



# THE TAPPET CLATTER

The logo is a circular emblem for the VCCA (Vintage Chevrolet Club of America) Puget Sound Region. It features a red and black design with the year "1967" at the top, the Chevrolet bowtie logo in the center, and the year "2017" at the bottom. The text "PUGET SOUND REGION" is written around the top half of the circle, and "VCCA" is at the bottom. Inside the circle, it says "Our 50th year!" with a small graphic of a car and trees.

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

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## Happy New Year!

Here's a look back at 2016





## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2017



**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

The deadline for receiving articles for the Tappet Clatter is normally by the **5th** of the month. The Editor reserves the right to edit material in any way as appropriate for wording, clarity, grammar, punctuation and available space. We can accept most electronic formats and hardcopy.

Email copy to [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com)

### 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,

Jerry and I are looking forward to serving you this next year. We are pleased that we are surrounded by such a great group of leaders. We also will appreciate the help we receive from each of you this next year. It will be needed to accomplish our club activities and goals.

Why is this being written "from the running board"? As many of you know, my ankylosing spondylitis has resulted in two heart valve replacement surgeries which have compromised my heart pumping action. This in turn causes reduced oxygen in my blood which causes further reduction in heart muscle function, body muscle strength, and shortness of breath. It is called congestive heart failure. I learned this summer at South Lake Tahoe, 6000 ft. elevation, that the thinner air makes it very difficult to get enough oxygen to walk normally. A running board is an exciting place for me to ride with my face in the wind, enjoying the view and looking to the future. Also, the running board provides a place to sit and rest or to just get off and sit by the road and enjoy the scenery. So, if you see me slowed down, I invite you to come alongside and help with what needs to happen.

I am looking forward to all of us having a great New Year as we work together.

Thanks,

Rod

## **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/>

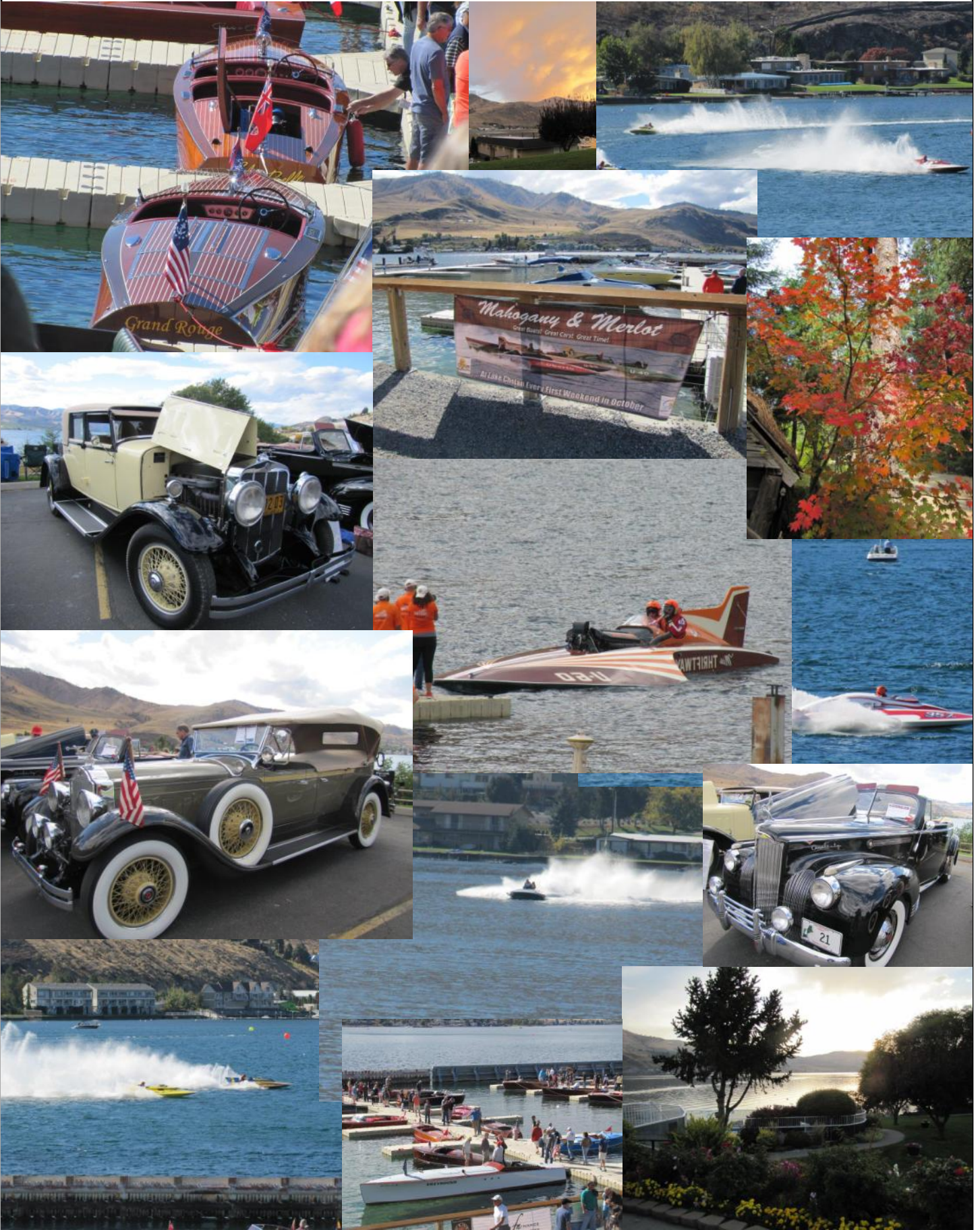
**Dave Folsom Blog**, [www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/](http://www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/)

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





## More Mahogany and Merlot Pictures from Rod Schein





Another day,  
Another year.  
Can you believe it?  
2017 is already here.

Meets and tours  
Are being planned  
For us to enjoy.  
Isn't that grand?

Shine our Chevys  
For the shows;  
For NW meets,  
And whatever goes.

Drive real safe  
So nothing gets bent.  
And keep it shined  
For the next event.

## The Old and The New

Classic cars with their modern counterparts.

Corvette



Camaro



What's this? Doesn't look like a Chevy. No, it doesn't even have a Chevy engine. It's Mike Currie's new-to-him vintage inboard hydroplane. He will be driving it in 2017 at many events around Washington including the 2017 Mahogany and Merlot in October at Lake Chelan.



## Trivia Question

The first Corvette was manufactured in 1953. Production of Corvettes continues to this day however there was one year in which no Corvettes were made. Do you know what year that was?

See below for the answer.

## Christmas Trains Event

Photos and Text by Evie & Rod Schein

We had a fun time running our trains for children & families on December 18th at our church. Several hundred people watched the trains and displays from 9am to 2pm. We were joined by Ralf & Michele Luche from PS-VCCA with their G-scale train for kids to control and our neighbor Howard with his pre-war Lionel layout. There was a modular N-scale layout, HO Golden Spike trains and Burlington Northern winter displays, Lego and a few other types of trains. Evie and I displayed our HO and American Flyer Christmas Train Tree with one of the trains available for children to run and train sounds that they could choose.



## Trivia Question Answer

No Corvettes were offered for sale in 1983 due to the body style changes between the 1982 and 1984 models.



## February Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis and Gerri Johnson	14
Jim Lewis and Linda Wheeler	14
Tony and Dee Zimmerman	15
George and Phyllis Kowats	22
George and Barbara Reich	**

### BIRTHDAYS

Wally Martin	1
Don Boltz	1
Bill Barker	1
Kathy Currie	4

\*\*Between February 28 and March 1. From George—"We only have an anniversary. every 4 years since we were married on leap day. (Think about the expression on a priest's face when you have had your 1st anniversary and you have 4year old and two month-old children)."

## 2017Activities

January	21	January Banquet– Golden Steer Steakhouse, Kent
February	27	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School
March	27	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School
April	24	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School
May	1 17 22	Breakfast tour starting in Puyallup -- Al Howe / Jim Farris Ballard Parade—Hosted by Rod & Evie Schein PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School
June	TBD 26-29	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Shortcake Social 4 Cylinder Tour in Hamilton, MT -- Al Howe / Jim Farris
July	4	Social—Dave and Diane Haddock's Home at Lake Forest Park
August	14 16-19	Hunters Breakfast tour -- Jim Farris 2017 Northwest Meet -- Anacortes
September	25	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be Determined
October	7-8 23	Mahogany & Merlot-Lake Chelan PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be Determined
November	27	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be Determined

Ringdall address is 11650 SE 60<sup>th</sup> Street Bellevue.

Travelling 405 from either the North or south take Exit 10 and head east to 119<sup>th</sup> Street (should be the first stoplight east of 405.) From I-90 take the 405 South exit and immediately stay to the right getting off at the Coal Creek Parkway exit. (Note you'll never actually merge all the way on to 405.) Turn left under the freeway and take a right at the light on 119<sup>th</sup>. Go up the hill passing thru a couple of stop signs and turn right on SE 60<sup>th</sup>. (The shopping center will be on your left.) Follow SE 60<sup>th</sup> and Ringdall will be on your right.

# **Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes**

November 28, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Ringdall Middle School at 7:30 by Director Jim Darby. We had 25 members present and no guests. There will not be a December Christmas Party this year because no-one wished to host it or organize it on short notice. As a result there will be no December Tappet Clatter giving Mike Currie a break for the holidays. The next meeting will be the January Banquet at the Golden Steer in Kent. Send banquet registrations to Sallie Comstock, 6608 183<sup>rd</sup> Ave. East, Lake Tapps, WA 98391. There will be no regular meeting here in Bellevue until February.

Minutes: The minutes from the October meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer: Sallie reported the treasury is healthy with the renewals from last month. The only outstanding bill is for the room rental to Bellevue Schools. A report was given outlining the expenses for 2016 which was a bit less than we have in the treasury to take us through 2017.

Membership: Donna Onat updated us on our membership. We will be starting the year with about 75 member families which is the same as last year. She is completing the data for the 2017 roster and finishing up a couple of loose ends.

Activities: Rod Schein is taking part in the train event along with Ralf Luche. They are back at their church from 9 A.M. to 2P.M. on December 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be trains in one room and seasonal goodies served in another.

Cover Story: Kathy Currie penned the very well written article highlighting the Mahogany and Merlot Tour in September.

National News: The National organization is losing its member services staff very soon and have sent out requests for bids to take over the job. This is the business office, taking care of the roster, mailing information for the G&D, handling inquiries and complaints on a daily basis. Bill is also creating space on the web site for the "Best of the Best" offerings for this year, a challenging process of selecting from the winners who submit 10 photos of their "Best of Show".

Possible locations for the 2021 National Meet are being visited with the list being narrowed considerably.

Portland Swap Meet tickets are now available on line at a discount. \$7 per day or if you buy four or more they are \$5 each.

Mt Rainier Region News: The Mt. Rainier Region has been going through a difficult time this fall losing half its officers as well as about half its membership. As a result they don't feel they are nor will be in a position to host the 2018 Northwest Meet. We discussed possible ways we could help from moving up our hosting year to having a Mini-Meet type get-together possibly in Centralia. We also would like to welcome any of the Mt. Rainier members to our Region.

Glove Box: Nothing new this month. Let Bob know if you have issues you need researched.

Monroe Swap Meet: After discussing the issues we decided to continue working at Monroe if asked.

2017 Northwest Meet: Jim Darby asked us not to book a room at the Casino for a couple of weeks to give the North Cascades Region a chance to resolve an issue with the room rates. Our group rate is higher than their regular AARP rate which may mess up their guaranteed number of rooms. You should be good to go in January.

Nominations/Elections: Jim announced a slate of officers for next year with several offices being shared. They were accepted by unanimous vote.

Director - Jerry Brownell & Rod Schein

Assistant Director - Al Howe

Editor or Chief Editor - Mike Currie

Secretary - Diane Haddock

Treasurer - Sallie Comstock

Membership - Donna Onat

Activities Coordinator - Don Comstock & Dave Haddock

Club Store - Bill Damm

Historian - Dave Haddock

Refreshments: George and Barbara Reich brought an assortment of candies, cookies and mixed nuts.

Program: We watched a video of past events featuring the first train trip to Portland to see car collections.

Meeting adjourned about 9:20

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock



## 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.

Email the Glove Box Coordinator, Bob Stamnes, at [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.

### **Slow turning when cold:**

Battery cables are too small.  
Bad electrical connections.  
Battery charge or condition is poor.  
Starter problems.

### **Slow turning when hot:**

Engine timed too fast.  
Hot air expansion gives higher compression.  
Expansion of pistons. (Warm aluminum pistons expand and put light pressure on cylinder walls).  
Starter brushes, higher resistance in wires, etc.  
Battery not fully charged or in poor condition.  
Battery cables too small, bad electrical connections.  
Engine temperature rises after shut-down (for a short period) gives higher compression and higher piston friction to cylinder wall.

### **Turns over but won't start:**

Coil not getting enough voltage while cranking, due to starter drawing high current.  
Engine is flooded.  
Choke not closing or sticking closed.  
Accelerator pump not working.

★★★  
★ **2017 is the Puget Sound Region's 50th Anniversary!!** ★  
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★ Should we do something to celebrate? If so what? Bring your ideas to the February meeting. ★

★ Al Howe ★

## January Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES

Judy and Glenn Landguth	1/11
Joanne and Gary Barquist	1/18
Resa and Myron Gablein	1/23

### BIRTHDAYS

Sis Barker	1/5
George Kowats	1/6
Cecil Mullins	1/11
Gisela Jones	1/16

**PS-VCCA Annual Banquet**  
Golden Steer Steak & Rib House  
23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA  
Saturday, January 21, 2017

This year George Kowats has arranged the banquet facilities and planned the menu. The banquet will be held at the Golden Steer Steak & Rib House in Kent. Social time will start at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner being served at 6:00 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 some. 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 or Chocolate cake for dessert. Coffee, tea or soft drink is also included. Prices shown reflect the club subsidies.

Prime Rib, 8 oz.	\$20.00
Salmon Filet, 8 oz.	\$20.00
Chicken Cordon Bleu, 10 oz.	\$20.00

Vegetarian or vegan meal options are also available. Contact George Kowats to make arrangements.

### January 21, 2017, Annual PS-VCCA Banquet Registration Form

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

	Prime Rib	Salmon	Chicken Cordon Bleu	Carrot Cake	Choc Cake
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Phone: (____) _____	E-mail: _____				

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration forms must be returned to Sallie by January 13, 2016. Make checks payable to PS-VCCA.**

#### 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.





## ***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

**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 [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, 206-365-1482 or email [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com),

**1957 Chevy truck hood**. OEM complete with hinges. \$200. Don Hatley, [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



### **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

### **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 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).

## **“All I want for New Year’s is a VCCA tattoo”**

David Gowan - Area # 3 Director

Too late for Christmas!

I can’t remember where this photo came from but decided if I got a tattoo it would likely not be on my arm .... maybe my leg. We are always seeking new ways to get members but I hadn’t thought of this.



My younger ‘biker’ brother would have been impressed. After 47 years as a VCCA member I finally convinced Steve to join the club. He stated that I was having too much fun. He paid his dues and even bought a nice ’54 personalized hardtop. We were gearing up to welcome him into the Columbia River Region.

Then in early November he passed away. Though sad here, I hope your efforts to grow the club are met with better results.