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2011 Annual Banquet

By Glenn Landguth

We gathered at the Golden Steer Steak & Rib House in Kent on January 22. George Kowats and John Strampher again arranged the banquet facilities and planned the menu.

People started arriving early, shortly after 5:30 PM. The official Social time started at 6:00 PM, but that didn't stop anyone. The great weather may have contributed to early arrivals. Recent years past had been marked by the presence or threat of snow. Not so this time.

Bob Helgeson provided a continuous showing of pictures taken at events throughout the last year. It is always enjoyable to look back and re-live the things that we did, as well as see the things we didn't get to do, but wished that we had.

Donna Onat was busy handing out the new rosters to people present. Not only does this save postage, but members can refer to the roster as they talk to people at the banquet.

Meanwhile it was a great time for sharing and discussing cars and activities. The atmosphere is just right for easy conversation, the lights aren't too bright, and the music is not too loud. For instance, Carolyn Frankhouser showed me an example of something that Donna Onat makes with used corks.



Don Comstock brought a supply of decals that the club is marketing for people going to the National Meet. Club members purchasing at the banquet got a special price break.

Ana Maria Haley put out a sign-up display for people to volunteer for working for the club at the Monroe Swap Meet. Many people

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February 28 Membership Meeting will be at Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue

The meeting starts at 7:30 PM. The program will be an update by Bill Barker on the Flint Anniversary Meet.

Our newest member, Judy Cloutier, is scheduled to bring treats.



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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 1986 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 "The Tappet Clatter."*

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

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Editor's Note

Some subjects that can be the basis of wonderful articles to share are: first-car, remember-when, restorations, Chevrolets and your families, history, trivia, little-known facts, and many others. Either current or vintage old-car stories and snapshots are also welcome. We reserve the right to edit material as necessary for space available and clarity.

We can accept most 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. The monthly deadline is about the 5th of the month.

Glenn Landguth, gklandguth@msn.com

Director's Corner

"The Sunday Driver"



By Dave Haddock
Puget Sound Region Director

I was reading the February 2011 edition of Classic Car recently and Jim Richardson's article "On Any Sunday" caught my eye. He fondly recalls one of the most treasured memories of his childhood, a Sunday drive in 1947 in his Uncle Benny's 1931 Model A roadster at 25 miles per hour with the top down, of course, and the smells of pepper trees mingling with odors of steam and hot oil from the old Ford.

In it he states that "Modern cars, for all their virtues, are just good appliances." He further says that in them "you must keep the windows up and the climate control system on, so you never get to smell the damp morning sage or the delicious bouquet" emanating from the nearby doughnut shop.

His current Sunday drives involve taking the oldest car he has, filling it with the youngest people he knows, and touring to any destination, so long as he can take his time along the most scenic and unusual route possible.

I think that Jim has got it right!! This probably sums up very well why most of us are in this club and enjoy touring in our older cars as we do. The whole point is to have a good time, enjoy the people with you, enjoy the experience and scenery of the tour, and savor the adventure of a new or long forgotten road.

In most current dictionaries Sunday Driver is defined as "a person who drives a car inexpertly, esp. slowly or overcautiously, in the manner of one who drives infrequently", or "someone who drives unnecessarily slowly, often annoying other drivers", or "a person perceived as driving in a slow and unskillful way."

What is it today that makes someone who is driving for pleasure or out sightseeing a bad or unskillful driver? One online dictionary, allword.com, seems to have gotten it mostly right. They define Sunday Driver as "One who drives slowly, as for leisure or sightseeing." To me, there is nothing quite like driving my '51 Convertible on a beautiful Sunday along our back roads, seeing the sights, and smelling the roses, as the Chevy purrs along.

Our past Region Directors have often used a "tagline" to go along with their monthly ramblings in this publication. I remember Rod Schein and Jerry Brownell using the tagline "In the relay with you" and lately Al Howe used the tagline "From the Driver's Seat". Well, from now on, just call me "the Sunday Driver".

PS. I'll see you at our first tour of the year on March 6, enjoying the back roads of Northeast Seattle with Jim Farris. Whether I drive the '51, with or without the top down will depend on the weather!!

Sixth Seattle Tour Planned for Sunday, March 6, 2011

Sunday March 6, 2011, we will gather at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) for the Sixth Seattle Tour. Everyone is welcome to participate in this Tour.

Rod Schein started these events in 2006 with a tour of Ballard and Queen Anne. Since then we have toured in West Seattle and the southeast and northwest areas of Seattle.

The 2011 Tour will focus on Seattle's northeast section. We'll start with a visit exploring the MOHAI, then move northeast to Magnuson Park, finally ending up in the Lake City area for a bite to eat.

Activity will begin at 11:00 AM, touring the MOHAI. Around 12:30 PM we'll leave for our driving in the northeast section of the city.

The Museum of History and Industry is located south of Husky Stadium and the Montlake Bridge, just off Highway 520. From either direction on Interstate 5, exit to eastbound State Route 520 at exit 168B. Exit at Montlake Boulevard. At the stoplight go straight onto Lake Washington Boulevard and continue one block to 24th Avenue East. Turn left into the museum's driveway at 24th Avenue East. Follow road to parking lot.

From westbound State Route 520, take the Lake Washington Boulevard exit. Turn right onto Lake Washington Boulevard. Turn right again onto 24th Avenue East, and follow it down to the museum parking lot.

For additional information contact Jim Farris via email at farrismej@aol.com.

“Almost Spring” Car Show Invitation

The Gallopin’ Gertie Model “A” Ford Club is pleased to invite the Puget Sound Region VCCA to participate in the Almost Spring Car Show. The Car Show is held in the Showplex Building at the Puyallup Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Almost Spring Swap Meet the weekend of March 19-20, 2011.

Ten show spots have been reserved for the Chevrolet Club. Show cars will enter the Showplex on Friday afternoon from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. They will exit after the show ends on Sunday about 3:00 PM. The Puget Sound Region Club will have a complimentary booth next to the Car Show to promote the Club. All participants will receive two passes to the Swap Meet for the weekend. Awards and door prizes will be presented at 2:00 PM on Sunday.

Al Howe has the registration forms. He will be coordinating the members showing their cars. Please feel free to contact Gerald Greenfield for additional details. Sign up early as the show fills up quickly.

PSR-VCCA Board Meeting Held February 8, 2011

The first Board meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 7:00 PM, at the home of Dave and Diane Haddock. Minutes will be published when available. Note that all members are welcome at Board meetings.

February 28, 2011 Membership Meeting - Puget Sound Region VCCA

The membership meeting will be held February 28, 2011, 7:30 PM, at Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue.

For the program, Bill Barker will provide more information on the Flint Anniversary Meet. Come out to find out what is planned for the Club's 50th Anniversary.

Our newest member, Judy Cloutier, is scheduled to bring treats.

Club Participation in Monroe Swap Meet, May 13-15

Members of our Puget Sound Region will again participate in a fundraising activity at the Monroe Swap Meet. The Meet is held Friday, May 13, Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15, 2011.

Members have volunteered by signing up to take shifts helping with parking, manning entry gates, roving the grounds assisting vendors. Afterward, they will turn their compensation in to the club. Workers receive \$10 per hour and a lunch voucher. (The deadline for volunteer signups was January 30, 2011.)

Ana Maria Haley is coordinating the shifts. Complete information packages will be given to all who have volunteered before the Meet starts. If you have questions, contact Ana Maria at anama97@q.com.

50th Anniversary VCCA Meet Decals

Puget Sound Region is marketing large decals with the VCCA emblem. The peel-off decals are 15" x 24" with the VCCA decal in Blue on a White background. They are perfect for putting on a towing van or on the wall.

This timely fundraiser is advertised in the February G&D on page 43. With the Anniversary Meet only a few months away, we are hoping for brisk sales!

March Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Betty and Dave Roberts	3/6
Gisela and Dick Jones	3/9
Diane and Dave Haddock	3/17
Florence and Bob Helgeson	3/27
Sue and Jim Seiber	3/29

BIRTHDAYS

Jill Anderson	3/1
Matt Dickinson	3/4
Dave Haddock	3/14
Evie Schein	3/15
John Zeigler	3/20
Jerry Yoder	3/21
Gary Barquist	3/28
Lynn Boltz	3/30

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2011



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School by Director Dave Haddock at approximately 7:30 PM.



Guests: Judy and Jerry Coultier visited us for the second time to join our region. Judy has a 1956. We had 28 or 29 members present.



Secretary: Minutes for October 2010 were accepted as printed in the Tappet Clatter. (November meeting was cancelled because of snow and there was no regular meeting in December.)



Treasurer: Sallie gave a lengthy report on expenses November, December and January. She then presented the budget for 2011. We will need about the same income for 2011 as we received for 2010.



Membership: We now have 71 members. Donna will be mailing out 33 rosters. The remainder have been distributed to those attending the banquet and this evening's meeting. Thanks were given to Jim Martoza, Dave Haddock and Dick Jones for an excellent job creating the roster.



National News: Bill Barker will have the Anniversary Meet registration forms on the Internet soon and they will be published in the upcoming G&D.

Activities: Matt Dickinson talked about the Sixth Annual Seattle Circle Tour on March 6, 2011. Jim Farris will have the information in the February Tappet Clatter. The year's events were posted in the January TC. There is room for a few more events to be announced when they are scheduled.

Historian: Bob Helgeson is requesting pictures be sent to him on CDs.

Editor: Glenn Landguth was wondering who was going to do an article on the banquet. There were no volunteers.

Monroe Swap Meet: Ana Maria Haley circulated a sign up roster for those interested in volunteering at the Spring Monroe Swap Meet. You can call her or email to let her know what day and time you can participate.



Other Business: Jim Farris conducted a survey of the members to generate ideas for activities, meeting programs and tours for the club. About 20 ideas, some new and others repeats from previous years, were offered and discussed briefly. Jim is the new Assistant Director in charge of meeting programs.

Jim Darby and Bob Helgeson brought up the pending legislative proposal, HB 1134, to tax Horseless Carriage, collector and year of manufacture plates annually at a rate of \$30. It was suggested that people contact their legislators to weigh-in on the issue. Your editor has since heard the legislation had been killed for this session.



Break: A break was held at 8:25 PM. Al Howe brought the donut holes and cookies. A monthly treats sign-up sheet for 2011 was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Contact Dave Haddock if you would like to be added to the list.



Program: Jim Seiber showed the DVD from last year's Carson Valley, Nevada 6-Cylinder Tour.

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock



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signed up.

Dinner was served about 7:00 PM. John Strampher had handed out dinner tickets for those people who had ordered chicken or seafood. Those who ordered filet mignon did not get a ticket. There was joking that if one decided that they wanted filet mignon they should hide their tickets. But of course nobody did. The food was good as usual, although there was a slight delay in getting some people served. The wait was well rewarded.

Director Dave Haddock opened the program about 8:00 PM, thanking our hosts for treating us so well, and thanking George and Phyllis Kowats and John Strampher for making arrangements. We all responded with a round of applause.

It was good to see Jim Darby and son Jeff. They were scheduled to leave for Iowa the following Tuesday, where a funeral service was to be held for Gail. As you know, Gail died suddenly last December just after Christmas. In a tribute to Gail, a video presentation was shown highlighting Gail's many past activities with the Club.

Al Howe then handed out recognitions to each member, listing the activities in which they participated during 2010. The recognitions were in three-ring binders, which can be saved and added to in coming years. The front cover of the binders had inserts showing the member's name, followed by "Chevrolet Brag Book". The activities being recognized were projected on the screen for everyone to see as the presentation was being made.



Al Howe presented the Director's Award to Glenn Landguth for his work on the Tappet Clatter, and for participation in various other activities. It seems that in addition to editing, Glenn wrote seven articles for the Tappet Clatter, made an appearance at the Northwest Meet, attended meetings, and more.

Dave then recognized Al with a plaque, for stepping in as Director two years ago when Jim Martoza left unexpectedly for New Jersey, and then Al continued on for another full year. We all appreciate the work that Al has done. The plaque contained a gavel and the inscription,

"In recognition of your service as DIRECTOR, Puget Sound Region VCCA".



Ken Scott, Area 3 Director, addressed the gathering. Ken generally likes what he is seeing in the various regions in Area 3. He encouraged us to have more joint activities with other Regions, and to look for ways to bring new people into the club.

On the national level, they are already starting to look at sites for the next national Meet. There is interest in having a Meet somewhere on the West Coast. Among possible cities being mentioned are Spokane, WA; Medford, OR; Lake Tahoe, NV; and Yakima, WA.

With the program concluded, the evening finished with people using the remaining time to socialize before calling it a night. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this a wonderful banquet.



Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

Date	Event	Person Responsible
February 28	Membership Meeting	Jim Farris
March 6	Seattle Circle Tour (Part 6)	Jim Farris
March 19-20	Almost Spring Car Show, Puyallup Fairgrounds	Gerald Greenfield
April 1-3	Portland Swap Meet	
May 1	HCCA Breakfast & Tour	Jim Farris
May 13-15	Monroe Swap Meet	Ana Maria Haley
May 17	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein
Late May or Early June ?	Tour and/or Lee Johnson Dealership's Car Show, (Alternate date would be early September)	Car Show date to be confirmed with Lee Johnson Dealership
TBD	Board Meeting	Dave Haddock
June 19	GM Picnic in Graham, WA	
June 25	Greenwood Auto Show	Matt Dickinson
June 27	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social at Perrigo Park, Redmond, WA	Club Meeting
July 4	Folsom's Picnic/Pot Luck	Lee & Carol Folsom
July 17-23	VCCA 50th Anniversary, Flint, Michigan	
August 17-20	NW Mini Meet, Silverton, OR	Willamette Valley VCCA
August 22	XXX Drive-In, Issaquah, WA	Club Meeting
August 28	GEAA Tour & Picnic, Orting, WA	Ana Maria Haley
September, date to be confirmed	Potluck Barbeque at the Haddock's, including a Tour to their home	Dave & Diane Haddock Matt Dickinson
Sept 12-16	Early 6 Cylinder Tour, Tulare, CA	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
October 15	Weekend Tour	Jim Farris/Dick Olson
TBD	Board Meeting	Dave Haddock
Early December	Christmas Party	Don & Sallie Comstock

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

In response to a van fire,
There has been a request,
To write up a poem.
That describes it all best.

When transporting fuel,
Use an APPROVED container,
The need for this safety,
Is a no brainer.

Fuel turns some bottles,
Of plastic to goo,
And fuel in a glass jug,
We just don't do.

Gas fumes can be dangerous,
Mixed with air that's just right,
It doesn't take much,
For them to ignite.

Spilled gas in a trunk,
Or inside a van,
Only takes a spark,
Before it goes BAM.

If a fire breaks out,
And we hope that is never,
The fire will burn out,
But YOUR burns are forever.

Safe fuel handling,
Is the desired effect,
So treat that gasoline,
With utmost respect.

Note: This month's Safety Corner poem was inspired by a recent van fire in Bellevue that involved someone carrying gasoline in an open container in a van when a spark exploded the fumes. People were severely burned.

H.B. 1134 Update

Under the bill, the initial \$35 license plate fee for collector vehicle and horseless carriage license plates would have remained and a new annual \$30 renewal fee would have been added. The bill was in response to concerns that people were using vehicles registered as collector cars on a daily basis and avoiding fees.

The SEMA Action Network (SAN), a nationwide partnership of car clubs, and individuals, had lobbied against the bill.

SAN reports that according to House Transportation Committee Chairperson Judy Clibborn the bill will not receive committee consideration this year.

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Here are some more pictures from the banquet.



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Thank You from Jim Darby

The boys and I have returned from Iowa for Gail's funeral mass. It was said on Saturday January 29th. We left Des Moines to head back to Seattle last Tuesday on one of the last flights out of the Midwest before the big storm arrived. We are currently planning Gail's Celebration of Life here for her Washington friends. We will share more information when we have it. In the meantime, we would like to thank the car club for the flowers, cards, gifts and kind words we have received from many of you.

Jim, James and Jeff

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 with your information.

Will Super Coolants Solve Your Overheating Problems?

The consensus from my research is that super coolants can lower engine operating temperatures, but they are not a substitute for fixing a problem. Malfunctioning water pump, thermostat, radiator fan clutch, and incorrect engine timing, incorrect fuel mixture, or a clogged radiator can cause overheating. Super coolants can change the operating temperature of an engine by from 3 to 30 degrees, depending if it is added to water, or an antifreeze mixture. It makes sense to investigate potential causes before trying super coolants.

Super coolants enhance the transfer of heat across liquid/metal barriers, by reducing surface tension, which promotes thermal conductivity or heat transfer. Super coolants are sometimes referred to as wetting agents as they enhance the microscopic contact between liquid and metal. Heat transfer is important to move heat from the engine to the radiator and into the air. Heat transfer between liquid and metal is vital in the process.

There are many engine coolants used in cars and motorcycles. There are waterless coolants and coolants that can be added to water or to systems with a mix of antifreeze and water. Most super coolants contain corrosion inhibitors, but this must be confirmed before purchasing any product as some super coolants require other additives for better corrosion control. Look for a reference to ASTM D-2570, which is a standard test for determining corrosivity. Some super coolants are biodegradable where others are not. Not all super coolants perform the same according to test results reported.

Some may result in a cooler extended idling temperature or a cooler engine head temperature (DEI with only water), where others may result in lower cruising or climbing temperatures (Justice Brothers with only water). Of four products tested in one case, two performed best in radiators without antifreeze and two best for situations requiring antifreeze. Of the four tested, all worked but each worked in a different way and to a different degree.

One test of Hy-Per Lube Super Coolant found that operating temperatures went from the highest operating temperature to the lowest operating temperature for each of the following, 50/50 glycol antifreeze and water, 50/50 mix with super coolant, water only, water plus super coolant, respectively. You could conclude from this that water plus Hy-Per Lube Super Coolant results in the lowest engine temperature, like 20-30 degrees cooler than the operating temperature of water by itself. Glycol based antifreeze and water actually raises the operating temperature, but does protect against freezing.

Super Coolants You Can Add to Water

The first four products below are best known for use in passenger cars and have been comparison tested. The results were presented in Turbo Magazine. All four proved beneficial to varying degrees depending upon application. See (http://www.turbomagazine.com/features/0703_turp_cooling_system_additives/test_results.html).

The following products are all wetting agents. They can be added to water or to a water/antifreeze mix to reduce operating temperatures of a liquid cooled engine from 3 to 30 degrees depending upon circumstances.

Hy-Per Lube Super Coolant

Redline Water Wetter Super Coolant

DEI Radiator Relief, <http://www.designengineering.com/catalog/design-engineering-inc>

Justice Brothers Radiator Cooler

Kwick Kool, <http://www.kwickkool.com>

Engine Ice, by Cycle Logic Products, Inc., <http://engineice.com/> It appears to reduce engine water temperatures and change the boiling point of coolant. Discusses the use in racing vehicles where thermostats are open all the

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time versus passenger vehicles. Cycle Logic also warns that Engine Ice's effectiveness may be greatly reduced in modern cars where electronics control operating temperature of the engine (expect no more than 2 degree advantage).

Purple Ice Super Coolant, by Royal Purple, (<http://www.royalpurple.com> or <http://www.coolerradiators.com>). Royal Purple recommends a minimum of 20 percent antifreeze concentration be used in street driven vehicles because Purple Ice has no effect on the boiling and / or freezing point of water. Product should be added once every year if with water or every two years if with antifreeze.

Waterless And Other Products

Evans "NPG+"™ (Non-Aqueous (water-free) propylene glycol), <http://www.evanscooling.com/coolants/>, (<http://lubricationspecialist.com/front/showcontent.aspx?fileid=21&p=Evans>) This is a more permanent waterless product. This is not a wetting agent. This product does not nucleate boil which is the formation of microscopic bubbles on metal surfaces that reduce heat transfer. The resulting operating temperature has been determined to be slightly higher than most glycol based products.

Maxima Cool Aide Coolant. This product is recommended for 2-cycle and 4-cycle liquid cooled engines, i.e. motorcycle race use. I found no recommendation for use in passenger cars.

Dexcool http://www.consumeraffairs.com/automotive/gm_dexcool.html. There is much negative discussion on chat sites about Dexcool by GM. Sounds like it is very corrosive and the rust flakes off, blocking radiators, etc.

Free Access to Technical Manuals and Information for 1920s to 1960s

From Bob Stamnes

Try these web sites. I found them very useful. They were suggested by Dave Folsom.

<http://www.gmheritagecenter.com/gm-heritage-archive/vehicle-information-kits.html>
<http://chevy.oldcarmanualproject.com/index.htm>

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TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

Ads will be carried up to three months on a space-available basis, unless withdrawn sooner or an extension is requested. Please notify the Tappet Clatter editor when your ad is answered or you need an extension. gklandguth@msn.com

FOR SALE

1928 Chev Coupe, needs total restoration, \$1800, delivery available. Dick Olson 425 222-5798.

1955-56-57 Chev Pickup Doors. \$200/pair. Dick Olson, 425-222-5798.

1972 Corvette Wheel Covers. Set of 4 very good to excellent. Turbine Style with Corvette Flag inserts. The covers fit 15 inch wheels. I'll go as low as \$250 for the set of 4. Call Ron, 206-547-2844.



1983 El Camino, 305 cu-in, Gas/Propane. Good Condition. \$1995 OBO. Dick Jones, 425-736-8798.

WANTED

1942 Chevrolet Convertible. Richard G. Luna, 310-549-9038, rluna@earthlink.net.

1968 Impala Radio, AM or AM/FM, John Strampher, 253-770-1798.

FLINT or BUST
 July 17 - 23, 2011
Flint, Michigan

VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

Rodents Attack Treasures Stored (RATS)

By Glenn Landguth

Those cute cartoon characters that find their way into the hearts of little children and their parents alike are nothing like the real thing. Like Road Runner, they seem capable of escaping whatever we put in their way to capture or destroy the pesky little critters. And we end up experiencing the frustration, if not the fate, of a Wile E. Coyote.

Urban neighborhoods have been faced with rodent infestations for many years, but not eons.

Evidence from radiometric dating indicates that the Earth is about 4.570 billion years old. (Other estimates put the age of the earth closer to 6,000 years, but who is going to quibble about a few years more or less.) That age is divided into various times. The largest defined unit of time is the supereon, composed of eons. Eons are divided into eras, which are in turn divided into periods, epochs and ages. And while the current age is relatively new for the Earth, dealing with rodents is getting old fast for me.

Mammals appeared about 228 million years ago. Modern mammals appeared about 37 million years ago. The first rodents were not considered undesirable by people. That is because there were probably no people here to consider rodents more than two million years ago. But now there are definitely people, and rodents are definitely a problem.

When rodents invaded my yard a few years ago, I just flushed the garden hose down the rat holes and the rodents scampered to the neighbors' yards. Not a problem, for me. But last year they came back. And for the first time, they invaded two of my cars that were parked outside. They built nests and generally messed up the engine compartments. That was when I started to seriously look for ways to again make the neighbors' yards once more look more attractive than mine.

I am convinced that it is impossible to completely eliminate the pesky critters. Their tunnels know no boundaries. They can easily run away from my tactics. My efforts have to stop at the neighbor's property line. And when I tire of the battle, the clever little fellows come right back.

So the trick is to wage a continuing sustainable campaign against the little fellows without it being an all-consuming effort for me. Next time I will share some of the things that seem to work for me, and things that other people have tried.

(To be continued, probably next month., or at least sometime soon.)

Web Links for Area 3 VCCA Regions

Capital City Region, VCCA: None

Colombia River Region, VCCA: <http://www.vccacolumbiariverregion.org/>

Mt. Rainier Region, VCCA: <http://www.mtrainiercarclub.com>

North Cascade Region, VCCA: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club=northcascadevcca>

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

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

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Your 2011 Puget Sound Region officers pose for a picture at the Annual Meeting.