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A Chevy In The Snow

By Glenn Landguth

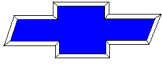
Al Howe was the first and only one to send snow pictures featuring a vintage car. And wonderful pictures they are! I can just hear the confident power under the hood that must have been reminiscent of what gave Chevrolet drivers the confidence that they could overcome the elements in years past. Specifically, in 1927.

Can't you just imagine this car coming over Snoqualmie Pass with ten feet of snow on either side of the narrow road? Or imagine a fresh-cut Christmas tree tied to the back as the family heads home to prepare for the holidays. (See more pictures on page 6.)

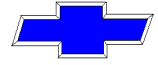


Al Howe's 1927 Chevy Coupe

Reminder: Our January 28 Club membership meeting will be 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. No one is signed up to bring treats. (The meeting announcement is on page 3.)



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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 1988 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, . 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM**. 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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Garage Nite - by Dick Olson

There will not be any more Garage Nites until spring.

Editor's Note

The monthly deadline for receiving input is 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. Photographs can be scanned and returned. We will take reasonable care of copy provided, however we cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged material. Send copy to *Glenn Landguth at gklandguth@msn.com*,

Director's Corner

"From The Drivers Seat"



By Director Al Howe

Christmas is over with an abundance of joy, giving and love. We made it through another year and a new year is upon us. Oh yes, we also made it through another "end of the Earth day". I lost track of how many of those I have seen come and go.

But each New Year gives us a chance to lean back and reflect on the past, present and future. Did we make a new friend? Did we get all the "to do" items done? Did we give a hug to someone who really needed it? Did you give your loved one an engagement ring? I think I can answer yes to most of those questions. My "to do" list still has some open items. But I am working on them one at a time.

We have lots of activity coming up this year with four-cylinder tours, six-cylinder tours, the Northwest Meet, planning the 2014 Northwest Meet, and a honeymoon; I think maybe I am going to be one busy boy.

I hope there is enough time to do all those things. This old warhorse doesn't move as fast as it once did but I still look forward to all the activity, friendship and fun that go with it.

I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to keep doing the jobs they are doing for another year; that keeps the Club running. I would like to especially thank those who are taking on a new task or volunteering for the first time. We all get the same pay; lots of self satisfaction, and a little appreciation from others always sweetens the pot.

I hope you all had a very merry Christmas and that 2013 brings you much love and joy.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Taking drugs,
Prescription or not,
Can make our judgment
A little shot.

So read the label
And please beware,
If you have to drive,
Take extra care.

To drive all boozed
We know is not good.
But the effects of drugs
Can be misunderstood.

So play it safe
If there is a doubt;
And find a ride
When you go out.

Membership Meeting January 28

Our January meeting program will be a presentation of how to plan a successful tour, by Jim Farris and Al Howe. They will cover planning for both long tours and short tours.

Here is a look-ahead for coming month's programs:

Jan: Program on Planning Tours
Feb: Show and Tell by Bob & MG Stamnes,
about their wonderful vacation
March: open
April: Club Auction
May: open
June: Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social

We need someone to bring treats. We forgot to circulate the treat sign-up list at the November meeting. Please coordinate with Al Howe if you can bring treats. Thanks,

Al Howe

Trains & Narnia, December 15

By Glenn Landguth

Rod and Evie Schein invited Club members to come to a "Neighborhood Christmas Party" at University Presbyterian Church in the U-District on Dec 15th. Glenn and Judy Landguth arrived near the end of the day and quickly found the enchanted wardrobe entrance to Narnia

Inside was the forest with a light snow still falling. They were welcomed to Narnia and directed to the attractions that lay ahead. The theme was "Trains & Narnia".



The usual suspects from Narnia were there. The lion was in his tent. The ice castle was impressive. Assorted royalty sat in review of guests. Even Santa found a place to add to the season's magic. Judy Landguth got a big hug from Santa. Just down the path a little further we could hear the sound of trains.



There were many individual train tables set up along the way. We made our way along the path, stopping to look at each one.

Rod was showing his expansion of his "Christmas Train Tree" that he has been

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working on the last two months. He added two more trains around the base of the train tree, which features a passing siding and 28.5 feet of elevated steel girder trestle train line for his newly acquired 1947 Great Northern Empire Builder passenger train. On the other track, he will be running a 2-8-8-2 articulated locomotive and freight cars which he purchased at last year's Monroe Model Train Swap Meet.



John and Patricia Anderson were admiring the marvelous setup as we arrived. Rod operated the controls and also had it set up so that young people could operate the controls with a little instruction. Those too young to run the trains just watched.

Thanks Rod and Evie for inviting our Club members to come and see this Christmas activity.



Wanted - Winter Snow Scenes for G&D Covers

Winter snow scenes for G&D covers are needed! If you're brave enough to get your Chevy out in the snow for a cover shot, we're looking for you! We need cover photos taken this winter for use on next year's December and January covers. If you have a pickup truck and can get a shot with a cut Christmas tree in the back, that's the ultimate December cover.

Photos of Chevys in the snow are scarce and we're hoping some VCCA members will answer the challenge to submit some snow scenes. The G&D needs vertical shots with lots of space on top and the highest resolution. Go for it! Jim Seiber would be happy to help with some ideas about how and where to take some good winter shots.

Glenn Landguth has also given some pointers below, using Al Howe's wonderful pictures as examples.

These pictures of Al Howe's 1927 Coupe may not have quite as much space on top as would be desirable for a G&D cover. Cropping of the sides might possibly give the desired proportions.

Getting a good picture of a dark car on snow is difficult. Try to avoid direct sunlight, as harsh shadows make it difficult to capture the texture of the snow and still get a good rendering of the car.

Get enough of the snowy background to set the winter scene. This is not just another car picture. It is an attempt to capture the whole setting. The snow on the road and surrounding is obviously essential. A slight dusting of snow on the car is great. We just don't want to lose the car in the snow.



Sometimes a side view or slightly rear view is taken for variety or for special emphasis. This might be especially appropriate if the Christmas tree is tied to the back of the car.

The most common view will generally show part of the grill and mostly the side of the car. The picture on page 1 is close to ideal.

Contrary to what is usually shown in Hot Rod magazines, people can often detract from the car picture. Especially a vacation type of "we were there" picture. People, if present, should be secondary to the car and contribute to the desired mood. Vintage attire helps.

These are my suggestions. Jim Seiber can also provide assistance.

Thanks, Glenn Landguth

Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

Dates	Activity	Activity Organizer
January 26 th	Annual Banquet – Golden Steer	23826 104 th Ave SE, Kent
Feb 10 th 1:00 pm	2014 NW Meet Planning Meeting	Fairwood Library, Renton
March 10 th	Seattle Circle Tour (Part 8)	Jim Farris
TBD	Board Meeting	
April 5 th /6 th /7 th	Portland Swap Meet	
May 5 th	HCCA Breakfast & Tour	Jim Farris
May 17 th	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein
May 17 th /18 th /19 th	Monroe Swap Meet	Ana Haley
Late May to Early June	Tour Suggestion Needed	
June 16 th	GM Picnic in Graham	
June 24 th	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social at Perrigo Park	Club Meeting
June 24 th to 28 th	Four Cylinder Tour – Dillon, CO	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
July 4 th	Folsom's Picnic/Pot Luck	Lee & Carol Folsom
Mid July to Early Aug	Tour Suggestion Needed	
TBD	Board Meeting	
August 15 th to 17 th	NW Meet, Federal Way, WA	Mt. Rainier VCCA
August 26 th	XXX Drive-In, Issaquah	Club Meeting
Sept 9 th to 13 th	Early 6 Cylinder Tour - Baker City, OR	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
?????	Wellington Car Tour	Dave Haddock/Rod Schein
October ????	Weekend Portland Trip	D. Olson/B. Baker
October 12 th	Teanaway Hunters Breakfast Tour	Jim Farris
TBD	Board Meeting	
Early December	Christmas Party	

I've listed ranges of dates that we'd like the membership to help come up with tour suggestions. I will help with the paperwork and submit the tour passport miles requests. We still need to set dates for some events.

Matt Dickinson

February Celebrations

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>		<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Dennis and Gerri Johnson	2/14	Wally Martin	2/1
Jim Lewis & Linda Wheeler	2/14	Don Boltz	2/1
Tony & Dee Zimmerman	2/15	Bill Barker	2/1
George and Phyllis Kowats	2/22	Kathy Currie	2/4
		Lee Folsom	2/14

It's Not A Chevy, But...Very Interesting

In 1928, M. Allen Swift, about 25 years old at the time, of Springfield, MA, received a new green 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly P1 Roadster as a graduation gift from his father. Over 77 years, Allen drove it 170,000 miles, until October 2005, when he died at the age of 102.

The Swift Rolls-Royce still runs smoothly and is in pristine condition following a 1988 restoration. Automotive Restorations Inc painted the green-on-green body and frame. The engine work was handled by Vintage Garage of Brookfield, Mass.

Swift was a legend among Rolls-Royce collectors for owning his green Phantom I, S273 FP Rolls longer than anyone in the world had ever owned an individual Rolls-Royce. In recognition of that fact, Rolls-Royce Motors presented him with a crystal Spirit of Ecstasy award at the Rolls-Royce Annual Meeting in 1994.

On his passing, Swift left the car to the Springfield Museums, along with \$1 million to buy the building for a new history museum in Springfield, which now displays the car along with other historical items of local interest.

Also see: <http://www.automotiverestorations.com/index.html>

<http://www.springfieldmuseums.org/index>

Thanks to Al Howe for calling this to our attention.

Bill Damm Upholstery Demonstration

At this Garage Nite, Bill Damm showed us how to replace seat upholstery. Pictures courtesy of Dave White.



Kathy Currie Surgery

Kathy Currie was scheduled to have a serious surgery on Monday, January 7. They planned to remove part of her colon and another mass. She expected to be in the hospital about a week, after which she was hoping to complete recovery at home. Much will depend on how successful the surgery is and how well she can tolerate the boat bumping over the dock. (As many Club members are aware, Mike and Kathy live on their boat at a dock in Poulsbo, WA.)

In an email, Kathy wrote, "Those of you who have offered to come stay with me, we will work out a schedule of maybe 3-day shifts, if that is convenient. Mike will probably need some "bucking up", so please give him a call or take him out to the Pancake House or something. He can't just sit around a hospital room for a week...even I don't want to do that. Thank you for all the prayers. I need them and believe in their power."

By the time you read this the surgery should be done and Kathy on the way to recovery.

Annual Banquet

Golden Steer Steak & Rib House
23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA
Saturday, January 26, 2013

This year George Kowats and Sallie Comstock have teamed up to arrange the banquet facilities and plan the menu. The banquet will be held at the Golden Steer Steak & Rib House in Kent. Social time will start at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner being served at 7:00 PM. Drinks will be available via server from the restaurant bar throughout the evening.

Thanks to the hard work of all club members, our financial position is such that the club can afford to subsidize our dinners to the tune of \$12.00 each. As usual, there will be three dinner choices. All dinners come with bread, baby red potato with a seasoning, Caesar Salad, and the Golden Steer's legendary carrot cake for dessert. Coffee, tea or soft drink is also included. Prices shown reflect the club subsidies.

Filet Mignon—Tenderloin.	\$24.00
Salmon Filet	\$20.00
Chicken Dijon	\$17.00

Vegetarian or vegan meal options are also available. Contact George Kowats at 253-852-8178 to make arrangements.

January 26, 2013, Annual PS-VCCA Banquet Registration Form

(Place an X under the corresponding dinner choice for each name.)

	Filet Mignon	Salmon	Chicken
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Phone:_(____)_____	E-mail:_____		

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Registration forms must be returned to Sallie by January 15, 2013. Make checks payable to PS-VCCA.

Mail this form with payment to: Sallie Comstock
See mailed copy of the Tappet Clatter for address and contact info.

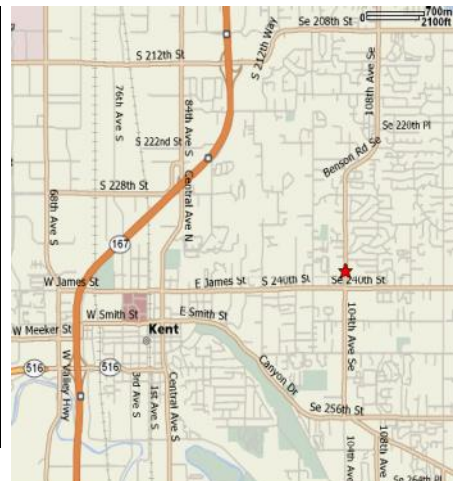
Directions to Golden Steer:

From the North

1. Take WA-167 So. (Valley Freeway)
2. Take the So. 212 St Exit, then turn left onto 212 St. So.
3. Turn right on 108th Ave SE. Changes to Benson Rd SE, changes again to 104th Ave SE.
4. Golden Steer is on your left.

From the South

1. Take WA 167 [valley Freeway]
2. Go right on WA -516 continue on Willis to Central
3. Left on Central Ave S. Changes to Central Ave N.
4. Right on E. James Street, changes to S 240th, and continues on SE 240th St.
5. Left on 104th Ave East.
6. Golden Steer is on your right.



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 at rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Exhaust Valve Hard Seats

by Dave Folsom

(See Dave Folsom's Blog at www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/)

There is some confusion about when hard seats are needed.

If an engine is run at full throttle for extended periods, as in pulling a heavy load over a pass, or a tractor pulling a plow for extended periods, the exhaust valves will become red hot. At this point when the valve closes it welds itself to the valve seat. Then the next time the valve opens it breaks the weld and a little bit of metal is removed from the seat. Over time this causes the valve and seat to become recessed in the head. On a mechanical lifter engine this causes the rocker-arm-to-valve clearance to go away, so the valve can not close completely, and eventually the valve will burn. On a hydraulic lifter engine the lifter will compensate for this wear for awhile but over time the same thing will happen.

Another time a problem can arise is when an engine is timed too slow (retarded). In this case the air/fuel mixture does not have enough time to burn in the power stroke so it is still burning as it is going out past the exhaust valves on the exhaust stroke. This will also super heat them and cause welding.

The lead additive in the past acted as a barrier between the valve and the seat preventing this welding action from taking place.

Valves do not like to weld to hard seats, being a dissimilar metal, so that is why they are sometimes used.

One other option that I use just for cheap insurance during a rebuild is to use stainless steel exhaust valves. Stainless steel being a dissimilar metal does not like to weld to cast iron either.

Most Chevrolet six cylinders use the same exhaust valve as the small block Chevrolet so stainless valves are cheap and easy to find. In most other cases stainless valves are available from places like Egge Machine.

There is one occasion where hard seats are needed and that is when the seats are eroded away due to this welding action or from repeated grinding. This will leave the valves recessed in the head causing restricted flow in or out of the engine. This will affect engine performance.

I do not like using hard seats unless absolutely necessary as I have seen them come loose and damage an engine and they are fairly expensive to have installed.

The bottom line is if the engine is timed correctly and running fine and the engine is not loaded heavily, nothing special needs to be done.

The Fascination Of Toy Trains

By Glenn Landguth

Somewhere after horse-drawn wagons and before trucks, airplanes, and rocket ships, trains were there to capture the attention of young boys (and sometimes girls). The powerful chug chug of the steam engine, the sound of the distant whistle, and the freedom of travel that trains represented, stirred the imagination. The availability of inexpensive toy key-wound and electric trains from companies such as Joy Line, Marx, American Flyer, and Lionel put the dream within the reach of almost every boy and girl.

There is much to learn from working (playing) with toy trains. The mechanics of locomotion, building track layouts and miniature towns, the principles of basic electricity, all come together when working with toy trains. As with other modeling, toy trains can put one in touch with a dream unattainable in reality. How many people do you know who own a real train?

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 Tire Rack, \$40/offer, Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com

1933 Pickup Project. Has all new cab wood. Rust free. Asking \$5,900. Dick Olson, 425-222-5798, ROLSON82@comcast.net

1934 Chev 1 1/2 Ton Truck. Asking \$17,000, Bill Johnson, 425-255-6325, snkshk@comcast.net

1940 Master 85 Business Coupe. Almost a #2 car. Straight, rust-free. Great paint, upholstery, glass, chrome. Runs good, 235 & 3:55 gears. Also 12 volt. I have everything to go back to stock. Asking \$14,000. Don Comstock, 252-863-0420, d.comstock@att.net.

1947 Chev Stylemaster. This is a really nice car and it runs perfectly. Asking \$16,500. Mike McLaughlin, email is mgmclaughlin007@gmail.com and cell 253-335-6312.



1955,'56,'57 Radiator (Used) for stick-shift V8, \$80, Dick Olson, 425-222-5798, rolson82@comcast.net.

Floor Creeper (The Bone), \$10, George Kowats, 253-852-8178.

Come-Along. Two available, \$10.00 each, George Kowats, 253-852-8178.

FOR SALE

1956 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Coupe. Original family since new, with 68K miles. Has been garaged and not driven since 1996. It is all complete and original, with 235 six-cylinder, standard 3-speed transmission. Some damage on right front corner at the bumper level. Minor rust in 2 small areas at the rear wheel wells. Really solid and in decent shape overall, with original Matador Red & Dune Beige paint. A great restoration project for someone. Will entertain fair market offers. Contact: Gary at word0982@gmail.com or 206-353-4844.

1962 Chevrolet Impala Sport Sedan. California car, no rust, under 100,000 miles. Great driver. Asking \$5,995. Jim Seiber, 425-765-8195, sueandjim4069@comcast.net.

1965 Chevelle parts. Complete air conditioner system, parts, and firewall sheet metal. Also hubcaps, alternators, and other miscellaneous engine parts. All for \$220. Bill Barker, 425-643-0698.

WANTED

1928 Washington License Plates. Jim Farris, 206-937-5636, farrismej@aol.com

1928 Windshield Wiper Control (switch), Dick Jones, 425-736-8798, dick10051@comcast.net.

1950 3100 1/2 Ton Pickup Rear End Assembly (complete). Should be the same from 1947 to 1953. Gary Barquist 509-636-2133 or ggary017@centurytel.net

Great Cars of All Time, A Book by Irving Robbin

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The only Chevrolet listed is the Corvette. Initially designed for sales appeal, the design of the engine and chassis came later. First cars are described as big, clumsy, and underpowered. But it has improved over the years to become best for the price, especially when compared to popular European sports cars. It gets high marks as a "long-distance touring machine".

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/

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

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At Rod Schein's train table, "Trains & Narnia" theme, University Presbyterian Church, December 15.