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### Tour to the Enciso Family Farm

By Matt Dickinson

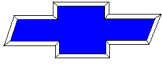
On Sunday, October 7, with Halloween fast approaching, Club members were quick to respond to an invitation from Club member Jose Enciso to visit the Enciso Family Farm in Maple Valley, where people would have a chance to find just the right pumpkin to make that perfect jack-o'-lantern. Jose Enciso is owner of the Triple-X Drive-In in Issaquah, where we have our August membership meeting each year.

Jose was promoting his vintage 1890's farm, which has lots of old trucks, tractors, and other vintage farm implements. They also raise farm animals. And, he has U-pick pumpkins. They also feature fresh trees. Top that off with picturesque scenery, an Old Country Store featuring an espresso stand, snacks, a cozy fireplace and an assortment of specialty pumpkins and gourds.

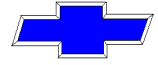


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Reminder: Our November 26 Club membership meeting will be 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. Bob Stamnes is signed up to bring treats. (The meeting announcement is on page 3.)



## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2012



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 1987 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, . 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM**. 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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### Garage Nite - by Dick Olson

November 14<sup>th</sup> GARAGE NITE will be at Bill Barker's in Issaquah starting at 7 PM.

### 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 at gklandguth@msn.com*

# Director's Corner

## "The Sunday Driver"



By Director Dave Haddock

Isn't the new G & D format just a delight!!!

I enjoyed the October 2012 edition so much, from the cover with Al's '27 coupe leading the way out of the tunnel in Zion National Park to Bill Damm's article on some of the things that didn't go so well on the 4-cylinder tours.

And then I got the November edition. What a wonderful idea someone had to highlight some of the generations of families in the VCCA!!

And the Puget Sound Region didn't go unnoticed in that edition either with the "Three Generations of Johnsons" article smack dab in the middle. Thank you Gerri and Sheri Johnson for the fine article and sharing the wonderful color pictures of your families. Does it get any better than family, friends, old cars, and our beautiful National Parks????

I'm anxiously awaiting the December edition to see if there is any way the October and November editions can be topped.

A Happy Thanksgiving to all of our Puget Sound members and families. May you enjoy the holiday with family, friends, and maybe an old Chevy or two!!

### Word from Jim Martoza in New Jersey

On November 1 Donna Onat sent an email to Jim Martoza inquiring as to how they fared in the storm. This was the reply:

*We are all fine. Lots of debris and down trees. In fact two hit our home, took out a power pole. It is going to be awhile before we have electricity. Thanks for checking in with us. I will send photos when I have full service of email.*

*Thanks again,*

*Jim & Roberta*

### Membership Meeting November 26

Our November 26 Club membership meeting will be 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. November is when we vote on officers for the coming year. So if you want your say so this is the time to say it. We will also show a DVD of the six-cylinder tour with lots of explaining of events.

A look-ahead for coming month's agendas:

- |       |   |
|-------|---|
| Dec   | Christmas potluck and gift exchange at Comstock's |
| Jan   | Talk about planning a tour                        |
| Feb   | open, need suggestions                            |
| March | open, need suggestions                            |
| April | Club auction                                      |
| May   | open, need suggestions                            |
| June  | Strawberry Social (picnic)                        |

Bob Stamnes is signed up to bring treats.

Al Howe



*Enciso Farm Tour (Continued from page 1)*

Meeting at the Newcastle Park 'n Ride were: Al, Kathy and Kathy's Dad in their '55 Bel Air, Matt in his '36 Master Sedan, George and Anita Warren in their '63 Impala, Donna Onat in her '54 Sedan, Cecil and Francie Mullins in their Jeep (Cecil is restoring a '30 Special Sedan), and Roger Orness in a '55 Hardtop Bel Air.

A few days prior to the tour, Roger traded his '50 Bel Air for the '55. The car is un-restored and in great condition with only 31,000 original miles.

We took the back roads to the farm with the Fall colors just starting to come out. Shortly after arriving at the farm, Rod and Evie Schein arrived in their spotless '40 Special Deluxe Coupe.

The afternoon temperature was in the mid-70s and made for a great day for a tour.

Thanks for the invitation Jose!!



Christmas Party  
December 1, 2012

The first day of December  
Is a Saturday! Don't be confused.  
The location hasn't changed however.  
A potluck is planned to celebrate the season.  
Bring veggies, a salad, a dessert, or some fruit.  
Arrive around 2, eat at 4, and trade gifts later.  
Santa will be there sharing his favorite ride.  
Decorations will be hung on several trees,  
Cats and cars are the common themes.  
Come one, come all, there is room.  
If it snows plan on staying  
until Spring.

Here are the Details and Directions:

Attendees are encouraged to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. The club will be providing a hot meat entrée as well as hot and cold beverages.

The ever exciting annual gift exchange/swap will continue with the suggested \$15 limit (inflation); creativity is encouraged. Gifts should be marked for male or female or child (if you are bringing children).

Everyone who brings a gift will, hopefully, end up with a gift. It may not be the one you choose first. The rules will be explained before the gift exchange begins.

Plan on gathering around 2 PM and we will be eating around 4 PM. The gift exchange will follow dinner. There is plenty of parking on the grounds. Please save the area up by the house for those who don't hike well.

Driving Directions:

See mailed or emailed copy of the Tappet Clatter for directions.



## Columbia River - Puget Sound Exchange Weekend, October 20-21

1st stop, Saturday, October 20, 2012 was at Dan Jube's garage.



2nd stop, Saturday, October 20, 2012 was at Steve Hagen's garage.



3rd stop, Saturday, October 20, 2012 was at Jess Jones' garage.



4th stop, Saturday, October 20, 2012 was lunch.



5th stop was for a Boeing tour. No pictures were allowed.

6th stop, Saturday, October 20, 2012, was at Dean Eldridge's garage at Lake Stevens. Dinner was also served.



7th stop was Sunday, October 21, 2012, at Bill Barker's home, on the way to LeMay's. "ALL of them stopped at my house Sunday morning and stayed for 90 minutes. (actually longer than three of the other stops!!!) Once the 4-dozen donuts were gone, they left for LeMay's. Ha!" Bill Barker



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8th stop was Sunday, October 21, 2012, at LeMay America's Car Museum.



Everyone who participated in the weekend's activities agreed that it was a worthwhile and well-coordinated event. A big THANK YOU to Bill Barker for his efforts in arranging everything.

## Fixing Babs' Flat

By Jim Lewis

You would think that fixing a flat tire on a 1930 coupe (Babs) would be an easy thing to do. I was outfoxed by vintage technology; the split rim got me. In fact, I couldn't get the rim off the wheel. What to do?

I called Bob Stamnes up and we scheduled the next Sunday to fool with the tire. Bob rounded up his rim spreader and three hand-forged tire irons and off we went, to my daughter's house, where we garage "Babs".

Bob sat down on the garage floor and gave the right front tire a couple of mighty, finely calibrated, kicks and off came the rim and tire. Progress! I then got a great lesson in rim spreading and tire iron 101. So we aired up the tube and took it back to Bob's garage to tank (sink) test for the leak. Found it; a fine pin hole. Bob came up with a tube patch kit and together we prepped and patched the hole. We retested the tube (a-ok) and drove back to Babs' garage for the reverse process.

The operation was a success. A "simple task" this was not but thanks to the Club's resources and Bob's generosity, we are back on the road again. Truly, I could not have done it myself.

## Wanted - Winter Snow Scenes for G&D Covers

Winter snow scenes for G&D covers are needed! If you're brave enough to get your Chevy out in the snow for a cover shot, we're looking for you! We need cover photos taken this winter for use on next year's December and January covers.

If you have a pickup truck and can get a shot with a cut Christmas tree in the back, that's the ultimate December cover.

Photos of Chevys in the snow are scarce and we're hoping some VCCA members will answer the challenge to submit some snow scenes. The G&D needs vertical shots with lots of space on top and the highest resolution. Go for it!

Jim Seiber would be happy to help with some ideas about how and where to take some good winter shots.

## Don Boltz' Insurance Claim Update 10/18/2012

Don Boltz' 2005 SSR Chevy was damaged when a 1982 Corvette ran into it while at the NW Meet. After dealing with the insurance company for almost two months, Don has finally come to an agreement with them.

They had the SSR appraised for \$45,000 dollars and got two different repair bids, finally deciding to pay the \$22,500 claim which covers a new door, completely sanding the truck back to metal and painting the whole thing back to slingshot yellow and then having new graphics redone. It will look entirely different with no more flames or Betty Boop on the tailgate and no more color chips in the paint.

## December Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES

Sallie and Don Comstock 12/23

### BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Johnson 12/2

Dave Miller 12/9

### BIRTHDAYS (continued)

Judy Landguth 12/10

Ana Maria Haley 12/10

Bill Johnson 12/12

Don Comstock 12/18

Myron Gabelein 12/25



## Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2012



**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:30 PM by Director Dave Haddock after Bill Barker shared a few commercials to get us started.

**Welcome:** 25 members were present at the meeting. Al Howe was given a color copy for his article on the NW Meet and Glenn Landguth was awarded a color copy for his article on the Kirkland Concours from information supplied by Ana Maria Haley. Needs and leads sheet was sent around.



**Secretary:** September meeting minutes were accepted as printed in the October Tappet Clatter.

**Membership:** Recently joining members, Tony Zimmerman and Mark Shaw, and a member we rarely see, Cecil Mullins, were introduced by Donna Onat. Donna also let us know that Carol Folsom is recovering from shoulder surgery. Lee says Carol is improving steadily. John Strampher also had minor back surgery recently and is doing very well.



**Activities:** A tour summary was presented on the October tour to Jose's farm and pumpkin patch: He has an interesting collection of chickens, old trucks and lots of old tractors. There were pumpkins for sale and some even went home with the few members attending the tour.

Last weekend's tour went well. We had plenty of drivers, hit the stops on time and even got an earlier tour at the Boeing Plant. We had plenty of time for dinner and visiting at Dean and Linda Aldrich's car collection and workshop. Matt Dickinson reminded us to bring our passports to the meetings so they can be stamped for recent tours.



**Nominations:** Nominated officers for next year were read. Director: Al Howe, Assistant Director: Dave Haddock, Secretary: Don Comstock, Treasurer: Sallie Comstock, Editor: Glenn Landguth did announce that he would like someone to take over his job as editor because he is finding it difficult to continue. Activities Coordinator: Matt Dickinson (and others to plan and execute individual tours), Historian: Bob Helgeson, Membership: Donna Onat. The Webmaster and Glove Box are not elected positions and nothing was mentioned about the club store.



**National News:** Bill Barker announced a change in location for the 2016 national meet. The Medford site and lack of facilities made it necessary to select a new location. South Lake Tahoe will offer a lot more. The next Board meeting in April will be at the Meet hotel in South Lake Tahoe. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome.



**Garage Night:** Bill Barker will be hosting the next garage night November 14th. He will be showing off his recently acquired 1936 coupe pickup and sharing the cookies his wife made last weekend.



**Bylaws:** By a unanimous vote of those attending the meeting the proposed Bylaws changes published in the September 2012 Tappet Clatter were approved.



**Refreshments:** Matt Dickinson brought delicious goodies.

**Program:** Jim Farris shared photos of the June 25-29, 2012 four-cylinder tour to Kanab, Utah. Bill Damm followed up with his experiences and photos from the passenger seat of the trouble truck, which was busy each day of the tour.



**Meeting adjourned** at about 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock





## Annual Banquet

Golden Steer Steak & Rib House  
23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA  
Saturday, January 26, 2013

This year George Kowats and Sallie Comstock have teamed up to arrange the banquet facilities and plan the menu. The banquet will be held at the Golden Steer Steak & Rib House in Kent. Social time will start at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner being served at 7:00 PM. Drinks will be available via server from the restaurant bar throughout the evening.

Thanks to the hard work of all club members, our financial position is such that the club can afford to subsidize our dinners to the tune of \$12.00 each. As usual, there will be three dinner choices. All dinners come with bread, baby red potato with a seasoning, Caesar Salad, and the Golden Steer's legendary carrot cake for dessert. Coffee, tea or soft drink is also included. Prices shown reflect the club subsidies.

Filet Mignon—Tenderloin.	\$24.00
Salmon Filet	\$20.00
Chicken Dijon	\$17.00

Vegetarian or vegan meal options are also available. Contact George Kowats at 253-852-8178 to make arrangements.

## January 26, 2013, Annual PS-VCCA Banquet Registration Form

(Place an X under the corresponding dinner choice for each name.)

	Filet Mignon	Salmon	Chicken
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Phone:_(____)_____	E-mail:_____		

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration forms must be returned to Sallie by January 15, 2013. Make checks payable to PS-VCCA.**

Mail this form with payment to: **See mailed or emailed copy of the Tappet Clatter for address and contact information.**

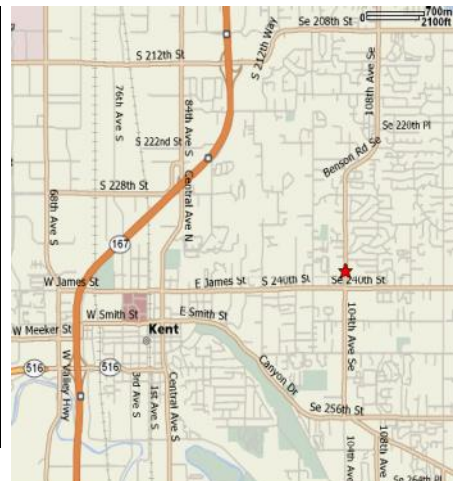
### Directions to Golden Steer:

#### From the North

1. Take WA-167 So. (Valley Freeway)
2. Take the So. 212 St Exit, then turn left onto 212 St. So.
3. Turn right on 108th Ave SE. Changes to Benson Rd SE, changes again to 104th Ave SE.
4. Golden Steer is on your left.

#### From the South

1. Take WA 167 [valley Freeway]
2. Go right on WA -516 continue on Willis to Central
3. Left on Central Ave S. Changes to Central Ave N.
4. Right on E. James Street, changes to S 240th, and continues on SE 240th St.
5. Left on 104th Ave East.
6. Golden Steer is on your right.



## 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.

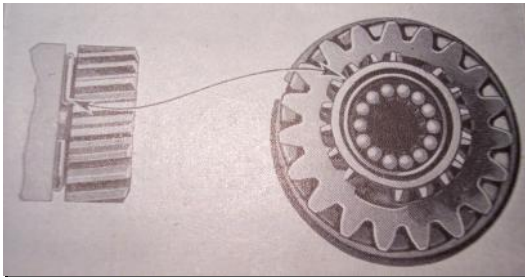
Call the Glove Box Coordinator, Bob Stamnes, via email [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) with your information.

### 1940-54 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Gear Clash

By Dave Folsom

If you experience gear clash when shifting into second or third gear with your 3 speed transmission there is a simple fix that will cure the problem in most cases. On both the main drive (3<sup>rd</sup>) gear and the second speed gear there is a synchronizing energizer spring.

The two ears on the inside of the synchronizing ring pass over these springs forcing the ring into the brass synchronizer when shifting into gear.



Synchronizing energizer spring, factory spring



Synchronizing assembly



Spring wear

I have for years put a .010-in. shim under the energizing spring to make it harder for the ring to pass over the spring. The spring also gets worn with use so I move it one tooth over. The shims I use I cut from a paint thinner can. The shims are 1/8" wide x 4 1/2" long x .010" thick.



1/8"X4 1/2"X 0.010-in. shim

The spring has a slight offset on one end. To remove the spring from its groove I carefully lift the offset end out of the groove and rest it on the teeth next to the groove. I then work around the gear lifting the spring and sliding it on to the gear. Care must be used to not distort the spring.

Next I lay the shim in the groove with the ends opposite the ends of the spring. Then I carefully slide the spring back into place over the shim.

The Shop Manual states "It will be noticed that upon examining these springs that one of the ends is slightly offset. Each spring must be assembled in its groove in the clutch gear and the second speed gear with the offset or locking end between the third and fourth teeth of either of the two banks of teeth on these gears".

As I mentioned these springs wear over time so I move the offset end one tooth so it ends between the fourth and fifth teeth.

Please see Dave Folsom's blog at [www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/](http://www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/) for additional articles on Chevrolets.



Spring out of groove.  
Note offset end.



Shim installed



## 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

**1933 Pickup Project.** Has all new cab wood. Rust free. Asking \$5,900. Dick Olson, 425-222-5798, ROLSON82@comcast.net

**1934 Chev 1 1/2 Ton Truck.** Asking \$17,000, Bill Johnson, 425-255-6325, snkshk@comcast.net

**1940 Chevrolet Special Deluxe Custom Coupe,** overhauled 350 V-8, Edelbrock carb, TH350 A/T, 10 bolt 3.08 Posi-traction, rear air shocks, new custom alloy wheels and tires, rack & pinion front suspension, front disc brakes, PS, PB, 1973 Impala tilt column, "Dakota" digital electronic dash, AM-FM stereo w/CD, "Flying Lady" hood ornament, new chrome bumpers & guards, new custom original tan interior. \$25,000 OBO, Chuck Holmes, 253-275-7306.



**1940 Master 85 Business Coupe.** Almost a #2 car. Straight, rust-free. Great paint, upholstery, glass, chrome. Runs good, 235 & 3:55 gears. Also 12 volt. I have everything to go back to stock. Asking \$14,000. Don Comstock, 252-863-0420, d.comstock@att.net.

**Floor Creeper (The Bone),** \$10, George Kowats, 253-852-8178.

**Come-Along,** Two available, \$10.00 each, George Kowats, 253-852-8178.

### FOR SALE

**1947 Chev Stylemaster.** This is a really nice car and it runs perfectly. Asking \$16,500. Mike McLaughlin, email is m g m c l a u g h - lin007@gmail.com and cell



**1956 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Coupe.** Original family since new, with 68K miles. Has been garaged and not driven since 1996. It is all complete and original, with 235 six-cylinder, standard 3-speed transmission. Some damage on right front corner at the bumper level. Minor rust in 2 small areas at the rear wheel wells. Really solid and in decent shape overall, with original Matador Red & Dune Beige paint. A great restoration project for someone. Will entertain fair market offers. Contact: Gary at word0982@gmail.com or 206-353-4844.

**1962 Chevrolet Impala Sport Sedan.** California car, no rust, under 100,000 miles. Great driver. Asking \$5,995. Jim Seiber, 425-765-8195, sueandjim4069@comcast.net.

### WANTED

**1928 Washington License Plates.** Jim Farris, 206-937-5636, farrismej@aol.com

## Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

Dates	Activity	Activity Organizer
November 26	Membership Meeting	Club Meeting
December 1	Christmas Potluck	Don and Sallie Comstock
January 26, 2013	Annual Banquet at The Golden Steer Restaurant	George Kowats, Sallie Comstock

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

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Tour group at Bill Barker's house, Columbia River - Puget Sound Exchange Weekend