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2011 May Breakfast Tour

By Jim Farris

Sunday, May 1, a number of our VCCA Puget Sound Region members participated in the Annual May Breakfast and Tour sponsored by the Sea-Tac Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America (HCCA). This event is one of the oldest old-car gatherings in the Northwest, and is always planned each year to be on the first Sunday of May. This has been a calendar event of the HCCA since its inception, shortly after the Club was organized in 1952. That has made it a yearly tour for over a half century and for many of those years it has been an all-car-club event.

After an early 1950's beginning, with picnics at Lake Wilderness, the format turned to morning tours with a lunch served at Anton's, not far from the Elk's, the current breakfast location. When that restaurant closed and sold, the format for the activity reversed; the meal became a Breakfast followed by a tour. The drive is usually terminated at a local old-car or old-car-memorabilia collection.

Our Region has had a tie to it for over a quarter century, in that Jerry Greenfield, one of our members, has organized and led the tour for longer than he can remember, often with his pristine black '51 Two-Door. This year Jerry drove his '34 Lincoln (see Jim Seiber's picture of Jerry's Lincoln).



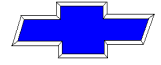
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*The **Puget Sound Region** of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (PS-VCCA) is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, fun and enjoyment of vintage Chevrolet cars and trucks. Members are not required to own a Chevrolet. Regional membership is open to all Chevrolet enthusiasts who are members of the **Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA)**. All Chevrolets from 1912 through 1986 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 "The 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

"The Sunday Driver"



By Dave Haddock
Puget Sound Region Director

Here we are into June already and at least we now have one very nice weekend behind us. Yes summertime, car tours, and car shows!!! This month we have the GM Picnic on Father's Day, June 19, followed by the Greenwood Car Show on the 25th. In addition, as in past years, we will be having our annual strawberry shortcake feed at Perrigo Park. We have renamed the event to honor Gail Darby who passed away unexpectedly late last year. She was instrumental in the success of this event and made the most fabulous shortcake each year. By the way, Bill Damm has checked on the proposed road construction in the Perrigo Park area and it looks like we will not be on any gravel roads getting to the park as was earlier feared. Thanks, Bill.

July begins with a Fourth of July Potluck at the Folsom's and before you know it it's "Flint or Bust".

For those like me who won't be making the Flint event, we will be home supporting the Lee Johnson Car Show on July 23rd where they are going to be rolling out the new Volt for Northwest customers. This will be a multiple VCCA club event and we expect to have some folks from the North Cascades Region and the Mount Rainier Region joining us. If you know you will be attending this event, please give me a call or shoot me an email. I am helping Matt coordinate the event this year.

In August we will be joining our Mini-Meet sponsors, the Willamette Valley Region, for a good time in Oregon. They have done a fabulous job organizing the Mini-Meet this year and I am looking forward to the multiple tours and especially some fun touring to those Oregon covered bridges.

Finally, we will end the summer with our XXX Root Beer meeting followed by a couple of events in September: a BBQ at our home in Lake Forest Park and a weekend tour across the Cascades. More detail on these events later.

So, we're going to be busy bunch. Pull out the Meguiar's and get that Chevy waxed and polished. Fill up the tank now that prices are becoming a bit more reasonable and you can fill it again for less than \$100. It looks to be a fantastic summer!!!

May Breakfast Tour (Continued from page 1)

A few members of our Club have participated over the years, but recently it has become a Region-sponsored event, with many of our members and their cars taking part in the annual gathering. This year the PSVCCA group filled a couple of tables at the breakfast.



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The program for the June 27 meeting is the Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social. Jim Darby will be bringing the strawberry shortcake made to Gail's special recipe. Come and enjoy dessert and a wonderful time at the park.

The 50th Anniversary VCCA decals can also be purchased at the June 27 meeting.

Club Shirts Ready For Pickup About June 20

Twenty-Eight members ordered a total of Forty-Three new (RED) shirts with a Puget Sound Region logo. The shirts will be available about June 20, and may be picked up at The Strawberry Shortcake meeting at Perrigo Park on June 27.

The Club has paid the silkscreen setup fee for the order, making the cost to members just \$15 per shirt. This includes tax. Shipping to individual members, if necessary, will be extra. Checks or money in payment for the shirts should be sent or given to our Club treasurer, Sallie Comstock.

Five additional shirts, 1 X-large and 4 Large, were added to the order to take advantage of a price break. These "extra" shirts will be available to Club members on a first come basis through our Region's treasurer.

If you ordered a shirt and are not going to the June 27 meeting at Perrigo Park, please contact Jim Farris at farrismej@aol.com to make arrangements for picking them up.

Please keep in mind that both Sallie Comstock and Jim Farris will be leaving for the Anniversary Meet in Flint, Michigan, and will be thus be gone a good deal of July.

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In recent years, the writer, a longtime HCCA member as well as a PSVCCA member, has been the one responsible for coffee and donuts at the end of the tour.

This year's event culminated with a visit to the temporary LeMay Car Museum in Fife, not far from where the new museum is under construction next to the Tacoma Dome.

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Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2011

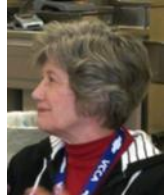


Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:30 PM by Director Dave Haddock.

Welcome: There were 31 members and guests present. Area Director Ken Scott attended and commented that after a year he is getting a handle on the job.

Secretary: Minutes were accepted as printed in Tappet Clatter.

Treasurer: Sallie Comstock reported on our income and expenses for April 2011. The April auction brought in \$421, a record.



Membership: Donna Onat informed us that our membership now stands at 77 with the addition of two new members last month.

National Meet: Bill Barker reported that everyone registered for the National Meet will be receiving a letter after June 1st giving their itinerary for the events at the Meet. Bill also distributed welcome and membership applications to the national.



Tours: Matt Dickinson reminded us of the Auto Angels show in Bellevue on June 18th, the Greenwood Car Show June 25th and the Strawberry Shortcake meeting at Perrigo Park on June 27th. Matt also suggested visiting the Gilmore Museum on Sunday before leaving Flint Michigan. Dick Olson has registration forms for the free car show at the LeMay Museum facility in Fife in August.

Monroe Swap Meet: Ana Haley gathered the Monroe Swap Meet workers for a picture and reported that twenty-six Club members worked at the Meet.



Northwest Meet: Jim Seiber met with the folks doing the Mini-Meet this August. They need an accurate count now so they can get everything printed and ready before they go to the National Meet. He said that the hotel cut off the rooms available so the Willamette members will be giving up their rooms to guests who were turned away. (Secretary's note: By the time you read this it will probably be too late to respond.)

Club Shirts: Jim Farris sent around the final sign-up sheet for club polo-shirts. It was decided that the club will pay the \$60 setup fee charged by the printer. By the end of the meeting there were about 40 shirts ordered.



Refreshments: Thanks to Bill & Sis Barker for the wonderful Costco treats, cup cakes and homemade Rocky Road chunks brought to honor Bob Helgeson's birthday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Program: The program on overdrives was presented by Jim Farris on the Johnson High-Way Over Gear, George Haley on the Truckstell Tip-Toe Overdrive and Dave Haddock on the Borg-Warner, Warner Gear Division, Overdrive.

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock.



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There are quite a few vehicles of all types and makes in the collection which includes a few Chevrolets.



There was a '25 Roadster, a '27 sedan complete with original 1952 license stickers on the front and rear windows with matching numbers and a 1942 Washington Vehicle Safety Sticker (Picture) on the front window.

Also there was a very nice green '31 Roadster on display and a 1942 Black-Out Coupe. It was first thought to be Don Comstock's but he informed us it was not. This one belonged to a VCCA member in California.



A couple of Corvettes were lined up as well.

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Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

Date	Event	Person Responsible
June 18	Auto Angels Car Show, 10 AM - 3 PM, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA	www.AutoAngels.org
June 18	Hot Rods & Hogs Car Show	Maltby Assembly Church, Maltby
June 19	GM Picnic in Graham, WA	
June 25	Greenwood Auto Show	Matt Dickinson
June 27	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social at Perrigo Park, Redmond, WA	Club Meeting
July 4	Folsom's Picnic/Pot Luck	Lee & Carol Folsom
July 17-23	VCCA 50th Anniversary, Flint, Michigan	
July 23	Lee Johnson Dealership Car Show	Dave Haddock
August 18-20	NW Mini Meet, Silverton, OR	Willamette Valley VCCA
August 22	XXX Drive-In, Issaquah, WA	Club Meeting
August 28	GEAA Tour & Picnic, Orting, WA	Ana Maria Haley
September, date to be confirmed	Potluck Barbeque at the Haddock's, including a Tour to their home	Dave & Diane Haddock Matt Dickinson
Sept 12-16	Early 6 Cylinder Tour, Tulare, CA	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
October 15	Weekend Tour	Jim Farris/Dick Olson
TBD	Board Meeting	Dave Haddock
Early December	Christmas Party	Don & Sallie Comstock

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It was a nice day for a Tour. For some reason this day, the first Sunday in May, usually has good weather, as can be seen in this view of Mt. Rainier.



We'll do this again next year on May 6, with a different collection featured. So far the breakfast location is planned at the same place.

Plan on attending. It's fun to see the cars and tour with so many different vehicle marques.

Thanks go to Dave Haddock and Jim Seiber for providing the wonderful pictures.

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Just a tiny little accident
Is all that it takes
When you didn't have time
To use your brakes.

The car door might be strong
But it's not that stout
For if it flies open
You could fall out.

Not staying inside
Even if you're sober
There is always a chance
To get run over.

Seat belts are made to
Keep you in your seat.
For the extra safety
They can't be beat.

So put on your seat belt
Each time that you drive.
It could make the difference
Of you staying alive.

May 17 Parade in Ballard

By Bob Stamnes

I believe there were ten cars from our Club in the parade: Josh Forgues, Jim Lewis, Bob and MG Stamnes, Rod and Evie Schein, Dick Jones, George and Ana Maria Haley (each had a car), Bill Damm, Don and Sallie Comstock, and Matt Dickison's friend, Craig Brand. Our friends, Marty and Vicki Olsen and Matt Jakubowski were also in our car and attended the party. Jim Seiber also showed up for the party.



As far as I know, I was the only one that had car trouble.

It turned out my newly installed four-bladed fan was hitting my radiator hose clamp when I stepped on the gas, and my generator decided to work intermittently, but we coasted down 24th and started the engine to go up the hill past the reviewing stand.

We made it home under our own power after the party. My passengers were more concerned than I was.

We had a great turnout and a fantastic Norwegian feast afterward at Rod and Evie Schein's.

Thanks to Rod and Evie for inviting the Club to this fun event. (See page 12 for another picture.)



July Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Kathy Currie	7/1
Walt & Sally Blair	7/11
John & Marilyn Campbell	7/31

BIRTHDAYS

Al Howe	7/2
John Strampher	7/5

BIRTHDAYS (Continued)

Dennis Dynes	7/8
Judy Cloutier	7/14
Linda Wheeler	7/15
Julie Solon	7/18
Betty Roberts	7/19
Jim Darby	7/21
Bob Stamnes	7/26

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.

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

Bushings, Bushings, Bushings - How do you get them out?

By Bob Stamnes

I recently read an article in *Auto Restorer* titled, "More Approaches to Bushing Removal" (June 2011), and the great number of bushings on a car suddenly came to mind. Bushing removal and replacement is a real issue. I recently replaced the bushings on my 1927 Chevrolet foot pedals.

Bushings are found in generators, engines, water pumps, spring hangers, clutches, foot pedals, etc. Some of these bushings are simpler to remove because they can be pushed from one side out the other side, and others are in blind holes. I have pushed bushings out using my vise or a drill press. I have used the new bushing to push out the old, leaving the new bushing in place. Metal, preferably a brass rod, slightly smaller than the hole the bushing is in, can also be used to push the bushing out the other side. This works best on thicker bushings. It may not work well on a very thin bushing.

Bushing driver sets are available. These include several sizes of stepped drivers and a threaded rod. These stepped driver fit inside and against the end of the bushing. A threaded rod then attaches to the stepped driver, so that the bushing can be pushed out. The stepped driver centers itself on the bushing. If you do not have a bushing driver set, there are other ways to "skin the cat".

Auto Restorer discusses methods of removing thin bushings. Thin bushings, like those on starters, can be removed by tapping on a pick inserted between the bushing and the metal housing, gradually ripping the bushing inward until the bottom is reached. At this point the bushing can easily be removed (*Auto Restorer*, "Building A Starter, Part 3", February 2011).

Dave Folsom also suggests that you can bore out thicker bushings and then use the thin-bushing procedure to remove the resulting thin bushing.

Thicker bushings require other techniques.

A tap can be used on thicker bushings. The tap can be driven (turned) into the bushing. This can be especially useful to remove a bushing in a blind hole. As the tap is turned past the bushing, it will bottom out in the blind hole thus pushing the bushing out. This same approach can be used in other applications if you use a vise or clamps to hold a plate against the back of the piece you're extracting the bushing from. The tap can then push against this plate, forcing the bushing out.

Rather than using a backing plate with the tap, it may also be possible to use vise grip and block with the tap to pry the bushing out.

Another article in *Auto Restorer* discusses additional ways to remove sleeves in blind holes. One way is to fill the bushing with grease (no voids), apply a shaft that is snug in the bushing, and then hit the shaft very hard with a hammer. This creates a hydraulic pressure against the inside edge of the bushing forcing it out. Repeating this will eventually remove the bushing. The tolerances must be close to limit the escape of grease.

Another person used water mixed with toilet paper instead of grease to fill the bushing with similar results. The use of protective eyewear was suggested because the paper-toilet paper mix can squirt out violently.

Dave Folsom routinely uses the above approach with grease to remove clutch pilot bushings.

Dave also uses other techniques for removing bushings. He has ground down the opposite flat sides of a square nut so it can be slipped sideways through the bushing in a blind hole, and then turned it under the bushing so a threaded shaft can be turned into the nut. The points of the nut catch the bottom edges of the bushing, providing a means of extracting the bushing.

Dave also uses a slide hammer with hook on the end. He places the hook under the bushing, places a punch or dowel in

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the bushing to hold the hook in place, and then extracts the bushing with the slide hammer.

Installing bushings seems to be the easier challenge. Using something to press the new bushing into place is the common approach. This can be accomplished with a vise, drill press, or hydraulic press keeping things lined up and with adequate support against the bushing. A little grease may help.

I would like to extend special thanks to Dave Folsom for his contributions to this article.

Club Participates in the 38th Annual (2011) Monroe Swap Meet

Ana Maria reports that she, “Just received a wonderful check for \$959.00 for our participation at the Monroe Swap Meet. I am very proud of all the members’ work and support.”

The Ford Club was also very happy with our help and is asking if we would like to participate again next year.

Working shifts on Friday were: Don Comstock, Sallie Comstock, Jim Darby, Tyler Gottschalk, Steve Grissom, George Kowats, Phyllis Kowats, Dick Olson, Donna Onat, Dave Roberts, Jim Seiber, and Bob Stamnes. Saturday workers were: Dave Haddock, Diane Haddock, Ana Maria Haley, George Haley, Don Hatley, Dick Jones, Rod McCarthy, Roger Orness, Ernie Tear and Bill Johnson. Sunday workers were: Jerry Brownell, Bill Damm, and Al Howe.

Ana Maria extends a big “Thank You” to everyone who helped.

At the May membership meeting, people who had worked at the Monroe Swap Meet gathered for a group picture. Now don’t they look like a happy group?



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

1934 1 1/2 T Chevrolet, \$17,000, Bill Johnson, snkshk@comcast.net

1952 Bel Air 2 Dr Hardtop. Black with silver top. Show quality. W/w radial tires, dual exhaust, 235 engine, stick shift. Suspension recently rebuilt front and rear including new springs. \$23,500 obo. 206-650-4884. (Previously owned by Gene Gooding.)

1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Coupe. \$45,000 Firm. Don Boltz, 360-893-5305, Donnys32@aol.com

1962 Corvette. 2 Tops. Completely restored, 327 cu.-in. 340HP, 4-speed, Tan, \$65,000 Firm. Jerry Yoder, 253-307-1910, jerryyoder@hotmail.com.

1967 Chevelle 4-Dr Sedan, all original, 67,000 miles. Asking \$7,500. Jake Jacobs, JakeLila@comcast.net, 206-243-7327.

Puget Sound Region VCCA Embroidered Jacket Back Patches, pristine (never used). There are a total of 3 patches. \$25 for all 3. Jake Jacobs, JakeLila@comcast.net, 206-243-7327.

WANTED

1926 Touring, Fuel Tank, Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com.

1926 Touring, Tail Light with Aluminum Rim, Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com.

1939 Chevy Coupe Trunk Lid, or '39-'40 Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile. Bob Reller, 253-922-2709, RLRELLER@HOTMAIL.COM

FLINT or BUST
**July 17 - 23, 2011**
Flint, Michigan
VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

Garage Nite - by Dick Olson

There will not be a Garage Nite in July since many people are going to the National Meet in Flint, MI.

Project Update from Gary Barquist

After all these years as a long time Chevy lover I have come to realize that I have an uncontrollable addiction. I placed an ad in the Tappet Clatter for a '48 to '53 1/2 ton pickup about a year and a half ago. I wanted one that was running or an easy-to-get-running one that I could just use and drive and not put much into it, just fix a bit as I went along.

Well I just can't leave well enough alone and one thing led to another until I had the truck torn down to the frame (as you can see). Well most of the parts collecting and painting is close to being done and as usual I have gone way beyond my initial plans. But what a wonderful addiction it is. I will send more progress reports as time goes on.

Keep working on these Chevrolets; we need to preserve as many as we can.

Gary and Joanne Barquist



Web Links for Area 3 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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Bob Stamnes drives in the May 17 parade in Ballard.