



# THE TAPPET CLATTER

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CHEVROLET  
Our 50th year!  
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THE PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

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PS-VCCA January Banquet 2017  
Pictures by Dave Haddock





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**The Puget Sound Region** of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (PS-VCCA) is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, fun and enjoyment of vintage Chevrolet cars and trucks. Members are not required to own a Chevrolet. Regional membership is open to all Chevrolet enthusiasts who are members of the **Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA)**. All Chevrolets from 1912 through 1992 may be registered with the Region.

General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May, at **Ringdall Middle School, 11650 SE 60<sup>th</sup> Street Bellevue**, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM (until September 2017.) 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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### Publication Information

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### GARAGE NITE

There are no Garage Nites scheduled for any future month. We are looking for someone to take this on. How about you?

# ***Director's Corner***

***"From The Running Board"***



Hello Club Members,

As you are well, aware Rod and I are riding on the Running Board together this year as a team. I talked with Rod yesterday for the latest update on the medical procedures and tests that he has already completed and those that are still scheduled. His outlook is positive and he is confident about the best medical care. I am sure that he will appreciate your prayers.

We cannot thank Jim Darby enough for his leadership and the car club members who assisted in planning and providing another excellent annual banquet at the Golden Steer in Kent.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, a Board decision was made to strongly consider sending the Tappet Clatter via email, with the exception of those few members who need a hard copy. Al will update you soon on those procedural changes. The decision to investigate and locate another place for our monthly club meetings was initiated and Jim Seiber has made a recommendation to hold the next Board of Directors meeting at the IHOP Restaurant in Issaquah, Saturday, May 13th, at 1:30 p.m. the best of the dates considered. The idea is to evaluate this IHOP as a possible meeting location instead of Ringdall Middle School.

Another item to think about is the 50th Anniversary of our club 2017. Give your thoughts on this to Don Comstock.

This is a reminder that the Board of Directors prefers that you talk with them or the committee members directly about the topics they discussed and are under consideration.

Looking forward to our meeting this month. Remember to check your dipstick. You don't want your oil to get too low.

Best Regards, Jerry

## **Web Links Of Interest**

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

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

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

**Puget Sound Region, VCCA:** <http://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>





PS VCCA January Board Meeting  
Pictures by Dave Haddock



**2017 is the Puget Sound Region's 50th Anniversary!!**

Should we do something to celebrate? If so what? Bring your ideas to the February meeting.

Al Howe

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Bill Damm's  
SAFETY CORNER

The days are getting longer,  
That sure is nice.  
But it is still winter  
And the roads could have ice.

Wetter roads  
With longer nights  
And dirty windows  
Obscure our sights.

So extra caution  
While we drive  
With slower speeds  
Helps us survive.

When in a hurry  
To get somewhere  
Drive real safely  
While getting there.

## The Old and The New

Classic cars with their modern counterparts.

### Pontiac GTO



### Cadillac



**Q: What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?**

**A: The 1904 Acme, from Reading , PA.  
Perpetuity was disturbing in this case, as  
Acme closed down in 1911**





**Update:** In January I broadcast the message below to Puget Sound members and asked for an email response. Today, as I prepare this for the TC, I have already received about 50 responses and all but one preferred to receive the TC by email. This information will be presented to the membership at the February meeting. Thank you all for your cooperation on this matter. **You do not need to respond to this letter again.** I am publishing this letter in the TC to keep all members abreast of any upcoming changes.

## Should the Puget Sound Region Tappet Clatter go paperless?

At the Board of Directors meeting it was reported that for the last two or three years our bank balance has continued to decline. The big hitter is the cost of printing and mailing the Tappet Clatter. It was obvious to the Board that we could almost balance the budget by sending the Tappet Clatter by email instead of paying to have it printed and mailed. We paid \$154.00 last month (that would be \$1848.00 per year) to print and mail the TC. That is about \$2.05 per person per month (\$24.10 per year). We all realize some members would prefer to receive it by mail but that would require a raise in dues or more fundraisers or both. There are a small number of members who do not have email, Al Howe volunteered to print and mail to them.

Thanks to the help from our editor, Mike Currie, and our new web master, Ralf Luche, we have worked out a plan to make this work. We will discuss this more at the February meeting but it would be helpful to know what all members would prefer. Would you prefer to continue receiving the TC by mail and increase our dues by about \$24.00 a year (\$2 per month) or would you be willing to receive the TC by email? Since all members can't attend all meetings I would like your response to this question by email so we can have that information available at the February meeting.

You can just do a **reply** to this email and say "email" or "printed copy" or email me at [chevyal@comcast.net](mailto:chevyal@comcast.net) or call me.

There are some advantages to this change:

- 1) We don't have to raise dues.
- 2) You will receive the Tappet Clatter a little sooner.
- 3) You can print only the pages you want.
- 4) If you have a color printer you can have a colored copy.

There are some disadvantages:

- 1) You have to read it on the computer or print it yourself.
- 2) You must remember to check your email.

Thank you, Al Howe

## March Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Dave and Betty Roberts    | 6  |
| Dick and Gisela Jones     | 9  |
| Dave and Diane Haddock    | 17 |
| Bob and Florence Helgeson | 27 |
| Jim and Sue Seiber        | 29 |
| Al and Kathy Howe         | 30 |

### BIRTHDAYS

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Jill Anderson  | 1  |
| Matt Dickinson | 4  |
| Elbert Butcher | 7  |
| Dave Haddock   | 14 |
| Evie Schein    | 15 |
| John Zeigler   | 20 |
| Jerry Yoder    | 21 |
| Gary Barquist  | 28 |
| Lynn Boltz     | 30 |
| Dee Zimmerman  | 31 |

## 2017Activities

|           |       |  |
|-----------|-------|--|
| February  | 27    | PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School  |
| March     | TBD   | Tour of the Eastside, possibly wineries, or Waterfalls? We need a date and a leader. |
|           | 27    | PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School  |
| April     | 13    | Possible tour /meet with the destination LeMay Cruise-In in Tacoma.                  |
|           | 24    | PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School  |
| May       | 1     | Breakfast tour starting in Puyallup -- Al Howe / Jim Farris                          |
|           | 17    | Ballard Parade—Hosted by Rod & Evie Schein   |
|           | 19/20 | Work party for Monroe Swap Meet  |
|           | 22    | PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School  |
| June      | TBD   | Tour or event to be determined   |
|           | 26    | Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Shortcake Social and meeting-Perigo Park              |
|           | 26-29 | 4 Cylinder Tour in Hamilton, MT -- Al Howe / Jim Farris                              |
| July      | 4     | Social—Dave and Diane Haddock's Home at Lake Forest Park                             |
|           | TBD   | 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour and BBQ at Jerry Yoder's on Snag Island            |
| August    | 14    | Hunters Breakfast tour -- Jim Farris   |
|           | 16-19 | 2017 Northwest Meet -- Anacortes   |
| September | TBD   | Tour through the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery date and leader TBD                        |
|           | 25    | PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be determined                                       |
| October   | 6-8   | Mahogany & Merlot-Lake Chelan  |
|           | TBD   | Octoberfest, Corn Maize or Halloween event TBD                                       |
|           | 23    | PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be determined                                       |
| November  | 27    | PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be determined                                       |
| December  | TBD   | Christmas Party date, location and time set by the first week in November            |



# VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

15<sup>TH</sup> Annual Area 9 Meet  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Headquarters: Chattanooga Choo-Choo  
1400 Market Street  
For reservations call (800) 872-2529  
Mention code VCC17 for \$119+tax  
Note a few train cars available at this rate

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Friend \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ VCCA Region \_\_\_\_\_ VCCA Oval# \_\_\_\_\_  
Children attending \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

## VEHICLE REGISTRATION:

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_  
Color \_\_\_\_\_ Vin# \_\_\_\_\_ Eng. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_

Last award received at a VCCA meet \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT AWARD WILL YOU BE SEEKING AT THIS MEET:

1<sup>st</sup> Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Sr. \_\_\_\_\_ Preservation Board \_\_\_\_\_  
Pres. Miniature \_\_\_\_\_ Repeat Number \_\_\_\_\_  
HPOCF Certification \_\_\_\_\_ Repeat Number \_\_\_\_\_  
CDPC Certification \_\_\_\_\_ Repeat Number \_\_\_\_\_  
PCC \_\_\_\_\_

Do not Judge - Display only

## I AM WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN MEET JUDGING PROCESS:

Judge Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Class Preferred 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
Observer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Field Entry \_\_\_\_\_  
Tabulator Name \_\_\_\_\_  
WHAT ARE YOU DRIVING/TRAILERING TO MEET?  
Vintage \_\_\_\_\_ Modern \_\_\_\_\_ Modern with trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_  
Motor Home with trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED DEADLINE 3/31/17  
No refunds after deadline

| MEET REISTRATION                     | NUMBER | COST    | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|
| REGISTRATION 1 <sup>ST</sup> VEHICLE |        | \$45.00 |       |
| EACH ADDITIONAL VEHICLE              |        | \$20.00 |       |

Note: please make copy of registration form and awards section for each addition car

## EARLY BIRD WEDNESDAY 5/3/17

Registration packet & goody bag pickup at Penn Station 9 am.-11am. 2 pm- 4 pm  
Field entry checks 9 am- 11am 2 pm -4pm  
Early Bird Social at Penn Station 7 pm - 9 pm No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 each  
BYOB

## THURSDAY 5/4/17

Same as Wednesday  
Train ride 10:45(leave hotel by 10:00) approx 1 hr. tour \$15 each No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Judging School Penn Station 5 pm - 6 pm No. attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Hospitality Night at Penn Station 7 pm - 9 pm No. attending \_\_\_\_\_ FREE  
Pizza/Salad BYOB

## FRIDAY 5/5/17

Judges Breakfast 7:30am - 8:30am Penn Station No attending \_\_\_\_\_ FREE  
Registration pickup 8am - 9:30 am  
Field Entry check 9am - 9:30 am  
Judging 10:00am until cars released by head judge  
3:00 - 5:00 working on tour to Coker Tire No. attending \_\_\_\_\_ Free

## SATURDAY 5/6/17

Tours on your own - more info will be in goody bag  
Tour to Erwin Car Museum 10:00 a.m. - donations accepted /charity No. attending \_\_\_\_\_

## AWARDS BANQUET

At the hotel - Cash Bar 6pm - 7pm Dinner at 7 pm  
Banquet Choices Double cut pork chop No. \_\_\_\_\_ Pecan chicken No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$30.00 each including Tax and Gratuity

Special diet request please call Bill

## SUNDAY 5/7/17 FAREWELL

Meet t-shirts \$15 each XS S M L XL XXL XXXL Total \_\_\_\_\_

MEET TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 1<sup>st</sup> Tn. Region VCCA





**From the Glove Box** is devoted to sharing technical information, technical problems and solutions to problems related to the restoration and preservation of vintage Chevrolets. Please share your knowledge, experiences and recommendations with your fellow members.

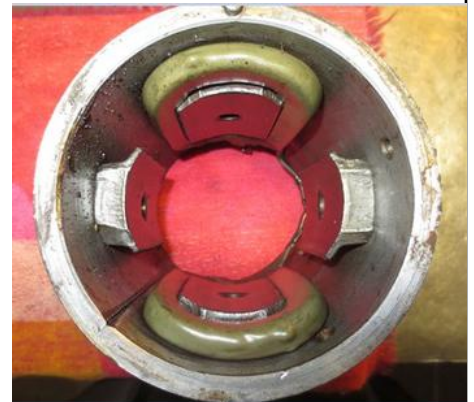
Call the Glove Box Coordinator, Bob Stamnes or email [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) with your information.

The following article was prepared by Dave Folsom for the Glove Box. Thank you Dave.

## 1949-54 passenger car starter

Little is known about the 1949-54 Chevrolet passenger car starter.

Starting in 1949 Chevrolet passenger cars started using a pushbutton/solenoid actuated type starter. This was a two field style starter, which was used on all 1949-54 manual transmission cars (see picture 1). With the introduction of the Powerglide transmission in 1950, Chevrolet decided they needed a stronger starter to turn over the engine with its heavy transmission torque converter attached. So in 1950 Chevrolet introduced the 4-field starter for this application. (Sorry, no picture, but the second “shoes” in picture 1 would also have windings around them). This is a fairly rare starter as most parts stores did not show a difference in the two applications, and would just give you what they had on the shelf. This 4-field starter is not even mentioned in the 1954 or earlier GM parts books. I do not have a 1955 GM parts book, but my 1956 is the first book that shows the Powerglide starter separate from the manual transmission starter.



Picture 1



Picture 2

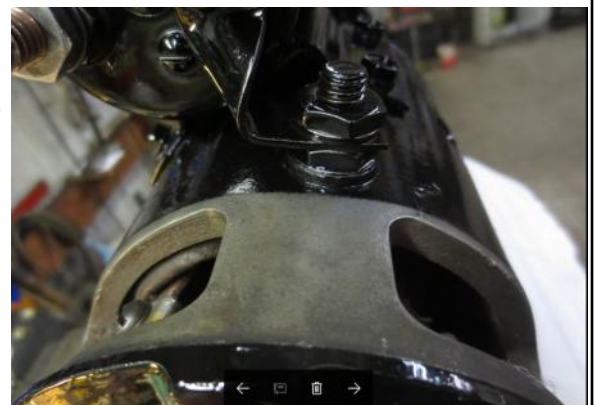
There are two ways to identify the 2 and 4 field starters. The first is by the tag on the side of the starter. The problem with this is that a lot of starters are missing the tag. There also appears to be a number of different tag numbers for the 2-field starter. There are three that I have found, 1107075, 1107109, and 1118135.

I have only found one number for the 4 field starter, 1118035.

The second way to identify a 2 or 4-field starter is by the position of the terminal coming out of the field housing, (there is a copper strap from this post to the solenoid). The 2 field starter will have the terminal coming out of the housing next to an open area of the housing (see picture 2).

The 4 field starter will have the terminal next to a solid area of housing (picture 3).

If your car is starting fine for you do not worry about the difference between the two starters, but if you find your car turns over slowly, this would be a good place to start checking.



Picture 3

Dave Folsom

## Puget Sound Region VCCA Meeting Minutes January 21, 2017

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at The Golden Steer Restaurant in Kent, at the end of the banquet, approximately 7:30 pm, by Jim Darby.

**Recognition:** Jim recognized the outgoing officers and thanked all of them for their service to the membership. Jim presented the Director's Award trophy to Al Howe for his service as both Assistant Director and Director during six of the last eight years. Jim also thanked Dick Jones and Donna Onat for their work on the 2017 Roster. Jim also recognized members who worked on the National Meet and mentioned the next National Meet will be in 2021.

**2017 NW Meet:** All members are urged to reserve hotel rooms for the Meet as soon as possible, using the Meet code, rather than reserving with the AARP code; this is helpful to the Meet organizers and helps cover the meeting room costs.

**Announcement:** Jim announced that he has purchased a 2 ½ acre property with a home and two garages in Moses Lake and provided his new address to be added to our rosters.

**Entertainment:** Remembering that in years past the banquet included a trivia contest, Jim Seiber put together a two page 'quiz'. Dick Olson helped pass out the worksheets and the members were given some time to fill in their answers. Dick Jones was the winner with 23 questions answered correctly. He won chocolates shaped as cars for his table.

**New Officers for 2017:** Jim acknowledged that many officers had agreed to stay on for an additional year and that a few positions had changed. He introduced Rod Schein and Jerry Brownell who are sharing the office of Director for the coming year and turned the meeting over to them. Rod and Jerry introduced each officer for the coming year.

**Board Meetings:** Rod announced that the Board will be trying to make everyday decisions for how the club is run at the Board meetings to free up time at the monthly meetings for car oriented topics and social time. He said many decisions will be made by committees, and that the Board meeting minutes list the committees already formed and the members of those committees. All members are welcome at board and committee meetings and/or to provide input to these meetings. One of the topics under discussion is finding a meeting place at a restaurant to entice more wives to attend. Rod also mentioned that Al Howe would appreciate any suggestions for car-related topics for upcoming meetings.

**Roster Delivery:** Donna asked any members present who would be seeing other members before the February meeting to deliver rosters to them. She will be passing out rosters at the next meeting and mailing to those not in attendance.

**Award:** Rod and Jerry gave Jim Darby an award to thank him for his service as Director for the past two years.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Haddock

### Member News—Jeff Haines

Earlier this month Jeff's house suffered severe damage due to a fire that was apparently caused by an electrical wiring problem. The house was not a total loss as Jeff was home at the time the fire started however smoke and water did take a toll on everything. There was insurance which is the good news but Jeff is "homeless" and living in a motel until repairs can be made.

## ***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**



**1931 5 Window Coupe** for sale. Price Negotiable.

Bob Gordon 206-799-3656

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

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

Phil Christensen or email [philip082@centurytel.net](mailto:philip082@centurytel.net)

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

**1957 Chevy truck hood**. OEM complete with hinges. \$200. Don Hatley or email [dhatwaa@comcast.net](mailto:dhatwaa@comcast.net)

**New Bow Saddle Brackets** for resting your top on when down, 5/8 " hole. \$12. Regularly \$24. Top Hold Down Straps, New. Come with all hardware a Model A/T needs. \$16. I paid \$32.60 +. I found these work very well on my '26 touring but I have duplicates. Contact Bob Stamnes [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com).



### **WANTED**

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

**1941 Chevrolet speedometer**. I'm needing to replace or have repaired/rebuilt the non-working speedometer of my 1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe coupe. Suggestions would certainly be appreciated. David Holiday, Gold Bar WA [davterr13@comcast.net](mailto:davterr13@comcast.net)

**235 or 261 Chevrolet engine**. Please call Josh Forgues at 206-794-7075

### **FREE**

Great winter reading material available at a club member price, FREE! Here is a complete collection of G&D's from 1987 to present. They have been pre-tagged for four-cylinder Chevrolet articles by Bob Stamnes. These issues are laden with great shop tips and restoration assistance. Read through this historical archive and discover interesting Chevrolet facts. I called on one of the ads, and the guy was happy to hear from a fellow club member 20 years after the publication date! From the Bob Stamnes collections. Contact, Jim Seiber [sueandjim4069@comcast.net](mailto:sueandjim4069@comcast.net) and make arrangements for pickup.

**1970's 6-cylinder Chevy 250 engine** in pieces, no head, 230 crankshaft, rusty, but will work. 1967 2-speed Powerglide transmission from Camaro. I haven't been able to sell these for cheap, nor can I find any traders for beer. If you can take it, it's yours. Otherwise, it's going to the recycling center. Mark Shaw. [markshaw10.4@live.com](mailto:markshaw10.4@live.com).



## Cars I should have kept!

David Gowan, Area # 3 Director



We all remember that special car we should have kept in our garage. What is the matter with us?

Maybe you can help me locate this beauty. I found it in 1977 on a lot in Rapid City, South Dakota, shined it up, put new tires on it and sold it to a guy in Vancouver, B.C. He flew in and drove it home. By then it would have registered 55,000 miles; it was an all-original car in-

cluding plastic covered seats.

Boy, I'd like to get my picture taken beside it again. Any help out there?