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### Our 1950 3100 Series Pickup

By Gary Barquist

We purchased our pickup about two and a half to three years ago from a woman who had inherited it from her grandfather. It was purchased new in St. Maries Idaho and spent its life south of Spokane in St. John and Rosalia, Washington.

Her grandfather didn't drive the truck very much and she stated that the longest drive was to visit with family in St. Maries, ID, but he mostly drove his '59 Chevrolet sedan.

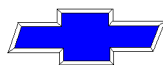
The truck was driven mostly on dusty rough gravel country farming roads and was very dirty.

We were able to use all the body parts except the tailgate which needed to be replaced. The truck showed just over 14,000 miles on the odometer and when I was cleaning it out I found a receipt for an oil change that was close to 20 years old and it showed 13,249 miles.



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Reminder: Our May 20 Club membership meeting will be 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. Don and Sallie Comstock are signed up to bring treats.. (The meeting announcement is on page 3.)



## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2013



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 1988 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. A special "Strawberry Social" is held in June. 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

The monthly deadline for receiving input is 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. Photographs can be scanned and returned. We will take reasonable care of copy provided, however we cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged material. Send copy to *Glenn Landguth*, via [gklandguth@msn.com](mailto:gklandguth@msn.com)

# Director's Corner

## "From The Drivers Seat"



By Director Al Howe

One of our past members, Al Vinnick, has reached a point in his life where he cannot continue to care for his collection of Chevys. He has a 1915 four-door Touring, 1920 four-door and a 1931 four-door. It is sad when someone reaches that point in life. His daughter called me and asked for help identifying cars and tools. He was a machinist so has some machine tools and precision hand tools in Bellevue along with Chevy parts and motors. His daughter wanted to sell everything.

There is so much stuff we had a hard time digging through the piles. Three Puget Sound Region members beside myself rummaged through the piles most of a day. We all found treasures of one kind or the other. There is a pile of old motors and accessories including transmissions outside that anyone can have or she will sell them as scrap. Looked to me like there must be some salvageable parts there, but you would have to know what you are looking for. If anyone wants to look for that hard-to-find treasure this is the place to look. There are good motors in his shop and in the basement, four cylinder and six cylinders; he has lots of spares.

The touring season is here and the weather looks great for the next few days anyway. I hope to see you on some of the tours this season. Maybe someone besides me will take a Chevy on its first tour. It is always good to get that first tour out of the way, because so much time and effort goes into getting everything ready for that first time out. I hope to take my '31 on its first tour this year. Ready or not, I am going to do it.

Because the 4th Monday this month falls on Memorial Day, our May general meeting will be on the 3rd Monday, May 20th, this month. See you all there.

*You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know you will not do anything productive for the rest of the day.*

## Washington Inoperable Vehicle Bill Dead for the Year

A bill that would prohibit cities or towns from enforcing an ordinance that prevents automobile collectors from pursuing their hobby was denied further consideration by the House Local Government Committee after initial review. Under the amended bill, private restorers would have been limited to only three 30-year old and older vehicles that are being actively restored. Go to <http://goo.gl/MWIGU> for more details. Thanks to John Campbell for calling this to our attention.

## Garage Nite - by Dick Olson

June 12th Garage Nite will be in Auburn. 7 PM.

SEE MAILED/EMAILED Tappet Clatter for info and directions Thanks to Jim Farris for arranging another one.

## Membership Meeting May 20 (3rd Monday)

Our May 20 Club membership meeting will be 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. Note that this is the 3rd Monday of the month, to avoid the Memorial Day holiday.

The meeting program will be very interesting.

Don and Sallie Comstock are signed up to bring treats.

Looking ahead:

June 24: Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social



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Well, another long project completed and I keep saying that this one is my last major project. But my family just laughs when I say it. I don't think that they believe me.

### Ballard Parade Invitation from Rod and Evie Schein

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013

You are invited to join us in this fun community parade with a small-town feel. The parade is short and all on a gradual downhill grade and level at the end. It goes down 24<sup>th</sup> Ave NW beginning at NW 62nd and then goes on Market St. ending on Ballard Ave NW. We will travel together as a group. The parade will start at 6:00 PM, but our turn to enter the parade will be later. See the April Tappet Clatter, page 4, for participation details.

(For some fun information on the parade, check out <http://www.17thofmay.org/parade.html>.)

### June Celebrations

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Sis Barker	6/6
Jerry and Mary Brownell	6/10

#### BIRTHDAYS

Rod Schein	6/2
Kent Sullivan	6/5

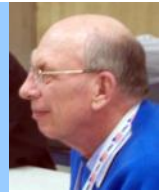
#### BIRTHDAYS (continued)

Gerri Johnson	6/20
David White	6/25
Glenn Landguth	6/27
Lynn Anderson	6/27
Sheri Johnson	6/27



## Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2013



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

Welcome: There were 26 members present with 2 guests. Ian Hardie returned for a second time and joined us as a member. Ian has a 1942 Pickup. Our Area 3 Director, Dave Gowan, joined us as well.



Minutes: The March minutes were approved as printed in the April Tappet Clatter.

Treasury: There were no expenses and a small income of \$17 from the March Meeting .

Membership: Donna presented a chart showing the club's membership since she began as Secretary. Each year a few members left the Region and a few new members joined. Except for one dip there has been a steady increase to the current level at 80 members.



National News: Bill Barker attended the board meeting in Lake Tahoe spending time exploring tour possibilities. The highlights are the Gondola ride and possibly the ladies luncheon on the top of the mountain. Also a 72-mile drive around the lake with lunch at Squaw Valley with six restaurants to serve us and the Bonanza Ranch Theme Park. The headquarters hotel has been locked in at \$104 plus taxes of about \$20.

Activities: The Ballard Parade is on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Those participating need to send Rod two forms: a parade application and a Hold Harmless form. Contact Rod Schein if you haven't sent him the paperwork. Monroe Swap Meet - Ana Maria Haley will be mailing out the job assignments. She still needs to fill in a couple of slots. All of our times are in two timeslots; 5-9 in the evening on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 5-9 in the morning on May 18<sup>th</sup>. A catered dinner will be served on Friday and Ana Maria is suggesting an early breakfast at a nearby restaurant. The Horseless Carriage Breakfast Tour is May 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at the Puyallup Elks for breakfast at 9 AM, followed by a tour to include the Buckley Logger's Museum and Jerry Yoder's collection on Snag Island.

Tappet Clatter: Glenn needs a few more articles for the TC in the next month or so.

Membership Dues: A Board recommendation to reduce the dues was presented. This was in response to a recommendation by Bill Barker at the March meeting. There was a spirited discussion. Most members did not know that first year dues are prorated and at a reduced level as follows: Oct. - Dec. \$20; Jan. - Mar. \$15; April - June \$10; and July - Sept. \$5. The end result was to keep the dues structure as it is currently.

Break: At break we all enjoyed the treats brought by Jerry and Mary Brownell, which included fresh fruits and peppers as well as cookies and bread.

Program: Al Howe, with Glenn Landguth as helper, auctioned several tables of donated items with everything from a gumball machine on a stand to knitting lessons. The big money-maker had heated bids between Don Hatley and Don Boltz.



Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock

*More pictures on page 6*



More pictures from the April 22 membership meeting.





## 2013 Auction Action

By Sallie Comstock

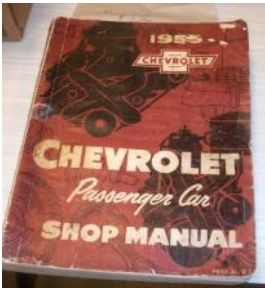
Thanks to everyone who participated in our April meeting auction.

We had great items donated and generous bidders. We raised a total of \$339.00 for our club treasury that will come in handy for our 2014 Northwest Meet budget.

The most spirited bidding happened over the bubble gum machine and stand. Congrats to Don Boltz who won the bid and Don Hatley who gave him a run for his money.

Around 20 club members, including our newly elected Area 3 Director. Dave Gowan, signed up for a bidder's number.

If you were not able to attend you missed some great entertainment and some good stuff. Al Howe functioned as our auctioneer with the able assistance of Glenn Landguth who maintained a running informative dialog, off the cuff, on each item up for bid.



## Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

Dates	Activity	Activity Organizer
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein
May 17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup>	Monroe Swap Meet	Ana Maria Haley
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cruizin' to Colby – Downtown Everett	See March `13 Tappet Clatter
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	GM Picnic in Graham	
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social at Perrigo Park	Club Meeting
June 24 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	Four Cylinder Tour - Dillon, Montana	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Folsom's Picnic/Potluck	Lee & Carol Folsom
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Historic Roads of the Cascades	Dave Haddock/Rod Schein
TBD	Board Meeting	
August 15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup>	NW Meet, Federal Way, WA	Mt. Rainier VCCA
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	XXX Drive-In, Issaquah	Club Meeting
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup>	Early 6 Cylinder Tour - Baker City, OR	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
October 26 <sup>th</sup> (Tentative)	Weekend Portland Trip	D. Olson/B. Barker
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Teanaway Hunters Breakfast Tour	Jim Farris
TBD	Board Meeting	
Early December	Christmas Party	

I will help with the paperwork and submit the tour passport miles requests.  
Matt Dickinson

### Joe Kordic Passes Away

Many Puget Sound Region members knew and will miss Joe Kordic. He was a beloved friend of many who attended Northwest Meets and other joint region events. We just received an email dated Sunday, May 5, 2013 12:45 PM, from Leigh Wilcox, regarding Joe's passing and we wanted to share it with members.

### Remembering Joe Kordic, Columbia River Region

By Leigh Wilcox

I am greatly saddened to report that my close friend and our fellow car-club member Joe Kordic has passed away.

As you may remember, Joe was suffering from progressive aphasia. Due to dehydration and pneumonia, he was taken to the hospital in early January. After stints at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital, Crestview Rehabilitation Center and Regency Park. His life came to an end at 12:30 this morning.

Joe was a long-standing member of VCCA, the Columbia River Region, and one of those few folks who attended all the Northwest Meets.

He will long be remembered for his willingness to help others with their cars and for his dedication to creating the many scrapbooks detailing the events of our region.

At this time no memorial service or celebration of life activities are planned. Joe's remains will be buried beside his parents at Riverview cemetery.



## 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](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) with your information.

### Jumping Out Of 3rd Gear

*This article is by Dave Folsom and is taken from his blog at <http://chev235guy.blogspot.com/>. It is printed here with his permission.*

Jumping out of third gear can be a problem with 1940-54 Chevrolet 3 speed transmissions. If everything else has been checked out misalignment could be the problem. The first and second pictures show the tapered wear on the teeth caused by misalignment of the transmission.

The alignment process involves shimming between the bell housing and transmission at one or more of the four mounting points until the rear bearing bore is inline with the front.

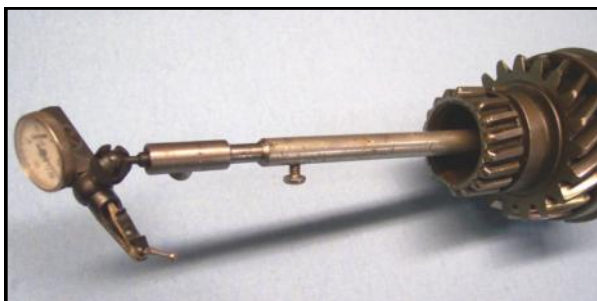
Note: If you were to install a .010" shim at the 4 o'clock position for example you would want to put a .005" shim at the 2 and 8 o'clock positions to prevent strain on the transmission case.



Tapered teeth on 3rd gear



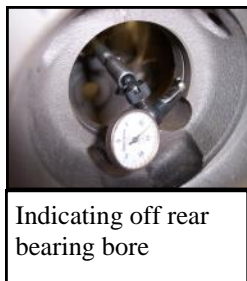
Tapered teeth in synchro drum for 3rd gear



Testing setup: This is the tool I made up for aligning the transmission. It consists of a 3/8" rod Loctited in the bore of a main drive gear. A dial indicator is then attached



Rod without dial indicator



Indicating off rear bearing bore



Starrett "Last Word" indicator

I turned the clutch splines off so I can rotate the shaft with the clutch in place, although the clutch pedal could be held down for this job.



Thumb-screw aligning tool.



Thumb screw.



Thumb-screw

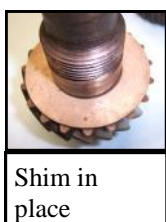
Another option I made up, but have not used, is this simple-to-make thumb-screw tester. I feel this setup would work fine for most people.

One trick I do to insure maximum tooth engagement and reduce the chance of jumping out of third is to install a shim on the main drive gear before the bearing is installed. This moves the gear back the distance of the shim so the synchronizer drum engages further onto the teeth.

Note: If the shim is tight against the bearing face as pictured bend it slightly away from the bearing so oil can enter the bearing



Shim



Shim in place



Shim & bearing



Shim & bearing in place

## From Area 3 Director David Gowan

I swear I've saved every G&D since I joined the VCCA in June of 1968. Once I determined to arrange them by month and year. You know what happened! My well intentioned plans to get organized went directly into the borrow pit because I got all occupied reading those magazines and looking at the pictures.

Sure enough the early ones were printed in B&W but I couldn't help myself. You guessed it I didn't get very far. The prices on those cars were hilarious. Man, I wanted to call up some of those guys, just to see if they were already sold. Here I am with a former 1955 SNB that I got for \$2,700. And with the intervening years the G&D has improved so much. We've got the best car club rag in the world. I said it as if I mean it ..... and, I do!

If you don't want to keep your G&Ds why not give them to an 'old-Chevrolet' owner who's not a member of your region? Talk about a "better idea!". I see these cars everywhere. I guarantee it will help build our club membership.

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## Victory Glass, April 10 - Garage Nite Rolls into Tenth Year

By Jim Farris

Wednesday evening, April 10, Puget Sound Region members gathered for the first 2013 Garage Nite at Victory Glass in Auburn.

This event was the first one in our tenth year of these popular gatherings where members learn more about their cars and share experiences. It was well attended with over 18 members present. Doug LaVictoire, owner of Victory Glass, hosted the evening. His wife Sheila, mother Dorothy, Bob Crane and Ken Lentz were on hand as well, making everyone feel welcome and well fed.

Doug's generous collection of Harley Davidson motorcycles greeted everyone on their arrival. Then it was on to the large building where the glass work is done.



The walls are decorated with numerous automobile signs, gas pumps and family memorabilia. The family has been in the car business since the 1920's. First in Crosby Minnesota with a Ford Agency, then a service station in the Burien area and now the glass business that includes custom as well as standard glass for vehicles. Doug shared information about the business and Ken Lentz showed the group how laminated safety glass is cut. Many questions followed about cutting holes in glass, polishing edges, and installation.

An interesting side note, Jim Seiber asked about Doug's family name. Seems Jim's cousin was married to his Dad's brother. The Garage Nite was a mini family reunion as well.

Garage Knight, Dick Olson, organized these events in 2004. They have all been well attended. Members find them great ways to learn more about their cars and services available, not to mention the camaraderie that seems to accompany each gathering. He's always looking for venues. This one came about because Jim Farris was looking for a place to have a windshield cut for the 1928 Sedan his daughter will be driving at the Four Cylinder Tour in June.

You too may know of an interesting location for one of these Garage Nites!



## 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](mailto:gklandguth@msn.com)

### FOR SALE

**1933 Chev Pickup Project.** New cab wood installed. Asking \$4,500. Dick Olson, 425-222-5798, [Rolson82@comcast.net](mailto:Rolson82@comcast.net).

**1936 Chev Coupe,** \$10,500, Bill Johnson, 425-255-6325, [snkshk@comcast.net](mailto:snkshk@comcast.net)

**Air Compressor** Wright 12 Gal, seldom used. Asking \$125. Jim Seiber, 425-765-8195, [seiberphoto@comcast.net](mailto:seiberphoto@comcast.net).

**G&D magazines,** from about 1985 to current (less July '86), FREE. I could bring to a meeting or arrange pickup. John Campbell 206 250-3959.

**Tires** 4 Sears Allstate 4 ply tires / size - 4.75/5.00/5.25/5.50 X 19 black walls, \$100. These tires have good tread. I removed these from our 1930 when we installed the wire wheels & new tires. Gary Barquist 509-636-2133 or email [ggary017@centurytel.net](mailto:ggary017@centurytel.net)

### WANTED

**1926 Water Pump,** Rebuilt. Bob Stamnes, [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com)

**1928 Chevrolet Sedan. Front Bumper Center Medallion and Bolt.** It's an oval piece that holds the double-bar bumper together. Jim Farris 206-937-5636 [farrismej@aol.com](mailto:farrismej@aol.com)

**1936 Dash Clock,** Bill Barker, 425-643-0698, [bill@barkerville.net](mailto:bill@barkerville.net)

**1936 Chevy Engine,** Rebuilt. Dick Olson, 425-222-5798, [Rolson82@comcast.net](mailto:Rolson82@comcast.net)

**Overdrive for 1926 Chev.** Bob Stamnes, [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com).

### Open House - Potluck - Picnic

## Olson's Gaskets

3059 Opdal Rd. E, Port Orchard WA 98366  
June 22, 2013, 11 AM to 4 PM (Lunch is at 1:00 PM)

*No hot rods, street rods, or resto rods please*

*Trailer Parking and Handicap Parking available. Emphasizing Pre-war and Orphaned Vehicles  
Free gift for first 100 vehicles*

Provided: hot dogs, coffee, plates, plastic ware  
Please bring any 2 of the following:  
hot dish/salad/dessert/chicken/other

Individuals please RSVP  
Clubs please provide head count by June 15th  
Contact (360)-871-1207 or  
Email [olsonsgaskets@gmail.com](mailto:olsonsgaskets@gmail.com)

### Monroe Swap Meet, May 17, 18, 19

### Puget Sound Region Volunteer Update

Information packets were mailed to all volunteers and should have arrived by Tuesday, May 7, at the latest. One shift, 5 AM to 9 AM Saturday, was still open as of the mailing.. Please let me know if you can work this shift.

If anyone has time to serve as a backup person (on-call), please contact me.

If you have any questions please e-mail me at [anama97@q.com](mailto:anama97@q.com).

Thanks, Ana Maria Haley

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

### Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

The rain is slowing  
And weather's improving  
It's time to get  
The old cars moving.

Before you take off  
On the mission  
Check the tires  
For their condition.

Check the pressure  
With your gauge  
And check for cracks  
As the tires age.

Maybe too-old tires  
Need changing out  
For safety's sake  
If there is a doubt.

**May 2013**



At the April meeting, Diane Haddock and Area 3 Director David Gowan display the Puget Sound Region banner that Diane has worked so hard to refurbish. Doesn't it look great!