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## May 17<sup>th</sup> Ballard Parade

Text by MG Stamnes and Photos by Evie Schein



Syttende Mai, May 17<sup>th</sup>, is Norwegian Constitution Day celebrating the declaration of Norway as an independent nation 201 years ago. Since 1889, due to its significant Nordic population, there has been a Seattle celebration, and now the Ballard parade is recognized as the largest gathering outside Norway.



The sun shone brightly, and there was lots of laughter as the 10 participants from our Chevy Club, some of Norwegian heritage and some Norwegian for the day, met at Rod and Evie's home to organize for the parade. Those there to enjoy the festivities were: Bob and MG Stamnes in their '26 Touring, Bill Damm in his '29 3-Window Coupe; Jim Lewis in his '30 3-Window Coupe; Rod and Evie Schein with their '40 Business Coupe; Jim Lesniak in his '41 Cabriolet; Dick and Gisela Jones in their '50 Styleline convertible; Don Williams with his brother in his '50 2-door Fleetline;



John and Patricia Anderson in their '54 Corvette convertible; Dave and Betty Roberts in their '65 Impala convertible with 2 adorable backseat passengers; and Ann and Karen Damm in their '87 El Camino. After we all arrived, Rod arranged us in order from oldest to newest, and we were off to the parade getting lots of delighted waves, thumbs ups, and honks from those whom we passed along the way.



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## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2015



**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."

You can find the PS-VCCA website on the **World Wide Web** at <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>

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# ***Director's Corner***

***"From The Driver's Seat"***



We'll be officially in Summer by the time you are reading this, and the deadline for registering for the Northwest Meet is approaching. Registrations are due by July 17<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already registered and are planning on going to the Meet, now is the time to register. If you need forms, let me know.

Thanks to everyone who worked the Monroe Swap Meet. We had fewer hours this year than in past years and not everyone who volunteered to work was able to get a shift. So thanks also to those of you who signed up to work but we didn't have a slot for you. The Ford Club was pleased with this year's event, and we'll need to see if we can get a few more hours next year.

I had some errands up near Monroe this afternoon and stopped on my way home and visited with Lee and Carol Folsom. I'm happy to report that both are doing well and asked that I say "Hi" to the Club from them. It was good to see them.

I read in the "Filling Station Newsletter" that the Customer Appreciation Day is being held again this year. The date is July 10<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 PM. If it's like last year, cars of all makes will be there; the Filling Station will be having specials throughout the store and it was a lot of fun to go. If anybody is interested in going, please let me know.

We held our June meeting a week earlier this year. After a discussion at the May meeting, it was decided to hold it a week earlier, so those attending the 4 Cylinder Tour could also participate. Hopefully everyone got the email broadcast message to that affect and in September we can talk about if it worked or should go back to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday like it has been.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July everyone. See you on the tours.

*Jim*

## **New Club Members**

Donna Onat, Membership

Ralf and Michele Luche were guests at the April meeting, and are acquainted with Dick Olson. They live in Lake Forest Park with their 1931 Chevy Coach.

Separately, you will receive another email with the complete information in Roster format. Please print, cut, and insert it into the back of your Roster.

Welcome, Ralf and Michele! We look forward to getting to know you.

## **JULY GARAGE NITE**

The July 8th Garage Nite will be at Dick Olson's in Preston. 7 PM. *(phone number removed)*.

*(Directions removed).*



## Ballard Parade (continued from Page 1)



Once we arrived at the parade, Evie and MG were off on the ½ mile journey to check in the Club with officials. Along the way, they enjoyed seeing traditional parade participants, such as Norwegian lodges, societies, and choruses decked out in their costumes (lovely bunads like Evie's from her home area), and a group of Norwegian fjord horses, as well as nontraditional participants such as unicycle performers, Seafair pirates and clowns, and the Seattle Police motorcycle drill team. Upon checking in, Evie and MG found out we were #14 of 95 units, and that the parade would start in 5 minutes! Needless to say, the walk back became a race informing the cars to move into position just as #12 moved onto the parade course.

Good sport Evie quickly picked up the PSVCCA banner, and MG happily joined Bob in the car. Evie, Karen Damm, and Rod and Evie's daughter and grandchildren, Kristin, Garrison, and Cora led the way, and our cars followed.



Norwegian flags, costumes, woolen sweaters, and Viking helmets were in abundance both in our group and on the onlookers, who were said to number

20,000. Our group was enthusiastic and noisy throughout the parade with oogas, honks, and Evie's hip hip hurrahs. The cars brought lots of cheers, claps, smiles, and flag waving from onlookers. Rod had written interesting facts about each car for the parade announcer, and the crowd loved that too.



After the parade, we were again off to Rod and Evie's. Due to our early parade number, we had lots of sunshine and time to enjoy Evie's abundant and delicious Norwegian buffet and to catch up with the other members.

Tusen takk (thank you) Rod and Evie for making May 17<sup>th</sup> such a happy day and a much anticipated tradition for our club. Your hard work, planning, and gracious hosting are very appreciated by all of us!!



## 2015 Activities

June	22-26	4-Cylinder Tour- Jim Farris lead
July	4 18 or 25	BBQ/Picnic at Haddocks- Dave Haddock lead Skykomish Trains Tour- Rod Schein lead (date depending on weather),
August	13-16 24	NW Meet at Wilsonville, OR - Columbia River Region host PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Issaquah XXX
September	28	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School
October	3-4 26	Possible overnight tour to Lake Chelan, Mahogany & Merlot Vintage Hydros & Cars PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School
November	23	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School-Election of Officers
December	TBD TBD	Christmas Party Narnia Train Event- Rod Schein to lead

## 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/](http://www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/)  
 Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>



### Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Summer car trips  
 Are fun to take  
 In a classic Chevy  
 Or any make.

To the mountains  
 Or to the sea  
 To a park  
 Or friends to see.

Please stay alert  
 While you're driving  
 To insure the safety  
 Of your arriving.

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

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Columbia River Region will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary  
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#### Accommodations

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**Save the Date!**

Prospectus and Registration forms will be available in early April, 2015

## Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

May 18,2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Panther Lake Elementary at 7:35 by Director Jim Darby. Tillicum Middle school was already booked so this last minute change of venue was arranged by Jim Darby. Don Chapman returned with Jerry Yoder as a guest for this evening's meeting. Don Hatley let us know that wife Tina is home now after spending a little time in the hospital and is doing well.

Secretary: Minutes were approved from April.

Treasurer: Sallie Comstock reported on our income and expenses for April 2015. The Auction income was \$175. Thanks to those members who brought and bought items. The work crew from the Monroe Swap Meet reported that the hours on our feet were long but the food served to the workers was excellent and well-appreciated. If the opportunity presents itself next year we will do it again.

Cover Stories: Rod Schein and Don Comstock received color copies of the Tappet Clatter for their articles on the Spring Tour and Repairing Rust.

National News: Bill Barker now has all the covers from the past G&D magazines on the web site. Northwest Meet registration forms are available from the Columbia River and the National web sites. The National needs support from the Regions for the 2016 Meet. This year they want money. A discussion on what to sponsor centered around supplying water for the tour around Lake Tahoe. No decisions were made. We did vote to authorize up to \$500 for the National Meet to be determined in the fall. Bill Barker seems to have a handle on what will be needed as he is getting sponsors for many of the needs for the Meet.

Garage Nite: Bob Stamnes will host Garage Nite June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.. We will see the progress Bob is making on his '27 and follow up on the body work/rust repairing from the March meeting.

Tours: June 15<sup>th</sup> is the date for our annual Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry dessert meeting at Perigo Park in Redmond. We moved the date up a week so those going on the 4 Cylinder Tour could participate and it seems the strawberry crop will be early this year. Bill Barker and Jim Darby joined the Columbia River Region on their tour to The Dalles. 38 cars participated in some great tours and fantastic meals, all the makings of a memorable event. Rod Schein said our club got top billing in this year's Ballard Parade, going 14<sup>th</sup> in line. The parade lasted 30 minutes from arrival to finishing the parade, then adjourning to the Scheins for food and visiting. There will be no June tours but July is the train tour to Skykomish. Don Hatley is promoting a joint tour with the Mount Rainier Region around Mt. Rainier featuring a BBQ in Packwood for \$12 and on to Morton and home. This takes place August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The tour begins at 9A.M. Also there is a swap meet Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and the GM Picnic on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at Pioneer Park in Graham.

Break: We took a break at 8:45 to enjoy a feast of desserts provided by Glenn and Judy Landguth. Rod and Evie Schein also brought quite a few finger sandwiches left from their gathering over the weekend.

Program: Bill Barker did a slide presentation of the Plaque Tour that we are responsible for putting on at the National Meet in 2016 at Lake Tahoe.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock



## 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.

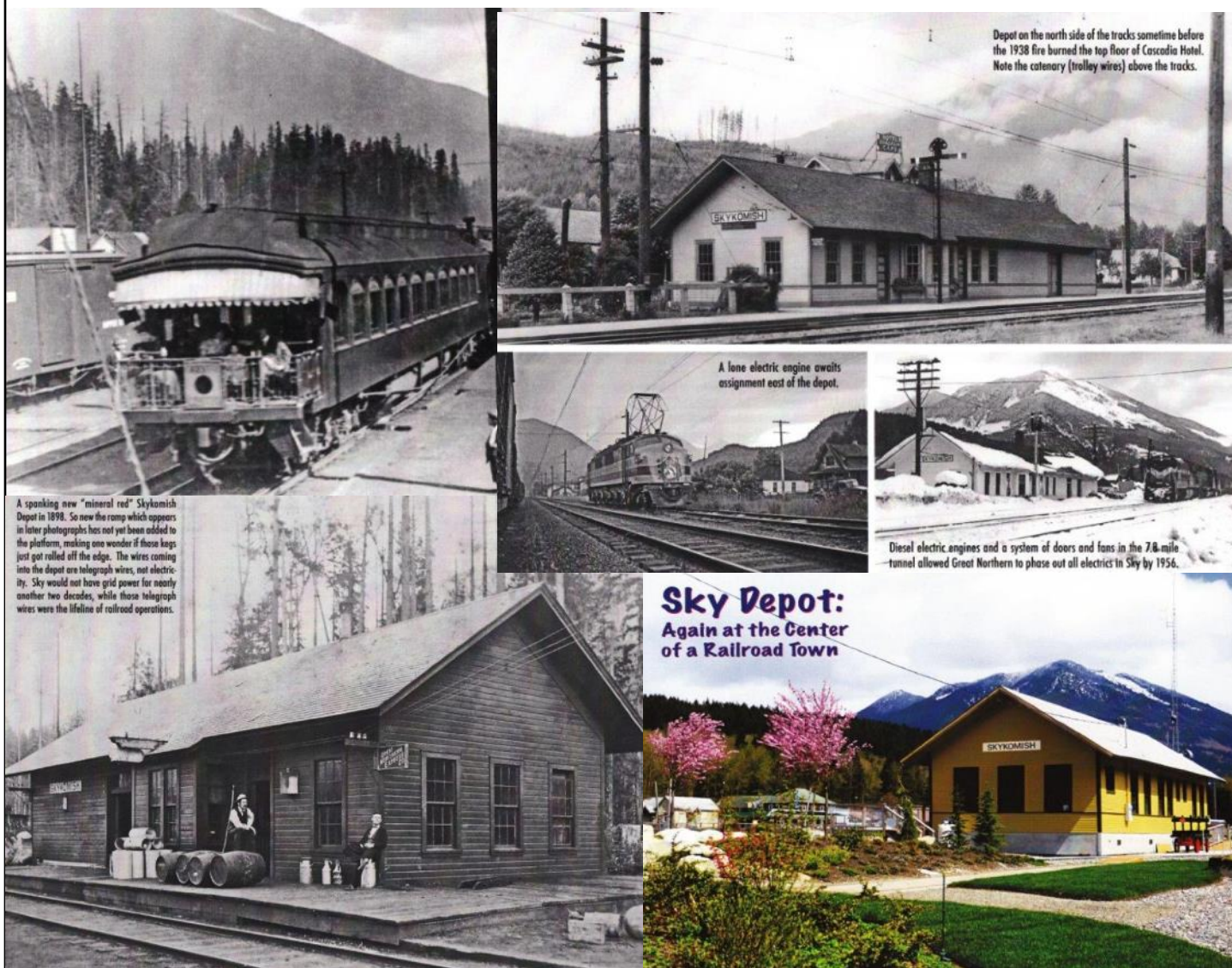
Mike was a long-time member of the Puget Sound Region VCCA and due to his artistic talents, he designed our club logo and logos for national and regional meets. Flyers with samples of the prints will be available at the next club meeting. Or you may contact Maxine Whitbeck directly at 503 831-3896.

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!



## July Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES

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

### BIRTHDAYS

Al Howe 7/2  
John Strampher 7/5  
Judy Cloutier 7/14  
Linda Wheeler 7/15  
Julie Solon 7/18  
Betty Roberts 7/19  
Jim Darby 7/21  
Bob Stamnes 7/26

### PS-VCCA 2015 Meeting Treats

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

### **All Cal Meet**

Text and photos by Jim Seiber



The Puget Sound region was well represented at the May 1st All Cal Meet held in Jackson, California. Participating in the Gold country tours were members Don and Sallie Comstock, Jim and Roberta Martoza, Jim Farris, Tom Meleo, Dennis and Gerri Johnson, Rod McCarthy, Jim and Sue Seiber, and George and Anita Warren.

The event booked the entire casino hotel and parking lot, with five choices of places to eat within walking distance. It was great to see such a wide variety of cars. Our participation in this event lets California members know we are attending their events in hopes that they will attend our NW events. This was also an opportunity to share the early plans for the 2016 Anniversary Meet just 90 miles from this Meet location.







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

## Battery Bits—Part One

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

### The misunderstood battery

In over 30 years of being a Master Certified Automotive Technician, I can tell you that the one part in a vehicle that is most misunderstood by vehicle owners and technicians alike is the battery. So this is a small refresher course on little known battery facts, or “Battery Bits”.

Very simply, a battery turns chemical energy into electricity, and stores an imbalance of electrons for later use (hence the term “storage battery”). Positive and negative plates of dissimilar material are submerged in a sulfuric acid and water mixture known as electrolyte. This produces current flow between the plates. The battery in your car is much like a fruit or vegetable, in that it begins to deteriorate as soon as it is made. That’s why batteries have a ‘life’. They go bad internally over time until they finally need to be replaced. A fruit or vegetable gets rotten; a battery gets “sulfated”.

“Lead/Acid” car batteries are made up of cells of these plates hooked together to form the total battery. The plates are kept from touching each other with “separators” that allow the flow of electrons between the plates. The plates are supported at the bottom of the battery case to protect them from vibration. This cell construction is shown in Figure 1.

### Is a 12 volt battery really 12 volts?

A 6 volt battery has three cells, and a 12 volt battery has 6 cells. Each cell produces 2.11 volts when fully charged. This is a very interesting bit of information, and can be very valuable when doing a quick test of a battery. If you put a digital voltmeter across the terminals of a disconnected battery, a fully charged 6 volt battery will show 6.33 volts. This is 2.11 volts per cell times the three cells. A 12 volt battery will show 12.66 volts in the same test, because it has 6 cells.

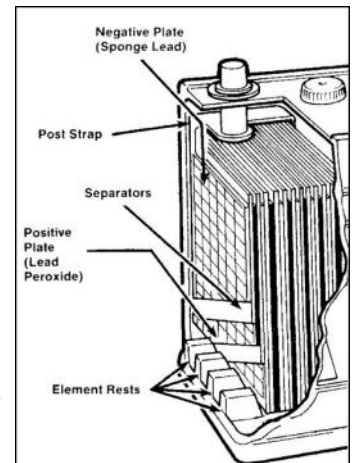


Figure 1.  
Typical Plate Construction

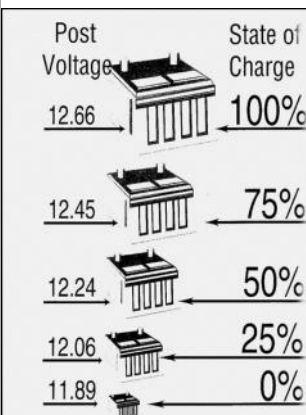


Figure 2.  
Post Voltage Readings

“Open Circuit” voltage tests (meaning that there is no circuit drawing power) on a battery can quickly reveal whether a battery is charged, and roughly what state of charge it is in. And you really need a digital voltmeter to do the test, since the ability to measure voltage to two decimal places is important. The chart in figure 2 shows open circuit or “Post Voltage” readings on a 12 volt battery. Cut the readings in half for a 6 volt battery.

While this test isn’t a 100% indication of a battery’s condition, it is a good quick test that will tell you a lot. As you can see, a 12 volt battery is actually a 12.6 volt battery! If the voltmeter shows 12 volts, the battery is essentially dead.

### CA and CCA Battery Ratings

Another misunderstood thing about batteries is their CA (Cranking Amps) and CCA (Cold Cranking Amps) ratings. In a nutshell, The CA rating is how many amps the battery can deliver at 32 degrees F for 30 seconds, while the CCA rating is how many amps the battery can deliver at 0 degrees F for 30 seconds. In short, the CCA rating is the one to go by. It is a much better indication of the battery’s overall power, and is also used when “load testing” a battery.

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

Part Two—Next Month

## Breakfast Tour to Roland Klix's Home—May 3, 2015

Text and photos by Al Howe



The day was absolutely the best weather ever to go for a drive in a vintage car. Kathy and I led the Horseless Carriage Club's annual Breakfast Tour from the Puyallup Elks Club to Roland and Dorothy Klix's home in Renton. The route was from Puyallup to the Black Diamond Bakery for a rest stop then on to our final destination, 44 miles in all. I drove my '31 Chevy Coupe and started with a full tank of gas but by the time I got to Puyallup I was thinking I had just driven one-quarter of what I had to drive that day (remember I had to drive home from Klix's place) and had already used one-quarter of my gas. That had me kind of worried because there are no gas stations on the second half of this tour. So I decided to gas up in Auburn. This caused a line of cars

along the road so they chose to go on without me leading. But you always feel better when you know you have enough gas. You can't hold up 65 cars without making a problem. We had all kinds of cars, far too many to list. The rest of the trip was uneventful except some did miss a turn or two, but with that many cars you just cannot keep them all together.

John Campbell, Bill Barker and some helpers were on hand parking cars when we arrived while Marilyn Campbell helped Dorothy with refreshments.

Roland and his wife have one-of-a-kind Rickenbacker B-8 four-passenger Coupe-Roadster which is one of only 112 Rickenbackers known to exist today. He also has some other cars and a big collection of vintage items like record players, a Douglas Motor Cycle and some hit-and-miss engines. Adding to all that there is vintage farm equipment scattered around his yard, You would think you had just stepped back in history. I think Roland and his wife like vintage stuff of any kind. He seems to have a talent of restoration for just about anything he gets his hands on. What a delightful place to visit. They were absolutely the most wonderful hosts ever. Thank you Roland and Dorothy for sharing your house and treasures with us, also thank you John and Marilyn Campbell, Bill Barker and all the rest who helped make the day's tour one of the best ever.



John Campbell sent me this link to a wonderful slide show of the cars at Roland and Dorothy Klix's place. <http://www.photoshow.com/watch/kE6Bm8kR>

From: **Bill Barker** <[bbarkerjr@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com) when your listing no longer needs to be published.

### FOR SALE

**1926 Engine Head**, \$100 Dick Olson 425-222-5798

**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.

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**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](mailto:wandaj.holmes55@gmail.com) or 206 283-7886

Truck is physically located in California

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**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](mailto:philip082@centurytel.net)

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**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](mailto:r.orness@comcast.net)

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**1949-50 Chevrolet** Many small new parts including tune-up parts, motor mounts, wiper motor & transmission, door rubber, rear fender guards, too many to list here. Roger Orness 253-312-6561 or [r.orness@comcast.net](mailto:r.orness@comcast.net)

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### 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

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**1964 Chevelle SS** - any condition. Dave White 206-999-8138 [davidcwhite@comcast.net](mailto:davidcwhite@comcast.net)

**Set of 4 Wheels**, 6-lug Chevy pickup, 15", or set of garage dollies. Ken Hovda 509-863-3450. [khovda@yahoo.com](mailto:khovda@yahoo.com)

**1930 Passenger Radiator** Gary Barquist 509-636-2133

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### FREE STUFF

**1942 3/4 Ton Chev. flat bed** - 4 speed trans. - rear end- mid 1950. 235 engine. Paul 425-891-8344

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## From This Angle!

David Gowan, Director - VCCA Area # 3

As I get older I get novel perspectives on life. This may be a glum subject....but I get restless as I consider what will happen to my Chevy 'stuff' when I can no longer manage it. Will others appreciate it? Will the kids take care of it? Can it do any good for the hobby? Looking from this angle...the 'tailgate' of life...I urge you to consider supporting the Chevrolet hobby through the VCCA's large and valuable collection of memorabilia.



Recent additions from the Overby estate have significantly increased the size of our library. Now we are challenged with how to keep it and make it available to all members. Maybe you have valuable literature or information that could be and should be accessible to current and future members. Or give a small percentage from your Living Trust. One idea is for the VCCA to establish a non-profit foundation to fund the library collection. Contributions would then be tax deductible.

The AACCA library now houses our library at their facility in PA. Here may be a chance to continue your influence in the Chevrolet hobby for many years to come. Let's talk about this idea.

How time flies when we're having fun!