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## **SYTTENDE MAI – 17th of May – BALLARD PARADE**

Story by Diane Haddock Photos by Dave Haddock and Evie Schein



An enthusiastic crowd of Norwegians and Norwegian supporters gathered at the Schein's homestead to celebrate Syttende Mai (Norway's Independence day, May 17<sup>th</sup>,). First on the agenda was the marvelous smorgasbord that Evie prepared. She featured a variety of Norwegian specialties including: open faced sandwiches, cardamom buns and pastries. Among the pastries was Krumkakke, a delicate lacey cookie that is a Norwegian specialty. MG brought salads. It was a great looking and even better tasting spread, enjoyed by all.

We then headed to the center of Ballard for the second largest Syttende Mai parade in the world!! Only the festivities in Oslo are bigger! The parade has been a tradition in Ballard since Washington became a state in 1889. It has been a tradition for the PSVCCA to participate since 2006 when Rod and Evie organized our first entry.

This year our leaders were Evie Schein, in her traditional Bunad, costume dress, and Karen Damm walking ahead of us holding the club banner with some help from Evie's daughter and grandchildren. Nine vintage Chevrolets were entered in the parade and proceeded in order of manufacture: the Stamnes' 1926 Touring with Bob, MG and their son Bryce and grandson Olaf (all wearing Viking helmets), Bill Damm driving his 1929 Coupe, Jim Lewis and his '30 Coupe. The Schein's '40 Coupe was driven by their son Andrew with Rod riding shotgun and Jim Lesniak followed in his '41 Cabriolet. Don Williams and his brother Gary were next in Don's '50 Fleetline and Dave and Diane Haddock



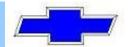


brought their 1955 210 and their daughter Monica joined in. Michael Voris drove his '65 Nova Super Sport and Ann Damm drove her '87 El Camino with two Pomeranian passengers. Also joining our contingent was an unexpected addition, a painter working in the neighborhood who asked to join us with his car and brought up the rear in his souped-up classic Dodge. The crowd was appreciative and we had many requests for 'the horn'. It is always fun to see how much people enjoy seeing our cars. What a great tradition; a good time was had by all.

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## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2016



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 1991 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"



This is the time of the year with a lot of options for those of us in the car hobby. We've had several swap meets and tours already; the Northwest Mini Meet and 4 Cylinder tour are scheduled for later this month. And as a result of the scheduling of those events, the club has made a couple of schedule changes of our own. With people returning from the Mini Meet or 4 Cylinder tour the day before our scheduled June meeting, we have decided to cancel the June meeting, which had traditionally been our Strawberry Shortcake night. Seems like members could be still needing time to recover from the previous week's events. And the following Monday is July 4<sup>th</sup>. We have a potluck scheduled that day at the Haddock's. So we have decided to combine the events, and have the strawberry shortcake as the dessert at the 4<sup>th</sup> picnic. You should have already seen an email to this effect, and we'll be sending a reminder close to the events, but please plan on coming to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event if you can and we'll have our strawberries there.

Also since we don't have another July event scheduled and the next event is early August, the National Meet at Lake Tahoe, we have decided to not print a Tappet Clatter in July, and give Mike a vacation from his duties for the month. We'll have one as usual in time for our August meeting (at the XXX again this year), but this will allow us to skip a month since we won't have a lot of news anyway, and we'll save a few dollars in the club treasury by not incurring printing and postage costs.

The club still has some raffle tickets for the National Meet. First prize is \$2016.00. The drawing is in mid-July and we need to send back all of the unsold tickets early July. So the July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic is your last chance to purchase one if you are interested. Or just call Sallie and I'm sure she'll be happy to sell you one.

Safe motoring and see you on the road.

Jim

## 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://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/

Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: http://www.wvrvcca.org/

Dave Folsom Blog, www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/

Gas stations without ethanol, http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA



## **Chevrolee Comments...**

on the refining of the Chevrolet engine

In the last issue I pointed out that 1937 was a breakthrough year in the refinement of the Chevrolet engine. The most notable improvements were the four main bearing crankshaft, the four bearing camshaft, and the introduction of the gear type oil pump. (At this same time, gear type oil pumps were made available for earlier engines.)



During the next 16 years, this 216 cubic inch engine was refined somewhat, but it is probably fair to say that the 1937 engine comes very close in overall performance to the last of the 216 engines produced in 1953.

In 1938, heavier valve springs were used and the valve guides were redesigned to reduce valve sticking.

The 1939 engine was virtually identical to the 1938 engine. Through 1939, the valve lifters were in the shape of a deep hollow cup. The pushrods extended down to the bottom of the cup. In 1940 the lifter was redesigned with a pedestal-like cap at the top of the lifter. This design allowed the use of much shorter pushrods, reducing flex and possible bending of the pushrods. Through 1939 the rear main bearing used a slinger to prevent oil that passed through the bearing from leaking out the rear of the engine. In 1940 a wick-type seal (rope seal) was introduced on the rear main bearing. I do not recall any serious leakage problems with the earlier engines, so this may or may not have been an improvement.

In 1941 the compression ratio was increased raising the horsepower. The pistons now had flat tops rather than the previous domes. 10mm spark plugs were introduced. It is questionable whether these two last changes were improvements. Through 1940 no valve stem seals of any type were used. In 1941, metal "umbrella" caps were placed over the top of the valve stem and spring to prevent oil from running down the valve stems. These caps were quite effective but somewhat noisy. A new valve stem seal was introduced in 1948.

No significant changes were made during the war years, so the 1942, 1946, and 1947 engines were virtually identical to the 1941 engine.

Written September, 1988

Lee Folsom (Feb. 14, 1927 – Sept. 10, 2015)

**From Jim Seiber**—These photos are a few from the May 1st tour. Fourteen of the fifty cars in attendance were from the Puget Sound Region. Al Howe set up the tour; Jim Farris arranged for the brunch at the Puyallup Elks; end of tour refreshments were arranged for by Marilyn Campbell at Gerry Greenfield's home on Lake Tapps. As usual, all Puget Sounder Region members helped direct parking and snack preparation. The weather was perfect for an outing.



Roger Orness, in his '33 Eagle Coupe, along with Ernie Tear, admire the drive near Lake Tapps; Mount Rainier in the background.



Comstocks blow the dust off the latest acquisition, Walt Blair's 1942 Fleetline Aerosedan.



Gerry and Keenon Greenfield have an amazing home- the walls and floor space of all garages are filled with vintage autos and auto memorabilia.



Jim Darby"s '71 Chevelle Malibu 2 door Coupe arrives at the Elks in Puyallup.



Al and Gerry make one last route adjustment before leaving on the tour.

# Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

School is out
And the kids are free
To be in places
That they shouldn't be.

They could be in the street, Or somewhere on the road. So keep your eyes peeled In a kid-searching mode.

They might be chasing a toy
Or riding on their bike,
Not paying attention to traffic
Just doing what they like.

Please don't get distracted, Be ready to hit the brakes. For the safety of the kids Do whatever it takes.

## More Ballard Parade Photos



## **GARAGE NITE**

There are no Garage Nites scheduled for any future month. We are looking for someone to take this on. How about you?

## **PS-VCCA** La Conner Tour

Text by Ralf and Michelle Luche and daughter Photos by Ralf Luche and Dave Haddock



I imagine that nothing so well encapsulates the beauty of the early days of automobile touring as the experience of guiding our Chevrolets along Lake McMurray and rows of quaint old buildings north of Seattle, between forests and mountains, under a perfectly sunny sky. It was a particularly magical moment from our trip to La Conner on Saturday, May 7th – though there was plen-

ty of other entertainment along the way!

We met up at 9 am at the Woodinville Park & Ride, following a destination recommendation from Dick Olson (thank you, Dick!). Setting the day's route in the lead were Ralf and Michele Luche in a 1931 maroon Coach; following behind came Al and Kathy Howe in their 1955 pastel blue and white 4-door Bel Air, Dave and Diane Haddock with their daughter Monica in a 1955 red and white 4-door Bel Air Sedan, and Bill and Sis Barker in their 1966 Corvette Coupe.

Feeling ready for scenery (thanks to sunshine and the lovely mid-70-degree weather), our band of cars proceeded along Highway 9, and we met up with Rod and Evie Schein near Marysville. Our 1931 Coach seemed to benefit just as much as we did from the continued driving experience, surprising us with speeds up to 50 miles per hour. (Not bad for a '31 production car.)

We stopped for gas and refreshments in Arlington before the picturesque beauty of the countryside opened at the Arlington Junction. Because we did not have the foresight to take a picture to share here with you all, you will have to take our word that this particular leg of the journey was a phenomenal sight. We finally branched off at Highway 534 past Conway to the old Pioneer Highway, then headed west to La Conner. Our destination was a small, touristy town of 891 residents by last count. Next to the buildings dating back to the town's founding in 1867 and to its trading post era in the late 1900s, our cars looked right at home!

Leaving the fleet in a nearby parking lot, we proceeded on foot to the main strip past the historic bank and current town hall, landing at the Calico Cupboard Old Town Café. Rod and Evie Schein had to unfortunately return

early, but the rest of us disbanded after lunch into small groups to enjoy tourist highlights. My personal favorite: Nasty Jack's Antiques. After two hours of shopping and relaxing, we reconvened at the parking lot for our return trip.

Of course, no day trip is complete without a touch of panic, and Dave and Diane's Chevy provided just that when it refused to respond to the throttle. Thankfully for us, a bit of attention is all that was needed to get it started again, and the rest of the tour went off without a hitch. We chose Highway 531 into Highway 9 to shake it up a little on the return trip, though in retrospect, I would have preferred to loop around Highway 20 to maximize exposure to these gorgeous

surroundings.



Until next time we hope that you and your cars stay well, and we cannot wait to explore more of the hidden beauty of our area in our next outing.

## July Celebrations

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

## 2016 Activities

July	4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Shortcake Social—Dave and Diane Haddock's Home at Lake Forest Park
August	8-12 22	National 55th Aniversary Meet—Lake Tahoe PS-VCCA Meeting at "XXX Drive In", Issaquah
September	26	PS-VCCA Club Meeting –Location to be Announced
October	1-2 24	Mahogany & Merlot led by Don & Sally Comstock PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be Announced
November	28	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be Announced
December	TBD TBD	Christmas Party Christmas Trains Party—Rod & Evie Schein

As you can see we have some open meeting dates. I hope to have some slide shows of summer activities like the 4 Cylinder and 6 Cylinder tours but we still need some other ideas. Some demonstrations like Bob Stamnes and Don Comstock did would be ideal but we could use other activities also. Give me a call or drop me an email and I will see what I can do. Thanks!

Al Howe

## **PS-VCCA 2016 Meeting Treats**

July: Strawberry Shortcake Event October: Bob & MG Stamnes

September: Glenn & Judy Landguth November: George & Barbara Reich

## **Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes**

May 23,2016

<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order by Director Jim Darby at Tillicum Middle school for the last time for at least two years. Jim calculated that we have been meeting at Tillicum for 16 years. There were 24 members and one guest present. Jerry Yoder brought a friend named Karen. We sang the birthday song for Bob Helgeson for his 80<sup>th</sup>. Haddocks and Bill Barker brought cakes to go with regular treats by the Campbells.

Secretary: Minutes were approved from April.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Sallie Comstock reported on our income and expenses for April 2016. The Auction income was \$194. 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. If the opportunity presents itself next year we will likely do it again.

<u>Cover Stories</u>: Mike Currie gets the color copy of the Tappet Clatter as well as an award from the National for the outstanding stories, articles and pictures he puts together monthly in our newsletter.

<u>National News</u>: Raffle tickets are still available. Besides the tickets sent to the club Bill Barker also was sent several books. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be the final opportunity to buy tickets. Ticket stubs have been sent to National. Raffle Baskets are also a hot topic. All Regions are asked to supply a basket. Campbell and Ziegler families will organize our basket. Bring any donations to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. Everything will be appreciated especially if there is a Northwest theme.

<u>Tours</u>: The Ballard Parade went off beautifully; everyone did a great job. The La Conner tour was very successful with participants able to keep up with Ralf Luche in his '31. And finally the Horseless Carriage Breakfast and Tour in Puyallup was well attended as well as organized and managed by Puget Sound Chevy Club members with Al Howe planning the tour to Gerry Greenfield's home on Lake Tapps. Jim Seiber shared pictures he took at the event.

Fourth of July Picnic will be held at Dave and Diane Haddock's home again this year. The potluck will begin at 12:30 with hotdogs being served around 1:30 and strawberry shortcake around 3:00. Bring a potluck side dish (no need for desserts), chairs and a special beverage if you have special desires. Paper plates, plastic ware, bowls etc will be provided.

<u>Upcoming Meeting</u>: No meeting in June and the Mini-Meet is later this month so our next **formal** meeting will be at an unknown location in September. You will be kept informed. Jim reminded us that the club is only as good as what we, as members, put into it. The election of officers for 2017 begins at the September meeting.

<u>Break</u>: We took a break at 8:50 to enjoy a feast of desserts provided by the Campbell, Barker, and Haddock families.

<u>Program</u>: The program is a continuation of the National Parks DVD from Dave and Diane Haddock

Meeting adjourned at 9:40

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock

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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.

## BATTERY TRICKLE CHARGERS, TENDERS, AND MAINTAINERS

The following chart accompanied the information that was included in the May issue of the Tappet Clatter. Thanks to Bob for putting this together.

MAINTAINER TYPE	Will it charge a Battery/Rate	Will it Desulfate a Battery?	Temperature compensated	Length of con- necting Leads.	Made in-	Available in a 6 Volt version	Power Consumption	Warranty	Cost
Chicago Electric #42292	No	No	No	@ 7.5' FROM THE PLUG.	China	No	.1 2 AMPS	90 DAYS	\$10 or LESS
Black & Decker Smart	Yes, 2 A mps	No	No	@7.5', DETACHA- BLE.	China	No	.5 A MPS	2YEAR	21.59
Schumacher SE- 112S "ON BOARD"	Yes, 1.5 Amps	No	No	SHORT @24"(+-)	China	No	0.4 AMPS	2YEAR	\$25.79- \$31.49
Battery Tender 4 Bank Interna- tional	Yes, Up to 4 Batteries 1.25 Amps	No	Yes, Internal	@6', FUSED DE- TACHABLE *	China	No	2.0 AMPS MAX	2 YEAR	\$135.86
Xtreme XCIOO PulseTech Corp.	Yes, 2.5 Amps	Yes	No	@8', FUSED DE- TACHABLE.	China	No	.373 AMPS MAX	5 YEAR, with satisfaction guarantee	\$75.95- \$89.95
BatteryMINDer # 12248; VDC Electronics Inc.	Yes, 4 & 8 Amps	Yes	Yes, External	@8', FUSED DE- TACHABL E.	China	Yes, 6 & 8 VOLTS	2.0AMPS MAX	5YEAR with satis- faction guarantee	\$ 99.99- \$119.95*
Battery Tender Junior	Yes , 0.75 Amps	No	No	@ 1 2' FROM THE PLUG , DETACHA- BLE ENDS.	Parts made in USA, "but assem- bled elsewhere".	Yes	0.4 AMPS	5 YEAR	\$21.99
Powerstream, Solar maintainer	No	Yes	No	1 7' to Solar Panel*	100% USA	YES, 6-28 VOLTS	N/A	1 YEAR	STARTS AT \$86 & UP
Bosch C3	Yes, 12V/3.5A & 6V/0.8A	No	No	@6 ' FUSED DETA CHABLE	China	6 & 1 2, DUAL VOLTAGE	1.2AMPS	2 YEARS	\$69.99 AMAZON
Bosch C7	Yes 12V/6A & 24V/3.5A	Yes	No	@6' FUSED DETACHABLE	China	NO; 12 & 24 DUAL VOLT.	2.4 AMPS	2 YEARS	\$1 29.99 AMAZON
Die Hard #7121 9	Y es 1 2V/2A* & 6V /4A	Yes	No	@6 ' DETACHABLE	China	6& 1 2DUAL VOLTAGE	0.79 AMPS	3 YEARS	\$29.99 SEARS
Sustainer #1 3537	Yes, 2 A mps	Yes	Yes	@6 ' DETACHA- BLE	Taiwan	No	0.48 Amp	5 YEAR	\$34.99 EASTWOOD
Sustainer pl us #1 3538	Yes, 2 & 10 Amps	Yes	Yes	@6' DETACHABL E	Taiwan	No	2.55 Amp	5YEAR	\$59.99 EASTWOOD

Last month I asked if you knew:

Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened, and when?

Did you know the answer? It was in Camden , NJ in 1933.

TO: All VCCA members and guests who will attend the 2016 NW Mini-Meet Crater Lake tour

FROM: Elyse Kassis, member of the Willamette Valley Region (Host Club)

SUBJECT: Attire for the Mini-Meet banquet dinner

DATE: May 30, 2016

## GREAT NEWS!

The Mini-Meet banquet dinner will be held in the elegant ballroom of the Rogue Valley Country Club! Formal wear is **NOT** required—*hooray!* HOWEVER, the Country Club has rules for attire that we must respect and abide by:

NO flip-flops,

No super casual clothing such as blue jeans, shorts, halter tops or t-shirts.

Recommended guidelines--

Men: long pants and collared shirts.
Women: Smart-casual evening wear.

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

This year the Haddock Family will host the Strawberry feed and the 4th of July celebration at their Lake Forest Park home at 17012 35th Avenue NE, Lake Forest Park 98155 on the afternoon of the 4th. All members and their family are invited to either or both of the events. Please arrive at or after 12:30pm. We expect that the Darbys and Comstocks will serve the shortcake around 3pm (if you only want to come for that event.)

For the 4th of July potluck, hotdogs and the fixings, lemonade and utensils will be provided. Please bring a dish to share: salads, sides, snacks, cheeses, chips, etc. (desserts will not be needed this time.) Also bring chairs for yourself.

<u>Parking will be on one side of the street</u> (only two neighbors live beyond us on the dead end street) If necessary, you can park in the school parking lot (on the east side of the street close to NE 178th) and call Diane at 206-861-6094 for a shuttle to the house.

Directions: Take I-5 North to exit 176. turn right (onto NE 175th), turn left onto 15th Ave NE (at light), turn right onto 24th Ave NE (at light) then follow this winding road until you reach 35th Ave NE on the right; we are almost to the end on the left

Or,

Take 405 north to the Bothell RTE 522 exit. Follow 522 through Bothell and Kenmore, past the Lake Forest Park Town Center Mall. Turn right after the AM/PM - Brookside Blvd (past the light, not at it.) Turn left at the stop sign (onto NE 178th). Turn left onto 35th Ave NE; we are almost to the end on the left.

Call us for directions/help Dave 425-246-7409 Diane 206-861-6094

## **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 <a href="mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com">tappetclatter@outlook.com</a> when your listing no longer needs to be published.

## **FOR SALE**

**1932** <u>Chevrolet</u> (modified). Sale or trade. Contact Lance Kessinger for details. 425-823-2263.



1931 <u>Chevrolet Sports Coupe</u>, older restoration. Original engine and drive train. Hampton Coach interior is in good condition. Runs and drives very well. Comes with a large collection of extra parts. Radiator and water pump were replaced in 2014. \$10,500 or best offer. Phil Christensen 509-636-2163



1963 Corvair Greenbriar 6-Door Van. Runs and drives and stops! Eastern Washington van. A little rust and a few dents but otherwise very solid. Good tires and lots of spare parts. A bargain at \$2,500! Contact Mike Currie 206-755-0137

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**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

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1957 Chevy truck hood. OEM complete with hinges. \$200. Don Hatley, 253-941-5674 or dhatwaa@comcast.net

## WANTED

**66-67** <u>Chevy Nova or Chevelle SS</u>, 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. Contact: David O'Brien, dkob131@aol.com.

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

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1941 <u>Chevrolet speedometer</u>. 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

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## WHY GET JUDGED?

## David Gowan - Area 3 VCCA Director

Some of us are sticklers when it comes to getting our Chevrolet inspected. We relish the approval of seeing how well we readied each item to be as original. Class Judging (Restored to original)



Then there are those who want to enjoy driving their car without looking for every speck of tar or scratch or OEM (Original Equipment Manufactured) in appearance. CDPC Judging (Chevrolet Driver's Participation Class)

In my case I have kept each item as original as possible and drive it just as it was produced. HPOCF Judging (Historic Preservation of Original

Chevrolet Features).

Others simply want to create their car the way they'd manufacture it in the beginning, or in other words, "It's my car and I want it to be done my way." (PCC Certification)

There is room for everyone in the VCCA. And it takes all kinds to make our community so special. Judging events are all-inclusive..... you just need to know what class you should enter. I encourage you to enter your Chevrolet or GMC into the judging loop. Let it wear the badges and buttons with pride.