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## Puget Sound Region's Annual Banquet

*By Bill Damm and Al Howe*

Our Puget Sound Region held their Annual Installation Banquet on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Steer in Kent. We celebrated our Region's past year's activities and ushered in the start of a new year of club functions. Over 60 members and guests came to enjoy the festivities. We were glad to have Dave McGowan, our Area 3 Director from Columbia River Region, join us. Different from previous years, table seating was determined by drawing a table number out of a container as guests arrived. The intention was to allow members a chance to visit with people they normally don't get to visit with and to make new friends. Tables were nicely arranged, decorated, and numbered making for more room for visiting before dinner was served. Start time for the Social Hour and Dinner was one hour earlier than in the past to make the event more convenient for those traveling longer distances.

Conversation, hors d'oeuvres, and a slide show of past events entertained everyone. Dinner started with salad and rolls, then came the main courses of Chicken Dijon, Sirloin Steak, and Pork Chops. Not sure exactly what happened to the famed Carrot Cake but it was substituted with ice cream and strawberry shortcake which was delicious. As in the past, meals were tasty and well presented. Well anyway, we didn't hear very many complaints.

Ana Maria was circulating sign-up sheets for volunteers to work at the Monroe Swap Meet in May. This is the big fundraiser for our Region so Al Howe talked a lot about the importance of signing up to work a shift.



**(Jim Seiber with the Directors Award)**

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Our next Club membership meeting will be February 24, 2014 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. **Matt Dickinson is on the list to bring the treats. :)** See meeting announcement on page 3.



## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2014



**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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### Editor's Note

The monthly deadline for receiving input is by the 5th of the month. We reserve the right to edit material in any way as appropriate for wording, clarity, grammar, punctuation, and space available. We can accept most electronic formats and hardcopy. Email copy to [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com)

## ***Director's Corner***

### ***"From The Drivers Seat"***



By Director, Al Howe

I was all prepared to talk about the up-coming Super Bowl game but by the time you read this it will be history. The time lag makes it hard to write about this kind of thing so on to more Chevy stuff.

We are making progress on the Northwest Meet in Port Angeles. Some of the committee members are going to make a trip to Port Angeles in February to finalize details about food and etc. for the Meet. Then we will be able to get into more detailed items for each committee's work list. As we get closer to the Meet and develop more details we will need more help. Right now I don't know all areas we will need help in but some that come to mind are preparing goody bags, putting together the pages of the prospectus and decorating tables at the Meet. We have volunteers planning these projects now but they will need more hands when the "doing" starts.

Ideas for tours are developing into final stages of planning. Some are the same as years past but some are new and sound very interesting. You can review the activities list in the Tappet Clatter for more information and choose which ones you want to attend. Looks like the next tour is the Seattle Tour. For more information see the article by Jim Farris in this issue. Not too long ago Jim and I gave a presentation on how to plan a tour. Now would be a good time to work with someone who is planning one and kind of get your feet wet.



See you at the February Meeting.

*Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know “Why” I look this way. I’ve traveled a long way and some of the roads weren’t paved.*

## Garage Nite will resume in the Spring

★  
★ Our next Membership Meeting will be on February 24 at 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Belle-★  
★ vue. The program will be a Show & Tell of what did you get for Christmas, hopefully something about ★  
★ Chevys! If time allows we could also have a presentation on what to do to winterize your vintage Chevy ★  
★ by Bob Stamnes and Al Howe. ***Matt Dickinson is signed up to bring treats.*** ★



Annual Banquet (Continued from page 1)

Donna Onat distributed our new 2014 rosters, which were well done, thanks to Dick Jones and Jim Martoza. Everyone looks forward to receiving the colored roster with a photo of each member. It really helps when looking up a name or phone number. Again this year we have the cars listed by year with owners in the back of the roster.

Since Tillicum Middle school wasn't available for our normal meeting on Monday the 27th, Al Howe conducted our January meeting after service of the main meal. Guests were welcomed and Sallie Comstock read the Treasurer's report. Al recognized last year's Board members for their work and announced the members filling open Board positions for 2014.

Al presented Jim Seiber with the remodeled Directors Award for his exceptional photographic contributions to our Region and the *G&D*.

Thank you to Sallie Comstock and George Kowats and for arranging the Banquet. What a great event to have at this time of year to help keep in touch with each other when we normally leave our vintage and classics parked in the garage.



### Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at the Golden Steer Restaurant at 7:05 PM by director Al Howe. There were about 60 members and guests present including Dave Gowan, Area 3 Director. Al asked us to take a moment to remember those members lost during the year. They were: **Dennis Dynes, Kay Grissom, George Haley, and Bill Johnson.**

Treasurer: Sallie reported on the banquet costs, expenditures for the Tappet Clatter and Roster. Though we spent considerably more than our income for the month we are currently doing well.

Membership: Rosters have been given out to all those attending the banquet meeting. A few were sent with members for hand delivery and the remainder will be mailed. Thanks were given to Dick Jones and Jim Martoza for an excellent job creating the roster. Donna Onat also did a fine job collecting the data that went into the rosters and distributing them at the banquet.

National News: Bill Barker needs someone to volunteer to chair the National Meet in 2016. The National Board still doesn't have chairperson for the meet, though Bill thinks they are close to drafting someone. There is also a motion to allow modified vehicles into the club with full privileges.

Other Information: Al Howe presented the color copy of the Tappet Clatter to John and Dot Ziegler for hosting the Christmas Party this year even though he wrote the article. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM, so the annual banquet could continue with awards and introduction of club officers for 2014.

*Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock*

### 9<sup>th</sup> Seattle Tour March 2, 2014

Eight years ago the region began this Tour with a ride through the Ballard and Queen Ann areas of the City. This year we revisit those areas and some of the same spectacular sites as well as some new venues. The Tour starts at Starbucks World Headquarters at First and Lander in the Seattle SODO area promptly at noon.

We'll drive along the waterfront, go to Kerry Park on Queen Ann, cross over to Magnolia and Discovery Park eventually ending up in Ballard for a visit to the Nordic Heritage Museum and a bite to eat in downtown Ballard.

For additional information on this first of the year tour contact Jim Farris. Email and telephone numbers are in the 2014 Roster.



*Seattle Circle Tour Part 5, March 7, 2010*

## **Chevy Tune-Up Day** **Sunday March 9 - Sunset Chevrolet**

This year, once again, Jerry Yoder is opening SUNSET CHEVROLET'S facility for Chevrolet enthusiasts and owners to tinker with their vehicles. Puget Sound Region Members have been invited as a Club to participate. Any member may take their Chevrolet to Sunset Chevrolet in Sumner for light work on it. The Shop will be open to any Chevrolet from 9am to 4pm Sunday March 9. You will have to do your own work, with friends, but the facilities and equipment may be used that day. There will be a mechanic on duty to facilitate equipment use, but will not work on your car.

Jerry's generous offer provides us with an opportunity to search for that elusive rattle, closely inspect the hard-to-reach areas, see where repairs are needed and so on. On top of that, it will be a good day to chat with Chevy friends. This in some ways is an extension of our Garage Night. For further information contact Jim Farris or Jerry.

## **Have you written "YOUR STORY" YET ?**

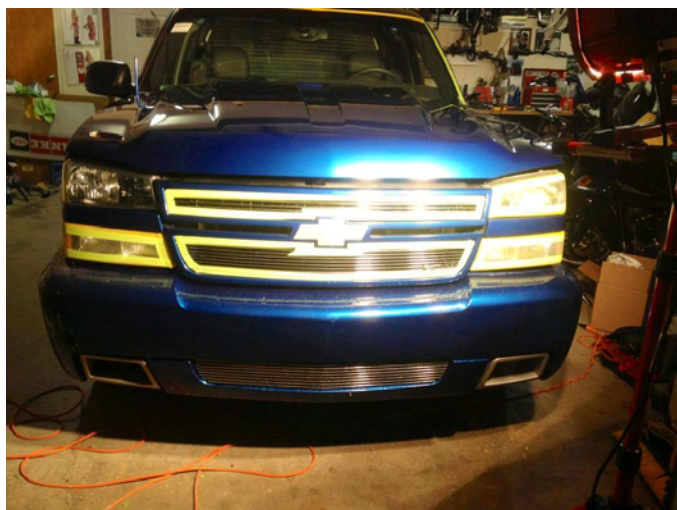
We would still like to hear from the membership about their cars, their travels, any of their stories. Two months ago, we provided some ideas for stories about your family to share with other members. But of course we know that your car(s) is/are really something you want to tell everyone in the club about. So sit down at the keyboard and tell us about your favorite car, or maybe your most recent restoration, or even your first car. It doesn't even have to be a car you still have....maybe that one special car you wish you had kept! Here are a few ideas to get you started. Once you start it will be easier than you think.

1. Tell us about one or several of your cars.
2. How long have you had it?
3. Where did you get it? (family member, online, lot, etc.)
4. What attracted you to this car? Why do you like it?
5. What condition was it in when acquired?
6. What have you done to it?
7. Where have you gone with it?
8. What surprised you about the car once you got it?
9. What is your favorite story about the car?
10. What do you know about the history of the car?
11. What are your plans for the car?
12. 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.)
13. Do you have some photos of your car to include? (old ones, new ones, at club events/tours, with your family, etc.)
14. You could write the article anonymously about a car you used to have and let other members guess who you are.

Go ahead, share a story, thanks!

Diane Haddock

## Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER



During our winter months  
With a longer night  
We often see cars  
With only one light.

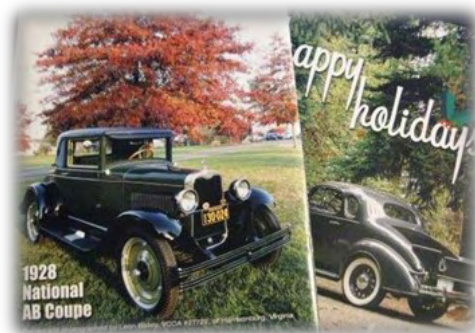
When the last headlight fails  
It all gets very dark  
And it's hard to find a place  
To safely stop and park.

But then there are the hi-beams  
That might still get one there  
To drive to someplace quick  
To get the light repair.

So when a car is needed  
For somewhere nice to go  
Quickly check the headlights  
And make sure they still glow.

### Advice from one who knows! By David Gowan VCCA Director Area # 3

I used to think I knew a lot about cars. Now I go to the real experts who have lived with and worked on old Chevys for many years. We have a wonderful reservoir of knowledgeable, seasoned and accessible human car 'encyclopedias' in our regions. This is probably the most important reason you can use when approaching potential new members. Remember, carry extra copies of the *G&D*, a few applications and your contact information. Our publication is very professional and thorough. Be proud of it and pass it around. You'll get new members, I guarantee!



### Sign up for working at the Mon- roe Swap Meet

(4-hour shifts 5/16/2014 thru 5/18/2014)

The Monroe Swap Meet is our Regions  
biggest fundraiser. Let's have as big a  
turnout as we have had in the past.

Send Ana Maria Haley an email  
([anama97@q.com](mailto:anama97@q.com)) telling her what day  
and time you would like to work.

### 43<sup>rd</sup> VCCA Northwest Meet August 21-23, 2014 in scenic Port Angeles, Washington



Host hotel is the Red Lion Hotel on the  
waterfront with shopping and restaurants  
within walking distance.

Reservations: (360) 452-9215  
or 1-(800) 733-5466

and mention Northwest Chevy Meet.  
RV parking is just a few blocks from  
the hotel at the fairgrounds.

Event Website: [pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org](http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org)

Registration info: Gerri Johnson, (360) 697-1165 email: [djchevrus@aol.com](mailto:djchevrus@aol.com)  
Register by July 11, 2014 Hosted by the Puget Sound Region

## Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Rod Schein

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
March 2, 2014	Seattle Circle Tour <i>(see page 4)</i>	Jim Farris
March 9, 2014	Chevy Tune-up Day <i>(see page 5)</i>	Jim Farris or Jerry Yoder
March 15-16, 2014	Almost Spring Swap Meet & Car Show	Al Howe

### March Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
Jill Anderson	3-1	Dave & Betty Roberts	3-6
Matt Dickinson	3-4	Dick & Gisela Jones	3-9
David Haddock	3-14	David & Diane Haddock	3-17
Evie Schein	3-15	Bob & Florence Helgeson	3-27
John Ziegler	3-20	Jim & Sue Seiber	3-29
Jerry Yoder	3-21	Al and Kathy Howe	3-30
Gary Barquist	3-28		
Lynn Boltz	3-30		

### Activities 2014

Feb	First Club membership meeting for 2014 Show & Tell, What did you get for Xmas	Feb 24
Mar	Seattle Circle Tour	Jim Farris Mar 2
Mar	Tune-up Day	Jim Farris & Jerry Yoder Mar 9
Mar	Almost Spring Swap Meet & Car Show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds <i>(contact Al Howe for more info)</i>	Al Howe Mar 15-16
April	Club Auction	April 28
May	HCCA Breakfast & Tour	Jim Farris TBD
May	Monroe Swap Meet Monroe Work Party	Ana Maria Haley May 16-18
	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein May 17
	Route 66 Tour	Bill Barker May 13-30
June	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social	June 23
July	Tour/Potluck	Al Howe July 19
Aug	NW Meet	Aug 21-23
	XXX Drive-In Issaquah Club Meeting	Aug 25
Sept	Early 6 Cylinder Tour – Colorado	Jim Farris TBD
	<b>Open</b>	
Oct	Teaway Hunters Breakfast Tour	Jim Farris TBD
	Train Trip to Portland	Bill Barker Oct 17-19
	Historic Cascades Roads Tour #2 (On a good weather day)	Rod Schein TBD
Nov	Election of 2015 Club Officers	
Dec	Christmas Party	TBD



## 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](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) with your information.

### Distributor Shaft Play and Remedy *(Provided by Dave Folsom; his Blog address is on page 9)*

I have recently been converting a 1926 distributor to use a Pertronix ignition. In doing so I realized that these early distributors did not have the spring and disc that the 1934 and later distributors used to control shaft play.

With points ignition it is very important there is no play between the shaft and distributor housing so a consistent point gap can be maintained.

As near as I can tell Chevrolet started using a wear disc and spring under the grease cup assembly starting with the 1934 Master and continued using this design up through 1962. This design prevents the shaft from moving side to side in the housing.



**Assembly from a 235 distributor**

The 1926 distributor is not as deep in the area under the grease cup assembly as the later distributors that use the spring and disc. This means using a shorter spring is required.



**1934-62 style**



**1926 style**



The original disc Chevrolet used was a solid disc. It was .312" diameter x .125" thick. I found a similar nylon disc at my hardware store that will work fine. These are called #6 screw spacers. They have a hole in the center but that is of no concern.



New disc with spring

The spring I found online is .030"OD x .022" wire x .500" long.



Spring package



Nylon disc package



Grease Hole



Disc In Hole



Disc and Spring In Hole

### 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.wvrvcca.org/>

Dave Folsom Blog, [www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/](http://www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/)

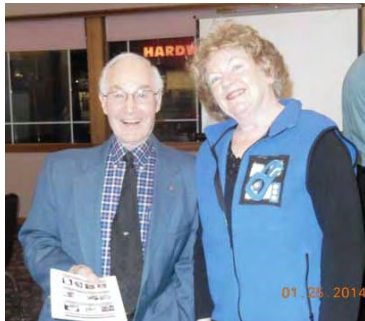
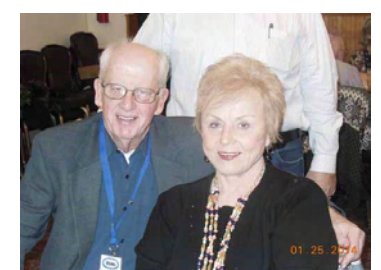
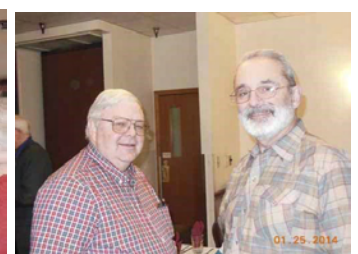
Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>





## Pictures from the Banquet

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## TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

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### FOR SALE

**1935-6 Speedometer** without cable, nice \$100  
Bob Stamne via [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1928 Headlight Trim Rings**, new reproduction parts, still in shipping bags \$75 pr.  
Bob Stamnes via [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1930's Car Radio dial and cable** for 30s car, nice \$50  
Bob Stamnes via [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1934 Chevy ton and a half flatbed truck**,

Older restoration, original engine, blue body, black fenders, interior is fair to good, pictures available on request. Asking \$22,850. Cathy Johnson, 425-255-6325



### FOR SALE

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

**1936 Headlight Lens**, 7-15/16 OD, 7-1/2" bucket?, new reproduction Appears to be same as GR-191 in Filling Station Catalog \$35  
Bob Stamnes via [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1996 SS Impala**, Black, Low Miles, All options,+ Sunroof, Weld wheels, Arizona speed headers & air intake. \$23,000  
Jerry Yoder (253) 307-1910, [JerryYoder@hotmail.com](mailto:JerryYoder@hotmail.com)

**Car Tube Radio box** without cables, unknown operational condition \$30 Bob Stamnes via [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pictures

**1931 Coupe**, New Paint - Tires, etc. asking \$13,500, Janet Gore, 406-660-0916 or [timgore1943@gmail.com](mailto:timgore1943@gmail.com)



### WANTED

**1931 Ignition Switch**, Dick, 425 736-8798, [dick10051@comcast.net](mailto:dick10051@comcast.net)

Our condolences go out to Roger Orness as his mother passed away on Feb 5. She loved painting



and her Mariners. She knew all their names, where they played and watched every pitch of every game. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, February 22nd at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2306 Milton Way in Milton at 11 am.

(Editor note: Received from Don Boltz via Donna Onat.)

### 2014 Northwest Meet in Port Angeles

Puget Sound Region invites you to join us at the Red Lion Hotel in Port Angeles, Washington August 21-23, 2014 for the **43<sup>rd</sup> VCCA Northwest Meet**.

Meet events include judging, tours, Ice Cream Social, BBQ, Banquet, Ladies Event and many other activities while renewing old friendships and making new ones. The hotel is on the waterfront with shopping and restaurants within walking distance. The special event hotel cost is \$119.00 plus tax. Water view room is only \$20 more. Call the Red Lion at 360-452-9215 or 1-800-733-5466 and mention Northwest Chevy Meet for reservations.

RV parking is just a few blocks from the hotel at the fairgrounds with electricity, water and dump. Our special event rate is \$18.00 plus tax. Trailer parking is also at the fairgrounds.

Look for prospectus and registration forms in early April.

Web site: [pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org](http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org)

Registration info: Gerri Johnson, 360-697-1165  
email: [djchevrus@aol.com](mailto:djchevrus@aol.com)

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