

# THE TAPPET CLATTER



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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 1990 may be registered with the Region.

General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May, at **Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue**, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. No meetings are held in June, July, August, and December. You can learn more about the club by visiting the website where you can see color photos of previous tours, parts for sale, wanted, etc., and there is a link to view our monthly newsletter, "The Tappet Clatter."

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

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# ***Director's Corner***

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



**By Director, Jim Darby**

Another month has passed and I'm already noticing that the days are getting longer. Spring is on the way, and that means swap meet season and car tours will soon follow. Actually, by the time you read this, the first Puyallup swap meet will be over. Our first tour will be in March. Jim Farris will be leading it again; he'll have more information at our next meeting.

We're still looking for some meeting program ideas, so if you have a suggestion please let me know. For the past several years we have had an auction at the March/April meeting. It started out back when the club had a booth at the Portland Swap Meet, and people observed that club members were talking parts down to the swap meet only to have them bought by a fellow club member and brought back to the Seattle area.

It seems though that over the last few years, there have been less car parts and more other stuff brought to the meeting auction. Does everybody enjoy this event? Has it run its course or should we plan on it again this year? Please let me know.

Looks like the car shows are already starting at the XXX this month, so start thinking about getting your cars ready to be out on the road. The Saturday night cruise-ins will be starting as the days get longer. Maybe a couple of months yet though before they are in an event to attend.

Think sunny dry days and I'll see you soon on our tours.

## **Call for Articles**

We all enjoyed reading about Carol Folsom's first car in last month's Tappett Clatter. This month, make sure to read Jerry Yoder's article. Thanks Carol and Jerry! There are many more stories out there. How did YOU first get interested in Chevys? What is your favorite Chevy? What is the story of the "Chevy that got away" in your life? How about telling us how cars shaped your life/family/career? Everyone has many stories to share.... we'd like to hear YOURS!!!

**Just write a few paragraphs.... or a few pages...  
We can't wait to hear from YOU !!!**

If you want writing/editing assistance before submitting, email Diane Haddock (through Dave) and we will get you some help.

# My First Car

Text and picture by Jerry Yoder

My first car. Wow, it seems like a lifetime ago.

In early 1962 I had just turned 16, and could finally get my first car. I had been "officially" working for Sunset Chevrolet for about 2 years by then. I saved, watched and waited for one to come onto the lot that I could afford. It finally did, and I had just enough money saved for it, \$200.00! It was a 1950 2Dr Coupe with a 216 6 Cylinder 90 HP engine, three on the tree and an AM pushbutton radio. She still had her original dark green paint and it was in good condition.

I took her home, washed her up, put new seat covers on to give her interior that "new car" look. Then I painted the rims black and put on snap-on white walls. She was the coolest car at school! In 1964 she earned the honor of being the "Heap of the Week" in the Sumner High School newspaper. I was proud of her: it wasn't every car that made "Heap of the Week" in High School.



That car would take you anywhere and everywhere a teenager wanted to go...okay, as long as I didn't take her over 55/60 mph... We all know that those splash lubed 216's just didn't have the strongest lower ends, couldn't handle those high RPM's at all, but she was a good dependable everyday car. She got me back and forth to work every day, where I kept watching and saving for my next car...okay, truck, by then I

wanted a truck (of course it was a '54 Chev Stepside, again from Sunset Chevrolet, but that's another story.)

I hated getting rid of her after only two years, but at that time having two cars just wasn't practical (what did I know!). So when a friend was looking for his first car, I decided to sell her. Told him everything about her and explained why she couldn't handle any high speed runs. So of course, the first thing he did was decide to take a "quick" trip to Canada. She made it. But she never came back; the high speed run all the way to Canada was just too much for her. As far as I know she is still up there somewhere. Who knows, I would like to think someone saved her, replaced her engine and has her back on the road.



## February PS-VCCA Meeting Program

### A Tutorial of the Judging and Certificate classes Represented at VCCA Meets

Ken Scott has been asked to be the Chief Judge for the 2015 meet in Oregon this coming summer. To that end and from his experience in judging on the national and regional levels for decades he wants to educate us on how judging and certification classes should work so that there are no surprises and we all end up as “Winners” in our chosen classes.

Ken will lead our program at the February Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He has a “visual explanation” of the four classes you can choose from when showing your Chevy at a Northwest or National Meet. Now is the time to get prepared for Wilsonville this coming summer and Lake Tahoe in 2016. What to mark for judging can be the most stressful part of completing the registration form for a meet. Ken will share the advantages and limitations of each of the classes with pictorial examples of successful and unsuccessful cars in each class.

This presentation should help all of us when choosing a class appropriate for our cars. His goal is for all members to be pleased with the judging results for your cars whether it be points judging in one class or certification in the other classes.

#### Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Our February weather  
With drizzle and rain  
We're waiting for the sun  
To come back again

We're readying our cars  
For dryer roads  
To hit the streets  
In touring modes

We're checking the tires  
To make sure they're good  
And then of course  
We check under the hood

Look for the lug wrench  
And jack for the spare  
And then double check  
That the tire has air

A flare for the road  
A flashlight for the night  
Kept somewhere handy  
For safety, alright?

Fill up the tank  
Get ready for sun  
We'll take out our Chevys  
And go have some fun.

#### PS-VCCA 2015 Meeting Treats

February-John & Marilyn Campbell  
March-Dave & Betty Roberts  
April-Jerry & Mary Brownell  
May-Glenn & Judy Landguth  
October-Bob & MG Stamnes  
November-Bill & Sis Barker

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

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

Renewing Friendships ★ Meeting New Friends ★ Having a Great Time

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

#### Accommodations

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

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

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

#### Website information:

ColumbiaRiverRegion.org



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### *Save the Date!*

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

# Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at the Golden Steer Restaurant in Kent at 7:00PM by exiting Director Al Howe. Starting a new term as Director is Jim Darby. There were 51 members and guests in attendance. Dennis and Gerri Johnson and Dan and Sheri Johnson were recognized as having come the farthest to attend the banquet.

Treasurer: Sallie reported on 2014 income and expenses. The club spent more than it received as income for the year. But all is well as the added expenses were expected.

Membership: Rosters have been given out to all those attending the banquet. Thanks was given to Dick Jones for an excellent job creating the roster. Anyone not at the banquet will receive their roster in the mail.

Monroe Swap Meet: A sign-up sheet was sent around for the Monroe Swap Meet—May 15, 16 & 17. This is an opportunity to help our club by earning money for working a four-hour shift at the meet.

National News: Bill Barker reminded us that we are responsible for the Plaque Tour around Lake Tahoe during the 2016 National Meet. All people have to do is keep the lake on the passenger side of the car. The halfway point where the tour plaques are distributed will be the lunch stop at Squaw Valley, with a huge parking lot and lots of places to eat. Bill Barker will be attending the National Board Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona in March and has room for interested members to ride with him.

Tappet Clatter: The color copy of the Tappet Clatter was awarded to Carol Folsom for her “First Car Story”. This was instead of awarding it to Glenn Landguth for the photos or Santa for creating the story about the Christmas Party as transcribed by Don Comstock.

Awards: Al Howe presented the following people with awards for their part in the Northwest Meet in Port Angeles: Don and Sallie Comstock, Ken and Carol Beach, Mike and Kathy Currie, George Reich, Bill Damm, Bob and M.G. Stammes, Donna Onat, Gerri Johnson, Dan and Sheri Johnson and George and Phyllis Kowats.

The Director’s Award went to Bob Helgeson for his work as historian and bringing the coffee and drinks to the meetings.

Officers stayed the same with Jim Darby accepting the Director job, Al Howe moving to Assistant Director and Mike Currie becoming Primary Editor of the Tappet Clatter.

Jim Darby presented Al Howe with a plaque recognizing his role as Director 2013 and 2014.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock

## Seattle Circle Tour #10

### March 1

Meet at the Starbucks World Headquarters on First Ave S. (formerly Sears) at 12:00pm on Sunday March 1st. We will leave the parking lot at 12:30pm for a Seattle Tour. The actual tour route will depend on the weather. We will end up at a place to eat after the tour. IMPORTANT-Bring your newer long range radio so we can communicate as our line of cars is fractured by traffic signals, etc.

From the desk of Don Comstock

#### Instructions for applying your large VCCA decal

Make sure the application surface is clean and wax free.

1. Unfurl the graphic and let the vinyl relax for a few hours or overnight.
2. Dry-fit the graphic in its desired location. Use masking tape or a marking pencil to mark the intended placement.
3. Remove the backing paper to expose the adhesive side of the graphic. For easiest installation, apply a solution of a couple of drops to a spray bottle of water to the adhesive and to the surface where the graphic will be applied. This will allow the graphic to be slid into place. **DO NOT ALLOW THE BACKING PAPER TO GET WET PRIOR TO REMOVAL. THIS WILL RUIN THE GRAPHIC. DO NOT SUBMERGE THE GRAPHIC.**
4. Slide the graphic, adhesive side down, onto the desired location.
5. Once in place, thoroughly squeegee the soapy water out from between the graphic and the desired surface. Use small overlapping strokes and work from the center toward the edges. Make sure to firmly squeegee all edges of the graphic. Remember: Graphics are a high quality cast vinyl with a pressure sensitive adhesive. Use the appropriate amount of pressure as too much may cause wrinkling or tears and too little will not allow the decal to bond correctly.
6. After the graphic is applied, wipe the surface dry with a soft, clean towel.

\*Note: Small air pockets can be removed with a pinprick in the center of the bubble. Tiny bubbles will disappear overtime in the direct sunlight.

#### **Valentine From The Past**

David Gowan, VCCA Area #3 Director

I'm a little late with this for Valentine's Day but as a trustee on an estate I discovered a letter from a Chevrolet dealer in the Bay Area who was one up on most of us old car guys. Here is the note he wrote to his sweetheart on December 25, 1926: (the letterhead has a centered Chevrolet bowtie)

*"My dearest, dearest sweetheart. Language we know as English doesn't contain words to convey the full extent of my love for you. My best and fullest love is yours – and may your holiday be happy and your life full of satisfaction and peace of mind, Your hubby, Will"*

W. S. Kilpatrick Chevrolet – Authorized Sales and Service – "Quality Service"  
15 Main Street - Santa Rosa, California – Telephone 830

I was impressed!



## 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
Al and Kathy Howe	3/30

### 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
Dee Zimmerman	3/31

## 2015 Activities

February	23	PS-VCCA Club Meeting
March	1	Seattle Circle Tour #10- Jim Farris lead
	23	PS-VCCA Club Meeting
April	25	Gears and Gardens Tour- Rod Schein lead
	27	PS-VCCA Club Meeting
May	16-17	Monroe Swap Meet
	17	Ballard Parade- Rod Schein lead
	18	PS-VCCA Club Meeting
June	15 or 22	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social
	22-26	4-Cylinder Tour- Jim Farris lead
July	4	BBQ/Picnic at Haddocks, Dave Haddock lead
	18 or 25	Skykomish Trains Tour, Rod Schein lead (date depending on weather),
August	13-16	NW Meet, Columbia River Region host
	24	XXX Meeting
September	28	PS-VCCA Club Meeting
October	26	PS-VCCA Club Meeting
November	23	PS-VCCA Club Meeting—Election of Officers
December	TBD	Christmas Party

### Your Tour Ideas are Needed

Please share your tour ideas. The best idea is something you would enjoy doing. You do not need to lead the tour or to provide the directions or writeup for the TC. We will do that. So think about great drives you have taken or would like to take with that wonderful classic Chevy and let us know.

This year, we would like to have everyone who has the long-range newer radios to bring them along. We will organize the tour group into smaller groups of cars. Each smaller group will have a lead car that has a radio. The lead car for each small group can guide that group if we get split up along the route. We are also planning to provide narration along the route with detailed directions (rather than written directions.)

So help us with some ideas for new tours, and dig out those radios and get ready to tour!!

Thanks for your ideas.

Rod Schein





**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 at [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) with your information.

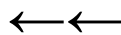
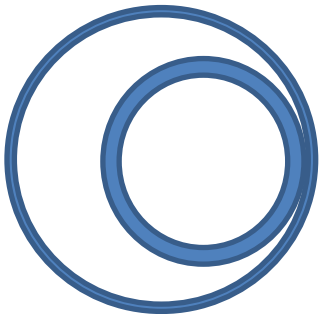
## As The Brake Drum Turns

In the early days when a brake drum was worn or scored it was turned oversize during a brake job. At the same time the shoes were arced with a machine that ground the lining surface so it matched the new contour of the oversize turned drum.

Because brake shoes were made with asbestos at the time, the EPA ended up banning the use of these arcing machines, as they put asbestos dust in the air. There are a few, but very few shops that will still arc shoes.

The resulting problem is that when a brake job is done where the drums are turned and the shoes are not re-arc'd you are left with a poor stopping job, as you ended up with reduced shoe to drum contact surface area (see diagram example).

In my exaggerated drawing you can see how a set of shoes designed for an 11" drum will only make surface contact on a very small part of the shoes.



**Shoe contact area**

There are a number of things to consider when it comes time to turn or not-to-turn drums. Most shops turn drums for two main reasons, first for you to help pay for their machine and second so they are not responsible for making a decision on their condition. In a lot of cases drums do not need to be turned. The Chevrolet shop manual even states that some minor drum scoring is not a problem.

Another thing one should consider is the fact that a lot of these early drums are no longer available and the turning process removes precious metal.

In my 1954 Chevrolet shop manual for example, it says if the drum is .010" oversize or less, there is no problem using standard un-arc'd shoes. This is because the shoes can flex a small amount and or wear in quick enough, giving full shoe to drum contact. Any drum larger than that and the shoes should be re-arc'd to match the oversize size of the drum. It also states that a drum should not be turned more than .060" oversize as it affects dissipation of heat and may cause distortion of drum.

The point of this article is to make you aware of the fact that turned drums can have a negative effect on your braking performance. So make sure you mic your drums every time you do a brake job.

## GARAGE NIGHT

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

### Web Links Of Interest

**Capital City Region**, VCCA: None

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

**Mt. Rainier Region**, VCCA: None

**North Cascade Region**, VCCA: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/northcascadevcca>

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

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

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

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



From Dave Cavagnaro

Hello all,

### **GMC is added to the VCCA Touring Program**

Recently we told you about the revision of the Touring Guidelines Manual adding Solo vehicle tours to sanctioned VCCA events. However I forgot to add GMCs to the program information. GMC has now been added to the Touring Program and are welcome to participate on VCCA tours.

### **Touring button added to VCCA website Home page**

With the help of Jim Martoza - Technology Committee and Bill Barker we were able to provide easier access to the Touring Program information via the website. Note on the Home Page screen shot below the addition of a Touring button on the right, below the Join us, etc buttons.

There are two choices:

First - **Touring - General Info** provides access for members and non members to view the general description of our Touring Program.

Second - **Touring - Members info** brings a member to the **Login page** then to the **Welcome to the VCCA Member's Site**, Touring is listed under **Member Benefits**, clicking on Touring brings the member directly to the **Resource Center/ Touring** with all of the Touring Information listed for them to select from.

We believe this new button on the Home page will eliminate the difficulty our members have experienced in finding the Touring Information.

Thank you

Dave C

Touring Chair

## 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](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com) when your listing no longer needs to be published.

### FOR SALE

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

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



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**1936 4dr sedan parts:**

Rear Doors-good restorable condition \$75 ea.  
Front fenders-left side \$35, right side \$20  
Front fender braces-good condition \$25 ea.  
Left side headlight bucket with mounting bracket-good condition \$50  
Radiator support-good condition \$20  
Frame-good condition \$100

Contact Phil Christensen  
509-636-2163  
[philip082@centurytel.net](mailto:philip082@centurytel.net)

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**1953,54, 55 Corvette intake manifold**. Complete with 3 Carter YH side draft carburetors and fuel filters, Can't be too many of these out there! A little rough but good for parts and/or unique display. Owner wants \$500. Contact Dave Haddock, [chevydave@gmail.com](mailto:chevydave@gmail.com).

**7.50 X 15 Bias wide whitewall tires**, 95% tread remaining, 4 for \$100.  
5.50 X 17 one tire on 17 inch wire wheel with small cap, holds air \$25.  
Two 23 inch wood spoke rear wheels with brake drums and rims, \$40.  
Roger Orness 253-312-6561 or [r.orness@comcast.net](mailto:r.orness@comcast.net)

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**One pair used axle shafts** with bearings for the 1957/ 1958 Chevrolet passenger cars. \$ 50.00 Gary Barquist [Ggary017@centurytel.net](mailto:Ggary017@centurytel.net) 509-636-2133

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

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**RediRad - Radio input**. Easily connects to your 12 v radio antenna cable, and provides an easy-to-use plug-in for sound input to your radio. I used it so that I could play my I-Pod through my car's speaker system when we drove Route 66. I recently replaced my radio with a new one and it already has an MP3 input plug. This transmits through the AM band, when it automatically detects an incoming signal. Easy to hook up. <https://rediscoverradio.com/> Original cost: \$99. Yours for \$40. Bill Barker, 425-643-0698

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### WANTED

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

**1964 Chevelle SS** - any condition. Dave White 206-999-8138 [davidwhite@comcast.net](mailto:davidwhite@comcast.net)

**Set of 4 wheels**, 6-lug Chevy pickup, 15", or set of garage dollies. Ken Hovda 509-863-3450. [khovda@yahoo.com](mailto:khovda@yahoo.com)

### FREE STUFF

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

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

# Just Thinking!

David Gowan, VCCA Area #3 Director

After seeing an ad in an old car rag for 'estate planning' for old car hobbyists, I began wondering what that had to do with me. Well, I didn't wonder long. A call from Dakota, saying my step-mother just died, brought me to attention. She and dad had drafted a living trust back in '96 and they had already cared for the 'arrangements'. But the shock and urgency of the passing made me realize again that we all face similar circumstances.



Bear Butte in Dakota

Planning ahead for family is one of the major reasons for getting things in order. If I know our membership well, we have some serious planning to do. Not because of the affection we have toward our vehicles but the responsibility we have to our families and friends.

My experience confirms the need to 'get 'er done.

Just thinking!