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### Snoqualmie Falls Tour Instant Tour Renamed 'Flash Tour'

By Rod Schein



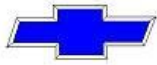
The weather prediction remained good for the Saturday, April 12, Snoqualmie Falls Tour, so an Instant Tour was declared and notices were emailed to our club members on Thursday. We had a communication problem Friday so the confirmation notice didn't happen until after 10:00pm. (For the future, we will be sending out an alert earlier in the week and getting the Friday notice out earlier).

Members arrived at the Triple X in Issaquah and were greeted by Jose Enciso with hot coffee and pastries. Jose had seen the email announcement of the tour and made a special effort to be at his drive-in. Thanks Jose!

Dick & Fran Olson led the tour in their '50 convertible, followed by Rod & Evie Schein in their '40 coupe, Bill Barker in  
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### May Meeting Reminder—NEW DATE!!

Our May membership meeting will be on **Monday, May 19th** because of Memorial Day. Start time is the same, 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue.



## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2014



*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 normally by the 5th of the month. The Editor reserves the right to edit material in any way as appropriate for wording, clarity, grammar, punctuation and available space. We can accept most electronic formats and hardcopy.

Email copy to [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com)

## Director's Corner

## ***“From The Drivers Seat”***



**By Director, Al Howe**

The fundraiser auction was a lot of fun and a big success. We had a lot of good stuff to bid on and most everything sold. I think only 2 or 3 items did not receive a bid. We could have used a better auctioneer but the help was excellent.

This is a busy time of the year and my to-do list seems to get longer rather than shorter. I still need to get my cars ready for touring, and touring has started already. Yard work or old cars, yard work or old cars. I can't make up my mind! So far yard work has been winning but that has to change very soon.

Registrations for the Olympic Peninsula Rendezvous are starting to come in and the hotel has 77 rooms booked already. If you don't have your hotel registration already you may want to do that right away.

Plans for our July 19<sup>th</sup> tour to my house are being finalized. Plans include a BBQ potluck and a surprise. This should be a very fun day so mark your calendar. As always the whole family is invited, including grandchildren. Join us for a historical drive down memory lane where past and present meet

Don't take yourself seriously. No one else does.

## Garage Nites are Back!

The June Garage Nite will be on May 11th at Daryl Jordan's in SeaTac. Daryl is a friend of Dick Olson's who collects Continental/Beacon automobiles. Daryl's address (*removed*) and his phone number is (*removed*).

Plan to meet at Daryl's at 7pm for this interesting tour!

**Directions:** Removed, see your mailed/mailed copy of the Tappet Clatter.

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his '66 Corvette coupe with a new special matching bullet trailer for the Route 66 tour in May, Bob & Florence Helgeson in their '64 Corvette roadster, and Jim & Sue Seiber in their modern.

We all had radios so following Dick's directions was easy as he led us on several scenic roads to the Falls. We went to several viewpoints of the Falls to see the Spring runoff with Jim Seiber and others taking pictures. After a stop in the gift shop we were on our way home.

Along the way Bill Barker enthusiastically used the title "Flash Tour" for this style of instant tour. In the future, I believe that name will stick.



### **Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes April 28, 2014**

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

Welcome: There were 30 members present with one guest brought by Jerry Yoder.

Minutes: The March minutes were approved as printed in the April Tappet Clatter. Jim Farris and Jim Seiber were recognized for their article in the Tappet Clatter.

Treasury: Sallie Comstock gave a very brief accounting, balance is stable.

Activities: Horseless Carriage Breakfast Tour is May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Puyallup Elks for breakfast at 9 A.M. followed by a tour which will go north to Des Moines to view a private collection. Ballard Parade is on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Those participating need to sign up with Rod and take a Hold Harmless form. Contact Rod Schein if you haven't sent him the paperwork. This year meet at Rod's then tour to the parade and there is a smorgasbord at Schein's after the parade. This is a sanctioned VCCA Tour; bring your passports. Monroe Swap Meet Ana Haley will be mailing out the job assignments the last week in April and first week in May. There are fewer volunteers this year because several members will be on the Route 66 tour.

Bi-Laws Change: Changes to the bi-laws as discussed and moved last month were approved by the membership though the actual motion was not read.

Break: A break was held at 7:40 so we could get on with the Auction Program. Delicious homemade treats were brought in by Jerry Brownell.

Program: Al Howe with Don Comstock, as helper, auctioned several tables of donated items with everything from a working antique portable radio to a vise and everything in between. Items were auctioned individually per Jim Seiber's suggestion. Almost everything sold with \$516.00 total income for the treasury. It seemed a good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock

## Member News

The Curries have a new member of the family!

Mike had been looking for a Corvette for quite some time and found several that he would have liked to own but, alas, couldn't afford. That is until he found a low-mile 1995 roadster that fit all the criteria. The picture isn't the best but you get the idea. Now he just has to wait six years for it to be 25 years old and VCCA eligible. Woo-hoo!



*(Editor's Note: What do YOU want to share? This space is reserved for our club members to provide information to others about what YOU are doing! If you don't want to keep hearing about what the Currie' are doing then send something about YOU to: [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com). I promise that we'd all like to hear about it. Thanks!)*

## 2014 AUCTION UPDATE

By Sallie Comstock, Treasurer

Thanks go to our generous members who not only donated some really cool stuff to auction off, but also bought most of it back (different stuff, I hope).

This was a record-setting auction, raising \$516.00 for our club treasury.

To compare, last year's auction netted \$339.00.

A few standout items were a Sunset Chevrolet logo mat, a Brown Bear car wash and Visa card (dollar amount unknown), and some really nice baseball caps.

Kudos to our fast talking auctioneer, Al Howe, and his sidekick, Don Comstock.

Thanks again to Region members who participated.

## CHEVROLET TRIVIA

Most Chevy enthusiasts know that Chevrolet stopped its production of trucks for civilians in 1942 in order to support the war effort in Europe, however production of trucks for military use, including the Suburban Carryall, continued through the war.

Do you know the month, day and year that production of trucks for the civilian market resumed ?

Be the first to send the correct answer to: [tappetclatter@outlook.com](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com) for a special prize!



Bill Damm's  
SAFETY CORNER

## May 2014 Safety Ditty

Vintage Chevys  
All US made  
Return again  
To the Ballard Parade.

The Puget Sound Region  
Is the one that is there  
To show their cars  
Classic and rare.

The spectators are happy  
As the cars go by  
They wave their hands  
Their way to say HI!

It's a real fun time  
And a really fun way  
To help the Norwegians  
Celebrate their day'

### 43<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org)

Registration info: Gerri Johnson, (360) 697-1165 email: [djchevrus@aol.com](mailto:djchevrus@aol.com)

Register by July 11, 2014

Hosted by the Puget Sound Region

## June Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES

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

### BIRTHDAYS

Rod Schein 6/2  
Kent Sullivan 6/5  
Gerri Johnson 6/20  
David White 6/25  
Glenn Landguth 6/27  
Lynn Anderson 6/27  
Sheri Johnson 6/27

## Activities 2014

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
	<b>Open</b>		
Oct	Teanaway 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

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

### TROUBLESOME FUEL GAUGES

Some cars, like my '26, have a pretty simple fuel gauge---- a stick marked for 1 through 10 gallons. Not much to go wrong and very simple. But Chevrolet gauges for the 30's through the 60's are a little more complex, although fairly simple to diagnose and repair. These fuel detection systems consist of two components, a sending unit in the tank and a receiving unit (gauge) on the dash, with a wire between them. The sending unit consists of a float on an arm that changes the resistance, varying the current sent to the gauge on the dash. The resistance varies from 0 to 30 ohms on these Chevrolets. When the float is on the bottom of the tank, the resistance is 0 ohms, providing full current to the dash fuel gauge. The gauge should read empty. When the float is at the top of the tank, the resistance is 30 ohms, reducing the amount of current at the fuel gauge, and the gauge on the dash should read full. If there is no current in the circuit to the fuel gauge, the gauge will also read full. When the fuel detection system fails, the gauges will either read full at all times, empty all the time, or show fuel intermittently, like a short.

#### **If the gauge shows full at all times the likely causes, and how to detect the problem, follow;**

-Sending unit is not grounded (this could be a lack of grounding between sending unit and fuel tank or lack of grounding between fuel tank and frame.

-Wire from sending unit to the dash gauge is broken or there are poor connections

-The sending unit is faulty or bad

To determine what the problem is,

-Detach the wire from the sending unit and ground it to the frame. If gauge now reads empty, the sending unit is not grounded or the sending unit is bad.

-If the above test does not bring gauge to empty, run a temporary ground wire from the frame to the sending unit terminal on the back of the fuel gauge at the dash. This terminal is often marked with a red tag. If the gauge now reads empty, there is a poor connection on the wire between sending unit and gauge, or this wire is broken.

-Be certain to check to see that you have power to the key/battery terminal of the gauge. If there is no power, the gauge will read empty.

#### **If the gauge shows empty at all times, the likely causes and how to detect them, follow;**

-A short to ground along the wire between the sending unit and the dash gauge

-A short to ground within the sending unit

-The float is water logged and has sunk to bottom of the fuel tank

To determine what the problem is;

-Remove the wire from the sending unit terminal. If the gauge now shows full, the sending unit is faulty (shorted internally) or the float has sunk.

-If the above test does not bring the gauge to full, disconnect the wire from the sending unit terminal on the dash fuel gauge. If the gauge now shows full, the wire between the sending unit and the dash gauge is shorted to ground.

If the problem is not determined by the above, then the problem is in the fuel gauge.

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## GARAGE NITE REPORT

Text and photos by Jim Seiber



Dave Folsom presented information on the rebuild of the Rochester carburetors. Lee Folsom and Dick Jones ask about the unique features of the Rochester.



Dave pointed out how to identify details for the different early models of the Rochester and what were applications for each model.

During the evening Dave disassembled and rebuilt different models of the Rochester.



Chevrolet started installing the Rochester carb as a factory install in 1950. It was then used until the mid to late 60's; my 67 Chevelle used one. When you would go to Chevrolet to buy a replacement carburetor for a 1932-49 Chevrolet they would sell you a Rochester carb as a replacement.

While many of the early Chevrolets had Carter W-1 carburetors, Dave likes the Rochester because it is so easy to work on and relatively trouble-free. Looking at a rebuild instructions for the W-1 involves 47 steps. Dave rebuilt one of Dick Olson's carburetors in under 30 minutes. One of the first things Dave said to check is the gasket between the carburetor and the manifold; frequently the vent hole is covered by use of the wrong gasket. Dave wanted to bring a like-new example of the Rochester so he bought a special paint that was to be cured under high heat. He discovered the top of the Rochester will melt under too much heat.

Thanks Dave, for another very informative presentation!!

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## Repairs

Repairs are straight forward if the problem is a poor connection or wiring. If the problem is poor grounding of the sending unit, it may be easiest to run a wire directly from the sending unit to the frame.

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If necessary, you can check the resistance of the sending unit using an ohmmeter when the arm is at various positions. Resistance should vary from 0 to 30 ohms depending upon float arm position. Ohmmeter should be connected between the sending unit housing and wire terminal on the sending unit. This step requires the removal of the sending unit from the tank.

Another hint is to make certain you test a newly purchased sending unit before installing it in the tank to make certain it is the correct one and that it works.

### **You say Chevy, I say Chevrolet: Let's call the whole thing off!**

*June 10, 2010*

*By Sarah A. Webster and Zlati Meyer, McClatchy/Chicago Tribune news*

General Motors Co. is backtracking on a decision to promote the word "Chevrolet" over "Chevy," calling its own memo "poorly worded."

The company officials had earlier told employees that the nameplate should be referred to as "Chevrolet" as part of an effort to build consistency among the 130 countries in which it sells the vehicles. The new statement on the issue came just hours after word came out about the change, which one blogger recommended nominating to the "Dumb Ideas Hall of Fame."

In the statement, GM said the "emotional debate over a poorly worded memo on our use of the Chevrolet brand is a good reminder of how passionately people feel about Chevrolet. It is a passion we share and one we do not take for granted. We love Chevy. In no way are we discouraging customers or fans from using the name.

"In global markets, we are establishing a significant presence for Chevrolet, and need to move toward a consistent brand name for advertising and marketing purposes." The memo in question was one step in that process.

"We hope people around the world will continue to fall in love with Chevrolets and smile when they call their favorite car, truck or crossover a Chevy."

Alan Batey, U.S. vice president for Chevrolet sales, said the effort had evolved into a bit of an inside joke around the company, where employees have been creating Chevy jars, essentially swear jars, but where saying the word "Chevy," rather than a cuss word, incurs a fine.

### **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/>



## 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](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com)

### FOR SALE

**1935-6** Speedometer without cable, nice \$100  
Bob Stamnes [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1928** Head Light Trim Rings, new reproduction parts, still in shipping bags \$75 pr.  
Bob Stamnes [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pics

**1930's** Car Radio dial and cable for 30s car, nice \$50  
Bob Stamnes [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto: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



**6.00 X 16** Wide Whitewalls, Five each. Bias ply B.F. Goodrich tires - good tread - low mileage. \$500.  
Jim Seiber 425-765-8195

**19"** spoke wheels, two each and two 19" tires (1 new, 1 used), black wall. Mark Shaw 425-417-3216

**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](mailto: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](mailto:JerryYoder@hotmail.com)

**Car Tube Radio** box without cables, unknown operational condition \$30  
Bob Stamnes [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) for pictures

**1931** Coupe, New Paint - Tires, etc. asking \$13,500,  
Janet Gore, 406-660-0916 or [tingore1943@gmail.com](mailto:tingore1943@gmail.com)



**Air Compressor** - Like new. 220 Volt - \$425.00, with two 60 gal tanks. Bill Barker 425-643-0698  
[bbarkerjr@gmail.com](mailto:bbarkerjr@gmail.com)

### WANTED

**1931** Ignition Switch, Dick, 425 736-8798,  
[dick10051@comcast.net](mailto:dick10051@comcast.net)

**1964** Chevelle SS - any condition  
Dave White 206-999-8138 [davidcwhite@comcast.net](mailto:davidcwhite@comcast.net)

**Set of 4** wheels, 6 lug Chevy pickup, 15", or set of garage dollies. Ken Hovda 509-863-3450  
[khovda@yahoo.com](mailto:khovda@yahoo.com)

### FREE STUFF

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

## VCCA Area # 3 Director Report

By David Gowan

Just recently our National Board of Directors met via phone conference to discuss the 2016 Meet at Lake Tahoe. Several logos were submitted and from them we selected two or three to work over. This is going to be a fantastic Anniversary Meet. Two years and three months is not too early to get started. I hope all Regions in our Area are well represented.

This Meet is considered a 'western' event and, though it is about 700 miles from Portland, it is probably closer than those to come in later years.

Are you saving your \$15/week? That should get you well on the way to Tahoe. And it would be wonderful to see some new iron at the Meet. I know of several who are striving for that.

Let's show off those cars!

