

#### THE PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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# Sixth Seattle Tour A Peek At Northeast Seattle

By Jim Farris

Despite hundreds of small children, many parents with their parked cars, and a broken axle, thirty-one members and guests turned out for this year's Seattle Tour. We've been doing this for six years in a row as the Region's warm-up touring event. These tours have incorporated different neighborhoods of the City on the first Sunday in March each year.

This year we scratched at the surface of Northeast Seattle. The journey began at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI). This iconic history museum will be giving way to the new 520-bridge development and closes in June of 2012, reopening Novem-

ber of that same year in the Old Navy Reserve building on Lake Union. The plan for our event was for people to arrive an hour before the driving tour and explore MOHAI. That seemed like a reasonable thing to do.

We were in their parking lot on a Sunday morning while on the 2007 Tour. Parking was in abundance.

Not so this year! There was a children's reading program going on and somehow every parent and child in the city knew about the event. Our arrivals had to scratch about to find any spot large enough to park a car. Bob and MG Stamnes were talked into actually driving their '26 onto the grass.



This photo is of a young man who was very excited to see Bob Stamnes' '26 at the MOHAI. Bob told the boy's mother it was fine if the boy would like to sit in the car. See page 12 for another picture.

Our new members Jerry and Judy Cloutier were there. The night before, Judy had attended an auction at St. Barbara Church in Black Diamond and purchased four tickets (Continued on page 6)

March 28 Membership Meeting will be at Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue

The meeting starts at 7:30 PM. The program for March meeting will be on **DEGREASERS**.

Dave Roberts is scheduled to bring treats.



# 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2011



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

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# Director's Corner

"The Sunday Driver"



By Dave Haddock Puget Sound Region Director

It was really great to have had such a nice turnout at our recent February meeting. Bill Barker went through all the Flint activities that are coming up and set the stage for folks who are driving there to travel in groups in order to look out for each other and have a little more fun. Thanks Bill!

I wanted to provide a little bit more background to everyone on the recent email/questionnaire from Jim Martoza asking about delivery of the Tappet Clatter. This came from a request that I received before the last Board Meeting from someone who felt that we didn't need to print and send out so many copies of the newsletter since they would be happy with just an electronic version and they just toss or recycle their old newsletters anyway.

We discussed this request at the Board Meeting in early February and decided to give the membership a choice in how they received the newsletter. At the time I am writing this, about a dozen folks have decided that they just want the electronic version. An added benefit of the electronic version is that it is full color with color photographs. Maybe someday we will all have email and decide that is the best option for everyone!

In the meantime, you can have it "your way": electronic, paper, or both. But please respond to Jim's request so we can have an accurate count for the printer. Next year we will get a bid from them for a reduced number of copies and may be able to save ourselves some money.

Our plan is to provide the extra copies we print this year to prospective new members as information and as an enticement to join our club.

In that vein, I have a personal goal to increase our membership by 10% this year and would appreciate your help in this. I believe that our car tours provide the most enticement to new members and I will be bringing guests with me on as many tours this year as I can. I hope you will consider doing the same. Invite a friend or colleague who has shown some interest to ride along with you and share in the fun. Maybe we can get them "hooked" on this fabulous American hobby that we all enjoy so much!!

# Garage Nite - by Dick Olson

The first Garage Nite this year will be April 13th at Bill Barker's in Issaquah, at 7 PM.

# Check your mailed/emailed Tappet Clatter for directions and phone number contact.

#### A Shirt for Lee Folsom

At the February membership meeting, Donna Onat gave a nice Chevy shirt to Lee Folsom. When asked what prompted her to give Lee a shirt, Donna explained that last Fall sometime, Lee had asked Donna how her car was doing and she told him she was still having problems starting the car at times, and they thought it was a carburetor problem. Lee offered to try to resolve the problem and Donna said that she was so grateful! They drove the Chevy up to Lee's place and left it there.

Lee removed the carburetor and took it to a Garage Nite where the discussion was said to be very informative for all there. Lee thinks the issue is with the accelerator pump, and he is still working on the exact solution.

The shirt that Donna gave to Lee was to thank him for his efforts with her car.



#### "Almost Spring" Car Show Invitation

The Gallopin' Gertie Model "A" Ford Club is pleased to invite the Puget Sound Region VCCA to participate in the Almost Spring Car Show. The Car Show is held in the Showplex Building at the Puyallup Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Almost Spring Swap Meet the weekend of March 19-20, 2011.

Ten show spots have been reserved for the VCCA Puget Sound Region. Show cars will enter the Showplex on Friday afternoon from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. They will exit after the show ends on Sunday about 3:00 PM. The VCCA Puget Sound Region will have a complimentary booth next to the Car Show to promote the Club. All participants will receive two passes to the Swap Meet for the weekend. Awards and door prizes will be presented at 2:00 PM on Sunday.

Al Howe has the registration forms. He will be coordinating the members showing their cars. Please feel free to contact Gerald Greenfield for additional details. Sign up early as the show fills up quickly.

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* March 28, 2011 Membership Meeting - Puget Sound Region VCCA

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\*\*\* The program for the March meeting will be on **DEGREASERS**. We will discuss what works best for the various car cleaning projects we undertake. Bob Stamnes will lead the discussion on cleaning that dirty car part.

Dave Roberts is scheduled to bring treats.

#### Club Participation in Monroe Swap Meet

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Members of our Puget Sound Region will again participate in a fundraising activity at the Monroe Swap Meet. Setup is Friday, May 13. The Meet is held Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15, 2011.

Members have volunteered by signing up to take shifts helping with parking, manning entry gates, roving the grounds assisting vendors. Afterward, they will turn their compensation in to the club. Workers receive \$10 per hour and a lunch voucher. (The deadline for volunteer signups was January 30, 2011.)

Ana Maria Haley is coordinating the shifts. Complete information packages will be given to all who have volunteered before the Meet starts.

If you have questions about Club participation, contact Ana Maria at anama97@q.com.

For more information on the Meet itself, see http://www.efv8psrg.org/psrgswp.htm.

# 50th Anniversary VCCA Meet Decals

Puget Sound Region is marketing large decals with the VCCA emblem. The peel-off decals are 15" x 24" with the VCCA decal in blue on a white background. They are perfect for putting on a towing van or on the wall.

This timely fundraiser is advertised in the February G&D on page 43. With the Anniversary Meet only a few months away, we are hoping for brisk sales!

April Celebrations				
ANNIVERSARIES Evie and Rod Schein	4/7	BIRTHDAYS Jerry Cloutier Conrad Green Marti Miller Florence Helgeson Ron Kohl	4/5 4/7 4/15 4/16 4/19	



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

February 28, 2011



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

Welcome: Dave White brought a guest, Bud Worley, to talk to us about the Tri 5 Chevy show at the Issaquah XXX on August 21st. He is assembling one Chevrolet for each decade for the show. He also talked about the Hot Rod Hall of Fame Banquet and auction held in May. Bud outlined the organization and the charities they

support.

Secretary: Minutes accepted as printed in Tappet Clatter.



Membership: Donna Onat had nothing new this month.

Treasurer: Sallie reported that we sold decals at meetings with the North Cascades and Mount Rainier groups and Bill Barker took 15 to the Columbia River Region for their members. She also sold 50 Anniversary Meet pins to the North Cascades region members. She will order more to meet our needs.



Ken Scott also sent 30 raffle tickets for our region to sell to support the National Meet. The tickets are \$10 each. Jim Seiber was a big winner at the last National Meet.



Tours: Sunday, March 6th is the Sixth Seattle Tour led by Jim Farris. Jim gave detailed information about the tour, stop by stop.

The May 1st coming-out tour put on by the Model A Club starts out from the Puyallup Elks after a fantastic breakfast. It will end at the LeMay Museum in Fife. Gerald Greenfield is in charge of the tour.

The March 19th and 20th Swap Meet in Puyallup at the fairgrounds will feature display of club member's cars and a club booth. Al Howe encouraged members to help the club by staffing the booth for a time while at the Swap Meet.

There will be a parade in Ballard again this year. Rod Schein is doing very well and is in charge of this event. He also brought vintage brochures he collected to give to interested members.

National News: Bill Barker chose to share information about the National Meet in Flint for the meeting program.

Tappet Clatter: There was a brief discussion to clarify the survey Jim Martoza emailed last week. The Board wanted to know who wanted their TC sent by email (a week earlier and in color), or mailed (as we currently do), or both. The savings is nominal unless a large number of members want just the email version. Please respond to the survey.



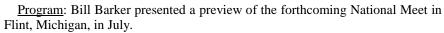


Brag Books: Al Howe distributed Brag Books to members who did not attend the banquet in January. Glenn Landguth received a color copy of the Tappet Clatter for the article he wrote in the last TC, to go into his Brag Book.



Refreshments: Thanks to our newest members, Judy and Jerry Cloutier, for the

delicious banana bread and chocolate nutty bars.



Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock





Tour (Continued from page 1)

for the museum. She graciously gave two of them to Rod and Evie Schein.

Nervous about her parking location, she stayed outside waiting for late arrivals. That gave her time to read the instructions, which triggered a memory of her Dad telling her about jumping off the unfinished footings of the Montlake Bridge.







The plan was for a picture to be taken of our group by the five-inch gun from the battleship Colorado. This is an historic piece that came from the battleship when it was scrapped. The Colorado fortunately was in Bremerton on December 7, 1941, saving her from the Pearl Harbor attack. She soon made her way to the Pacific and was instrumental in supporting most of the island assaults by laying down pre-landing bombardments. The picture plan appeared to be in jeopardy when its time neared. The gun was covered with crawling squirming children. Miraculously, just as we were assembling, they disappeared. (Can you find at least four differences between the two pictures below? Can you guess who snapped each picture?))





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### **Future Club Events Calendar**

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

Date	Event	Person Responsible
March 19-20	Almost Spring Car Show, Puyallup Fairgrounds	Gerald Greenfield
April 1-3	Portland Swap Meet	
May 1	HCCA Breakfast & Tour	Jim Farris
May 13-15	Monroe Swap Meet	Ana Maria Haley
May 17	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein
Late May - Early	Tour	Tour ideas needed.
June		
TBD	Board Meeting	Dave Haddock
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		Dave & Diane Haddock
confirmed	to their home	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

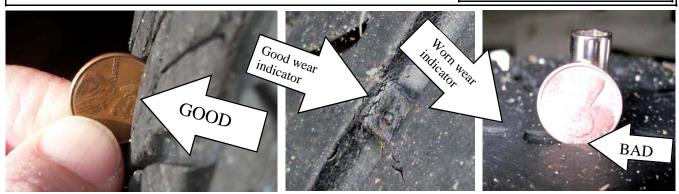
# Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

To check on a tire Occasionally one should See if it is safe And the tread is still good.

Here is how to do it To see how badly it's worn It only takes a penny Make sure it's not foreign. From the edge of the penny To the top of Lincoln's head Is the minimum amount For the depth of the tread.

A wear indicator also Will show when it's required For safe tire replacement And the old one retired. When a wear indicator is worn
As the arrow points out
It's time for a new tire
And the old one thrown out.

See photos below for illustrations of the various indications referred to in the SAFETY CORNER poem. The wear indicator is hard to see.



*Tour* (*Continued from page 6*)

**Dave and Diane Haddock** in their '55, true to his commitment in his "Sunday Driver" column (see page 3), brought **Corrine and Abe** as guests. Abe is interested in finding a '57 Chevy.

The Tour took us from MOHAI, across the Montlake Cut, through the UW, by the stadium to our first stop at the UW Botanical Garden site. We had hoped for blooming flowers but cold weather put a damper on that. The next part was through the Laurelhurst neighborhood on its twisting winding streets. On that leg **Donna Onat** and several others reported seeing a collie standing by the edge of his property watching as our cars passed by. The dog's head moved, tracking each vehicle. Later it was said, he must have been saying to himself, "What are all these Chevrolets doing in our Mercedes neighborhood?"

From there we went to Magnuson Park. Unfortunately on that section **Bill Damm's** '29 broke an axle making the hard turn from 45<sup>th</sup> to Sand Point Way.

Along the way two other individuals, a man in a 2004 Corvette convertible, seeing the one driven by **Theresa Deacy**, joined us at Magnuson Park. Then Josh with his '41 talked with us while we were eating at the Wedgwood Broiler. Getting our cars out on tour is a great way to advertise PSVCCA while at the same time having a good time.

After looking at the "Fin Art" in the park it was off to the Sand Point Community Club oval drive.

The Tour ended at The Wedgwood Broiler for a bite to eat. While there, **Dave and Betty Roberts** in their '65 told us it was their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary that day and their first home was only a couple houses away.













Others not mentioned earlier in the story included: Dan and Sheri Johnson, '78 Camaro: Gerri and Dennis Johnson. Impala; Lee and Carol Folsom, '78; Rod McCarthy, '52; George Haley, '38; Dick Jones, '38; Bob and Florence Helgeson, '64 Corvette; Sharon and Lauderback, 56: Jim Darby and Jim Farris, '41, with Will Lathrop.

Six years ago, in 2005, Rod Schein organized a tour for our group, exploring the Ballard and Queen Anne areas of Seattle. The writer with a lifelong fascination of local history volunteered to organize one the following year in the West Seattle neighborhood, not realizing he was taking on at least a five-year commitment.

That's said with 'tongue in cheek', because these tours of our own neighborhoods have been interesting, informative, and for the most part fun. Each year, different Club members living in the targeted areas help plan and organization the outings. The series of tours has been successful, largely due to their enthusiastic help. This year Dave and Diane Haddock provided that catalyst. Another huge contributor is Bob Helgeson who, with his camera, has pictorially saved them for posterity.

Who wants to help plan and organize next year's tour? Why not a drive on the road closest to the water along the Sound from 145<sup>th</sup> to 100<sup>th</sup> South? We've never done that before.



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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.

#### **Degreasing Parts**

By Bob Stamnes

Thanks to Jim Farris, Don Comstock, Bill Barker, and Bob Helgeson who also contributed to this article.

Many products have been used by our members to degrease car parts. The product chosen depends upon the final use or treatment of the part, and the cost, corrosivity and hazard of the product. Some of the products being used to degrease car parts include kerosene, Simple Green, Oil Eater and solvents commercially available.

Grease is often caked on the parts, so scraping or wire brushing may be an appropriate first step to remove the heavy caked-on grease.

Then you need to select the degreaser you wish to use. This will likely depend upon where you will be doing the degreasing and what equipment you have to do the degreasing. If you are going to be doing your degreasing inside a building, you will want something that is not flammable. This may rule out kerosene. If you have a metal degreasing unit that is susceptible to corrosion, you may not want to select a water based product like Simple Green. If you want to separate the degreaser product for reuse, one product may work better than the other. A degreaser that puts the grease into solution will create a problem for separation. If you plan to paint the part or powder coat the part, you want to select a product that you are certain will accept the desired surface treatment.

#### **HAZARDS**

Attention should also be given to health and safety issues like inhalation, eye contact, skin contact and explosion potential.

Both Oil Eater and Simple Green contain the active ingredient 2-Butoxyethanol (CAS# 111-76-2) in nearly the same amount. So, Simple Green sounds environmentally friendly, but is it more than other products?

Oil Eater also contains Sodium metasilicate-pentahydrate (CAS# 6834-92-0).

The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) should be consulted for full information on these products.

#### **PRODUCTS**

Oil Eater Cleaner Degreaser: According to the MSDS it contains alkaline salts and surfactants, and warns to avoid contact with skin, eyes and mucous membranes. A physician should be contacted if in your eyes. Ventilation can also be an issue with Oil Eater.

**Simple Green All-Purpose Cleaner:** The MSDS states that it is non-toxic and biodegradable. However Simple Green directs you to avoid contact with eyes. Directions also instruct you to use it in a well-ventilated area.

**Kerosene:** MSDS says it is probably carcinogenic and could produce skin tumors and/or skin cancer. It also causes irritation of eyes and nose and lungs. Immediate medical attention is recommended for inhalation, skin contact, or ingestion.

Commercial cleaners and equipment rental companies often use a service that delivers solvent to their tanks and picks up used solvent for recycling. This eliminates the task of disposing of solvent waste and dealing with the regulatory requirements. The solvent recycler is controlled by EPA regulations.

PLEASE BRING YOUR RECOMMENDATION, EXPERIENCES AND OTHER INFORMATION ON PRODUCTS USED TO OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING TO SHARE WITH US.

#### Highlights from the Board Meeting February 8, 2011

Dave Haddock called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Attending were: Bill Damm, Matt Dickinson, Bob Helgeson, Donna Onat, Diane & Dave Haddock, Ana & George Haley, MG & Bob Stamnes, Sallie & Don Comstock and Jim Martoza on speaker phone.

- \* The Board decided to purchase 30 VCCA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pins as seen on page 40 of the February G&D for the club store to sell to members at \$5.00 each. Sallie will order them.
- \* Glenn is running out of fresh material for the TC and encourages members to send personal stories, restoration updates with photos if possible. Sending electronic copies was again discussed. Diane will compose a questionnaire and Jim Martoza will send a broadcast message to members.
- \* Jim Farris offered programs for 2011. Subjects include: cleaning materials, super coolants, patented and homemade tools and overdrives. October and November meeting program subjects are still open. April will be our auction but Jim is planning to have a dinner meeting and auction with better more-general items. So far he has \$50 gift cards to a restaurant in Issaquah, donated by Craig Swinford from Portland.
- \* Membership renewals were discussed. Donna spent \$48 mailing out 32 rosters. We need to encourage renewals to come in earlier so the roster isn't rushed in December. We should put the first notices out in August.
- \* Matt has the tour schedule pretty complete. He would like vintage cars for a special Lee Johnson Chevrolet Show representing each decade of Chevrolet. Diane & Dave will be hosting a BBQ at their new place in September.
- \* Dave researched our nonprofit status with the national treasurer. We are part of the national reporting system. We can't do political things but are fine as we are. Sallie reported we were just under budget for 2010 and the 2011 budget is slightly higher that 2010. The annual auction, 50/50 and Monroe Swap volunteers' contributions balance the budget.
- \* Getting the ladies involved more in the club was discussed but no changes in the way we operate were decided. We also discussed the need for new and younger members to sustain the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Highlights submitted by Don Comstock











#### Free Access to Technical Manuals and Information for 1920s to 1960s

From Bob Stamnes

Try these web sites. I found them very useful. They were suggested by Dave Folsom.

http://www.gmheritagecenter.com/gm-heritage-archive/vehicle-information-kits.html http://chevy.oldcarmanualproject.com/index.htm

#### Technical Newsletter Articles Wanted for G&D

From Ken Scott, Area 3 Director

The G&D is looking for newsletter articles on technical subjects. If you have any bits of technical information you would like to pass on please send it to Jim Karras at jimdarras@aol.com or Dan O'Day at noisytappet@gmail.com. These two people are the Tech Advisor committee and will respond to your request and keep you up to date as the status of your article submission.

#### **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

#### WANTED

**1949, 1957** <u>Transmissions, three speed.</u> One from a '49 Chev PU long box. One from a '57 Chev PU. \$75 each. Dick Olson 425 222-5798

**1942** <u>Chevrolet Convertible</u>. Richard G. Luna, 310-549-9038, rluna@eartel.net.

**1955-56-57** Chev Pickup Doors. \$200/pair. Dick Olson, 425-222-5798.

1972 Corvette Wheel Covers Set of 4 very good to excellent. Turbine Style with Corvette Flag inserts. The covers fit 15 inch wheels. I'll go as low as \$250 for the set of 4. Call Ron, 206-547-2844.



FLINT OF BUST

July 17 - 23, 2011

Flint, Michigan

VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

**1983** El Camino, 305 cu-in, Gas/Propane. Good Condition. \$1995 OBO. Dick Jones, 425-736-8798.

#### Rodents Attack Treasures Stored (RATS), Part 2

By Glenn Landguth

In Part 1 I discussed the problem that rodents pose to us as we try to go about our everyday routine of living and minding our own business. Now in Part 2 I will start to share some of the ways people have dealt with the problem.

They used to say that if one could build a better mousetrap people would flock to one's door. Well, that may be true, but we don't really want people flocking to our doors, we just want to get the rodents to prefer the neighbor's yard over our own. In this regard, the trap is still a viable option. Up to a point. It seems sufficient to rid the yard of a couple of individual specimens for the message to get across, at least temporarily. The rodents quickly learn to recognize the traps and the consequences of taking the bait. Mind you, the first rodents taking the bait don't have much time to learn anything. But their friends seem to observe the results and learn to avoid a similar fate. So putting down enough traps does seem to send the critters to the neighbors. The down side of traps are the effect on children, pets, birds, and yes, even our own fingers and toes occasionally. So mechanical spring traps are probably most effective for catching indoor rodents rather than the outdoor variety. And it is important to remember where they have been put.

There are also some new varieties of spring traps that claim to be more effective than the old spring and wire traps. I have not found this to be the case. And the springs on some of the new plastic jaw traps are so weak, the rodents just drag the trap to the fence, where it comes off as the rodent goes under or through the fence.

I once made the mistake of putting out a trap that used a sticky substance in a plastic tray. The sticky substance was intended to adhere to the rodent's little paws so that the fellow would just wait there all stuck up until one could properly dispose of him. The problem was that birds immediately flocked to the traps. After freeing two birds from the sticky mess, I finally realized what was happening. The sticky stuff looked like water in the black plastic trays, thus attracting the birds. So goodbye gooey traps, at least for outdoor use.

There are humane traps of course, but then one is faced with what to do with the rodents after they are caught.

The discussion continues next time, when I will cover chemical substances that rodents fatally ingest (I don't like the "P" word or the substances that fall under this classification.), gas warfare, tunnel demolition, and irritants.

# 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.wvrvcca.org/

TAPPET CLATTER 11

#### March 2011 Tappet Clatter



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