sunday, especially for our group, and we would like to be well represented.



Response to Mystery Picture

In the January Tappet Clatter we asked where this picture taken, and what are the cars in the picture? The picture was discussed at the Annual Banquet in January. From Jim Farris, the car in the foreground is a Ford Model A Coupe, making the probable date of the picture 1928, 1929, or 1930. The trolley in the background is probably at Spokane Street in Seattle. Glenn's grandfather worked as an electrician on the electric trolleys for Seattle Transit, reinforcing the premise that the trolley was probably the target of the photographer. The far car, with the oval rear window, has not been identified. Any other ideas? Contact Glenn Landguth, gklandguth@msn.com

Future Club Meetings & Auto Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Activity Organizer</u>
March 1st	Seattle Circle Tour (Part 4)	Jim Farris/Bob Helgeson
March 5	Board Meeting at Bill Damm's home	
April 11th	Joint Tour with North Cascade VCCA	Matt Dickinson
May 3rd	HCCA Breakfast & Tour	Jim Farris
May 17th	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein
May 15/16/17	Monroe Swap Meet	Ana Haley
May 30th	Joint Tour with Mt. Rainier VCCA (Allen, atemp57@yahoo.com)	Matt Dickinson/Roger Orness
June 6th	Al Howe's Tour	Tentative
June 21st	GM Picnic/Mt. Rainier Graham, WA	Tour to be planned
June 22nd	Strawberry Picnic	Club Meeting
June 27th	Greenwood Classic Car Show	Dave White/Matt Dickinson
July 4th	Folsom's Picnic/Pot Luck	Lee & Carol Folsom
July 18th	Jubilee Farm-Carnation Vintage Tractor Show & Ken Madsen's Classic Car Display, including a Tour	Matt Dickinson
July 22nd	Greenwood Seafair Parade	Rod Schein
August 1st	Tour to Jerry Greenfield's/Jerry Yoder's	Dick Olson/Don Boltz
August 13th -16th	NW VCCA Meet, Vancouver, WA	Columbia River VCCA
August 24th	XXX Drive-In, Issaquah	Club Meeting
September 12th	John Strampher's potluck picnic	John Strampher
Sept/Oct ???	Ellensburg/Yakima Weekend Tour	Jim Farris/Dick Olson
October 10th or 17th	Maple Valley Tour or Boeing Everett	Matt Dickinson-Tentative
November early	November Tour	Matt Dickinson-Tentative
December early	Christmas Party	George Kowats

March Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

3/8 Betty and Dave Roberts
 3/9 Gisela and Dick Jones
 3/17 Diane and Dave Haddock
 3/27 Florence and Bob Helgeson
 3/29 Sue and Jim Seiber

BIRTHDAYS

3/14 Dave Haddock
 3/15 Evie Schein
 3/20 John Zeigler
 3/28 Gary Barquist
 3/30 Lynn Boltz

Jim Farris' Puget Sound News Bits

Roberta Martoza purchased her one-way airline ticket to New York. She is now in the city at her new job with JP Morgan.

Jim Martoza is cleaning up their affairs here and will be traveling back and forth between Seattle the next couple months.

Jordan Johnson attended the PS VCCA Banquet with a girl friend Lisa. He was one of four young people there which included **Jake Ziegler and Alex Jones**.

George Kowats has been notified there will be a dog show at the motel the same days as our NW Meet in 2010. He's working out the details with the Motel to see that there is sufficient separation between dogs and cars.

Dave and Genie Folsom were given special recognition at the banquet for all their help during the past year. They also assisted with the tribute to Lee.

Lee and Carol Folsom were completely caught by surprise at the banquet with Lee's special recognition. Carol was heard to say afterward that it was nice to hear what all the people thought of him. She lives with him 24/7 and this was a reminder he is a special person.

Donna Onat's raffle ticket #966 was drawn during the banquet. She claimed it had been taken to the kitchen when the dishes were cleaned. No one else had it so she was given the item. Later in the evening the ticket was found in the kitchen exonerating her.

Jim Farris had a good weekend being given the Directors Award at the banquet and then the next morning a distinguished Alumni Award from one of the schools he attended. His fifteen minutes of fame are nearing an end.

Al Howe changed his phone number and email address shortly after the 2009 Roster was printed and distributed. Do you suppose this is his way to cut down on people contacting him? (The new ones are page 2)

Matt Dickinson's '36 coupe is featured on the cover of the February 2009 G&D with the story of the car inside the magazine.

Dick Olson's '31, Wally Martin's '36 and Jim Farris' '32 are shown in the article on the Early Six Cylinder Tour in the February G&D.

Gary and Joanne Barquist came all the way from Eastern Washington for the banquet. It was a joy to see these long time members once again.

VCCA 50th Anniversary Meet LOGO Contest

The 50th VCCA Anniversary Meet will be in 2011 in Flint, Michigan. You are invited to create and submit a logo for this Anniversary Meet.

If your logo is selected as the official Anniversary Meet Logo, you will win your choice of three years of free membership in the VCCA or \$100 towards your Registration for the 50th VCCA Anniversary Meet. Logo design submittal deadline is July 1, 2009.

The Logo design MUST include the following:

- "50TH VCCA Anniversary"
- "100th Anniversary of Chevrolet"
- "2011" (Actual July dates are optional)
- "Flint" (Michigan – optional)

Other items may optionally be included in the design. Be creative, use a lot of **color** and be part of history.

Send your 2011 VCCA 50th Anniversary Meet logo designs to:

David Miner – Chairperson of the 2011 50th Anniversary Meet
4806 Darlington Ave. NW
Canton, OH 44718-2612

January Pop Quiz Answer

In the January Tappet Clatter, we asked what thermodynamic cycle most closely describes what happens inside the cylinders of a four cycle internal combustion engine with spark plugs:

The answer was choice number 2, the Otto cycle.

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER Heads-Up on Headlights

Here is a tip to remember,
It's really nothing new,
Sometimes it is forgotten,
Which is an easy thing to do,

If you're out to run some errands,
In the dark, or late at night,
And you parked your car in some place
Where there is a lot of light,

Or you're leaving from a parking lot
That's lit up bright as day,
Make sure you have your headlights on,
Before you drive away.

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 (More pictures on page 1 and 5)



Sallie Comstock



Al Howe



Dick Jones



Donna Onat



Jim Farris



Bob Helgeson



David & Diane Haddock

AWARDS
 PRESENTED
 AT THE
 2009
 BANQUET



Ana Maria



Bob Stamnes



Genie & Dave Folsom



Lee Folsom



Al Howe



Al Howe gives plaque to Jim Martoza



Roberta & Jim Martoza

From the Glove Box



Timing Gears Replacement in our `36 Master Sedan

By Matt Dickinson

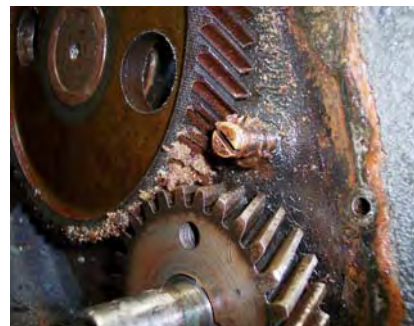
While driving our Sedan to the 2008 NW meet, the timing gears failed after driving 150 miles and only 5 miles from the meet location. Thanks to the help and “can do” spirit of our VCCA members we delivered the Sedan a few days later to Dave Folsom’s shop.

As shown in the photo, the fiber gear had failed. We replaced both gears because the metal gear on the crankshaft had pitting on the active side of the gear teeth from rust. We think the rough surface of the metal gear teeth helped fail the fiber gear.

Also Dave found the lubricating port to the gears was plugged, although he found the gears were well oiled from oil migrating into the gear cover. Prior to re-installing the gear cover, the engine was cranked to check the flow from the port.

I had bought a spare fiber gear on eBay only a few weeks before the NW meet after hearing about George and Ana’s `38 Coupe’s gears failing on the way back from the Monroe swap meet last spring. I believe their gears failed due to the distributor locking up.

I also recently bought both the fiber and metal timing gears on eBay for a very good price, just in case!



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 at rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Meeting Announcement -Committee for 2010 Northwest Meet

Fairwood Library, Meeting Room B, Renton, WA

February 22, 2009, 1:00 PM—2:20 PM

Committee members asked to attend. Anyone interested is also welcome. The Fairwood Library is located at 17009 140th Ave. SE. Renton Washington.

George Kowats, Zanygeophyl@msn.com

George Haley Update

Thanks to Dick Jones for delivering balloons and a stuffed (toy) monkey to George Haley in January. George is recovering from an operation. He is doing well, and even called in to say “Hi” to folks at the banquet. Jim Martoza put his cell phone up to the microphone so that we could all hear George.

CLUB STORE

Bill Damm, proprietor of The Club Store, will have the display of items for sale at the next meeting.

TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

FOR SALE

1928 Chev coupe complete parts car. \$2000 Dick Olson 425 222-5798

1928 Ford 2 Dr Hot Rod \$18,500; **1955** Ford Crown Victoria \$12,000; **1955** Ford Victoria HT project \$4,500; **1953** Chev PU V8 \$4,500; **1949** Jeep 4x4 new motor \$4,500; **1962** Lambretta Scooter \$2,500; **1934** Ford Truck \$2,000; **1944** Dodge COE on Chev chassis \$2,000; **1958** GMC 1 ton Chassis and cab \$1,200; **1972** Chev PU 4x4 project \$1,000; **440 Holmes Wrecker** bed \$800; **1948-52** Dodge COE Cab \$500; **1967** Chev PU Project \$500. Submitted by Jerry Brownell for Jeep Entwistle, 509-584-5417

1930's Cadillac (probably) Potter Trunk with Rack, \$100. Bill Barker 425-643-0698

Chain hoist, \$40. Dick Olson 425 222-5798

1934 Chev. 1 1/2 ton truck for sale very good condition. must see. \$17,000, contact Bill Johnson 425-255-6325

1937 Generator, pair rear lever shocks, under-dash '37 Radio. David White, 206-999-8138, David-white@comcast.net

1954 Chev automatic trans., 2 speed Powerglide. It is a good running trans. The car that it was in was modified to a manual trans. The owner is Chuck Adler. Contact him at 253-405-0520 & make offer.

1955 Bel Air 2 door H.T sport coupe. A recent custom restore, with 55,000 miles on the 350 engine. The car has been in the same Eastern Washington family since 1956. The car has new custom running gear, paint and upholstery. It looks mostly stock. The price is \$25,000. Call Jim Seiber for more information, 425 765-8195 or email seiber-photo@comcast.net for a picture.

1955 to 1959 Chevrolet truck front and rear bumpers. David White, 206-999-8138, David-white@comcast.net

1967 Impala Sport Coupe 283/PG. Very nice straight car. Good driver. \$6,200 obo. Don Comstock, 253-863-0420

1969 C-20 Pickup - In the same family since almost new. Original 350 rebuilt with matching transmission. Less than 3000 miles. New paint and seat. The vehicle has been maintained by a club member for 37 years. It is complete and ready to drive anywhere. \$15,000 OBO. Dolly 206-937-1773



WANTED

1930 Special Sedan - Grill (Radiator shell) Emblem (used or after-market), Clutch under-pan (don't know if this is sheet metal or cast). Dave Cavagnaro, djcav@ptd.net

1936 Low Cab Pickup Truck Parts. Need 1935/36 Chev/GM fenders for the front and running boards. Also need the front lower splash apron and lower grill piece. Could use lots more like a hood, radiator shell and grill, radiator, light mounts and pods, etc. Jack Arnold, Phone 1-250-741-4655, nbstrods@shaw.ca. I am located on Vancouver Island, Nanaimo, B.C. Canada.

Chevrolet Rim- one 6-hole 15" with hub cap clips. Jon, 253-841-4137 or 253-380-5086

1955 Belair two-door hardtop, David White, (206) 999-8138

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