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Seattle Tour Number Nine

Article by Jim Farris

Photos by Jim Seiber

On a cold wet Seattle Sunday, Twenty-Two Puget Sound Region members braved inclement conditions in an attempt to take in the spectacular views from Queen Anne and Magnolia. They are so special; Olmstead included them in his 1910 plan for the City. Unfortunately, rain clouds, constantly dropping their treasure, denied us that opportunity. We had no rainy-day plan to do it another time, so off we went.

After driving along the waterfront the first stop was atop Queen Anne Hill at Kerry Park. Here the accompanying picture of Bob Helgeson holding an umbrella, while looking through the fog and rain at downtown and the Space Needle, tells the story of the day. The group learned here that this was the location where Dave Roberts asked Betty to marry him 60 years ago. That made it special for us all.

From there the route took us off Queen Anne on brick roads and across the Garfield Street Bridge to Magnolia. Here the views from the bluff were completely obliterated; however the spectacular old mansions along the bluff gave us an alternate attraction to ponder. From there it was down to the North Point Lighthouse and back through old Fort Lawton to the south side of the locks and the 100 year old Great Northern, now BNSF, Railroad Bridge over Salmon Bay.



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Our next Club membership meeting will be March 24, 2014 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. Bill Barker will discuss National News. Please bring your ideas for an April tour. **Bob Stamnes is on the list to bring the treats.** See meeting announcement on page 3.



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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 1989 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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Editor's Note

The monthly deadline for receiving input is by the 5th of the month. We reserve the right to edit material in any way as appropriate for wording, clarity, grammar, punctuation, and space available. We can accept most electronic formats and hardcopy. Email copy to tappetclatter@outlook.com

Director's Corner

“From The Drivers Seat”



By Director, Al Howe

Things are looking a little more like spring every day. Even my apple trees are starting to bud already. I hope Mother Nature is not playing tricks on us because I am ready for some good weather. Although I am not complaining about the absolutely gorgeous weather we had the last week of February. I just want more, that's all.

We had a productive trip to Port Angeles working out details for the Northwest Meet. About ten of us met with hotel management and Clallam County Fairgrounds management to make final arrangements. We then visited the City of Port Angeles Parks & Recreation Department to work out details for the Awards Banquet. This all ended up making more paperwork for me. But we now have most all the data we need to complete the Prospectus which is very close to being done. Seems each time one of us reads through it we discover one more thing that needs our attention. We promised the Prospectus would be ready in early April; it will be done before you read this issue of the Tappet Clatter. It will be posted on the National website and our own website. If people are nice to us we may even make a paper copy or two.

Is your old Chevrolet ready to tour? Having the oil changed, and a tune-up with new points & etc. may help make your tour more enjoyable. It is no fun if you break down on tour. I have had more than one breakdown and always someone or more stops to help. What a good feeling it is knowing you will not be left alone along the road, helpless, lonely, with big trucks wanting to make a pancake of you, no wheels that want to go round and round. That poor old car just does not want to go any more. But with a little tender loving care and a few skinned knuckles that wonderful Chevrolet starts rolling along again. Nothing like the sound of a four-cylinder motor purring at an even steady beat as the car makes its way down the road. You are driving a piece of history that you brought back to life and it is responding as it did when it was new. I just love driving my '27 Chevy.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of algebra class.

April Garage Nite April 9th at 7 PM.

The first Garage Nite of the year is April 9th at Dick Olson's in Preston, 7PM (phone and directions removed. See mailed/mailed Tappet Clatter)

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Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes February 24, 2014

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

Welcome: 26 members were in attendance with no guests. We have a new member family, thanks to Ana Maria Haley's recruiting. Please welcome Jay and Lorraine Stanton from Sumner. They are also members of the Mt. Rainier Region and owners of a 1986 Corvette.

Secretary: Minutes accepted as printed in Tappet Clatter.

Treasurer: Sallie reported it was another busy month with spending exceeding our income. The postage rate has gone up as has the cost of paper resulting in higher TC costs and the Northwest Meet has higher facilities costs than anticipated but still within budget.

Northwest Meet: Members of the NW Meet Planning Committee traveled to Port Angeles February 19th to meet with managers of the hotel, city and parks department to finalize all details of our event in August. We were able to negotiate many details necessary for a spectacular Meet. Deposits were made and contracts signed. The prospectus is all but complete and will be finalized in a week or two. Copies will be available on line and brought to the regions in Washington and Oregon in April.

Membership: Donna Onat introduced our newest members and gave tribute to Ana Maria Haley for bringing in several member families the past couple of years.

National News: A chairman has been found for the 2016 National Meet after a several month search. He is Dave Cufr, (*editor note: changed spelling, pronounced "Sue-Fur"- accent on Sue*) forgive my spelling, from the Midwest. The Puget Sound Region is responsible for organizing and running the Plaque Tour on one of the days of the meet. Bill has a general plan outlined and drove the route last year. It involves our Region's members from about 9 to 2 handing out the plaques at the halfway point, creating directions, making and setting out signs and probably creating the plaques.

Tours: Sunday, March 2nd is the first tour of the year. Jim Farris will again be leading this tour. It will leave 1st and Lander in front of Starbuck's Headquarters at noon, rain or shine. We will end up at a brew pub in Ballard for lunch. The tour itself will cover the Seattle waterfront and areas north to Ballard. Jerry Yoder is sponsoring a Tune-up Day at Sunset Chevrolet from 9 to 4 on Sunday, March 9th. We held a discussion on participating in a car show at a senior-living facility near Silverdale. Dates were bantered about as well as if this would attract many of our members. Some felt a location closer to home would allow more members to participate.

Break: Meeting ended at 8:40. Matt Dickinson brought the cookies.

Program: After a short break, Al asked members to share their great Christmas presents. Bill Barker started off with a charge cord that was flexible so that many AC/DC chargers could be plugged in at once. While traveling this is handy for recharging phones, radios, etc. each night from one outlet. He plans to keep the charging cord and all the chargers together in a zip-lock bag. Dave White shared a replacement wiring block for upgrading the wiring in all of our older cars with fused links in a neat relatively easy to install package. Dick Jones let us all know he is going to New Zealand thanks to a very special gift hidden in a book from his wife, Gisela.

Meeting adjourned around 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock

Membership News—Donna Onat

Please join me in welcoming new members, Jay & Lorraine Stanton. They live in Sumner with their '86 Corvette Roadster. We thank Ana Maria Haley for steering them to us through their association in the Mt. Rainier Region. Jay and Lorraine are looking forward to helping with our Meet in August.

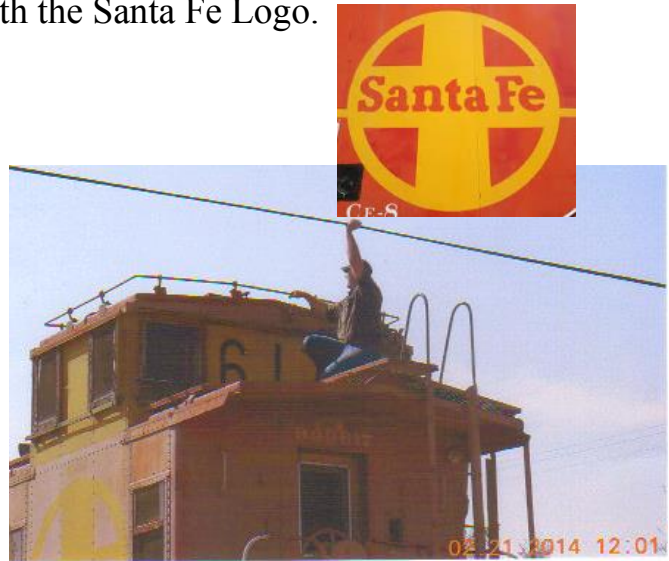
(Editor Note: The insert with their information for the back of the roster was sent out via email to members.)

A New Addition To The Meleo Collection by Jim Farris

Puget Sound Region member, Tom Meleo added a new vehicle to his collection last month. A 25,000-pound Santa Fe Railroad Caboose found its way to his ranch. The train unit was built in 1948 and retired from work in 1983. Tom located it at its former resting place about three-quarters of a mile south his place. He laid a section of track on his property to display the unit. There are no current plans for its use but it will be painted with a new coat of red paint and outfitted with the Santa Fe Logo.



The caboose being lifted from its former location



Traveling down the road with Brian Todd on top lifting wires

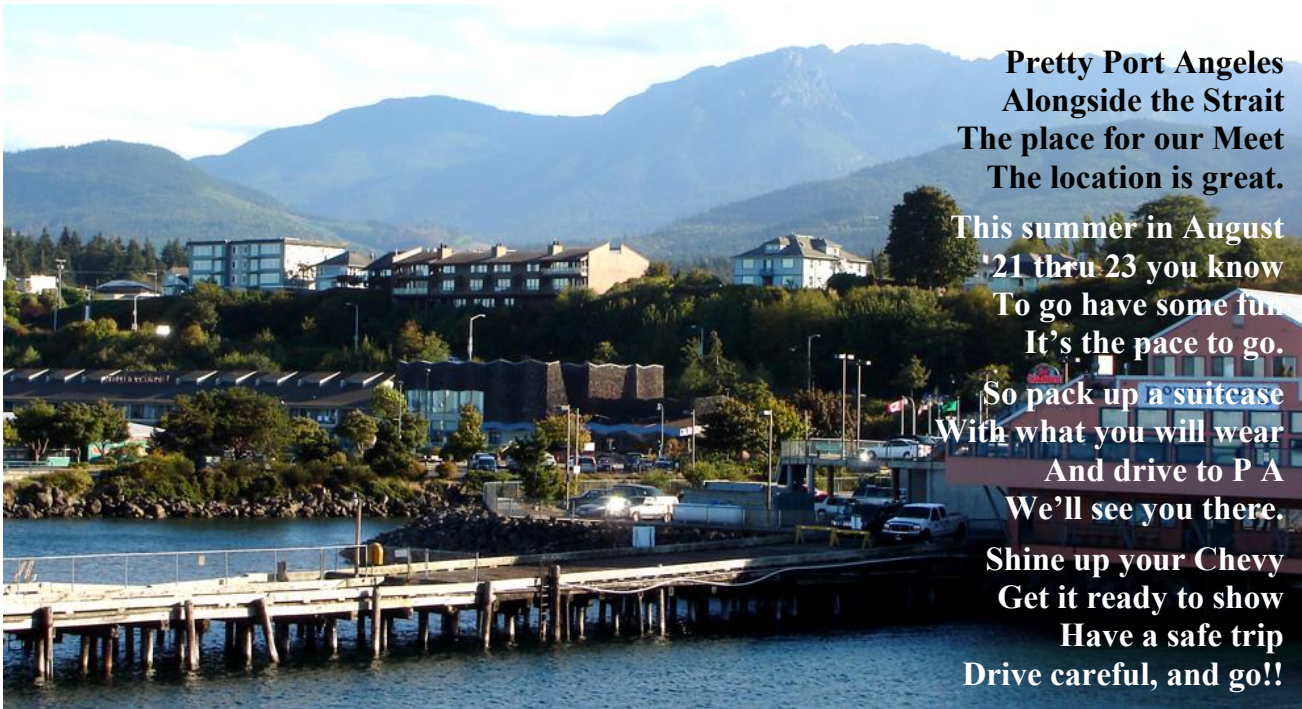


Placing the caboose on the tracks at his place



The Caboose in place.

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER



Pretty Port Angeles
Alongside the Strait
The place for our Meet
The location is great.

This summer in August
'21 thru '23 you know
To go have some fun
It's the place to go.

So pack up a suitcase
With what you will wear
And drive to P A
We'll see you there.

Shine up your Chevy
Get it ready to show
Have a safe trip
Drive careful, and go!!

I have a Question

By David Gowan VCCA Director Area # 3



And so do I! Are there any young-uns in your Region? As I go to the different clubs I notice a lack of young blood. I know, I know, it's a perpetual question. Every time I see a kid driving a Chevrolet, however, I try to stop them and let them know that we have a vibrant group of Chevofanatics! "Come join us!" And there are more Chevrolets hidden in garages and back alleys than you can imagine. I discovered just this week a 1956 Cameo and a 1961 Corvette that haven't been seen or shown in many a year.

Sign up for working at the Monroe Swap Meet

(4-hour shifts 5/16/2014 thru 5/18/2014)

The Monroe Swap Meet is our biggest fundraiser. Let's have as big a turnout as we have had in the past.

Send Ana Maria Haley an email (anama97@q.com) telling her what day and time you would like to work.

43rd VCCA Northwest Meet August 21-23, 2014 in scenic Port Angeles, Washington



Host hotel is the Red Lion Hotel on the waterfront with shopping and restaurants within walking distance.

Reservations: (360) 452-9215
or 1-(800) 733-5466

and mention Northwest Chevy Meet.
RV parking is just a few blocks from the hotel at the fairgrounds.

Event Website: pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org

Registration info: Gerri Johnson, (360) 697-1165 email: djchevrus@aol.com
Register by July 11, 2014

Hosted by the Puget Sound Region

Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Rod Schein

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
May 17	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein

April Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
Marti Miller 4-15	Evie & Rod Schein 4-07
Florence Helgeson 4-16	
Jerry Cloutier 4-05	

Activities 2014

April	Club Auction	April 28
May	HCCA Breakfast & Tour	Jim Farris TBD
May	Monroe Swap Meet Monroe Work Party	Ana Maria Haley May 16-18
	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein May 17
	Route 66 Tour	Bill Barker May 13-30
June	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social	June 23
July	Tour/Potluck	Al Howe July 19
Aug	NW Meet	Aug 21-23
	XXX Drive-In Issaquah Club Meeting	Aug 25
Sept	Early 6 Cylinder Tour – Colorado	Jim Farris TBD
	Open	
Oct	Teaway Hunters Breakfast Tour	Jim Farris TBD
	Train Trip to Portland	Bill Barker Oct 17-19
	Historic Cascades Roads Tour #2 (On a good weather day)	Rod Schein TBD
Nov	Election of 2015 Club Officers	
Dec	Christmas Party	TBD



2014 Northwest Meet in Port Angeles

Puget Sound Region invites you to join us at the Red Lion Hotel in Port Angeles, Washington August 21-23, 2014 for the 43rd VCCA Northwest Meet.

Meet events include judging, tours, Ice Cream Social, BBQ, Banquet, Ladies Event and many other activities while renewing old friendships and making new ones. The hotel is on the waterfront with shopping and restaurants within walking distance. The special event hotel cost is \$119.00 plus tax. Water view room is only \$20 more. Call the Red Lion at 360-452-9215 or 1-800-733-5466 and mention Northwest Chevy Meet for reservations.

RV parking is just a few blocks from the hotel at the fairgrounds with electricity, water and dump. Our special event rate is \$18.00 plus tax. Trailer parking is also at the fairgrounds.

Look for prospectus and registration forms in early April.

Web site: pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org

Registration info: Gerri Johnson, 360-697-1165
email: djchevrus@aol.com

Prospectus for the NW Meet Available

Copies were sent out via email and are also posted on the website. Go to <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/index.htm> and look under Announcements/News. Links to two versions are there a PDF and a Word document file.

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 at rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Wake Up Your Sleeping Auto---- It's Time To Tour!! (by Bob Stamnes)

Did you make a list of those items that needed repair at the end of the last touring season? How about a list of things you did to winterize your car? Placing these lists on the inside of your windshield will remind you what needs to be done this time of the year. Now it is time to pull these lists out and start checking off the items before your first tour. A few things you may have on your lists;

-Draining and replacing the oil. The best time for this is before winter storage to remove moisture, reducing corrosion, but this time of year is second best.

-Check the tire pressure. Don't forget the spare. Putting the car on jacks will prevent tires from getting flat spots. I like to run my car once in a while during winter, so I do not put it on jacks, but put a quarter inch piece of plywood under my tires to reduce the effects of concrete on the rubber.

-Chances are your points will be corroded, making it impossible to start your car. Give yourself some time to fix this. Dave Folsom gets many calls in the spring about engines that will not start. Electronic ignition would certainly help. I have wondered if pulling the rotor in the fall when you park the car and placing a small bag of desiccant in the distributor would work to rid the distributor of moisture and prevent corrosion of the points. I would like to hear your thoughts on this.

-Check fuel lines. If you use fuel that contains ethanol, ethanol will deteriorate rubber fuel lines unless you have lines designed specifically for ethanol fuels. Ethanol deterioration can also send small beads of rubber through your fuel system to your filters and carburetor.

-You might think it a little late to place mouse traps or bait in your car, but this is important year around. This is a good time to remove traps before touring, but remember to set them with fresh bait when you return it to your garage. There has been much talk of using steel wool, peppermint oil, sulfur, mothballs, Bounce laundry sheets, and aluminum foil to keep the mice out of cars. Some say peppermint oil and mothballs do not work. If you have experience with any of these, please let others know by contacting me. Traps and D-Con seem a little more direct, but be careful with D-Con if you have animals, kids, or grandchildren.

-A charged battery is essential. Charging it will likely be needed. There are many ways to protect your battery in the winter, and the way you have selected will determine how much work you have to do to get the car back on the road. I have a quick disconnect device on my battery and I leave the battery in the car, ready to go all winter. This works for me but my car is in a warm, dry basement. If your car is garaged outside and you have pulled the battery, hopefully you did not store it on concrete or out in the weather. If on concrete, put something under it. I have the results of this--- a dead battery and a nice battery design on my garage floor. If you leave the battery in the car, a battery tender is obviously a great way to go also. Remember to check the fluid levels. Keeping a battery charged prevents it from freezing.

-This is also a good time to check your brake system, fluid levels, brake lining, adjustment, etc.

-A safety check of your lights, including turn signals and emergency flashers, if you have them, is definitely warranted.

-Fuel can be a source of problems if the tank was not filled completely, allowing moisture from the air to condense out in the tank, or if fuel stabilizer was not added to the fuel in the fall. It is also time to fill the tank if it was not left full all winter.

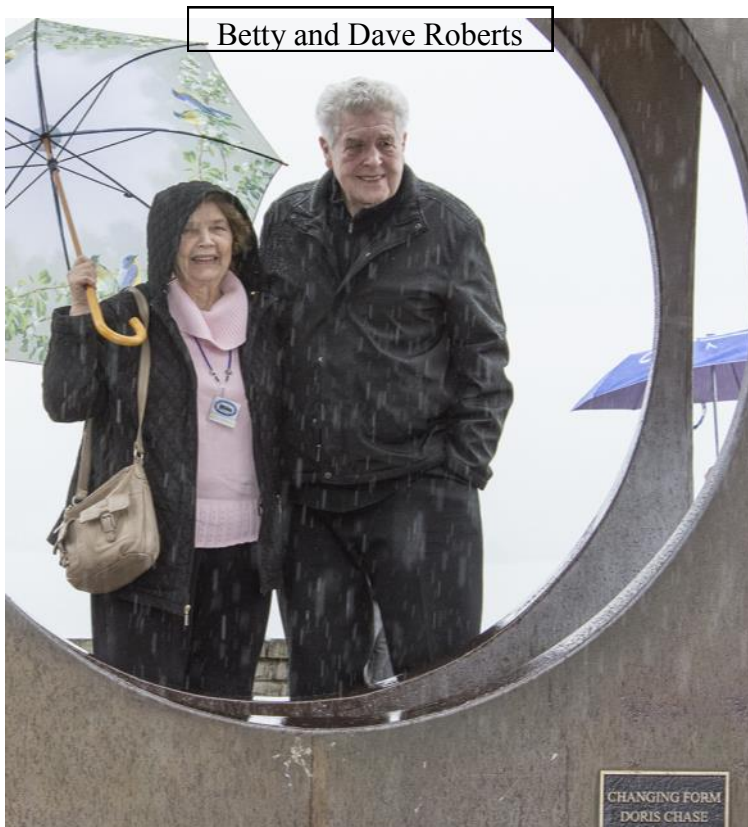
-This is a good time to check fluid levels for the tranny , rear end and radiator. A lube job may also be appropriate if this was not performed in the fall.

-Remove any D-Con or other poisons in the car that your grandkids might find.

-And how about your trailer? Inspect the tires, fill them with air and grease the bearings if due. Do the lights work?

That list you made in the fall, are all the items checked off?

See you on the next tour.



Pictures from Seattle Tour Number 9

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/

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



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After a trip along the waterfront to Golden Gardens the group ate at Market Arms, a newer pub style restaurant operated by a British couple.

While it was a miserable weather day most in the group seemed to enjoy the time out with friends. There will be another Seattle Tour the first Sunday in March next year. It will be the 10th in this series begun by Rod Schein in 2006. Maybe then we'll actually be able to see more than the rain on the windshield.



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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. tappetclatter@outlook.com

FOR SALE

1935-6 Speedometer without cable, nice \$100
Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com for pics

1928 Head Light Trim Rings, new reproduction parts, still in shipping bags \$75 pr.
Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com for pics

1930's Car Radio dial and cable for 30s car, nice \$50
Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com for pics

1934 Chevy ton and a half flatbed truck,

Older restoration, original engine, blue body, black fenders, interior is fair to good, pictures available on request. Asking \$22,850. Cathy Johnson, 425-255-6325



FOR SALE

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

1936 Headlight Lens, 7-15/16 OD, 7-1/2" bucket?, new reproduction Appears to be same as GR-191 in Filling Station Catalog \$35
Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com for pics

1996 SS Impala, Black, Low Miles, All options,+ Sunroof, Weld wheels, Arizona speed headers & air intake. \$23,000
Jerry Yoder (253) 307-1910, JerryYoder@hotmail.com

Car Tube Radio box without cables, unknown operational condition \$30 Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com for pictures

1931 Coupe, New Paint - Tires, etc. asking \$13,500, Janet Gore, 406-660-0916 or timgore1943@gmail.com



"Free" Seat Frame and Cushions (Needs Reconditioning)
Fits 1948 to 1954 Chevy Pickup. Don Hatley (253) 941-5674

WANTED

1931 Ignition Switch, Dick, 425 736-8798, dick10051@comcast.net

1964 Chevelle SS - any condition
Dave White 206-999-8138 davidcwhite@comcast.net

Another wet hood



Dave and Betty Roberts' hood

