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Photos by Glenn Landguth





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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 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."*

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Director's Corner

"From The Driver's Seat"



Well, summer has definitely arrived at my house; the days are hot, the nights are hot, and with the limited rain, there have been a lot of opportunities to take the Chevelle out for a drive. It was out of commission for a couple of weeks though as I had a new vinyl top installed. After the old top was removed I found some rust that needed to be taken care of before the new top could be installed. It's now back on the road and I'm enjoying driving it, but have wondered if I should have bought central air for the house instead!

We had a good turnout at the June meeting / Strawberry Shortcake night in June. By moving it forward a week, we did have a few more people who were able to attend before leaving for the 4 Cylinder Tour. We'll have to see what people want to do for future years.

I attended the 4th of July picnic at the Haddocks. It was nice to see everybody, and typical of the Chevy events there was plenty of variety for the potluck. Thanks Dave and Diane for putting on this event again this year.

We still have a lot happening this summer: there are still some tours, Garage Nites, the Northwest Meet and our August meeting will again be at the XXX Drive-in this year.

Be safe and I hope to see you at these events.

Jim

GARAGE NITE

No Garage Nite scheduled for August as most of us will be in Wilsonville for the NW Meet. See you there! Think of it as 'Garage Week'!

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>



4th of July Picnic

Story by Dave Haddock Pictures by Evie Schein

Following in the Folsom tradition, it was another fabulous 4th of July Picnic at the Haddock's. About 30 club members and guests came and enjoyed delicious hot dogs with their favorite toppings, homemade salads and fruit dishes, wonderful desserts, and fellowship on a very warm (let's just call it "hot") Fourth.

Special thanks to Al and Kathy Howe, Jim Darby, Bob and MG Starnes, and Jim and Sue Seiber who arrived early to help set up tables and shade for the crowd. Diane and the girls were home for a very brief time from Houston and Diane especially enjoyed chatting with all of our special Chevy friends. She and our daughters returned to Houston on Monday to continue her intensive therapy.



2015 Activities

July	18 or 25	Skykomish Trains Tour- Rod Schein lead (date depending on weather),
August	13-16	NW Meet at Wilsonville, OR - Columbia River Region host
	24	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Issaquah XXX
September	28	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School
October	3-4	Possible overnight tour to Lake Chelan, Mahogany & Merlot Vintage Hydros & Cars
	26	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School
November	23	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School-Election of Officers
December	TBD	Christmas Party
	TBD	Narnia Train Event- Rod Schein to lead

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

So much to see
So much to do
Where to start?
How about the Zoo?

Or pack up a lunch
For a picnic of course
Or go the ocean
And rent a horse

Ocean breezes
Are usually just right
To spend some time
To fly a kite

The mountains beckon
A trail to hike
Or near the Sound
A road to bike

Whatever you choose
Go have some fun
Please do it safely
That's priority one.



Columbia River Region invites you to join us in celebrating **GOLDEN DAYS OF CHEVROLETS** **44TH NORTHWEST MEET** **AUGUST 13-16, 2015**

★ Judging ★ Tours ★ Birthday Party ★ BBQ ★ Banquet ★ Women's Brunch ★
and more!

Renewing Friendships ★ Meeting New Friends ★ Having a Great Time

Columbia River Region will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary
as a Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

Accommodations

Holiday Inn
25425 SW 95th Avenue
Wilsonville, OR 97070
503-682-2211
888-465-4329
Discounted Room Rate \$119—\$129 plus tax
Discount Code: 44th Northwest Chevrolet Meet
Pets Welcome at Additional Daily Charge

Pheasant Ridge RV Park
8275 SW Elligsen Road
Wilsonville, OR 97070
800-532-7829 or 503-682-7829
Discounted Standard Rate \$39.00 plus tax
Discounted Premium Rate \$43.00 plus tax
Complete hook-ups — Good Sam Discount
Less than 5 minutes to hotel (.7 miles)

The hotel is located in the Willamette Valley with close proximity to shopping, local parks and restaurants
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

More pictures from the June Strawberry Social



From Jim Seiber.....

Some members have asked about the prints of the Mike Burns gas stations. Three large quality prints are still available from a limited edition printing.

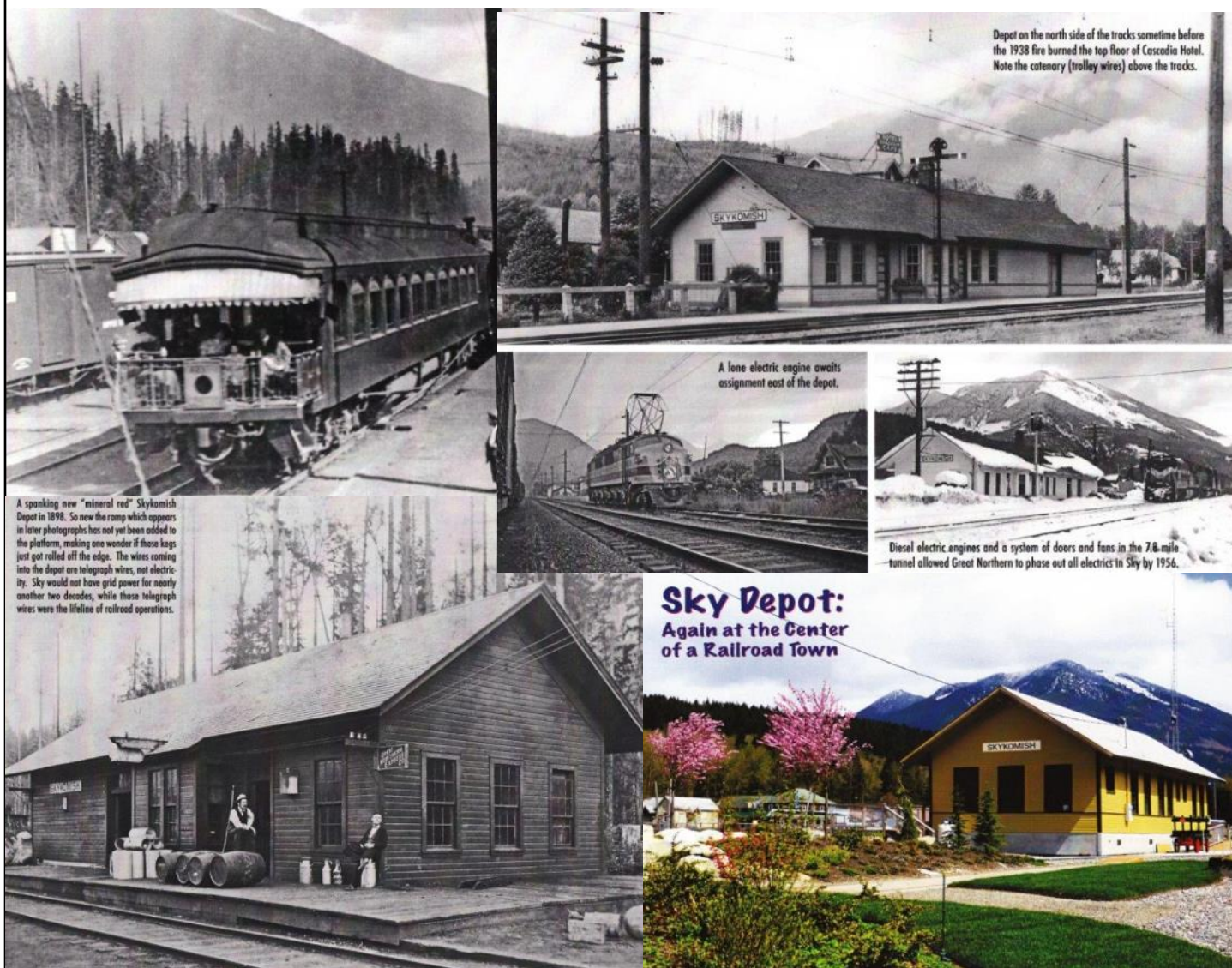
Mike was a long-time member of the Puget Sound Region VCCA and due to his artistic talents, he designed our club logo and logos for national and regional meets. Flyers with samples of the prints will be available at the next club meeting. Or you may contact Maxine Whitbeck directly at 503 831-3896.

Prints are \$125 each plus shipping or can be delivered to the NW Meet in Wilsonville.

Skykomish Trains Tour

July 18th or 25th—depending on weather

A few pictures from Rod Schein to wet your whistle!



August Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Judy and Wally Martin	8/4
Dan and Karen Young	8/15
MG and Bob Stamnes	8/16
Lee and Carol Folsom	8/18
Roberta and Jim Martoza	8/31

BIRTHDAYS

Roger Orness	8/10
Kathy Howe	8/12
Sallie Comstock	8/29
Tom Lauderback	8/30

PS-VCCA 2015 Meeting Treats

October-Bob & MG Stamnes
November-Bill & Sis Barker

. Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2015

Call to Order: An informal meeting was called to order by Director, Jim Darby at Perigo Park, Redmond after the strawberries were served and enjoyed by all attending, no head count.

Current News: The Haddocks' are not sure about hosting the annual event. If Haddocks don't host Al Howe will have the picnic at his home in Enumclaw. Dave will need some help getting things set up and ready for guests if he is hosting so he asked for some families to come early. Dave and Al will keep us informed through emails.

George Reich brought me a 1933 license plate for my newly acquired '33 two door sedan. It is a running, driving survivor with what appears to be 38,000 original miles, good untouched condition. The wood is solid, interior is very nice and the body has no rust outs. The paint and chrome are both pretty much shot.

Activities: Rod Schein will be emailing information on the upcoming tour to the Skykomish Train Depot in late July.

Minutes: Jim Darby corrected last month's minutes. Our meeting was held at Phantom Lake Elementary not Panther Lake as reported.

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock



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.

Battery Bits—Part Two

By Jim Kiple - VCCA # 49993 T/A # 110

Reserve Capacity is another battery rating that few people understand, or care to for that matter; although it's an important indicator of battery's ability to go it alone if the charging system goes south. Reserve Capacity is defined as the length of time (in minutes) that the battery can continue to deliver 25 amps of power without any backup from the charging system and still maintain a post voltage of 10.5 volts, or 5.25 for a 6 volt battery.

AGM Batteries

AGM (Absorbed Glass Mat) batteries have gained a lot of favor over the past several years (lead by the spiral wound Optima), and there are some good reasons why.

These batteries are still the same Lead/Acid technology as our old standby types, with a different twist. Instead of liquid electrolyte, they use a gel that is absorbed in glass mat separators between the cells as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3. Optima AGM Technology

AGM batteries have several advantages.

They produce very high power for their size, they hold a charge for a very long time, they will stand a lot of vibration without damage, and they can be mounted upside down or sideways if needed, because they can't spill electrolyte. Although AGM batteries are available in most standard rectangular sizes, the spiral wound Optima seems to lead the pack.

There also seems to be a growing cult among old car folks regarding the Optima battery, but I'm not convinced they are worth the price for installation in one of our old cars. Unless you have need for one of the advantages listed above, it has been my experience that they don't last much longer than a standard battery, and they cost at least twice as much. I've been attacked by Optima believers for this position, but we have proved it several times over in our restoration shop.

You are free to choose whatever battery you want. I've owned two Optima batteries – The first one and the last one. I think they are great batteries but they simply cost too much for what you get. I'm not a believer.

This series was sent to me by Bill Barker. Thanks Bill!

Part Three—Next Month

PS-VCCA May Meeting

Photos by Glenn Landguth



From: **Bill Barker** <bbarkerjr@gmail.com>
Subject: VCCA 2016 Anniversary Meet Presentation

The **55th Anniversary Meet Committee** would like to announce some early information about the **2016 Meet** which will be held at **Lake Tahoe in August 2016**. On this web page you can download a presentation in two formats - ppsx and pdf. <http://vcca.org/2016/>

It is a short 20-page overview of the upcoming Meet. It can be viewed from any personal computer. It will be the official web communication location beginning approximately July 1st.

We hope to see everyone at Lake Tahoe in August next year.

---Dave Cufr, Meet Chair
---Bill Barker, Asst. Chair

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 when your listing no longer needs to be published.

FOR SALE

1927 (8?) Chev sedan and parts. \$4,000 or Best Offer. Contact Bob Godfrey 830 Pine Ave, Snohomish WA
Follow this link for pictures: <https://goo.gl/aIayom> 7/15

1939 Chevrolet 2dr Sedan. "JB" model. It's in good driving condition. I drove it to the movies a few days ago. It's a good daily driver. Original paint and interior. Drive it home! \$8,950.
Don Hatley
(253) 941-5674.



5/15

1954 1/2 Ton pickup truck with 235 engine for sale with extra parts. \$10,000 or best offer.
Contact: Kirk , wandaj.holmes55@gmail.com or 206 283-7886
Truck is physically located in California 6/15



1936 4dr sedan parts:

Rear doors-good restorable condition \$75 ea.
Front fenders-left side \$35, right side \$20
Front fender braces-good condition \$25 ea.
Left side headlight bucket with mounting bracket-good condition \$50
Radiator support-good condition \$20
Frame-good condition \$100
Contact Phil Christensen 509-636-2163 philip082@centurytel.net 2/15

7.50 X 15 Bias wide whitewall tires, 95% tread remaining, 4 for \$100.
5.50 X 17 one tire on 17 inch wire wheel with small cap, holds air \$25.
Two 23-inch wood spoke rear wheels with brake drums and rims, \$40.
Roger Orness 253-312-6561 or r.orness@comcast.net 2/15

1948 Chevrolet Fleetline Aerosedan. Restored about 15 years ago with only 3,000 miles since. Always garaged, Hampton Coach interior, original rebuilt 216 ci engine, options include Guide foglamps, six lug 15 in. wheels, backup light, and windshield washer. All reasonable offers considered.

Janice Dynes 425-827-9954



WANTED

1929-30 Roadster left rear quarter panel and trunk lid. Also 1930 LR fender, headlight bar and rear bumperette.
Dick Olson 425-222-5798 3/15

1930 Passenger Radiator Gary Barquist 509-636-2133 6/15

One 525/550-17 white wall tire. Dick Olson 425 222-5798 7/15

Trailer or Drive?

David Gowan, Director Area # 3



Every club tour of any distance always elicits the question, “Should I drive the car or trailer it?” Well, of course it depends on weather, distance, condition of car, time, convenience, pride, cost and a myriad of other things. In the case of my 74 year old Chevrolet, I have decided that if the tour is more than a 100 miles or so I will trailer the car to site of origin. Not that it won’t go farther, but I don’t want to put the miles on it.

My concern is to preserve the engine which recently turned 98,000 original miles since new. With ears attuned to any unusual noise, I imagine

throwing a rod or stripping the timing gear or facing some other catastrophe before I get to the 100K mark. And I’ve gotten over the guilt of not putting the Chevrolet to the test of miles.

Maybe it’s not fully enjoying the ‘ride’ but it is important to take extra precaution, I think. So far I have still enjoyed the wonderful camaraderie of my fellow VCCA members while trying to preserve the ‘little old lady.’

