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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 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 **the Issaquah IHOP** 1433 NW Sammamish Rd., 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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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"***



Greetings Everyone,

IHOP you are doing well. Oh? I mean, I hope you are doing well! In case you didn't catch it that was supposed to be a pun.

Rod Schein is doing well according to reports from Evie, and we are trusting continued uphill progress.

The first car club meeting at IHOP in Issaquah turned out very well. The number in attendance was good, and the discussions were great. Thanks to Don Comstock and Dave Haddock the activities calendar will provide a number of varied tour opportunities. There was time for others to contribute ideas, changes and suggestions.

Thanks to Ralf Luche, our Webmaster, the Tappet Clatter is available on line. So one could say we have a "New" Outlook com.

A big thank you goes to Bill Damm for diligently providing the "Safety Corner" each month in the Tappet Clatter. I always look forward to his insightful safety poetry to guide us.

I was amazed at Bob Stamnes's presentation on refinishing vintage license plates. He made an old, rusty, bent up, chewed up license plate look brand new. Now that is artistic talent and a lot of stick to it, research and elbow grease.

Much thanks goes to Al Howe for all his leadership as he diligently coordinates many club details related to meetings, tour activities and Tappet Clatter matters.

The sun is shining as I'm writing this so if you can't put nitrogen in your tires, at least put in some air before you head down the road.

Got to go, my air compressor is running.

Jerry

## **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://psrvcca.weebly.com/>

**Willamette Valley Region, VCCA:** <http://www.wvrvcca.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>





Bill Damm's  
SAFETY CORNER

School is out;  
We get a break  
From yellow buses  
That make us wait.

The problem is  
There's still construction  
To slow us down  
And cause disruption.

Please drive careful  
And be real patient,  
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with paper towel wrapped around it that had a slight bit of thinner on it. This was tedious but worked well using a continuous smooth motion from where you start, moving it along the edge of the letter to where there was no more green on the background. Q-tips might work real well also. This Formica process worked so well and was quite fast compared to using a rubbing/polishing compound, that I continued this process on the other letters with the same piece of Formica. I also applied this same method to the "WASHINGTON" at the bottom of the license plate, doing a few letters of "Washington" at a time. I did have a slight problem with the Formica slipping slightly when I pressed on it while on a letter. This caused more green paint to be laid on one side of the letter. Thickening the paint should reduce this problem.

So MG's car now has a restored license plate with two coats of white gloss epoxy appliance paint and green letters painted with a heavier coat of "Sign Painters 1-SHOT Lettering Enamel", which Don suggested using (see picture.)

Much appreciation goes to Don Comstock and Bill Barker for responding to my inquiry at the club meeting.

Websites used as a basis for this article include;  
Washington State Rules <http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/sprestored.html>  
Video of popadent process for straightening license plates  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeUyCfpnQxc>  
Preparation of plate  
<http://www.oldcarsweekly.com/restoration/plate-perfection-art-license-plate-restoration>  
Other sites  
<http://www.stovebolt.com/techtips/license%20plate?>  
<http://www.secondchancegarage.com/public/111.cfm>



## Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2017

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at the Issaquah IHOP Restaurant by Co-Director Jerry Brownell at 7:28 pm. The meeting began with Jerry updating the group on his knowledge of Rod Schein's recent heart surgery. His surgery went well according to the family and it was reported that Rod is out of the hospital and recuperating at an inpatient physical therapy facility. Jerry also commented that this was our first meeting at the IHOP and asked those in attendance if anyone had traffic issues getting to the new location. The consensus was that traffic was OK but may have been good because of the good weather. Jerry also asked members how it was working to have the Tappet Clatter delivered by email instead of hard copy. Al Howe noted that only four members did not have access to email and they were still getting hard copy. Members appeared pleased with the change. Twenty-eight members and guests were present.

**Membership:** Donna Onat introduced new member Ed Laster and commented that Don Hatley had brought a friend/guest with him, Mike Briese.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the April meeting, as published in the May Tappet Clatter were approved by vote of those present.

**Treasurer Report:** Sallie Comstock reported that the treasury is healthy especially without the monthly expense of the Tappet Clatter printing costs. She also commented that the treasury was increased by \$620 thanks to those that volunteered to help out at the Monroe Swap Meet.

**Activities/Tours:** Don Comstock started the discussion by thanking each member who participated in the Monroe Swap Meet. He felt the Meet went well and members did a good job of manning the Vendor Gate and controlling the flow. Don mentioned that we have a full plate of activities starting in July but that we could use something in June. He mentioned that we could participate in the GM Picnic on Father's Day or that members could do that on their own. Starting in July, club activities for the summer include the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic at the Haddock's, the Hood River Oregon WAAAM Car Show July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, and the PSR-VCCA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on July 15<sup>th</sup> at Jerry Yoder's home. As a special incentive to get members to attend the Anniversary Party, Don and Sallie have obtained original Puget Sound Region-VCCA Posters (circa 1970) done by former Director Mike Burns and will be raffling off two posters at the party. Don mentioned that in August we have the Northwest Meet in Anacortes and asked Ken Scott to talk about it. Ken stated that he is assisting again with judging and asked all members to consider getting their cars judged at the meet. He mentioned that there are many categories of judging including some that are easy to qualify for an oval and encouraged members to find one category that suites them. Don also mentioned the SeaTac HCCA Annual Car Show at the Ballard Locks to be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial for the Ballard Locks and they are hoping to get a large classic car turnout. Don had information on several of these events that he left for members to review or take with them if they were interested. Dave Haddock completed the discussion of activities citing the good turnout for the Ballard Parade and thanking Bob Stamnes and the Schein family for their efforts in making this another memorable event.

**Glove Box:** Bob Stamnes asked members to bring up topics for him to cover or ask questions for new articles.

**National News:** Bill Barker gave an update from the recent National Board Meeting. He stated that the Member Services contractor selection has occurred and a vendor has been retained to take over this part of the club business beginning later this summer. He stated that there have been a number of issues related to the changeover that are taking some time to resolve. He said that a vote has taken place and that Bowling Green, Kentucky has been selected as the site for the next Anniversary Meet and that the newly elected President of the club is Jim Gephardt. Bill also volunteered to host a "Garage Night" in his garage on June 14<sup>th</sup>. He said to show up around 6:30 or 7 PM and that he will be giving away some items by raffle at 8 PM.

**Meeting Presentation:** Bob Stamnes gave a presentation on how to restore "year of manufacture" license plates using a license plate he recently restored for MG Stamnes' 1953 Chevy. His methods, tips, and tricks will be presented in the Glove Box column in the June 2017 edition of the Tappet Clatter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM. Respectfully submitted by Dave Haddock for Diane Haddock, Secretary.

## July Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Kathy Currie	1
Ralf & Michele Luche	11
Arnie & Katie Mondloch	20
John & Marilyn Campbell	31

### BIRTHDAYS

Al Howe	2
John Strampher	5
Linda Wheeler	15
Julie Solon	18
Betty Roberts	19
Genie Folsom	19
Jim Darby	21
Bob Stamnes	26

## 2017Activities

June	26-29	4 Cylinder Tour in Hamilton, MT -- Al Howe / Jim Farris
July	4	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Shortcake Social and Potluck/BBQ —Dave and Diane Haddock's home at Lake Forest Park
	15	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour and BBQ at Jerry Yoder's on Snag Island
August	14	Hunters Breakfast tour -- Jim Farris
	16-19	2017 Northwest Meet -- Anacortes
	28	PS-VCCA Club Meeting - Issaquah XXX
September	TBD	Tour through the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery date and leader TBD
	25	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Issaquah IHOP
October	6-8	Mahogany & Merlot-Lake Chelan
	TBD	Octoberfest, Corn Maze or Halloween event TBD
	23	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Issaquah IHOP
November	27	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Issaquah IHOP
December	TBD	Christmas Party date, location and time set by the first week in November

### **Directions to the Issaquah IHOP**

1433 NW Sammamish Rd.

From I-5 or I-405 take **I-90 E** towards Spokane. Take **exit 15** for 17th Ave NW.

Turn **left** on 17th Ave NW. Continue for 0.2 miles. Turn **left again** onto NW Sammamish Rd. Turn left again immediately after the ARCO Station. The IHOP is behind the ARCO.

### **Treats for 2017 meetings:**

Ah yes. Now that the meetings are at the Issaquah IHOP there won't be any treats brought to the meetings. Guess you will have to buy them if you want them!



**Combined  
Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry  
Shortcake Social  
and  
Fourth of July Celebration**



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This year the Haddock Family will host the Strawberry Shortcake Fest and the 4th of July Celebration and Potluck at their Lake Forest Park home on the afternoon of the 4th. All members and their families are invited to either or both of the events. Please arrive at or after 12:30pm. We expect the Darbys and Comstocks will serve the shortcake around 3pm (if you only want to come for that event.) People are welcome to arrive at whatever time is convenient.

For the 4th of July potluck, the club will supply hotdogs/hamburgers and the fixings, water, plates, cups and utensils. Please bring a dish to share: salads, sides, snacks, cheeses, chips, etc. (Desserts will not be needed this time.) Also bring chairs for yourself and your desired beverages.

Parking will be on the street (only two neighbors live beyond us on the dead end street) We will have someone directing cars. If necessary, you can park in the school parking lot for a shuttle to the house.

**We look forward to seeing you !!**

**Directions: Dave's and Diane's home**

See emailed TC or membership roster for address and telephone number.

Call us for directions/questions/help







**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, or email [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) with your information.

### LICENSE PLATE RESTORATION

MG's '53 Chevrolet license plate always looked pretty bad. It looked like the background was rusty. Now that the car seems to run pretty good, it was time to address some of these little things. Little things? A license plate?

Bill Barker sent me a list of websites that show videos and discuss methods of restoring license plates. Don Comstock also provided information on what paint to use and a warning on how tough it is to paint the letters. I really appreciate this information and have provided the websites at the end of this article. One of the sites provided by Bill was about Washington State law. This is a very inclusive website and should be read before starting your license plate restoration. This site requires you to check in with the DMV.

The first step in the license plate restoration process is acquiring a flat license plate of the appropriate year. If you do not start with a flat license plate, you may find it difficult to flatten the one you have, but according to the articles, the best way is to use your hands to flatten your license plate. I was lucky that the license plate for MG's '53 was pretty flat. Once you have a fairly flat license plate, it is time to take the nicks and creases out of it. There is a pretty good video that shows the use of a Papa Dent tool ([www.papadent.com](http://www.papadent.com)) using several different bits (chisel, mushroom, pointed, and round) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeUyCfnpQxc>. You can probably find similar shapes around your shop, which will work well with a light tap of a hammer, using a piece of metal as backing (like an anvil).

The next step is to remove the old paint. This can be done, by media blasting, paint removal solution, or sanding. I sand blasted our license plate, but I would probably use paint remover, or a less harsh media blasting next time. Sand blasting left some pitting. Sanding may affect definition of the letters and could be difficult in small areas. Much of the pitting from sand blasting was filled by multiple coats of paint. Now you have a clean license plate ready to paint. There are many types of paint and the one you use may depend upon your experience and how the car will be used, or stored. I used a rattle can primer, but one of the references suggests using an etching primer. I then tried several approaches outlined in references and discussed by Don. The '53 license plate should be a white background with green lettering. I found a 27 license plate that required a lot of work, but the letters were good enough to try different approaches. I tried painting the front of the plate green and then white, then sanding off the white on the letters to leave green letters. I also tried removing the white using a rubbing compound to leave green letters. I found that unless the letters are perfectly flat, which they were not in my case, you will be left with some white in the low spots on the letters. This was unacceptable to me. I also found that removing the white with rubbing compound was extremely slow. I tried to remove the white over the letters with paint thinner, which also proved difficult to get a good paint-to-paint line. So the next thing I tried was to paint the entire plate the back ground color (white) and brushing on the green with a small foam brush. This proved impossible as I had paint on the letters and on the back ground and the transition from letters to background were not uniform, but irregular.

I had to find something that worked and was simple. One article discussed how lettering paint on original license plates was done by rollers, similar to a printing press. So I thought something like this on a much smaller scale might work. I tried using a pad that you paint corners of a room with. This had enough fine hairs on it that the green paint ended up on the white back ground. So I tried to find something without the hairs. I tried to find a pad as large as the license plate at an art store, thinking that I may be able to put green paint on the pad and then lay the license plate face down on the pad to apply the green. I could not find such a thing, but an art major in the shop suggested thickening the paint by leaving it on cardboard for a few minutes before applying it to a pad to transfer it to the license plate. So, when I got home, I pulled out an old sheet of Formica and cut off a piece the side of a single letter (see photo). I spread #148, Dark Green, Sign Painters' 1-SHOT Lettering Enamel, that Don had suggested, evenly on the front side of the Formica. 1-SHOT can be found in art stores. I held this with a finger on each end of the Formica, turned it over with paint down and applied it to a letter on the license plate, pushing down gently so it would contact the entire letter. This method gave very even, smooth and continuous edges to the paint on the edge of the letter. TaDa!!!! I filled in the center of the letter as needed using a small foam brush. I did not thicken the paint on cardboard before use, but I should have, as less green would have reached the background area of the license plate.



Because I did not thicken the paint, I had some final touch up along the edges where the paint was too liquid and went onto the back ground of the plate. I cleaned these areas with a fairly sharp pointed object, like that of a file handle without the wood,

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# Our 50th Year!!

## Come Celebrate With Us!

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

Saturday, July 15, 2017

This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Puget Sound Region, VCCA. We will be celebrating our longevity on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July at Jerry Yoder's place. Please arrive around noon; a BBQ lunch will be provided by the club at about 1 PM. Please bring your own beverages and a salad or snack to share. An anniversary cake will be included in the festivities. We have invited members of other regions to join in our celebration and hope it will be an enjoyable event! Jerry will have his garage open to tour and take a look at his collection.

Jerry Yoder  
See membership roster for details

TOUR FROM NORTH END: Dave Haddock will be leading a tour to the event, leaving from a location north of Seattle. If you would like to join the tour, contact Dave. He will also be sending out an email announcing the starting point and further details, so last minute additions to the group are welcome.



VCCA members at Centralia Swap Meet—September 1967



## ***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

**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, rstamnes@yahoo.com,

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



**1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe 5 passenger Coupe** for sale – belongs to new member in Vancouver, WA – Been in storage years from Eastern Oregon. Very solid – to be installed new Hampton Interior – all parts and trim available – Engine was good and odometer says 58,000. \$7,500. Red paint needs buffed - email Stan at stantemperly@gmail.com or deacon51@juno.com

(ad courtesy of Dave Gowan)



**1962 Chevrolet Impala SS Project Car**, Two 327 engines and transmissions, lots of extra parts, \$5,000 or best offer. Dave Haddock. [chevydave@gmail.com](mailto:chevydave@gmail.com)

### **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. David O'Brien, 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

### **FREE**

**235 and 216 engines** - as they say, "Ran When Parked". There are no starters, fuel pumps or carburetors. Don Comstock. 253-863-0420. [chevyguy2@centurylink.net](mailto:chevyguy2@centurylink.net)

**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.



## Old Chevrolet Trucks Everywhere!

David Gowan Area #3 Director

I have been blessed to live in the West and Northwest. Farmers and ranchers depended on Chevrolets to get them around, haul products to market and generally be depended upon. There are, however, many of these gems left to rot in the fields and trees of this beautiful land.

On an outing over the Applegate Trail last month, near Jackson, OR, I walked through a covered bridge and guess what? On the other side was a very nice solid '37 truck just waiting for someone to love it. This is not that truck but it represents the hobby and makes the heart beat for something to call a new project.

Keep your eyes open and you'll find a prospective winner.

