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Newcastle – Alpaca Farm Tour June 12th

By Al Howe

We had seven vintage Chevs meet up at the Newcastle Park 'n' Ride for a tour to Al Howe and Kathy Karhs' for lunch and then on to an alpaca farm.

As we wheeled into Maple Valley it was apparent that the Maple Day parade was a big attraction causing major roadblocks. So we chose to try a different route than had been planned. Al agreed to lead since he lives in the south end but he was as lost as everyone else so we discovered some dead-end roads and some newly developed roads but eventually found our way into Covington. From downtown Covington Al knew his way home.

At Al's for lunch, Jerry and Mary Brownell joined with their '84 Blazer, and John Strampher and his Mom in a late '60's very nice Chev that he had just acquired.

After lunch, Al fired up his '27 Coupe and lead the way to the alpaca farm. Not everyone starts a tour in one car and finishes the tour in a different car.

We spent the afternoon at the alpaca farm learning about the breed. The weather was perfect and the visit to the farm was very informative. The owners, Jerry and Deby French and their daughter, had a table with treats, water, pop and literature ready for us when we arrived.

They really like to talk about their animals. They must know what they are doing because they have about 140 healthy looking animals now and are adding more each year.

What a layout they have. The barn has lots of stalls used for caring after those beautiful alpaca's. The alpacas have



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No Club Meeting in July

In July we take a break from club meetings. There are many other activities in which to participate. The next monthly membership meeting will be August 23 at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah.



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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 1985 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

We had a great time on the 4-cylinder tour in Kalispell, Montana. The countryside was green with colorful wild flowers aplenty, thanks to late spring rains. After years of seeing this part of the country dry and brown this was indeed a treat.

After going over Logan Pass on Going-To-The-Sun Road, Dick Jones (with George Haley riding shotgun) and I (with Bill Damm riding shotgun) were traveling back to Kalispell via West Glacier with the wind in our hair. We were just thinking what a beautiful day and how nice the cars were running when Dick pulled off the road and his car died.

I had my share of problems the day before, requiring being towed about a quarter mile and installing a new carburetor, but this was unlike Dick's car which had been running great until now.

Seemed it would run a lot better if it had spark. Dick checked a lot of things and it looked like the wires were grounding out at the distributor. Dick and George changed the points and condenser, and fixed loose wires. After each change, the car would start up, run for about a minute, and then stop.

After about 4 hours it was starting to get dark, and Dick decided to take advantage of an offer a local person made to trailer the car back to the hotel. There are nice people wherever you go. While we were working on the car we had many people stop and admire the cars and then offer any help they could.

The next day Dick and George replaced the coil with a new one and then the car ran just fine. That is the one thing we did not change the previous day even though I had a new one with me, because at that time we just didn't believe that the coil was the problem. We were in a spot with no cell phone service so we could not tell anyone where we were or what was going on. Bob and M.G. Stamnes were driving our way looking for us in their modern car when I was finally able to use the cell phone and tell them where Bill & I were. They pulled over, waited, and escorted us back to the hotel.

Bob had some problems earlier in the day, but filing the points put him back on the road and he and M.G. were able to make it back to the hotel on their own. My car was running the best it had ever run. Love that car! Having fun driving the cars and winning the battle of break-downs is what it's all about--and we do that with the help of each other. That's the way it was in the era of these cars; and it kind of takes me back in time. What a joy!

I will not be able to come to the picnic at Folsom's on July 4th but am looking forward to the Jerry Yoder's tour on July 11th. We have lots of shows and tours in July and August so I hope to attend as many as possible. I believe we are ready for the Northwest Meet in August. We have a wonderful Meet planned and I hope to see everyone there.

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

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such soft wool and a face so friendly you just can't help but want to hug one.

We saw one baby about a week old and one that was just one day old. At that age they are all legs and necks.

The owners and their daughter looked our cars over with lots of interest. They seemed to enjoy the cars as much as we did the alpacas.

After the alpaca stop the south-enders parted from the tour and headed toward home and the rest continued touring north closer to the starting point.



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Generator & Distributors for GIs

Our G & Ds for GIs program is running out of magazines. The program was conceived as a result the backlog of G & Ds that had accumulated, but donations to ship magazines to our troops overseas has exceeded our supply. Bring unwanted G & Ds to the NW Meet for collection. I will arrange for their distribution to our armed forces. Please also bring addresses of service people or charities to whom magazines can be shipped. Thanks, Dave Kosche, National Board Member, VCCA

Golden Era Automobile Association (GEAA)

For 1954 and Earlier Stock-Only

4th Annual Car Show and Swap Meet

July 17, 2010, 8 AM—3 PM

The event is held in the Tacoma Community College parking lot at 19th & Mildred, Tacoma. Ana Maria and George Haley are instrumental in organizing the GEAA car show and would appreciate our members with cars '54 and early to attend. For information on fees and other registration information, go to <http://www.geaaonline.org/geaaevents.html>. For more information, contact Rick at 360-893-4227, email AGW1886Aol.com or Ana at anama97@q.com.

Last 2010 Northwest Meet Committee Meeting Before The Meet - Sunday, July 25

The committee meeting will be July 25, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, in meeting room A at the Fairwood Library in Renton.

2010 NW Meet Website/Registration

The Official 2010 NW Meet website is now up and running. You can now go to the website and view the prospectus to find out about events, the hotel, and camping. An outline of the schedule is there too!

To register, print out a registration form (two pages), fill it in and mail it with your check!

The registration deadline was July 9, 2010. All late registrations will incur an additional \$15 late fee. Meal and Tee-Shirt orders on late registrations are not guaranteed. See the website for more information and clarification.

The website is: www.pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/2010nwmeet/. See you in Silverdale Aug. 11-15, 2010!



Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Road construction,
Can cause delays,
And change the route,
To other ways.

When they're finished,
We'll be glad,
Some improvements,
Aren't half bad.

While they're working,
Let's do our share,
For safety's sake,
Drive with care.

Donated Gifts for NW Meet

Thanks to everyone who has donated gifts to give away at the 2010 NW Meet in August. If anyone still has something that they want to donate, please contact Ana Maria at anama97@q.com. Gifts could be things for the garage, garden, home, desk, etc.

August Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Gail and Jim Darby	8/3
Conrad and Judy Green	8/4
Judy and Wally Martin	8/4
Dan and Karen Young	8/15
Lee and Carol Folsom	8/18
Janice and Dennis Dynes	8/26
Roberta and Jim Martoza	8/31

BIRTHDAYS

Al Anderson	8/31
Janice Dynes	8/4
Roger Orness	8/10
Cathy Johnson	8/11
Sallie Comstock	8/29
Tom Lauderback	8/30

GM Picnic Awards

Puget Sound Region brought home two awards at the GM Picnic on June 20th. The club got a 2nd Place award for Club Participation, and Matt Dickinson got a 1st Place - Best Original Looking award for his '36 Standard 5 Window Coupe. Club members going to the meet were Matt Dickinson, George and Ana Maria Haley, Don Comstock, and (not pictured) David White.



It appeared that Elvis Presley (or could it be a close look-alike?) presented the 1st Place - Best Original Looking award to Matt Dickinson and George Haley accepted the 2nd Place Club Participation award.



Old Car Buffs

By Glenn Landguth

To many people, old cars are just historical icons of a time gone by. But to the old-car buff, they are much more. Vintage cars represent a time of romantic involvement with the dreams of youth, with a time when progress was moving forward to make the world a better place.

To the rural folks, cars were noisy, smelly, dirty, rude contraptions that had no rightful place in society. But to the urban folks, cars represented a cleaner, faster, more luxurious mode of transportation for the middle class.

Today the romance lingers on in the old cars. In the sights, sounds, and the smells, the dreams live again.

Chevrolet arguably marketed the line-up that best fit the needs of the common man. The combination of affordability and quality ensured its success. Today we preserve that tradition in the historic sense by keeping the old Chevys alive not only for our own enjoyment, but also for the younger generations to witness. For this tradition to continue, we need to find ways to involve younger people in our hobby.

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The members on the tour were: Dick and Fran Olson - '50 Convertible, Bill Damm - '29 Coupe, George Haley - '38 Coupe, Bob Helgeson - '64 Corvette, Al Howe and Kathy Kahrs - '55 Bel Air, and Dick Jones - '50 Convertible. Lee Folsom rode with Bill in his '29 Coupe and Carol rode with me giving much appreciated help in leading the group.



July 4th Picnic at Folsom's

It was a wonderful day for a picnic, and perfect picture-taking weather. The diffused light from a bright but overcast sky is perfect for taking pictures of old cars.

Lee had the hotdogs warming in the electric pan and Carol had the tables set. All we needed were people and their cars. Lauderbacks brought their '25 Chevrolet Superior Series K Touring. Bill Damm brought his 1930 Ford. The Scheins, Roberts in their '65 Impala, Brownells and Landguths rounded out the group. Many of us turned out to be native or almost native to the Seattle area. It really is a small world after all.



Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Activity Organizer</u>
July 17, 2010	GEAA Car Show in Tacoma	Ana Maria Haley
July 28, 2010	Greenwood Seafair Parade	Rod Schein
Aug. 11-15, 2010	NW VCCA Meet, Silverdale, WA.	PSR VCCA
August 22, 2010	Car Show at Lee Johnson Chevrolet, Kirkland	Matt Dickinson
Aug. 23, 2010	XXX Root Beer Drive-In, Issaquah	Club Meeting
Sept., day TBD	Board Meeting, some day during the week before the September meeting, at the Fairwood Library.	Al Howe
Sept. 13/14/15/16/17, 2010	6 Cylinder Tour at Carson City, NV	Jim Farris
Oct. 2 & 3, 2010	Weekend Tour to Winthrop, WA	Jim Farris/Dick Olson
Sept. 23, 2010	Board Meeting, Fairwood Library, Renton	Al Howe
Early December, 2010	Christmas Party	

Garage Nite - by Dick Olson

There will not be a garage nite in August because of the Northwest meet in Silverdale.

Lee Johnson Chevrolet Vintage Car Show - Sunday, August 22nd

Celebrating their 77th-Year Anniversary

Viewing 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

As part of Lee Johnson Chevrolet's 77th anniversary during 2010, they are hosting a vintage Chev car show at their dealership on August 22nd. Our club, along with the Mt. Rainier and North Cascade regions, is invited. Just like for the show they hosted two years ago, Lee Johnson will supply lunch, trophies, dash plaques, door prizes, and there is no registration fee. But please let Matt Dickinson, 206-795-3790 or mbd97@aol.com, know by early August if you plan on bringing a car to the show so that Lee Johnson can plan for the amount of space and food needed.

The show is from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM with the dealership open at 10:00 AM for cars to start arriving. Lee Johnson Chevrolet is located on NE 85th Street in Kirkland next to the east side of the I-405 freeway at exit #18.

So bring your Chevs out, meet our friends from the neighboring regions, and above all help promote our passion for vintage Chevs to the surrounding area.

Strawberry Social, June 28 at Perrigo Park in Redmond

The Comstocks provided the strawberries and the Darbys brought the shortcake, to make, what else, strawberry shortcake! The rain held off and the dessert was great.



See page 12 for one more picture.

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Pictures From the 4-Cylinder Tour



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.

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

Things To Take On An Extended Tour

By Bob Stamnes

I attended the four-cylinder tour in Montana last month. There were several things I wished I had with me while on tour. The following are some things I would consider taking on my future tours, like to the NW Meet in August:

carburetor	fuel tank leak repair kit (with epoxy patching material)	masking tape (keep rain out)
vacuum tank	wrenches	tarp to lie on while doing repairs
distributor	multi-use tools like channel locks, vice grips, crescent wrench, and multiple tip screwdriver	small flashlight
generator	pliers (needle and regular)	water
points	screwdrivers (smaller and larger, Phillips and straight)	pocket knife (sharp)
condenser	ignition servicing tools	feeler gauges
rotor	spare tires for car and trailer	water pump packing material
coil	tire pressure gauge	string for fuel lines, etc.
generator cutout	fuel line hose (6 inches +)	lug wrench
fuel filter	fuel line hose clamps	car jack and blocks
nuts for top	cleaning supplies (bucket, sponge, chamois, etc.)	towels
lug nut (one or more)	window cleaner	oil rags
windshield nut	window treatment (RainX, Rain Slick, etc.)	spark plugs
grease fitting	small funnel for putting fuel in vacuum tank	electrical wire and safety pins
tow rope	large funnel for putting fuel into fuel tank	piece of electrical wire with alligator clips
wire (small for choke and heavier to check oil in universal, etc.)	Teflon tape	spare headlight and tail light bulbs
zip ties (assorted sizes)	electrical tape	communications devices (two way radios, cell phone, etc.)
engine oil	blue tape and duct tape	cell phone numbers of other participants
oil can (to oil water pump, generator, etc.)		VCCA passport and name badge
heavy oil (600 wt, for universal joint, rear end, transmission, steering box, etc.)		folding chairs
emergency fuel container, with fuel		starter pack
cam grease		fire extinguisher
		drinking water and snacks

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Greenwood Auto Show - Saturday June 26, 2010

By Glenn Landguth

It seems that several club members attended the show at different times but never saw each other. Matt Dickinson was the only member that we know brought a car. Matt brought his '36 bright yellow Standard 5 Window Coupe. Glenn Landguth took a picture of Matt's car, but did not realize at the time that it was Matt's car. Matt was engaged in conversation with someone at the time, although he did say later that he saw Glenn and Judy as they walked by.



Rod and Evie Schein also walked the show, but did not go all the way to the south end of the show where Matt's car was.

It was a beautiful day for a car show, a warm sunny day, unusual as it was for a year likely to go down as the coolest in many recent years.

People filled the street for 23 blocks to view the cars, vendors, and other assorted attractions on both sides of the street.



T-shirts, souvenirs, food, insurance, and car restoration services were among the offerings.

The Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum even displayed two of its vintage hydroplanes. The Oh Boy Oberito is a Seattle favorite. And the replica of the Miss Wahoo is a beautiful re-creation of the



original boat. More vintage hydroplanes can be viewed at their museum in Kent.

The Greenwood Knights organized the show this year. They should be commended on doing a fine job.



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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

1937 Knee-action front end, complete wheel-to-wheel. Make me an offer I can't refuse. Dave White, 206-999-8138, davidcwhite@comcast.net.

1940 Chev Master 85 Coupe parts: frame, rear end, front axle, brakes, and other parts. Cheap. Jim Seiber, 425-765-8195, seiberphoto@comcast.net.

1941 Sport Town Sedan. The car is mostly original and runs well. It was last used on the Yakima overnight and the Seattle Tours. It has 69,000 miles and is a great touring car. It came from Spokane. I've owned it since 1979. Asking \$10,000. Jim Farris 206-937-56-36 email farrismej@aol.com

1950 Chev Coupe parts for sale from low mileage original car with less than 50K miles. Car driven recently and runs fine. Parts include original 216 engine and 3 speed trans, front suspension, rear end, driveline, with other parts to follow. I'd prefer to sell as a package. All reasonable offers considered. Contact John Campbell at 57soup@comcast.net or 206 246-4709.

1983 El Camino, 305 cu-in, Gas/Propane. Good Condition. \$1995 OBO. Dick Jones, 425-736-8798.

24-Foot Wells Cargo Enclosed Trailer, excellent condition, \$5,900 (reduced price). Jim Seiber, 425-765-8195, seiberphoto@comcast.net.

WANTED

1942 Chevrolet Convertible. Richard G. Luna, 310-549-9038, rluna@earthlink.net.

1961 Carburetor and fuel pump for 235 engine. Gene Sovar, 206-362-2491, esovar@seanet.com.

Five (5) Outside Visors for truck or car, no matter what they are out of. I would like to hang two at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In Restaurant in Issaquah, have one to duplicate (fabricate) for the Buddy Holly bus, and two for a couple of my cars. Jose Enciso, xxxrootbeerx@aim.com.

Small-Block 383-Stroker Motor, \$2,000 - \$3,000. Dave White, 206-999-8138, davidcwhite@comcast.net.

A Special Celebration

By Bill Damm

On April 30 of this year I bought back my Dad's Model A after it had been out of our family for 50 years. I learned how to drive in it around the pasture when I was just 14 years old.

One year ago I gave my cousin, Robert Petry, the first ride in my Mother's just restored 1929 Chevy on his 93rd Birthday. This year I gave him a ride in my Father's 1930 Model A Ford on his 94th Birthday.

(Note: Bill recently drove the car to the Strawberry Social at Perrigo Park and to the July 4th picnic at Folsom's. The car is pictured on page 6 at Folsom's picnic.)

PSR-VCCA Board Meeting

September 23rd at 7 PM at the Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, Renton WA

Puget Sound Region VCCA officers and committee chairs are asked to attend. Other members are cordially welcome. Al Howe, Director, PSR-VCCA

Puget Sound Region Denim Jackets Still Available

Jim Farris is still taking orders for blue denim jackets (see April 2009 Tappet Clatter, page 5). They are available in men's sizes small to 7X large and women's sizes small to 3X large. The cost including shipping is \$36.50 each, ordered in lots of six (6). Jim will group orders into lots of six. A local seamstress will embroider names on jackets for \$5. Shirts are also available with the same logo; inquire about pricing. Contact Jim Farris at farrismej@aol.com

Web Links for Nearby VCCA Regions

Capital City Region, VCCA: None

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

Mt. Rainier Region, VCCA: <http://www.mtrainiercarclub.com>

North Cascade Region, VCCA: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club=northcascadevcca>

Puget Sound Region, VCCA: <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>

Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvrvcva.org/>

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Kids enjoying strawberry shortcake at the Strawberry Social at Perrigo Park June 28