

THE TAPPET CLATTER

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Thank You Veterans!

Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11 each year to honor the soldiers of United States who lost their lives in the defense of their country.



World War I came to an end at the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the year 1918. Since then, this particular day (formerly known as Armistice Day) is known as Veterans Day.

The Poppy flower is considered a symbol of Veterans Day because it grows and cultivates in the grain fields covering the battlegrounds of Europe where soldiers of Canada, Germany, France, Great Britain, Belgium, Australia, Italy, Japan, Russia and United States lost their lives in World War I.

There are many club members who are veterans or currently serving in the Armed Forces.

Thank you for your service!



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*The Puget Sound Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (PS-VCCA) is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, fun and enjoyment of vintage Chevrolet cars and trucks. Members are not required to own a Chevrolet. Regional membership is open to all Chevrolet enthusiasts who are members of the **Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA)**. All Chevrolets from 1912 through 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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Director's Corner

"From The Drivers Seat"



By Director, Al Howe

I was unable to attend the October meeting because Kathy and I were in Houston, Texas on a little vacation. While there we had a chance to visit the NASA Space Center. Wow! Those booster engines are huge. Even though all we got to see was the visitors center and got a tram ride around all the buildings it was still very interesting.

Kathy's dad worked there during the time of the first astronauts' training and flights. He kept inventory of things relative to whatever was not bolted down in the space craft, including the astronauts' suits. He knew all of the astronauts and Kathy got to babysit some of their children. Small world isn't it?

One day last week I got a card addressed to me saying "Here's some very reassuring news on your path to parenthood". And I didn't even know I was pregnant.

I also got a letter from Neptune Society wanting to sell me a gravesite. Am I giving life or losing life?

The third thing in the same mail was a letter addressed to my late wife of ten years from Group Health wanting her to subscribe to their health plan. Hello! Does anyone out there mailing all this stuff think? By now Kathy and I are beside ourselves and cannot resist temptation. I made a note on the "no stamp required" return application "She has been deceased for ten years, but if you still think you can help her she really needs it". For contact info I put Deanna@heaven.com. Yes, I did mail it, even though I know they will not get the message. It is sad we live in such a narrow-minded, money-grabbing society.

I would like to thank Dick Jones for conducting the October meeting in my absence. I also would like to thank Jim Farris and others who narrated the slide show of the 2014 Four-Cylinder Tour to Decorah, Iowa.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth. AMEN

Annual Banquet

Golden Steer Steak & Rib House
23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA
Saturday, January 24, 2015

This year Al Howe, Dick Jones 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 or Chocolate cake for dessert. Coffee, tea or soft drink is also included. Prices shown reflect the club subsidies. There will be hors d'oeuvres available during the social hour.

Prime Rib, 8 oz.	\$17.00
Salmon Filet, 8 oz.	\$18.00
Chicken Dijon, 10 oz.	\$15.00

Vegetarian or vegan meal options are also available. Contact Al Howe (360-625-8233) to make arrangements.

January 25, 2015, Annual PS-VCCA Banquet Registration Form

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

	Prime Rib	Salmon Filet	Chicken Dijon	Carrot Cake	Choc Cake
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Phone: (____) _____	E-mail: _____				

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Registration forms must be returned to Sallie by January 11, 2015. Make checks payable to PS-VCCA.

Mail this form with payment to: Sallie Comstock
(Address removed)
Phone: (removed), Email: chevyguy2@centurylink.net

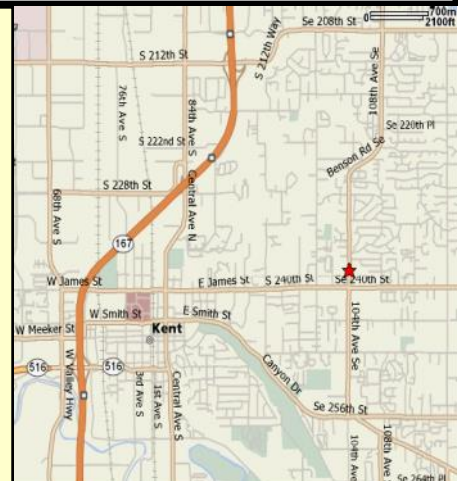
Directions to Golden Steer:

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.



HO, HO, HO, for the HOLIDAYS

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The
Potluck
Is Planned
For Sunday the 6th
At the Comstock's again!
Bring a salad,
A side dish or dessert.
All will be welcome and enjoyed.
Club will furnish a meat dish and beverages.
The best time to arrive, after 1 PM.
There will be old friends and new,
as well as a few things to see and do in the shop.
Sallie will have trees decorated; lots of cats and cars.
Plan
to eat
at 3 PM
Gift exchange
after dinner.

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Here are the Details

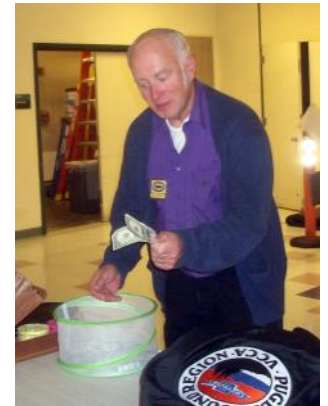
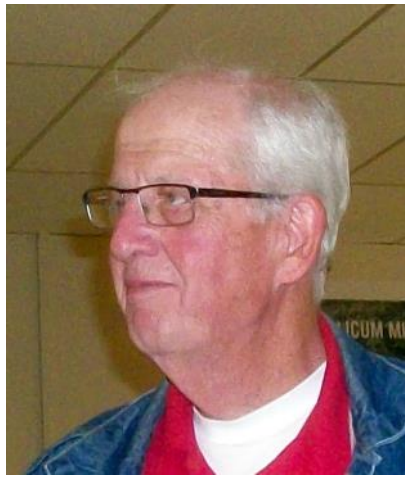
Attendees are encouraged to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Don and Sallie will provide a hot meat entrée as well as hot and cold beverages. The ever exciting annual gift exchange/swap will continue with the suggested \$15 to \$20 limit; creativity is encouraged. Gifts should be marked for male or female or child (if you are bringing children). Everyone who brings a gift will, hopefully, end up with a gift. However, it may not be the one you chose depending on the raucousness of the crowd! The rules will be explained before the gift exchange begins.

Directions to the Comstock's Retreat are on the next page. See you there!

Don & Sallie Comstock's Retreat.

(directions removed)

October Puget Sound VCCA Meeting Photos from Glenn Landguth



Jim Seiber wants to know.....

Why does the 1940 Accessories brochure list an "outside rear -view mirror"? Does anyone have a outside front-view mirror?

Guess we should check Jim's 40 to see which he has? (ed.)

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:30 PM by Assistant Director Dick Jones.

Twenty-seven members and one guest, Area 3 Director, Dave Gowan. The meeting began with the treat sheet for 2015 and the Needs and Leads circulated. Director Al and Kathy Howe are out of town.

Treasury: Sallie Comstock reported, "We are in a very healthy place right now." This is because we have received dues for the coming year and the Northwest Meet did not cost us as much as was budgeted.

Membership: Renewals are almost complete at this time with 78 member families and about 235 cars registered. Dick Jones will begin updating the roster so it can be printed in time for the January banquet. The roster will only include a listing of Chevrolets that are over 25 years old. Donna Onat read a letter from Lynn Anderson thanking the club for its donation in Al's name and for those who attended his celebration of life.

National News: Dave Gowan addressed the proposed amendments. We are still in the signature-collecting phase so we won't know the outcome for another month. Dave feels that our current board is a very competent, knowledgeable and well informed group of men and women doing a superior job for the club and for its members. Bill Barker let us know that our club president, Dave Miner, has been in the hospital with blood clots in his lungs and is on blood thinners. Our thoughts are with him for a speedy recovery. Congratulations to Dave Gowan for regularly contributing articles for the Tappet Clatter and for keeping us informed on National Board business.

Glove Box: Bob Stamnes has an empty Glove Box at this time. Email him with questions and ideas for the Glove Box.

Activities: The Christmas party will be at the Comstock Retreat in Sumner on December 6th. Arrive any time after 1PM and we will eat at 3 PM followed by the gift exchange. We are moving things up an hour so the drive home won't be quite so late. Jim Farris was asked to plan another Seattle area tour in March. The train trip to Vancouver hosted by the Columbia River Region was reviewed. The highlights of discussion besides the fabulous car collections we visited were the Guide Dogs for the Blind and Toy Museum tours and the two dinners at buffet restaurants. Rod asked for volunteers for tour ideas for 2015. Places to visit need not be car-related. Dick Jones and Al Howe have arranged for the January banquet at the Golden Steer in Kent for January 24th with happy hour at 5 PM and dinner at 6 PM. The entrees will be: 8oz Prime Rib, Salmon Filet or Chicken Dijon. Dessert will be a choice between carrot or chocolate cake. A cheese and cracker platter will be furnished by the club.

Announcements: Sallie reported that we now have a fresh order of large decals for sale. The region member price is \$15 if picked up, \$20 if mailed out and \$25 for VCCA members mailed out singularly. Dave Gowan invited us all to attend the 2015 Northwest Meet in Wilsonville, Oregon, August 13 through 16.

Break & Refreshments: George and Barbara Reich brought delicious cupcakes and pumpkin bread. There were also other cupcakes as well as dark chocolate peanut butter cups.

Nominations: Nominated officers for next year were read. Director: as of yet unfilled, Assistant Director: Dick Jones, Secretary: Don Comstock, Treasurer: Sallie Comstock, Editor: Mike Currie may continue as lead editor (unverified), Activities Coordinator: Rod Schein, Historian: Dave Haddock, Membership: Donna Onat, Webmaster: Al Howe and/or Jim Martoza (unverified), Glove Box: Bob Stamnes and Club Store: Bill Damm. Nominations were opened with no additions at the meeting.

Program: Jim Farris shared the DVD created by his daughter highlighting the Four-Cylinder Tour that took place June 22 - 26 in and around Decorah, Iowa.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock.

December Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Sallie and Don Comstock 12/23

BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Johnson 12/2
 Dave Miller 12/9
 Judy Landguth 12/10
 Don Comstock 12/18
 Myron Gabelein 12/25

2014 Activities

November	Election of 2015 Club Officers	11/24
December	Christmas Party	12/6

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

The case of the worn out Chevy

My wipers are worn
 and my tires are bald.
 My shocks are kaput
 and my bushings are galled.

A window is broken
 and my brakes are squeaking.
 My engine burns oil
 and my transmission is leaking.

My gas tank has sludge
 and my carburetor is clogged.
 My heater won't work
 so my windows are fogged.

My radiator is dripping
 and needs some repair,
 and the filter needs changing
 so the carb can get air.

So please someone save me
 so my rides may be shared.
 Make me safe once again
 so my life will be spared.

Columbia River Region invites you to join us in celebrating **GOLDEN DAYS OF CHEVROLETS** **44TH NORTHWEST MEET** **AUGUST 13-16, 2015**

★ Judging ★ Tours ★ Birthday Party ★ BBQ ★ Banquet ★ Women's Brunch ★
 and more!

Renewing Friendships ★ Meeting New Friends ★ Having a Great Time

Columbia River Region will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary
 as a Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

Accommodations

Holiday Inn
 25425 SW 95th Avenue
 Wilsonville, OR 97070
 503-682-2211
 888-465-4329
 Discounted Room Rate \$119—\$129 plus tax
 Discount Code: 44th Northwest Chevrolet Meet
 Pets Welcome at Additional Daily Charge

Pheasant Ridge RV Park
 8275 SW Elligsen Road
 Wilsonville, OR 97070
 800-532-7829 or 503-682-7829
 Discounted Standard Rate \$39.00 plus tax
 Discounted Premium Rate \$43.00 plus tax
 Complete hook-ups — Good Sam Discount
 Less than 5 minutes to hotel (.7 miles)

The hotel is located in the Willamette Valley with close proximity to shopping, local parks and restaurants
 Trailer parking is available at the Holiday Inn Parking lot

Website information:

ColumbiaRiverRegion.org



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Save the Date!

Prospectus and Registration forms will be available in early April, 2015



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.

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

Brakes 101

Special credit to Bill Barker for his suggestion and basis for this article

There are several ways you can go wrong when working on brakes. Knowing a little might prevent a problem later on.

There are semi-metallic brake pads and ceramic brake pads. Semi-metallic brake pads are the old standard and are made with metal particles in the compound. Ceramic brake pads are made of ceramic and copper fiber.

Semi-metallic brake pads are less expensive but do not last as long as ceramic brake pads. Due to their composition, semi-metallic pads leave the black residue on wheels, but commonly wear rotors less than ceramic brake pads. Semi-metallic brake pads are fine for racing where ceramic pads are not recommended for racing. This may be due to a rapid heat buildup with ceramic pads. My modern car mechanic suggested I change from ceramic to semi-metallic pads to control rotor warping ----- it worked.

Rotors are another important part of the braking system, but there isn't much to be said about rotors unless you have a car you wish to race. There are some design tricks that will help keep rotors cooler, but this is not necessary for most cars under normal driving conditions. A friend did recommend that I use cryogenically treated rotors on my van when I was having rotor warping issues---- it may have helped, but I suspect it was the ceramic pads that were the primary problem.

Determining which brake fluid to use in my 1926 is always difficult. I first have to figure out where to put it. Testing the effectiveness is very difficult also as my car has mechanical brakes.

Using the wrong type of brake fluid can cause serious problems. You should use the brake fluid specified for your particular car. Most brake fluid is glycol-ether base which is hygroscopic (absorbs water) and should be changed periodically as the moisture content can get too high. Moisture actually migrates through rubber hoses and seals, contaminating the brake fluid. DOT 3, 4 and 5.1 are glycol based and hygroscopic. Special precautions must be taken if you plan to change to DOT 2, or DOT 5 as they are castor oil/alcohol and silicon based, respectively.

I have to include a little now on drum brakes since my cars are of that vintage. Any idea why they recommend using a liquid spray to clean dust from drum brake systems? I really do not know either, but brake shoes contain asbestos, a cancer causing material and inhaling it can give you lung cancer. In the old days they used air pressure to get the dust off the brake systems. After discovering the health effects of asbestos, they now use brake cleaner for this purpose.

Corrosion can build up between the metal brake shoe and the brake lining. This can force the lining against the drum at the most unopportune time. This can happen to cars that sit in a moist environment for extended periods. I have also had it happen to the brakes on my boat trailer. This can manifest into a significant problem when you are on the road. I found out the hard way when I was bringing my boat trailer home after dropping my son off at the lake with the boat and noticed smoke coming from my right trailer wheel. Yup!! The tire was sliding along the pavement. Now just try to get that wheel off with the brakes jammed against the drum-- not easy. My brake mechanic solved the problem by sealing the back of the lining before mounting it to the metal shoe. This proved effective and may be a consideration for our old cars, especially if they sit outside in moist conditions.

Leaking wheel cylinders can also ruin brake lining. Wheel cylinders and master cylinders should be checked periodically for leaks around the seals.

Most mechanics prefer to manually adjust the brakes, rather than letting them self-adjust, after replacing the shoes or working on the brake system. This usually works very well, unless the brakes are not correctly assembled. When I had brakes installed on my car trailer everything seemed just fine until I was on my way to a four-cylinder tour and we went down some pretty long hills that required a lot of braking. I noticed smoke coming from the right side of my trailer. I pulled into the next small town to find a mechanic. The mechanic jacked up the right side of the trailer and said the brake was too tight. But the trailer just came from the brake shop! After working on it a few minutes, the mechanic discovered the adjustment wheel had been installed backward, so when he tried to loosen it, he was actually tightening it. Maybe this is why the shop that installed the brakes told me to be sure and bring it back to them to get the brakes adjusted. They may have known it and didn't want to take the time to correct it.

(Editor's note. Buying cheap brake pads can also cause rotors to warp. I know from personal experience!)

GARAGE NIGHT

No garage nights scheduled for this Fall or Winter. Look for them to resume in Spring 2015.

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/>

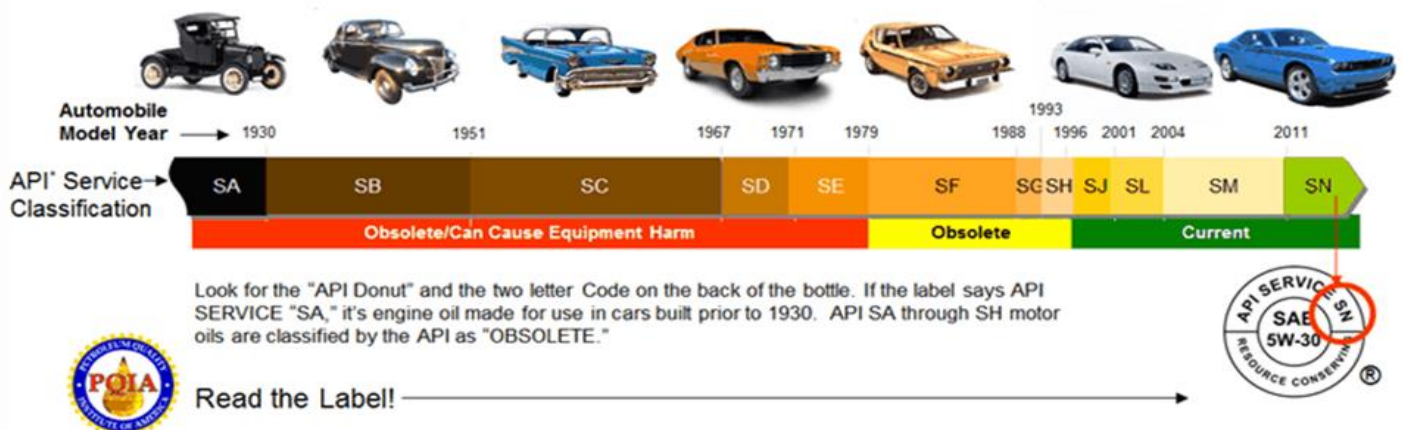
Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvrcca.org/>

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

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



API SERVICE CLASSIFICATION FOR PASSENGER CAR ENGINE OIL



BLACKOUTS

Text and Photo by David Gowan - Director VCCA Area #3



I know you've done this too! Drive down the street and spot an interesting old Chevrolet. Not long ago and about three blocks away this 1942 2dr sedan appeared. I had to ask! It had been pulled from the forest and was in rough condition. Owner didn't want it so it was for sale. I didn't bite. It was manufactured in 1941. How did I know? Though the entire body was in 'blackout' mode...moss and dirt, the grill had been sparkling chrome. It wasn't until January 1942 that the true blackouts were built. Rust and broken windows made it a far reach for me though the engine was intact and it had an accessory bumper guard.

TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

Ads will be posted for a minimum of three months (longer on a space-available basis). Please notify the Tappet Clatter Editor at tappetclatter@outlook.com when your listing no longer needs to be published.

FOR SALE

1926 Engine Head, \$100 Dick Olson 425 222-5798

1949 Chevrolet, 2 Door, Deluxe Fleetline Sedan, Maroon
First year for push button door handles. Ranked high in popularity.. Solid car, needs TLC.\$4000 or offer. Contact Steve at 206 953-7461



11/14

1983 Chevette, 4 door .Does not run. \$500 or offer. Contact Steve at 206 953-7461



11/14

1953,54, 55 Corvette intake manifold. Complete with 3 Carter YH side draft carburetors and fuel filters, Can't be too many of these out there! A little rough but good for parts and/or unique display. Owner wants \$500. Contact Dave Haddock, chevydave@gmail.com.

Air Compressor - Like new. 220 Volt - \$425.00, with two 60 gal tanks. Bill Barker 425-643-0698. bbarkerjr@gmail.com

1950 Chevrolet Deluxe. Front and rear bumpers new chrome, \$150 each. Rear bumper sheet metal pan below trunk, nice fresh paint, \$100. Bumper wings used, \$25 each and one set of rears re-chromed, \$75 pair. NOS bumper guards, \$25 each. Nice used bumper guards \$15 each. NOS hubcaps, \$35 each. Nice set of full width beauty rings, \$ 15 each. NOS heater core, \$35. New front shocks, \$25 pair. New rear drums, \$40 pair. Very nice polished rear fender top stainless trim, \$150 pair. NOS trunk handle, \$15. NOS Power Glide trunk spears, \$40 pair. NOS right rear fender, \$150. NOS bird, \$75. NOS hood emblem, \$25. NOS top grill bar, \$40. NOS black butterfly steering wheel, \$175. All 40 plus items listed above sold as a lot for \$1000, which is easily valued at twice that. Roger Orness 253-312-6561 or r.orness@comcast.net

1949-50 Chevrolet Many small new parts including tune-up parts, motor mounts, wiper motor & transmission, door rubber, rear fender guards, too many to list here. Roger Orness 253-312-6561 or r.orness@comcast.net

WANTED

1931 Ignition Switch, Dick, 425 736-8798, dick10051@comcast.net

1964 Chevelle SS - any condition
Dave White 206-999-8138 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

FREE STUFF

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

1942 3/4 Ton Chev. flat bed - 4 speed trans. - rear end- mid 1950. 235 engine. Paul 425-891-8344

November 2014 Club Meeting

The Puget Sound Region November meeting will be at Tillicum Middle School on November 24 at 7:30 PM.

Jim Seiber will be hosting the program which will be a “show and tell” of gift ideas. What’s on your Christmas list? What’s a new item or special tool you would like to give or receive? Bring a sample of your idea or bring a printout to share describing the item. There will be a live demonstration of one tool that is highly recommended.

Keep in mind we have a Club holiday dinner coming up, what has been the most desirable past items for the gift exchange? Do you have any suggestions for best places to shop for bargain prices or special items? These shared ideas can also be under the heading, “What to get your spouse”. Some sample gifts will be available...

Bill Barker will be providing the treats for the meeting.

Don’t miss it! Santa will be watching!