

# THE TAPPET CLATTER

**THE PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA**

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## **Christmas Comes to Comstock's but Santa Skipped the Sleigh!**

Text by Santa (aka Don)

Photos by Glenn Landguth and Dave Haddock



Having flown all the way from the North Pole just to sit in Sallie's "new" Corvette for the afternoon of December 6<sup>th</sup>, I was sorely disappointed that the car wasn't running and on the front lawn. It seems there was a mysterious leak in the newly rebuilt fuel injection system. It wasn't a totally wasted trip because on my way there I stopped in at the LeMay Museum to visit with lots of children. I got to sit in a beautiful 1906 Cadillac touring car while



enjoying the warmth inside the building.

As guests arrived and put their gifts under the cat-ornament tree (which rumor has it numbers over 300 ornaments) they were offered wine, punch or coffee. Moving through the house I spotted a tree in the sunroom decorated in a distinctly automotive theme and a special tree with nothing but Corvettes.



It didn't take long for the guys to move down to the shop. The shop was cleaned up with the '48 Plymouth, engine removed, and the '51 station wagon sporting new windshield and door glass sitting alongside waiting for inspection. In addition, the big bay sported a new workbench and improved upper cabinets. In the next room sat the '63 Corvette with a gaping hole where the fuel injection was supposed to be. It just didn't get put back together in time for the party.

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## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2015



**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**

I hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays! Now we're all getting back to our normal routines. I personally always look forward to spring. The days are starting to get longer, the weather gets a little warmer and soon we'll be back thinking about getting the cars out and touring. Jim Farris is again working on our first tour of the year; he'll have more information for us at the February meeting. There are still a couple of months without an activity planned, so if you have an idea of somewhere you'd like to go, please share your idea with Rod.

Swap-meet season starts next month with the Puyallup Swap Meet. The last few years I haven't found a lot to buy but it's a great opportunity to see people in the hobby.

And just a few months later we'll be attending the Monroe Swap Meet. I have been told that we as a club have been offered the opportunity to work at the swap meet like in years past. This provides a large boost to our club's treasury; it's our largest source of funds behind our dues and allows us to have a littler larger operating budget. So if you've worked at the Meet in past years, you already know it's fun and pretty easy, and if you've never worked it I'd ask that you think about it and volunteer. They ask that we sign up and work four-hour shifts. We will be taking sign-ups at the January banquet or you can contact me and let me know that you'd like to work. More information will be made available at the banquet. Please let me know as soon as possible as we'll need to turn in our list of workers within the next month or so.

Hope everyone is having a Happy New Year and see you at the banquet.



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I may have a little magic up my sleeve, but I am not a miracle worker. The fuel injection will be returned next week and will function flawlessly. Better late than never. Outside in one carport was the 1940 coupe, all secured under a car cover.

In another carport was the newly acquired 1966 El Camino that has plagued Don for a month because it quit running. Again with a little magic up my sleeve and help from Don, the El Camino will run again soon after he brings it into the shop.



Meanwhile in the house, the ladies gathered around the kitchen to sip a little wine, sample cheese, crackers and a terrific dip. They seemed to be really enjoying themselves, which makes me think they should not wait for next Christmas to enjoy one another's company and a good glass of wine. Donna Onat generously brought 4 bottles of



Legoe Bay wine (crafted by her good friend Larry) which was enjoyed by many. Soon after 3 PM the guys came up from the shop and set up tables in the great room for eating. Dinner was served with everyone finding a table somewhere in the house. Sallie often flitted between rooms making sure everyone was well cared

for. The tables were cleared in the great room ready for the gift exchange.



As Santa, I know how important getting the right gift to the right person is so there was a bit of gift trading going on. I hope everyone enjoyed the merriment of the gift exchange and no one went home unhappy. By the time you receive this, the elves and I will have "wrapped up" our annual visit to you all, and to all good night.



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Bill Damm's  
SAFETY CORNER

We are lucky  
To have survived,  
To see the year  
That has now arrived.

We must have done  
Something right,  
By driving safely  
Both day and night.

Let's do it again!  
It would really be keen,  
To stay real safe  
In 2015.

**Husband Shopping for His Wife**

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6.

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados."

If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again!

Men will get it the first time.

**Water in the Carburetor**

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous"

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the pool"

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**AUGUST 13-16, 2015**

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Columbia River Region will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary  
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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



## My First Car

### Text and Photos by Carol Folsom

Our family had not had an auto since my dad died in 1943, when my Mom sold our 1933 Dodge. I had found that the bus took care of my getting to work, so I did not really need a car. But I did go out with a couple of fellows who let me steer from the passenger side and I began to think it would be nice to have my own car. By this time I had graduated from high school and was working as bookkeeper at the National Bank of Commerce in Seattle. The interesting part of this story is that I did not yet know how to drive.

I began thinking I would like a Chevrolet, and maybe I would take a trip back to Detroit to pick up my 1950 Chev. In the meantime my uncle who had a Ford, pardon the expression, offered the suggestion that a Studebaker was a good quality car, and I could get it right here in Seattle.



I cannot remember how I managed to think I could drive, must have had a tiny bit of information, but with my Mom's financial help, I purchased a new 1950 Studebaker. It had 11 miles on it. I am sure my Mom was the most patient person alive, as, although she offered to drive it home, I refused that offer. So...all of the way home, we jerked and hesitated, while my Mom kept offering to drive. We did make it, and I am sure that if she had not already had premature gray hair, I would have caused it to rapidly become that color!

Then my uncle stepped in and said that his insurance would not allow him to teach me to drive with his car. But he would be happy to teach me on my car. So, with a mighty patient uncle, I did learn to drive well enough to get my drivers permit.

I found that I was very happy with the "hill holder" which served me well on the hills of Seattle. My first experience with it was when I was on my way to a wedding, and half way up a steep hill, I found that it was a "life saver" for me. I always remember with pleasure that special item!

Then my Mom and I decided to take a trip. So off we went to California, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, etc. It was a such a nice trip, and by the last leg of it, I glanced at my Mom, who was peacefully sleeping. I asked her how she could be so sure that I did not need her watchful eyes. She replied "you are a good driver". I remember going through a town that was having a parade, and we "inched our way though it". She encouraged me, saying that I did well, through that experience. It was a wonderful trip and upon our return, I immediately went to get my drivers license. Passed with "flying colors". I found great pleasure in my driving.

That winter I was going to the college age group at church, and we had a Sing-along after church. When we came out after the evening service, I found that the snow was falling. "Oh Dear, what to do?" Then a friend said, "I come from the Midwest, and have been driving in snow all my life. Just do what I tell you, and you will be fine." She was right. We went to the singing, and I got home safe and sound afterwards.



I enjoyed my Studebaker, until I met Lee, and of course he drove a 1947 Chevrolet. We drove the Studebaker on our honeymoon, but ever since then, I too have been driving Chevys.

Since I had not made many payments to my Mom, it returned to her. My 3 sisters all learned to drive on the Studebaker. It served them for quite a long time.

I always look back with much pleasure to my owning my own car, even though it was a Studebaker.

Here are some pictures from Glenn Landguth of the "Narnia" Christmas event at University Presbyterian Church last December. This is the show that Rod Schein takes his trains to every year. Several Club members came to see the show. Don Boltz brought one of his engines to include on Rod's display.





## February Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis and Gerri Johnson 2/14  
 Jim Lewis & Linda Wheeler 2/14  
 Tony & Dee Zimmerman 2/15  
 George and Phyllis Kowats 2/22

### BIRTHDAYS

Wally Martin 2/1  
 Don Boltz 2/1  
 Bill Barker 2/1  
 Kathy Currie 2/4  
 Lee Folsom 2/14

## 2015 Activities

February	23	PS-VCCA Club Meeting
March	23	PS-VCCA Club Meeting
April	27	PS-VCCA Club Meeting
May	16	Monroe Swap Meet
	17	Ballard Parade
	18	PS-VCCA Club Meeting
June	TBD	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social
July		
August	13-16	NW Meet
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



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

### Diagnosing a Car that is Pulling to One Side

I was at Dave Folsom's shop looking after MG's '53 Chevrolet when Dave was trying to figure out why a 1954 Chevrolet pickup was pulling to the left while braking.

Here, Dave explains in his own words the process he went through to find the culprits.

In test driving this truck I found that on light to medium stops, the rear of the truck would shift to the right which would cause the truck to pull to the left. On hard stops the left rear wheel would lock up. Starting with the left rear brake drum I found it to be badly rust pitted. After replacing the drum I found no difference in the problem.

Next I replaced the rear brake shoes as one of the shoe's linings on the left side was cracked. In doing so this allowed both rear wheels to skid evenly; this was encouraging but the pulling still persisted.

With the rear brakes functioning properly I shifted my attention to the front brakes. First I checked the left front brake and found the primary and secondary shoes were reversed. This had to be it! Just to be sure I checked the right front shoes and found they were also on backwards. Since both side's shoes were installed backwards they were at least matched side to side so most likely this wasn't going to solve the problem. I installed the front shoes in their correct positions and took the truck for a test drive. As suspected still no change in the pulling, but it was good I found the shoes were on backwards. This will help the truck stop better with the shoes installed correctly.

Continuing to troubleshoot, I blocked off the lines to the rear brakes, (this would take the rear brakes completely out of the equation), and took the truck for a test drive, it still pulled left. This ruled out that the rear brakes were part of the continuing pulling problem.

Now concentrating on the front I swapped the brake drums left to right, because I had taken note that the right drum had been turned slightly larger than the left giving those shoes slightly less surface contact with the drum. The test drive showed no change in the pulling problem.

I then checked the right front brake hose for blockage; it was clear. Bob happened to stop by at this time so I had him step on the brake pedal as I watched the right front brake line. Fluid came through the line with ease. There was only one thing left it could be, and I did not suspect these as they were freshly painted silver. I pulled the right front wheel cylinder and found one of the two pistons stuck solid. Ah HA! Success! In the end I found that both front cylinders were also rust pitted. I replaced both cylinders with new ones, and the truck now stops straight.

The thing that threw me is that when there is a front brake problem, like fluid leaking onto the shoes, there is normally a more violent pull to one side. This truck only had a light to medium pull, depending on how hard you were stopping. Also the fact that the brake cylinders were so nicely painted I assumed they had recently been rebuilt. I was relieved to have finally found the problem and that the truck was race ready.

## 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 the desk of Bill Barker

### SPEEDread



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

#### 7-year plate replacement no longer mandatory as of Jan. 1

The Washington state law that requires vehicle owners to buy new license plates after seven years is being rescinded in favor of letting owners keep their plates for as long as they want.

Under current law, an owner has to pay \$24 to buy a new license plate in the seventh year of registration of the same car. Starting Jan. 1, owners will be able to keep their plates even when they buy a new vehicle.

Under the new law, a new plate is required only when it's lost, defaced, illegible or when the vehicle is sold to a new owner. The seller has the option of keeping their old plate and transferring it to another vehicle for a \$10 fee. Also, if the vehicle title is transferred within a family with no money being exchanged, the new owner can keep the same plate.

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

### HE MUST PAY

Husband and wife had a tiff. Wife called up her mom and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you."

Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."

### Today's Short Reading from the Bible...

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."

Then He made the earth round...and He laughed and laughed and laughed!

### HELP!!!!

We need a volunteer to do a show and tell at the February and March meeting or suggest something for the meetings. Sharing what you got for Christmas would work very well.

Thanks, Al Howe

### January 2015 Club Meeting Notice!

There **will not** be a PS-VCCA meeting at the school in January 2015.  
The January regular meeting will be during the Banquet on January 24th.  
The next club meeting at the school will be in February 2015.

## 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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**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).

**1950 Chevrolet Deluxe parts**. Prices reduced for quick sale.

Front and rear bumpers, front NOS, rear new chrome, \$125 each.

Rear bumper sheet metal pan below trunk, nice fresh paint, \$75. One straight used, \$40.

Bumper wings front pair right rear, \$15 each and set of re-chromed rears, \$50 pair.

NOS rear bumper guard, \$20. Nice used bumper guards, \$10 each.

NOS hubcaps, \$25 each. Good driver caps, \$10 each.

Nice set of full width beauty rings, \$ 40. Good set driver beauty rings, \$5 each.

Very nice polished rear fender top stainless trim, \$130 pair. NOS trunk handles, \$10 each.

NOS Power Glide trunk spears, \$35 pair. NOS right rear fender, \$125.

NOS hood emblem, \$20. NOS black butterfly steering wheel, \$150.

Many more parts left. Come visit and see if I have anything you need.

Roger Orness 253-312-6561 or [r.orness@comcast.net](mailto:r.orness@comcast.net)

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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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### 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



