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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 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."

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Director's Corner

"From The Driver's Seat"



By the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox, 2016 will be almost 25% over already. All three of the swap meets in Puyallup will have already taken place, we'll be on Daylight Savings time, with more daylight in the evenings (my favorite time of the year), and our first touring event will already have taken place.

On the flip side however, it means that "CAR SEASON" is just getting started, we have many more opportunities to become involved in car-related activities over the coming months. Ralf Luche and Rod Schein are working on an activity for April. Stay tuned for more information. Does anybody have an idea for May and/or June? The weekend shows at Jose's XXX Drive-in in Issaquah have already started, and as the weather continues to improve, the Saturday night cruise-ins there will become more popular. I understand the Friday afternoon events in Covington start in May. Would members be interested in participating in either of these events as a short notice event? If the weather looked good for the day, we could send out an email suggesting a meeting place and time and whomever shows up, we tour there and kick tires. Think about it and we can talk more at the next meeting.

I haven't heard from the Monroe swap meet folks yet; sent them another email this morning so I don't know if that will be something we'll be doing this year or not. If not, it will have an impact on our yearly income; that's part of what we've used to discount the banquet price for the last several years. At the February meeting, Bill Barker presented us a different idea for fund raising. He suggested we could hold a raffle at the National Meet giving away carved bears. The bears are local down there, so we don't have to take them there; the company ships them back to the winner's location. What we would need to do is man the ticket selling station and sell tickets. Selling tickets for an hour or so a couple of times throughout the Meet is about the same time commitment as what a person does at Monroe. Think about it. Another topic to talk more about at the next meeting.

My G & D came the other day. The registration for the National Meet was included, and I know it's available to also register online. Has anyone already registered? I think the Mini-Meet registrations will be available soon, maybe by the Portland swap meet.

See you at the meeting and 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.wvrcca.org/>

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

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



Chevrolee Comments...

on repairing, rebuilding, or replacing your Chevrolet engine



Last month I pointed out some steps backwards and some steps forward in the refining process of the Chevrolet engine. The six cylinder, three main bearing crankshaft of 1929 was probably less reliable than the four cylinder, three main bearing crankshaft of the previous years. The absence of piston/pin bushings in the early 1929 models was corrected by the inclusion of bushings later in the year. The big improvement was the provision of continuous lubrication to the rocker arm shafts.

The changes in 1930 were rather small. The crankshaft was made slightly heavier and the cylinder head was re-designed. In 1929 the intake and exhaust valves were the same size. In 1930 the size of the exhaust valves was reduced and the size of the intake valves was increased. The 1930 exhaust valve size was reduced because these valves do not need to be very large since piston pressure forces the exhaust gasses out. The intake valve size was increased to provide better induction into the cylinders, since in this case we rely on atmospheric pressure to force air-fuel mixture into the cylinders. The result was a smoother and more powerful engine.

The 1931 engine was almost identical to the 1930 engine. One improvement was the inclusion of stiffening ribs on the cylinder block. 1932 saw a number of improvements in engine design. The weight of the crankshaft was again increased. The main and cam shaft bearings now received pressure lubrication, (on previous years spray from the crankcase was collected in reservoirs and the oil collected ran down to these bearings). The connecting rods were improved to reduce side-play. The W-1 Carter downdraft carburetor was introduced. The intake manifold throat diameter was increased. The compression ratio was increased. A manually controlled heat riser was provided in the exhaust manifold, and the engine was now supported by rubber mounts providing smoother operation.

Continued next month...

Written May, 1988

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

March PS - VCCA Meeting

At the March meeting we will discuss details about the Anniversary Meet in Lake Tahoe. Bill Barker will share registration, travel routes to Lake Tahoe and volunteering. If you have any other questions this is a good time to ask.

Just a reminder, the April meeting is our Auction so keep that in mind while you are rummaging through your car stuff.

Al Howe

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Here's a scenario-
You might relate.
You're cruising along,
Don't want to be late.

Then there in your rearview
Are blue flashing lights.
Where did he come from?
Did you have on your brights?

You pull to the side
To let him through,
But he pulls in behind
Because he wants you.

Was your seat belt buckle
Hanging out of the door?
Is it a burned out bulb?
Or maybe something more?

He says you were speeding
In a school zone this time
And writes you a ticket-
You need to pay a fine.

It's for the kid's safety
To go real slow
In case the kids are running
And suddenly show.

Moral of the story
Is not to be passive,
To drive with great caution
When school zones are active.

April Tour to La Conner

We will meet on Saturday at 9:00 am at the Wood-inville Park and Ride and at 9:30 am we will drive north on Highway 522 to Highway 9. We will proceed north on 9 to McMurray and then turn left on Highway 534 continuing west thru Conway to La Conner. We will have lunch there (La Conner Pub and Eatery?, Calico Cupboard Old Town Cafe?).

On the way back we will branch off and take Pioneer Highway at Conway, which merges into Highway 530. Highway 9 will take us back to the Park and Ride.

Bring your long-range radio. This is what we will use to keep the group together and give directions and alerts.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 28th for an accurate head count to Ralf Luche by texting to 206-313-9847 or by email (rluche@yahoo.com)

We are planning for Saturday, April 23 with a rainy day backup of April 30.

See you there!

MARCH GARAGE NITE

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

45th Northwest Meet June 23-25, 2016



The beautiful Rogue River Valley is the site for the 45th Northwest Meet hosted by the Willamette Valley Region, June 23-25, 2016. You are in for a treat driving old cars, visiting beautiful Crater Lake and the historic towns of Jacksonville and Ashland. Since this is a "Mini" Meet, there will be no judging or Ladies Luncheon, only laughter, good food and great friends. What more could you ask for! Brookside Inn and Suites in White City is the meet hotel and they have blocked all the rooms until April 1, 2016 so you need to reserve your room by March 31, 2016. You must call 541-826-0800 for a room. This cannot be done online. For the RVer's in the group there are spaces at Medford Oaks, RV Park and Cabins. Contact 541-826-5103 or go to www.medfordoaks.com for more info.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

PS-VCCA 2016 Meeting Treats

| | | | |
|--------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| March: | Ralf Luche | June: | Strawberry Shortcake Event |
| April: | Al Howe | September: | Glenn & Judy Landguth |
| May: | No one signed up | October: | Bob & MG Stamnes |
| | November: | George & Barbara Reich | |

Last month we asked you "Who opened the first drive-in gas station?"

A: Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.

What to do with a Wal-Mart Store

Though the building in Punta Gorda, Florida was once a Wal-Mart, it's not any more.

When Rick Treworgy saw that it was vacant, he decided it would be the perfect place to showcase almost 200 Corvettes and other GM muscle cars he owns in a vast collection begun more than 30 years ago. He bought it, and now it's open to the public.

Called Muscle Car City, the venue is attracting thousands of people who crave the golden days of muscle cars and their youth.

Google this for <https://goo.gl/6C90Vo> . then click on the video and enjoy.

(Borrowed from the Willamette Valley Newsletter)

April Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Evie & Rod Schein 7

BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Cloutier 5
Marti Miller 15
Florence Helgeson 16

2016 Activities

| | | |
|-----------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March | 28 | PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School |
| April | 23 | Tour led by Ralf Luche |
| | 25 | PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School—Auction |
| May | 17 | Ballard Parade—Rod & Evie Schein |
| | 23 | PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School |
| June | TBD | Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Shortcake Social, Perrigo Park |
| | 23-25 | Mini Meet—Crater Lake, Oregon |
| July | 4 | 4 th of July Picnic—Dave and Diane Haddock's Home at Lake Forrest Park |
| August | 8-12 | National Meet—Lake Tahoe |
| | 22 | PS-VCCA Meeting at "XXX Drive In", Issaquah |
| September | 26 | PS-VCCA Club Meeting –Location to be Announced |
| October | 1-2 | Mahogany & Merlot led by Don & Sally Comstock |
| | 24 | PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be Announced |
| November | 28 | PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Location to be Announced |
| December | TBD | Christmas Party |
| | TBD | 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

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:35 by Director Jim Darby.

Welcome: 22 members were in attendance . We have a new member. Please welcome Don Westby of Bellevue who is working on a 1934 pickup. He recently sold a 1924 touring and has left over parts for sale.

Secretary: Minutes accepted as printed in Tappet Clatter.

Treasurer: Sallie reported it was another busy month paying bills. The newsletter, roster and the January Banquet were all large expenses but within the budget. Sallie noted we did not spend as much on the Banquet because the attendance was lower than expected.

Membership: Donna Onat introduced our newest member. Those attending the Banquet were able to receive their 2016 roster from Donna. The rest were mailed out earlier. Please note the back cover depicting Dave Folsom with an innovative spray bomb shaker he demonstrated at a Garage Nite.

National News: Chevs of the '40's donated \$2500 for the National Meet. Tuesday the 23rd the Board will have a financial review for the Meet and registration forms will be in the March G&D. The on-line version will be available March 1st. A new webpage will coincide with the appearance of the forms detailing the activities available at the Meet. Also note that the swap meet at Reno for Hot August Nights ends on the Saturday before our Meet begins in Tahoe. You might want to plan an extra day at the beginning. National will again offer medallions for \$9.00 and this year the store will sell socks.

Tours: March 19th is a joint tour with the North Cascades and Mount Rainier Regions. Puget Sound people meet at the Renton Walmart at 9:30 to leave by 9:45 to tour to Ken Scott's house as the meeting place. He will have sandwich fixings for those needing a sack lunch. At 11 we go to Jim Rolstad's to see his personal car collection of many makes and models. Then about noon we head for the Castle for a tour that may take two or more hours. Finally we will all return to Ken's house for a potluck. Comstock's will furnish chicken for all, North Cascades will furnish desserts for all. Salads and beans etc. for Mount Rainier and Puget Sound attendees. Ovens will be available. We must know who is coming so we have ample chicken. Call Don or Sallie at 253 863-0420 or email chevgyuy2@centurylink.net. Ralf Luche is looking at a tour to the peninsula involving the ferries and ice cream. No details are available at this time. The Ballard Parade is, as always, on May 17, a Tuesday. We will know our place in line before arriving and following the parade will be a celebration at the Schein's.

Awards: Jim Darby announced the Director's Award was given to our editor Mike Currie for his patience with Jim and his ability to produce a great monthly newsletter from afar. The color copy of the "Tappet Clatter" was given to Rod Schein for his article on the Christmas Train event, with photos by Glenn Landguth.

Fund Raising: Because the Monroe Swap Meet work party may not be a reliable source of income, Bill Barker suggested we hold raffles at the National Meet in Tahoe offering chances to win carved bears. The logistics were explained but no action has been taken at this time. It will take someone to coordinate the raffle and time selling chances.

Break: Discussion ended at 8:50. Dave and Diane Haddock brought wonderful goodies including chocolate dipped strawberries.

Program: After a short break Al took apart a new 1955 headlight switch and showed what was inside. There were lots of little springs and pieces of brass to make contact for park and headlight positions. He will, hopefully, be able to reassemble it when he returns home.

Meeting adjourned around 9:20

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock

Editor's Note: Thank you Jim for the honor of the Director's Award! I would like to share this with all of the folks that help me each month! The contributions from all of the club members and the help of the Checkers and the Assistant Editor are what make the Tappet Clatter the great publication that it is. I couldn't do it without all of you!

Mike

From the Glove Box



From the Glove Box is devoted to sharing technical information, technical problems and solutions to problems related to the restoration and preservation of vintage Chevrolets. Please share your knowledge, experiences and recommendations with your fellow members.

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

G&D Index of Technical Articles, Early 1970s to late 1990s.

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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 when your listing no longer needs to be published.

FOR SALE

1927-8 Chev Parts for sale. Make an offer. Bob Godfrey is anxious to get rid of the parts.
Contact Bob Godfrey, 360-568-7547. 830 Pine Ave, Snohomish, WA

1932 Chevrolet (modified). Sale or trade. Contact Lance Kes-singer for details. 425-823-2263.



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1931 Chevrolet Sports Coupe, 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. \$12,500 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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1948 Chevrolet Fleetline Aerosedan, Restored about 15 years ago with only 3,000 miles since. Always garaged, Hampton Coach interior, original rebuilt 216 ci engine, options include Guide foglamps, six lug 15 in. wheels, backup light, and windshield washer. All reasonable offers considered.

Janice Dynes 425-827-9954

7/15



1947-1971 Locking gas cap for sale \$8 to club members. Manufacturer: FoMoCo No. C20Z-9030-A Appears to be the same as one listed on Ebay at 400393915956 which fits 1958-63 Chev cars. Key included. Chrome plated. 1947-1971 Chev Trucks
Contact Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com

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WANTED

66-67 Chevy Nova or Chevelle SS, 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.

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1930 Passenger Radiator Gary Barquist 509-636-2133

6/15

1941 Chevrolet speedometer. 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

8/15

Contemplation, Observation, and Reflection!

By David Gowan, Director Area #3 VCCA

I know! I know! Some big words for what I want to say. I remembered when I flipped this '41 Chevrolet over on its top. The car was only 15 years old with less than 60,000 miles on it. How can it be that I thought this was an old car when I drove it to school? My experience was on gravel back roads and I probably had racked up only 500-600 miles in my life.



Today my main driver is 25 years old. This morning it turned over 90,000 miles and I expect to keep it for another 100,000. Yes, it takes maintenance and love, but cars are definitely built better and safer now. I guess it is all relative but I sure enjoy taking my 'old' Chevrolet out to cruise down the highway. Let's stay off the gravel if possible, please!