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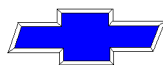
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### In Memory of George Haley



Reminder: Our November 18 Club membership meeting will be 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. George Reich will bring treats. (This month 's meeting is a week early; see meeting announcement 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. 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 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

It is a sad time for all of us when we lose a close family member or friend. George Haley touched all of us in one way or another and he will be missed by all. But none of us will miss him as much as Ana. George and Ana were especially close and she will need continued support from all of her Chevrolet family members.

Because of teacher conferences we cannot use the school on the fourth Monday in November. Instead we will meet on the third Monday at the school. Same place, same time only one week earlier.

I could use some ideas for programs at our meetings. Maybe we had a program in the past that you would like to see again or you have something other than old cars you would like to see a presentation on. Of course the best subject of all would be something you did like a special trip of yours and are willing to share some slides with us. Maybe something that you have that is unusual and would like to share with the rest of us. If you have any ideas at all, give me a call and we will talk about it. Don't all call at once.

Have you started Christmas shopping yet? It's just around the corner you know. Want to know what I want? I have a hard time coming up with what I want let alone what to give to others. Remember to bring a lady's gift and a man's gift to our Christmas dinner for lots of fun and laughs at John and Dot Ziegler's house. For more info on this party see the flyer in this issue.

*The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.*

### **Become A VCCA Officer**

What an opportunity to make the old car hobby valid! It takes everyone doing something...so I encourage you to think about what you can do to assist your VCCA Region to maintain viability and 'chutzpah'.

Offer yourself to the Club as an officer for next year. You don't have to have all the answers. No one expects you to be an expert at running an office. Just participate and ask for help from other members if you need it. You will be surprised at what good things can happen when you carry the banner for the old Chevrolet hobby in your Region.

David Gowan, Area # 3 National Director

### **Garage Nite - by Dick Olson**

November 13th Garage Nite will be at Dave Folsom's in Snohomish, 7PM. *(Phone and directions removed, please see your mailed or emailed Tappet Clatter for this information.)*

Dave is planning a technical demonstration on coils and other ignition subjects.

This will be the last Garage Nite until next Spring.

### **Membership Meeting November 18**

Our November 18 Club membership meeting will be 7:30 PM at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue.

Because teachers conferences are being held on our normal 4th Monday this month we will not be able to use the school that day. Our November meeting is on the 18th, same place and same time. This is for November only.

The program will be a slide show of this years six cylinder tour in Baker City, Oregon, presented by Jim Seiber.

George Reich will bring treats.

## Annual Banquet

Golden Steer Steak & Rib House  
23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA  
Saturday, January 25, 2014

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 5:00 PM, followed by dinner being served at 6:00 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 \$15.00 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. This year there will be hors d'oeuvres available during the social hour.

Top Sirloin, 8 oz.	\$19.00
Pork Chops, 2 ea.	\$19.00
Chicken Dijon, 10 oz.	\$19.00

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

## January 25, 2014, Annual PS-VCCA Banquet Registration Form

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

	Top Sirloin	Pork Chops	Chicken Dijon
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Phone: (____) _____	E-mail: _____		

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

**Registration forms must be returned to Sallie by January 11, 2014. Make checks payable to PS-VCCA.**

Mail this form with payment to: Sallie Comstock

*(Phone and address removed, please see your mailed or emailed Tappet Clatter for this information.)*

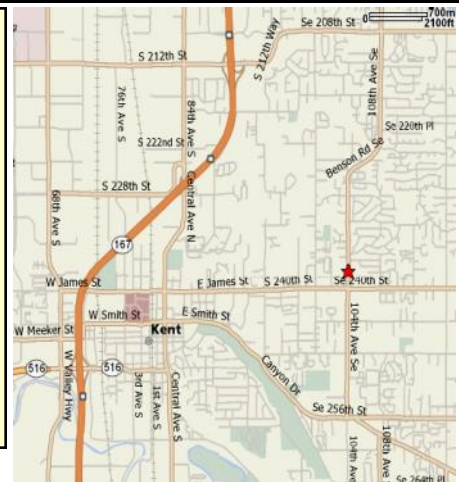
### Directions to Golden Steer:

#### 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.







## VCCA CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE ZIEGLERS on Saturday Dec 14

Thank you Don & Sally for the many wonderful past Christmas parties.  
John promises to do his part in hosting this VCCA event.

### Party Details:

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

The gift exchange or gift swap will continue with the suggested \$15 limit.  
Gifts should be marked male, female or child (if you are bringing children).  
Creativity is welcome and hopefully you will go home with wonderful holiday treasure.

Plan on gathering around 2 p.m. and eating around 4 p.m.  
with the gift swap to follow dinner.

Driving Directions: **John and Dot Ziegler**

*(Directions and Phone  
numbers removed, please see your  
mailed or emailed Tappet Clatter  
for this information.)*

## Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

### Careful Loading Truck Bed

While driving through Aberdeen one day a small pickup truck pulled out in front of us. He was exiting a shopping area with a load of about a dozen 8 foot 2 x 4s in his truck bed. He had left the tailgate down so the boards would lay flat in the bed. He didn't travel much more than 100 feet on the main road before he had to come to a stop at a signal light. When the light changed to green the truck accelerated but his boards didn't. Fortunately the event happened at a slow speed so there was no immediate danger to anyone and he could quickly pull over and retrieve his boards from the intersection. This could have been catastrophic had the boards fallen off while at a higher speed and in traffic. This incident is just a reminder to be safe and make sure we secure our loads before we hit the road. We also need to be vigilant for, and try to keep our distance from, other vehicles whose loads don't look like they are properly secured. I have seen passenger cars trying to take mattresses home that are secured to the roof using only twine instead of rope. I have seen some of those mattresses abandoned in the ditch alongside the road too. I don't think I would want to try to reclaim a lost load either and let others know I was a dummy and that I could be getting a ticket too.

### Thank You Notes from Members

To our Chevy friends,  
Thank you for the sympathy card. Our Emma [Glenn's Mother] was a Chevy lady. She didn't drive but rode many miles in family cars included an earlier Chevrolet (don't know the year), and a '41, '57, '59, and a '66. The '57 and the '66 are still in the family. Thanks again

Love

***Glenn & Judy Landguth***

Dear VCCA members,  
Now that I'm able to write again, I want to thank you all for your thoughts & prayers. Life is not the same without "Papa George" . . . Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.

Your friend,

***Ana***

### Identity the make of the cars pictured below?

These cars were built in Cleveland, Ohio.

During World War I the company also made 10-ton artillery tractors for the army.

The picture on right is from the 1928 movie "The Cameraman"

See the article on the October Garage Nite starting on page 9



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

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## DO OLD CHEVY ENGINES HAVE OIL SLINGERS?

(An example of how the 4 Cylinder Interest Group works and its benefits)

Oil Slingers go between the crankshaft timing gear and the crank pulley inside the cover plate.

I did not remember seeing an Oil Slinger on the 1927 Chevrolet engine I recently assembled and began to wonder if it was ever meant to have one. I remembered Bill Barker having trouble with his engine's oil slinger, so I knew a 1931 had a slinger. I sent out a message to the 4 Cylinder Interest Group asking if others found oil slingers on their four cylinder engines and if it made any difference in the amount of oil lost.

Many comments were shared. Some thought there were no oil slingers on the four cylinder cars. Some said their engines had NO oil slingers. Some said there was no mention of oil slingers in the parts books. Some said Chevrolet started using oil slingers in 1929. Several responded that they had late 1920s engines WITH oil slingers in them. Then the questions came to mind; Did these oil slingers come with the engine originally? OR were they manufactured and installed when engines were rebuilt with the hopes of reducing oil loss?

Then came messages from Jim Farris, Dave Folsom, John Zeigler, Bob Hughes, Pat McGowen, and others. informing the group that oil slingers were used for certain years and that they are listed in the Master Parts Books as "Crankshaft Front Bearing Oil Deflectors" for series K, R(truck), V, X(truck), AA, and LM(truck) in 1925 through 1927 cars. The part number is 345485 for these model cars. A reference to deflectors could not be found in the parts books for 1928 and 1929 cars, but the 1941 Parts Book includes a "Thrower, crankshaft oil" for six cylinder cars from 1930 through 1938 under group no. 0.758. No reference to oil slingers or deflectors could be found for cars of 1939 and on. There is an illustration of an oil slinger in the engine blow-up of the 1941 parts book.

Oil slingers have been found in cars earlier than 1925, but they appear to be homemade, which is consistent with our findings in parts books.

Terminology was part of the problem in sorting this out. People were looking for "Oil Slinger" when it is actually called out as "Crankshaft Front Bearing Oil Deflector" or "Thrower, crankshaft oil". The second problem was where to look in the parts book for this part. It was listed in a section titled Crankshaft Bearings on about page 16 to 21 depending upon the parts book referenced.

The group was unable to document if oil slingers reduce oil leakage on the 4 cylinder cars. It was discovered that many 4 cylinder cars are operating without slingers. Some have homemade slingers and one had felt in that area to slow the leakage down.

The advantage of the 4-Cylinder Interest Group is that questions inspire others to think about the issue and weigh in on it. Details provided inspire others to weigh in until the answers can be documented.

If you have information contrary to this article, please email Bob Stamnes at [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) with details. We are interested in getting out the facts on this issue.

Bob Stamnes

Monitor, 4-Cylinder Interest Group

[rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com)

## Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
November 13	Garage Nite 7PM at Dave Folsom's in Snohomish	Dick Olson
December 14	Christmas Party at John and Dot Ziegler's (page 5)	John and Dot Ziegler
December 15	Narnia Train Exhibit	Rod Schein
January 25, 2014	Annual Banquet, (see info on page 4)	Sallie Comstock

**Note:** There will be no monthly membership meetings at Tillicum Middle School in December, 2013 and January, 2014.

## Membership News

We were happy to find Ken Hovda at our last meeting, and he has renewed his membership. Ken initially joined us 2 years ago, then took a year hiatus.

Our new year started October 1 and it seems like every year it goes about the same. A majority of members complete the online form and write their checks right away. With others, it takes email reminders, re-sending the online form, phone calls & threatening messages (just kidding!). I am waiting on a few checks, a few online forms from some, and have had positive conversations with others. As I replied to Jim Farris at the last meeting, 'it's complicated'. It's also necessary to renew membership in National, to belong to our Region. There are just 3 memberships of our 81 who have not responded to me in one way or another. We depend on your timely response for Dick Jones & Jim Martoza to update the data base, produce and print the new Roster.

## December Celebrations

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>		<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Sallie and Don Comstock	12/23	Ana Maria Haley	12/10
<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>		Bill Johnson	12/12
Dennis Johnson	12/2	Don Comstock	12/18
Dave Miller	12/9	Myron Gabelein	12/25
Judy Landguth	12/10		

*Pictures from October Garage Nite (Article on page 9)*





## October Garage Nite

by George Reich

The October Garage Nite was at friend Roger Anderson's in Seattle. Roger has the 1925 Chevrolet that he drove to High School and an extensive license plate collection. He also has the largest collection of Chandlers. One of Roger's cars is from Harrah's Reno Collection. Another car, a 1928 touring car with right hand steering came from Uruguay. Roger told us Chandlers were built in Cleveland from 1913 through the late 1920's. In 1924, they introduced the "Traffic Transmission," a constant-mesh gearbox that reduced the need for extra clutching when downshifting. This was several years before General Motors offered the "Synchro-Mesh" transmission, which allowed the driver to shift into first gear while moving forward at low speeds. In late 1928 Hupp Motor Car bought Chandler. Hupp stopped production of the Chandler and used the plant to produce Hupmobiles. The Chandler family name continues today as Chandler Products, a fastener company.

Thank you, Jim Farris for setting up this Garage Nite.





## Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2013



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

Twenty-five members were present at the meeting. Ken Hovda, a member not seen in awhile was introduced by Donna Onat. She went on to tell us that Don Williams was going in for cataract surgery on Tuesday the 29th.

**Membership:** Renewals are coming in a bit slow, but this is not unexpected. Donna is now making personal contact with members who haven't renewed. She asked about a few that haven't been available. It is important that renewals are completed soon so that the 2014 roster can be compiled and printed in time for the January banquet.



**November Meeting:** The school will not be available on our regular date in November. Those attending decided to bump up the meeting a week to November 18th if the room is available. This is a needed meeting to elect officers for 2014.

**Nominations:** Nominated officers for next year were read. Director: Al Howe, Assistant Director: as of yet unfilled, Secretary: Don Comstock, Treasurer: Sallie Comstock, Editor: George Reich will publish the November through January, Tappet Clatter beyond that the position is vacant, Activities Coordinator: Rod Schein, Historian: Dave Haddock, Membership: Donna Onat, Webmaster: Al Howe after August, Jim Martoza will continue until then, Glove Box: Bob Stamnes and club store: Bill Damm.

**Treasurer:** The large decals have sold out! The ad has been cancelled for now. The Board may wish to offer them again in 2015 in anticipation of the 2016 meet. Sallie outlined the sales at the 2011 Meet and to the area clubs. Our members bought the most and the fewest were sold in the last two years.



Sallie will be reporting on the Club's financial health separate from the Northwest Meet sub-account because the Northwest Meet will temporarily have huge expenses as well as income from registrations.

**Activities:** Rod Schein shared what he has penciled in thus far. The Christmas party will be at Ziegler's in Renton on December 14th and the banquet will be on January 25 at the Golden Steer in Kent. Jim Farris was asked to plan another Seattle area tour in March, May is busy with the Horseless Carriage breakfast tour, the Ballard Parade on May 17th, and the Route 66 tour running from May 13th through the 30th. A repeated Historic Cascades road tour is planned for July. Our own Northwest Meet is August with a possible tour to the XXX in Issaquah the 4th Monday in August. The months of February, April, June, September and October are available. Rods asked for volunteers to plan tours for these months.



**National News:** Bill Barker announced that Don Williams has resigned as Chair for the 2016 Meet. You have from now to Nov 10th to volunteer. The G&D needs an Editor and Art Director as well.

**Glove Box:** Bob has blank pages for the passports and Jim Farris has lots of inserts for the older passports. Bob still needs articles and ideas for the glove box.

**Announcements:** Ana Haley will continue with her work organizing volunteers for the spring Monroe Swap Meet. Al Howe presented a slideshow in memory of George Haley, who recently passed away.

**Refreshments:** Al Howe brought delicious goodies.

**Program:** Al Howe shared a surprise program on his experiment attempting to solve the overheating problem he has been having with his '27. He machined a new water pump impeller out of aluminum that was shaped more like a boat propeller than the slab sided factory model in an attempt to increase water flow. He did experiments recording the results which showed a slight improvement. Through discussion the group suggested further testing could give him the results he was hoping for.



Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock



## 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

**1924** 4-cylinder engine with transmission and clutch, \$100, Bill Barker, 425-643-0698, [bill@barkerville.net](mailto:bill@barkerville.net)

**1926** or earlier? engine, transmission, and clutch, Elbert Butcher, 425-778-9278, [eblee454@hotmail.com](mailto:eblee454@hotmail.com).

**1929** Chevrolet Coupe, this car was purchased from the original owner's wife in the 1970s and was claimed to only had been driven 3000 miles. By the time it was purchased by Rex Cornwell it needed to be totally disassembled and restored. At the time of his death 12 years ago Rex had restored the rolling frame and had the engine rebuilt. Car is supposed to be complete but needs to be restored or used for parts. Asking \$3500 OBO. Christy Cornwell, 253-863-4489 or cell 253-350-6322..

**1931** Sport Coupe, a 995 point car. \$22.5K, Dick Olson, 425 222-5798.

### FOR SALE

**1939** Master Deluxe Sedan, Black, Gray Interior. Mostly restored, looks stock with a 1955 235, converted to 12 volt. Photos look good to me. Contact Pam at 253 332-2580 in Maple Valley. The starting asking price is \$15,000. Submitted by Don Comstock

**1940** Chevy, L & R front fender with headlight, very good shape, \$350. Bill Johnson, 425-255-6325, [snkshk@comcast.net](mailto:snkshk@comcast.net).

**1954** 235 cu. in. engine. \$150, Dick Olson, 425 222-5798.

**Western Side Post Lift**, 12' tall, Porsche dealer going out of business, give you clear floor, price negotiable. Call Bob Stamnes for more details. Owner is at 206-850-6330.

### WANTED

**1930** Carter Carburetor, Cecil Mullins, 425-301-1292, [ckmullins@comcast.net](mailto:ckmullins@comcast.net).

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

*Pictures from the Oct. Garage Nite (continued from page 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/](http://www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/)

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



**November 2013**



At the October Garage Night