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Mom's Car

By Bill Damm

It is rewarding to just finish a restoration project and have it running on the road once again. The next rewards are seeing the smiles on the faces of people as you give them a ride in that restoration.

On June 30, as I pushed my freshly restored 1929 Chevy out of the garage to show my cousin, Bob Petry, on his 93rd birthday, his eyes lit up and with a big smile said "I remember this one. I installed the heater in it".



He did that for my Mother sometime in the mid 1930s when she moved back to Washington from California, and realized that in Washington a heater would really be a nice thing to have.

He didn't hesitate to climb into the passenger seat so I could take him on his birthday ride. It sparked old

memories for him as we toured some to the back roads of Woodinville and Redmond.

When we returned to my shop his daughter was anxiously waiting there for her turn to take a ride. The car's history was of great interest to her too because of our family ties.

Some of the car's visual history I could show her were the dents I left in the trunk floor from when I was 12 or 13 years old. It was my job to load heavy cans of cream from our dairy farm for delivery to the Darigold processing plant in Issaquah. The cream cans weighed about as much as I did. So the challenge was to swing the cans up and around the spare tire and plunk them into the trunk (therefore the dents).

I enjoy sharing the memories my mother's car brings back. That is why I restored it.

No Club Meeting in July

In July we take a break from club meetings. There are many other activities in which to participate.



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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 1984 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 . WA. 7:30PM to 9:30PM**. 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 "Tappet Clatter." You can find the PS-VCCA website on the **World Wide Web** at <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>*

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Editor's Note

Some subjects that can be the basis of wonderful articles to share are: first-car, remember-when, restorations, Chevrolets and your families, history, trivia, little-known facts, and many others. Either current or vintage old-car stories and snapshots are also welcome. We reserve the right to edit material as necessary for space available and clarity.

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. The monthly deadline is about the 5th of the month.

Glenn Landguth, gklandguth@msn.com

Director's Corner

"From The Drivers Seat"



By Al Howe
Puget Sound Region Director

Hello everyone,

It is always good to be home after a trip. Kathy and I had a wonderful time on the 4-cylinder tour in Salida, Colorado.

The first morning I asked the motel attendant what the forecast was for the day and he said it "will be nice unless it snows". He wasn't very far off. Each day except one it was nice until in the afternoon, then it would thunder, rain and hail. Then it would clear up and be nice, but always warm. Some of our group got a little wet but the top on my '57 does not fold down so Kathy and I were nice and dry.

I had problems the first day - just no power going up a slight grade. So had to drive my truck that day but with the help from Jim Farris and others that evening we determined the problem was the carburetor. Bob Hughes from Grants Pass, Oregon, rebuilds carburetors and had a spare which I put on my car and finished the rest of the tour with great speed.

The next day he had problems and thought it was his carburetor but would not take back the one he loaned me. He was determined to fix the problem. It turned out to be the vacuum tank but this is the kind of wonderful people you meet on these tours, always ready to help.

The last day my car quit at a stoplight and would not start. After much fiddling with wires Dennis Johnson pulled the coil wire out and put it back in and the car ran just fine. He said he didn't do anything, but I know he has the magic touch.

It was nice to see old friends and meet new ones from a lot of places, near and far. You never have too many friends. I know Jim Farris will write an article on this tour so I will not say anything more about it now.

Kathy had never driven through Oregon, Idaho, Utah or Colorado before so she enjoyed seeing all the different kinds, size, colors and shapes of mountains and landscape. I think maybe she is ready to do more exploring by car and I plan on helping in that department.

I am fully recovered from my operation so now I have to start doing all the things around the house that I have been putting off, darn it anyway. I want to thank Dave Haddock for filling in for me while I have been playing hooky. Thank you very much.

We have a board meeting coming up this month, July 21st, and more tours, so I know I will see many of you soon.

Kathy just gave me a new keyboard and I keep hitting "escape", but I am still here!!

Help Wanted for 2010 Northwest Meet

Volunteers are still needed for the 2010 Northwest Meet. Several committees have positions available. Email now & avoid the "DRAFT"! Respond to George Kowats, zanygeophyl@msn.com

July 22 Greenwood Seafair Parade

You are invited to join us for a fun family parade on July 22nd. We got a great reception from the crowd and judges at last year's parade.

Time for the Grand Parade is immediately following the 6:00 PM Kids Parade. Info & check-in is at North 95th and Greenwood Ave N, with staging to continue to North 103rd on Greenwood Ave N. The parade route begins at N. 95th & Greenwood Ave North and proceeds south to N. 85th, and then west to 6th Ave N.W (approximately 1.5 miles).

Bring copy of your insurance card for your car. Please contact Rod Schein at if you think you might be coming.

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4th of July Picnic At Folsom's

By Matt Dickinson

We had great weather and food for the Folsom's annual 4th picnic. Lee and Carol's picnic shed provided the perfect place to enjoy the food. Lee of course prepared his famous wiener recipe for the hotdogs.



The attendees were: Don and Sallie Comstock with their granddaughter in their '66 Chevelle, Dave and Betty Roberts - '43 Jeep, Bill and Cathy Johnson - '65 1/2 ton Pickup, Bob and MG Stamnes - '26 Superior V Touring, Bill and Ann Damm - '29 International 3 Window Coupe, Tom and Sharon Lauderback - '25 Superior Series K Touring, Dave and Diane Haddock - '55 210 Sedan, Jerry and Mary Brownell - Lincoln, Rod and Evie Schein - '40 Special Deluxe Business Coupe, and Matt Dickinson - '36 Master Sedan.

Everyone got a good look at Bill Damm's excellent job of restoring his '29 Coupe. Bob Stamnes has been making great progress on the upholstery of his '26 and is doing a very professional job of it.



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Strawberry Social and June 2009 Meeting

The June 22 Meeting was our annual Strawberry Shortcake Social at Perrigo Park in Redmond, WA. We met in the covered picnic area.

The strawberry dessert and beverages were provided by Jim and Gail Darby and Don and Sallie Comstock.

Dave Haddock led the informal meeting in Al Howe's absence. The second place award for club participation that we received from the GM Picnic was presented. And, oh yes, the strawberry dessert was delicious!



(More pictures on page 10)

Tour to Jubilee Farm's Vintage Tractor Show & Ken Madsen's Classic Car Display—July 18

We will tour around Lake Sammamish, stop at Marymoor Park for a photo opportunity, and then drive the scenic back roads to Fall City and on to nearby Jubilee Farm.

Jubilee Farm's annual vintage tractor show with Ken Madsen's classic cars will be there. Our cars will be parked such that people at the show can view them.

The following is the website for the show: <http://www.edgeta.org/brnch36.htm>. We'll meet in the southeast corner of the Office Depot parking lot at NW Sammamish Rd and 11th Ave NW in Issaquah, WA. Roll-out time from the parking lot will be between 9:30 am and 10:00 am.

More information and route details will be emailed the week before the tour. Email or call Matt Dickinson at mbd97@aol.com, 206-795-3790, if you can make it.

July Garage Nite—by Dick Olson

There will not be a garage nite in August due to the Northwest Meet. The next one will be Sept 9th.

Fall Foliage and Winery Tour

The "Fall Foliage and Winery Tour" is scheduled for Oct. 3rd. This will be an overnigher in Yakima. We will leave the factory stores in North Bend at 9:00 am and proceed to Cle Elum. From there we will travel secondary roads to Ellensburg with lunch at the Red Horse Drive In. Then go south thru the canyon to Yakima and Zillah where we will tour the Rattlesnake Hills winery area.

We will return to the Clarion Motel in Yakima. Sunday we will return via Chinook Pass to Enumclaw. We have blocked out ten rooms at a \$89.00 rate. Motel reservations on your own, mention the VCCA. Contact Jim Farris or Dick Olson if you plan to attend.

June Garage Nite

Garage Nite was at Stan Bender's in Burien. Stan specializes in Fords, especially Model T Fords.



Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Activity Organizer</u>
July 18	Jubilee Farm-Carnation Vintage Tractor Show & Ken Madsen's Classic Car Display, including a Tour around Lake Sammamish	Matt Dickinson
July 22	Greenwood Seafair Parade	Rod Schein
August 13-16	NW VCCA Meet, Vancouver, WA	Columbia River VCCA
August 24	XXX Drive-In, Issaquah	Club Meeting
September 5	Mt Rainier Region Joint Tour to Gig Harbor to show cars at an Assisted Living Center	Tour details not available yet from the Mt Rainier Region.
September 12	John Strampher's potluck picnic	John Strampher
October 3-4	Ellensburg/Yakima Weekend Tour	Jim Farris/Dick Olson
October 17	Vashon Island Tour (originally planned for June 13)	Matt Dickinson
November early	November Tour	Matt Dickinson-Tentative
December early	Christmas Party	George Kowats

July 21 - Board Meeting (Date Changed)

On July 21, 2009, at 7 PM, there will be a Board meeting at the Fairwood Library in Renton.
All members are welcome to attend!

June 13th - Vashon Island Tour Postponed

This tour originally scheduled for June 13 has been postponed to October 17. Look for more information later.

32nd Annual LeMay Car Show & Auction—August 29, 2009

The LeMay Car Show has been a family tradition for over 30 years. The show will blow you away with an amazing assortment of 1,000 vintage collector cars spread out over 80+ acres with additional collections of dolls, antiques, and nostalgic memorabilia housed within themed rooms.

This year they are having a judged section for those who bring their cars and register them for judging. Pre-registration is required for this added part of the show. The event is held at Marymount Academy, 325 152nd St. E. Tacoma, WA 98445.

Contact Jerry Greenfield for further information at 253-862-2630, or call the info line at 253.536.2885, or go to the web site at <http://www.lemaymuseum.org/page.php?id=230>.

New Members

We welcomed John Anderson in June at the Strawberry Feed, who told the group about his '54 Corvette Roadster, which he has had since high school. John and Patricia live in Bothell, and can be reached at (see mailed copy of the TC).

Soon we hope to get acquainted with Gene and Irene Melang, who also reside in Bothell. They have a '36 pickup truck, and can be reached at (see mailed copy of the TC).

August Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES		BIRTHDAYS	
Gail and Jim Darby	8/3	Janice Dynes	8/4
Judy and Wally Martin	8/4	Roger Orness	8/10
Lee and Carol Folsom	8/18	Sallie Comstock	8/29
Janice and Dennis Dynes	8/26	Tom Lauderback	8/30
Roberta and Jim Martoza	8/31		

Puget Sound News Bits

By Jim Farris

There are no news bits this month.

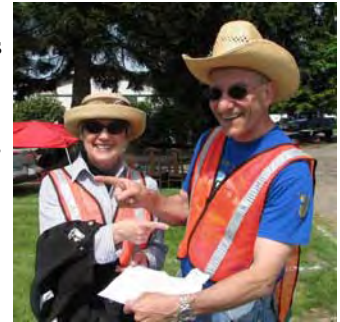
Monroe Swap Meet Picture Caption Contest

Bob Helgeson snapped this picture at the swap meet. We asked readers to supply captions, both accurate and humorous for the picture. No captions were submitted in the "accurate" category.

An accurate caption would have been: "Don and Sallie Comstock trying to give directions to a vendor, but due to lack of training and lack of familiarity with the grounds layout, they were not really sure where he was supposed to go."

Recognition for the most humorous (and only entry) caption (regardless of accuracy) goes to Judy Landguth, "We really need two fingers for each of us to do Rock-Paper-Scissors."

Other possible captions might have been: "They went that-a-way.", "Giving some pointers at the swap meet.", "Tourists giving directions.", "Making their points.", "Free advice anyone?", "Where do **you** shop?", "And the nominations for best hat are..."



Wanted for the 2010 NW Meet!

We would like to do something different for the trophies for the N. W. Meet. We would like to use hood ornaments or other attractive Chevrolet parts and mount them on a nice board with the meet dash plaque and an engraved tab for each award. This would be for the awards voted on by the participants, like Best of Show, Ladies Choice etc.

To do this we need your help with contributing Chevrolet parts we can use. Ideal examples might be pre-1950 Hood ornaments (newer ones are just too large). Later year '53 - to '67 fender ornaments would be perfect. V8 emblems from below the tail lights of '55-'56, hood or trunk emblems, script pieces, and horn buttons would work well. Use your imagination and help us by looking around the garage and see if there is something you can contribute to make this something special for those who win a trophy.



A few pits are ok. It does not have to be perfect, but does need to be attractive. Should be 5" - 12" or so. We really need at least one very old piece to put on the trophy for Favorite pre-1935.

Pieces go to Steve Grissom at Steve4@aol.com. Please help.

Annual GM Car Show and Swap Meet

The annual GM Car Show was held Saturday, June 21, 2009, 8:00a to 4:00p at Frontier Park, in Graham, WA. Our club was well represented as the picture shows. John Ziegler received a People's Choice award.



From the Glove Box



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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.

Contact the Glove Box Coordinator, Bob Stamnes, at email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Shaping Rubber Parts

By Bob Stamnes

The rubber bumpers on the doors of my 1926 Chevrolet touring were too large to fit the holders. I had tried cutting the rubber using a one-sided razor blade and a bench vise, then I tried sawing them on a band saw. Nothing seemed to lead to a satisfactory product.

I mentioned this Bill Barker and voila! Bill suggested leaving the rubber parts in the freezer for several days before trying to cut them.

So I did just that. I left them for two days in our upright freezer then pulled them out one at a time and immediately sawed them with a band saw. Wow!! Did that ever work slick!

So I left them in the freezer for another couple of days and then tried drilling a hole in each piece. This also worked. I did use an oversized drill bit to get the hole size I wanted.

If you put soap on the screws that go through the rubber, the screw will go in like butter. This same trick will also work for other rubber products that need trimming or shaping.

The photo shows the rubber bumper.



Straightening Warped Doors On My 1926 Touring

By Bob Stamnes

My '26 Touring doors did not form well to the adjoining sheet metal. One corner was often out further than the others. My friend Ward, who mentored me with my upholstery, suggested I place a brace in each door that would hold the shape of the door in the desired position.

This brace consists of a round bar with a one inch wide flat bar welded to each end. (See photos). Each flat bar has two holes, one on each end for screws.

The resulting configuration was then placed at the bottom interior of the door and the flat bars were screwed to the vertical part of the doorframe. The round bar can be twisted in a bench vise with a pipe wrench to shape the door to fit the adjacent sheet metal. (Please see the accompanying two pictures.)

I drilled a hole in the end of the flat bars to receive the rod and then welded these connections.



Traveling To Northwest Meet?

Roger O. will be traveling to the NW Meet in Vancouver on Tuesday, August 11th. Please contact Roger if you're interested in traveling with him.

Matt D. will be traveling on Wednesday, August 12th. Contact Matt if you're interested in traveling with him.

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Road Work

They're at it again,
Fixing our roads,
That carry our cars,
And carry our loads.

Construction zones are busy,
And traffic could be paced,
So drive thru with caution,
When lanes are displaced.

Strawberry Social and June 2009 Meeting (continued from page 5)



3rd Annual Hot Rods & Hogs Show

Matt Dickinson represented us at the 3rd Annual Hot Rods and Hogs Show in Maltby on June 20. The show was open to all types of show cars and motorcycles. It was hosted by Maltby Christian Assembly.



Greenwood Car Show

By Matt Dickinson

There were over 700 cars, which required shutting down Greenwood Ave from 72nd to 90th to fit them all in. Many thousands of spectators were walking the distance.

We had 5 cars at the Greenwood auto show: George Haley '38 Master Coupe, Ana Haley '49 Plymouth Convertible, Gene Gooding '52 Bel Air Hardtop, Rod & Evie Schein '40 Deluxe Business Coupe, and my '36 Master 2Dr Sedan. Ana received an award for best in show convertible prior to 1950.



TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

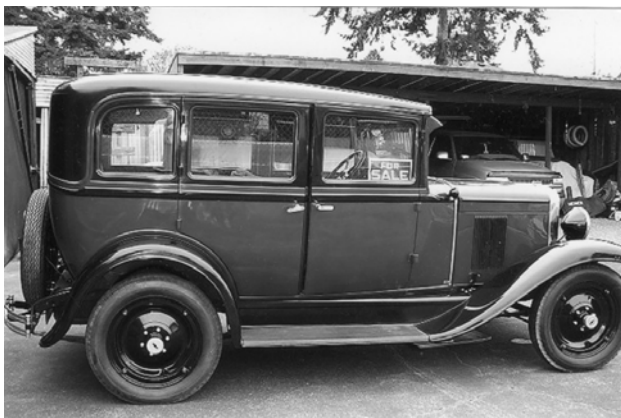
Ads will be carried up to three months on a space-available basis, unless withdrawn sooner or an extension is requested. Please notify the Tappet Clatter editor when your ad is answered or you need an extension. gklandguth@msn.com

FOR SALE

1925 I am looking for a buyer for my father's 1925 Chevy Touring Classic. It's a wonderful driver vehicle, always kept in a garage. He has had it for nearly 35 years. We are asking \$18,500 and will deliver. Keith J. Andrade, email Keith.Andrade@Comcast.net



1930 Chevrolet 4DR Special Sedan. 95% complete New old original. New honeycomb radiator, solid wheels, 12 extra wire wheels (optional), Extra engine, 2 trannies, 2 rear ends, front end, steering column, and misc. extras. Selling due to health. \$21,500 OBO. Jake Jacobs, (206) 243-7327.



1938 I have many Chev Coupe Original Car Parts, including: generators, starters, engine block, head and valve cover, radio and tubes, transmission, rear end differential, and many other parts. I don't need many and want to give away free to others who might be able to use them. Ed Kelley, 425.996.8407 (cell), ebkelle@attglobal.net.

Engine 230? or 250? CID (it's the same block so I'm not sure just which displacement it is), complete from valve cover to oil pan, water pump to flex plate, looking for a new home. Jim Darby, 425-746-1750.

Tires Three used bias-ply 600-16 tires with good tread. Free. Rod Schein, 206-783-8956.

WANTED

1926 Chevrolet Touring Top Rear Window Frame. The inside dimensions are 5 1/2 inches by 17 1/4 inches. The outside dimensions are 7 5/8 inch by 19 3/8 inches. Other years may work. Bob Stamnes 206 365-1482, rstamnes@yahoo.com

1926 Chevrolet Fuel Tank. This is a rectangular shape with one opening for the fuel inlet. There is not a second hole for a gauge. Bob Stamnes 206 365-1482, rstamnes@yahoo.com

1929/30 Desperately seeking left rear fender for '29/30 coupe. Thank you. Jim Lewis, (206) 784-9191, jfl2746@hotmail.com. (Editor's note - See "A Sad Story" in May Tappet Clatter, page 6.)

1931 Front Fenders, Bill Barker, (425) 643-0698, bill@barkerville.net.

1955/'56 Chevy two-door hardtop, Any condition, David White, (206) 999-8138

Chevrolet hood ornaments To be used for trophies for the N.W. Meet. Steve Grissom, (425) 228-3670, Steve4@aol.com

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Bill Damm and Bob Petry with Bill's newly restored 1929 Chevy. See story on front page.

