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### Fifth Annual Early Six Cylinder Tour, Sept 14-18

Excerpted by Jim Farris from Elyses Kassis' story of the event.

In Idaho, "the Gem state," 28 beeyouteeful "gems" gathered in September for the Fifth Annual National Early Six-Cylinder Tour. A variety of colorful and impressive sedans, coaches, coupes, roadsters, a cabriolet, and two pick-ups provided full representation for all of the years between 1929-1936. Participants came from nine states including Minnesota and Iowa. It was great to see old friends again—and make new ones!



Eight Puget Sound Region members participated in seven vintage Chevrolets. They were: Barker, '31; Barquist, '30; Farris, '32; Helgeson; Johnson, '32; Martin, '36; Meleo, '35; and Olson, '31.

Chairman Tom Meleo and Co-Chair Jim Farris originally created this event to get the older cars back on the road where they belong. As with any great idea, the benefits far exceed the original goal! Something magical happens when we drive our Chevrolets en masse. It stirs excitement in us and in those who catch even a glimpse. It makes people smile, and best of all, no matter what age, status, or background, it unites us.



Photo by Bob Helgeson

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### October 26 Club Meeting is at the Tillicum Middle School

This months membership meeting is at the Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue, WA. Our program will be a presentation on CPR. Bill Damm and Matt Dickinson will coordinate to bring treats. See notice on page 3 and meeting minutes on page 6.



## 1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2009



*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 1984 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 . WA. 7:30PM to 9:30PM**. 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 "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

Some subjects that can be the basis of wonderful articles to share are: first-car, remember-when, restorations, Chevrolets and your families, history, trivia, little-known facts, and many others. Either current or vintage old-car stories and snapshots are also welcome. We reserve the right to edit material as necessary for space available and clarity.

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. The monthly deadline is about the 5th of the month.

Glenn Landguth, [gklandguth@msn](mailto:gklandguth@msn)

# **Director's Corner**

## **"From The Drivers Seat"**



By Al Howe  
Puget Sound Region Director

We had some new members attend our September general meeting, Cecil Mullins and Tyler & Sharon Gottschalk. I would like to welcome them aboard and wish them pleasant journeys with their Chevys.

Wow! Have we ever had a gorgeous summer? However, the days are shorter, leaves are starting to turn colors and cooler weather is setting in.

We have had some really nice tours; I also drove my '55 Chevy to Ellensburg in September for my 50th class reunion and it ran just great all weekend. I kept looking for the teenagers that attended school with me, but all I saw were some old people! Oh well, we had a wonderful time anyway. They had a world map on a table so everyone could put a stickpin in any country they had visited. Wow! I don't think there was any country that did not have a pin. Based on that, I have been such a homebody. I need to do some traveling and make up for lost time.

This summer, Kathy and I have enjoyed sitting on the deck in the evenings watching birds, rabbits, deer and even a coyote. The deer were regular visitors, mostly looking for apples from the apple tree. Last Friday, Sept. 25th, I spotted some deer droppings and showed Kathy how close they were to the house and how I could tell they were there.

Friday evening we went square dancing and Saturday afternoon we square danced at the Puyallup Fair. One of the jobs I just had to do Sunday was clean the flue for the wood-burning stove and Kathy helped me do that. She said, "This has been a wonderful week-end, I started out looking at deer poop and ended as a chimney sweep. It just can't get any better than that." I don't know why she is still sticking around but I'm glad she is.

Plans are being finalized for our Christmas party at the Comstock's and the January installation banquet at the Golden Steer in Kent. I would like to thank Don and Sallie Comstock for being such gracious hosts each year and George and Phyllis Kowats for all their work for the 2010 Northwest meet and arranging for the installation banquet.

### **2010 Membership Renewals**

**2010** Membership Renewals are now being processed online. Over 42 members have already used this simple renewal online process.

Each member has received an email with a link to their own form. Click on the link, enter the necessary fields, and fill in some text for any corrections if needed.

Then click on Complete Form. The Information will be sent to Donna Onat and Jim Martoza. When this has been done, separately send in your Thirty Dollar membership payment check to: Donna Onat or pay her at the meeting.

### **October 26 Membership Meeting Notice**

We will meet at Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue, WA on October 26 at 7:30 PM.

**Program: Learn to Save a Life!!**

What would you do if we were on a group tour and one of our members, a close friend, or even a spouse collapsed with a sudden heart attack? Would you know what to do?

Some of us may have had CPR training in the past, but will you remember it? Have the techniques changed?

Come to the October Meeting, watch the current video (it's short and to the point), and re-learn or learn how to apply chest compressions, rescue breathing, and/or CPR to that member or loved one.

We will also have a practice dummy (and, no, it's not Al or Dave). Our mini-Annie has a face, mouth, lips, and even inflatable lungs. Let's laugh and learn this together. It just might save someone's life.

## Potluck Picnic at John Strampher's on Sept. 12

Some members met up at the Kent Kmart to drive to John's. They were: Dick and Gisela Jones, '50 Convertible; Rod and Evie Schein, '40 Coupe; George Haley, '82 El Camino; Matt Dickinson and his Mother, '36 Master Sedan; and Gene Gooding in his German Chevrolet (VW). Gene Gooding and George Haley had driven their "other cars" because they had cleaned their classic Chevys for the Edmonds car show the following day. They were joined a few miles down the route by Roger Orness in his '33 Eagle Coupe and Ernie Tear in his '35 Master Coupe.

It was a great day for touring and a picnic, sunny and in the upper 70's. Others that joined at John's home were: his Mother; Dave and Diane Haddock, '55 210 Sedan; Lee and Carol Folsom; Don & Sallie Comstock; and some of John's neighbors.

## Edmonds Car Show

Along with George Haley's '38 Coupe and Gene Gooding's '52 Bel Air, were Matt Dickinson's '36 Coupe, and Ana Haley's beautiful '49 Plymouth Convertible. Just like at the Greenwood car show in June, Ana's Convertible won a trophy!

## New Members

A warm welcome to new members!

The owner of the XXX Root Beer Restaurant in Issaquah joined our group when we met there in August. Jose Enciso has been so supportive of the club when we meet there each year; we are very happy to have him on board.

Cecil & Francie Mullins joined at the September meeting. They will be heading off to Arizona soon, returning in May. They have a 1930 Sedan Special in very good condition. When they are here they live in Renton, ckmullins@comcast.net.

Tyler & Sharon Gottschalk also visited and joined at the September meeting. They report that their '29 Business Coupe needs work. They live in Woodinville, tnsogottschalk@verizon.net.

Howard & Darbyann Lontz live in Kent, dhlontz@q.com. They are neighbors of the Kowats. Their '84 El Camino is in pretty good shape. We hope to meet them soon.

## Board Meeting at the Fairwood Library in Renton

October 19, 2009, 7:00 PM. All members are welcome.

## Election Time for PSR-VCCA

It is time to be thinking about next year's officers and support positions for our Puget Sound Region-Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (PSR-VCCA). The election committee has recommended that for the most part the same officers that are in place now be reelected, but you can also nominate other people at the October general membership meeting.

Please be thinking about whether there is someone who you would like to see in an officer or support position. Then check with them to verify that they would accept the nomination and be willing to serve if elected. You can even nominate yourself for a position.

The elected Officers of the Region are:

- A. Regional Director
- B. Assistant Director
- C. Secretary - recording, corresponding
- D. Treasurer

Other elected Support Positions are:

- E. Membership Secretary
- F. Activities Coordinator
- G. Newsletter Editor
- H. Historian
- I. Club Store & Property Manager
- J. Webmaster
- K. Refreshment Facilitator

We will vote at the November general membership meeting.

## Help Wanted for 2010 Northwest Meet

Volunteers are still needed for the 2010 Northwest Meet. Several committees have positions available. Call now and avoid the "DRAFT"! Respond to George Kowats, zanygeophyl@msn.com



*Six Cylinder Tour (Continued from page 1)*

For instance, early in the morning on our first tour, we paraded down rural roads to the delight of children who were waiting for the school bus. Their eyes were wide with excitement as they cheered and waved! Having history roll by was a great way to start their day. Tom and Jim, both former teachers, had no idea they'd provide an encore lesson.

Bathed in sunshine and blue skies were sprawling vineyards, wild sunflowers, apple-laden trees and lush fields of mint, alfalfa, corn, and of course, potatoes. These were surrounded by rolling hills, mountains, lakes and nature-carved canyons beyond description with mere words. Add in the farm houses, barns and animals (including domestic buffalos) and *voila!* A Grandma Moses portrait of Americana. The variety of tours held something special for everyone!

Highlights include Idaho City which was once a thriving metropolis because of the *huge* quantity of gold mined there by pioneers. The old Idaho State Penitentiary built by the prisoners in the late 1800's. Despite the beauty of the hand-crafted stone buildings and the pristine rose garden, life for the prisoners was dismal.



Shifting gears, so to speak, we got an up close and personal look at one of the greatest petroglyph sites in the world at Celebration Park. We saw many stone carvings from 30,000 years ago chipped into the rocks by ancient beings who once stood at the very spot where we were. Who were they? What became of these people who deftly killed woolly mammoths with sophisticated tools and were better fishermen than we are today?

Idaho's upper desert proved to be a challenging contrast to the lower elevations. The cars cautiously negotiated hairpin turns and steep grades down the Snake River Gorge to the Swan Falls Dam. It was equally challenging going back up and some cars overheated!



At The World Center for Birds of Prey we learned a secret about why larger birds of prey are so successful. They apply hundreds of pounds of pressure per square inch with their talons! We also gained new respect for crows, which are very intelligent! Crows have the ability to assess and solve problems quickly. The crow performing for us was smart enough to hoist up twine with a small pail of food attached, something he was not taught to do but figured out in a matter of seconds. And he had been trained to pluck dollar bills from



our fingertips and deposit them into a donation box.

Did the cars all run smoothly? Well, no. Thankfully Verlyn Husman was "Tail End Charlie." He liked being at the end of the line because he could see all of the cars and if he had car problems no one would know. He also welcomed the opportunity to help others. There was John Wolf's clogged fuel line, Gary Barquist's stuck float, and Mahlon DeFord's broken axle. The fuel line was regularly blown clear by John himself, Bruce DeFord Jr. and Steve Kassis helped replace the axle, as did Tom Peters who supplied the spare. Ken Huckaby's slipped distributor was cause for a spontaneous roadside tech session. Many hands and years of experience were put to good use! Then again, sometimes simple problems require simple solutions. Norm Lemly demonstrated a swift, open-handed *smack* to his rear tail light that got it working again!

All too soon, the last day arrived with a flurry of activity: group photos, a swap meet, technical seminar, and special ladies activities. After the banquet, Tom announced a tentative location for next year's Early Six Meet - Carson City, NV, definitely a crowd pleaser! Everyone thanked Tom and Jim for this excellent tour and all of the work and planning they put into it. They know all too well that the cars bring us together, but it's the people who keep us together.

Hope to see you in Carson City next year in your early six!

## Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2009



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:31 by Director Al Howe.

Welcome: We welcomed Cecil Mullins from Renton as our new member. He shares his 1930 Chev Special with his wife Francie.



Arriving a bit later, we met Tyler Gottschalk and Sharon from Woodinville. They have a 1929 Business coupe just beginning a restoration. They also joined the region.

Secretary: Minutes were accepted as printed in Tappet Clatter in June.

Treasurer: Sallie reported the club received a generous donation from the Columbia River Region to help with our upcoming 2010 Northwest Meet. Renewals are starting to come in as well.



Northwest Meet Update: George Kowats announced that things are pretty well done as far as mapping out the tours and meals with places reserved and caterers found. Detail work needs to be done in most committees. There will be a meeting at the meet Motel on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to attend. Also Al Howe announced a generous gift from the North Cascades Region to be divided equally between general expenses and the banquet.

National News: Bill Barker outlined two changes in the judging classes. The first was a name change for the Historical Preservation judging substituting “unrestored” for “original” when describing the car being considered. The second was adding a class called CDPC Driver’s Class for cars that look original but have modern mechanical improvements.



Several logo’s for the 2011 National Meet were shown including the final selection.

At the end of his presentation, Bill shared a video of a front end collision between a 1959 Impala and a new Malibu. New cars are much safer than our collector cars.

Tours: October 17<sup>th</sup> is the tour to the Silverdale Beach Motel. October 4<sup>th</sup> is the overnight trip to Yakama to view the fall foliage and visit a few wineries. The tour leaves the Outlet Mall at North Bend Saturday morning at 9 A.M. and returns over Chinook Pass on Sunday. The Christmas Party will be at Comstock’s unless someone else wants to host it. The date is Sunday, December 13. The Banquet is set for January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Golden Steer, where it has been for the past two years.

Glove Box: General discussion about innovations and cures for lighting and other topics. Cecil Mullins brought in two metal plates from his 1930 attempting to identify where they fit on his car. It was suggested he take pictures and post them on the chat site. Surely someone will recognize them.



Jim Farris is still taking orders for jackets and showed us shirts with the same embossed logo (see page 11 - Ed.).

Refreshments: Donuts were brought but I didn’t identify who to thank for them (Bob Starnes - Ed.). Matt Dickinson offered to bring goodies next month (Bill Damm is signed up - Ed.).

Meeting adjourned: Around 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock



### Garage Nite—by Dick Olson

There will be no more Garage Nites until next spring.



## Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Activity Organizer</u>
October 17	Silverdale Beach Hotel Tour & 2010 NW Meet Committee Meeting	Matt Dickinson/George Kowats
October 14	Garage Nite at Dick Olson's	Dick Olson
October 19	Board meeting at Fairwood Library, Renton	
November early	November Tour	Matt Dickinson-Tentative
December 13	Christmas Party	Don and Sallie Comstock
January 23, 2010	Annual Banquet at the Golden Steer	George Kowats

### Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

#### Sandblasting Safety

OSHA's online information concerning sandblasting using silica sand states that inhaling silica sand dust can cause a deadly lung disease called silicosis. Since 1974 the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health has recommended that the use of silica sand (or any other substance containing more than 1% of free silica) be prohibited.

Use of a substitute less toxic material in place of silica sand for abrasive blasting operations is recommended. Still, materials being removed by the substitute abrasive may be toxic, so proper respiratory safety precautions need to be taken (e.g. - containment, ventilation, respirators, etc). As a suggestion; add PVC pipe to your blasting cabinet vacuum exhaust to discharge the dust further away from your work area, or, extend the vacuum pipe to place the discharge further away.

Substitute abrasives are listed with the online OSHA information. To get there, search for "osha.gov" to bring up the index to OSHA home page. In the OSHA home page index search box (search within osha.gov) type in "silicosis etool", which will bring up an index from which, under "etools", select "Stop Silicosis in Sandblasters Use Silica Substitutes". This will bring up information on silicosis and a list of substitute abrasive material that would work best for your application.

I have used glass beads exclusively in my blasting cabinet with satisfactory results cleaning rusty auto parts on my restoration project.

#### Wanted for the NW Meet!

For the awards voted on by the participants, like Best of Show, Ladies Choice, etc. for the NW Meet, we would like to use hood ornaments or other attractive Chevrolet parts and mount them on a nice board with the meet dash plaque and an engraved tab for each award. To do this we need your help by contributing Chevrolet parts we can use. Ideal examples might be pre-1950 hood ornaments (newer ones are just too large). Later year '53 - to '67 fender ornaments would be perfect. V8 emblems from below the tail lights of '55-'56, hood or trunk emblems, script pieces, and horn buttons would work well.

A few pits are ok. It does not have to be perfect, but does need to be attractive. Should be 5" - 12" or so. We really need at least one very old piece to put on the trophy for Favorite Pre-1935.

Pieces go to Steve Grissom at Steve4@aol.com. Please help.



### November Celebrations

<b>ANNIVERSARYS</b>		John Campbell	11/15
Dave and Marti Miller	11/8	Joanne Barquist	11/15
Don and Lynn Boltz	11/23	Dan Johnson	11/16
		Judy Martin	11/18
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		Jim Martoza	11/25
Jeff Haines	11/8	Janie Kohl	11/25

## Puget Sound Region Fall Foliage and Winery Tour (Overnight Tour to Yakima)

By Jim Farris

Nine Puget Sound Region member families drove to Yakima the weekend of October 3rd and 4th. It was the first overnight Tour in many years. Dick Olson suggested the outing last January. Those who participated had a grand time. The weather was perfect, nippy in places and at times a bit windy, but perfect for a pleasant Fall drive. At times a sweatshirt or jacket felt comfortable.

There were eight vintage Chevrolets and one modern truck making the trip. We all met at North Bend to begin the journey. Most of us arrived early to pick up a cup of coffee or have a small breakfast. Nine o'clock was the departure time. The first leg was to the top of Snoqualmie Pass on I-90, stopping at the top for a break. I was regaining confidence in my '41 when it made it up the hill without overheating. I had flushed the radiator in preparation the previous week.

We had little or no problem with the construction around Easton and left I-90 at the Roslyn exit, driving to Cle Elum via that road and onto old U.S. 10 for a picturesque drive along the river into Ellensburg. There we went to the Fairgrounds to look at an old cabin that was built by Al Howe's great-great-grandfather. Most of us were surprised by its size. We were expecting a small modest dwelling.

In Frontier Town we found a Dunce hat in the old schoolroom, and they took my picture with it on my head. The guide also showed a couple of us how to pan for gold using fools gold for the demonstration.

Then it was on to The Red Horse Drive-In, an old gas station and diner on old U.S 10 west of Ellensburg, for lunch..



From there the trip took us down the canyon to Yakima on the old road along the river. Some mountain sheep were spotted as we drove along the river nestled at the base of the mountains. Breezing right through Yakima it was on to the Rattlesnake Hills Wine country where stops were made at three winery's. Some of us purchased a few bottles at each winery.



On that leg we came across a wedding party taking pictures on an old tractor. As we passed the group Fran Olson asked them if they would like to take a picture with a vintage car. They jumped at the chance. The Olson '50 was the lead car so the rest of us waited, blocking the road.

The next adventure was a stop at a fruit stand where some apples and other produce were purchased. After a picture stop at the Teapot Gas Station it was back into Yakima for the night at the Clarion. We dined at the Black Angus. The food was good, many of us having very tasty steaks.



The next morning the group headed back to Seattle over the 5,432 foot elevation Chinook Pass by Mt Rainier. On the way there a stop was made at Whistlin' Jack Lodge for a sumptuous breakfast. It was cold at the top so we did not linger more than to take a few pictures. The drive to and over the Pass was beautiful. Traffic was light and we moved along at a speed allowing us all to absorb the special ness of the



mountain, which was covered with snow, and the tree-lined tunnels we drove through, on our journey through the park.

Those who were along for this overnight tour were: Dick and Fran Olson, 1950 Convertible; Al Howe and Kathy Kahrs, 1955 Sedan; Don and Sallie Comstock, 1978 Corvette; Bob and Florence Helgeson, 1964 Corvette; Bill and Sis Barker, 1966 Corvette; George Haley, 1938 Coupe; Rod McCarthy, 1952 Fleetline; Jim Farris and daughter Theresa Deacy, 1941 Sedan; and Don and Lynn Boltz, modern truck.

In Enumclaw we all departed for our homes after having driven 300 miles from North Bend, each saying to the others, "We'll have to do this again next year."





**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, a email [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com) with your information.

### Rear Window Molding for a '29

By Bill Damm

The rear window molding for my '29 was rotten and unusable. As I was unable to find a source for a replacement, I decided to fabricate one.

The original molding wood was 1/2" wide x 1/4" thick. Without facilities to steam a six-foot stick of that size so it could be shaped to the window opening, I opted to fabricate a laminated molding.

The first step was to make a form to shape the laminate around. I started by cutting a template the exact size of the window opening out of some cardboard. Next I cut just slightly more than 1/4" off of the perimeter of the template (the inside shape of the molding plus the approximate thickness of the upholstery cloth that covers outside of the molding). Using the template, I cut a form out of some 3/4" plywood and nailed it to another piece of backing plywood which was several inches larger on all sides than the form plywood.

Four thin 1/16" x 3/4" strips of wood, glued together, would produce 1/4" thick molding. I set up my table saw to cut the thin 1/16" strips. Not knowing which type of wood to use, I cut strips from fir, ash, and mahogany.

After soaking in hot water they could be carefully individually bent, without breaking, to the form shape. I used a length of 1 1/2" PVC pipe with an end cap, held vertically, and filled with hot water and a little ammonia, to soak the wood strips in. A small piece of cloth and a rubber band was needed to cover the top of the pipe to keep the wood strips submerged for the approximate hour they had to soak.

The form perimeter was about six feet, the strips of wood I had available were only 3' to 4', so I needed to stagger the ends of the strips. Starting on a flat side, I tapped in a nail into the backer board to hold the end of the first strip tight to the form. Staggering the ends of the succeeding strips and holding them each with a nail as for the first strip, I proceeded to carefully bend all 4 of the strips around the first corner, adding nails as required to press the strips against the form.

This is where I found that the mahogany was still too brittle and broke, the fir worked well, but the ash worked the best. I continued the job using ash.

After encircling the form with the strips, cutting ends to fit, and adding enough nails to hold the strips to the form, I allowed them to dry for several days.

When the strips were dry, I pulled the nails out and removed the strips from the form, trying to keep them in the same order. Then I applied a generous coat of car wax to the perimeter edge of the form and the adjacent 1/2" of the backing plywood. Next a coat of carpenters glue was applied to the outside of strip #1, 2, and 3, quickly replacing them back on the form in the same order that they were removed and reinstalling all of the retaining nails.

After the glue had dried for 24 hours, about 1/8" was sanded off of each of the sides of the molding to bring it to the required finished size.

Now all that was left to do was to cover the molding with the upholstery cloth and nail it in place.



## Puget Sound News Bits

By Jim Farris

**Wally Martin** had some problems with his '50 truck while driving to and from the Early Six Cylinder Tour in Nampa Idaho the second week of September. Seems the '92 Fuel Injected engine in the rig balked at times. Talk to him about the adventure and its fix.

The Puget Sound Region was well represented on the weeklong tour in Nampa. **Bill Barker, Bob Helgeson, Wally Martin, Jim Farris, Tom Meleo, Joanne and Gary Barquist, Fran and Dick Olson, and Dennis and Gerri Johnson** were all there driving their '29 to '36 Chevrolets.

**Jim Farris and Tom Meleo**, both members of the region, organized that Tour, the fifth in five years. Next year, the sixth, will be at Carson City, NV.

**Julie, Bill Barker's** daughter was at the XXX in August. You may have noticed she was wearing the T-Shirt from the 1983 Foothills Frolic. Our Region sponsored that NW Meet 1983, twenty-six years ago. It was the same T-shirt purchased for her then. How many of us can say we still fit garments acquired that long ago?

**Sis Barker** drove their '66 Corvette for the first time to a neighborhood picnic recently.

**Gerri and Dennis Johnson** drove their '32 Cabriolet on the Northwest Idaho Tour over the Labor Day weekend. **Jim Farris** was there also with his '32 Sedan. He particularly enjoyed the tour because it went to places where he grew up.

**Donna Onat's** Friend Larry has had some medical issues lately. She has been spending a good bit of time in the Bellingham area helping him out.

**Bob Stamnes** resolved his transmission lever problem recently. It's not easy to find needed parts for '26 Chevrolets, so a friend, **Ray Steele** made the piece needed on his lathe. Ray is one of the regular Tuesday Breakfast people. He is a Model T guy but helps us all when he can.

**Gary Barquist now owns Jake Jacob's restored '30 Sedan.** It preformed well on the tour in Idaho. There was a small carburetor problem but that was solved with the many minds and hands of people on the Tour.

**George Kowats** is recovering from his rotor cuff surgery on his left shoulder. He should be as good as new again in a short while.

**Dick Olson** is working on **Jim Seiber's** '40 Convertible. People at the September garage Nite saw the progress made on the vehicle.

**Jim Farris and Daughter Theresa** spent a couple days in Kalispell Montana in early September planning the late June 2010 National Four Cylinder Tour. This will be the 19<sup>th</sup> event for these very early cars and the second time they will have been driven in Glacier Park and over Going-To-The-Sun Highway.

## Matt Dickinson Preparing 2010 Calendars

If you wish to have your car in the PSRVCCA 2010 calendar, email a digital picture to Matt Dickinson at mbd97@aol.com. Matt will accept pictures on a first-come basis until all twelve months are filled.

The calendar will be a wall type with a separate page for each month and a car.

Last year's calendars proved to be very popular with club members after they saw the final product, with orders for over 60 calendars.



## Mystery Car

This photograph is of my aunt and her car, probably circa 1929 or later. I am not sure of the year, make or model of the car. It may have been a used car purchased in 1929, a Star Coach, motor number 341720, as there is a receipt for a purchase dated April 8, 1929. She was very proud of her new car. She had been saving up for it.

My dad once took one of her newly purchased cars without permission and totaled it at the intersection of Willow Street and Flora Avenue in Georgetown (Seattle). She asked if he was alright, and learning that he was, never said another word to him about it. This might be the car. Respond to Glenn K. Landguth at gklandguth@msn.com.

## 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

**1922** Chevy "Four Ninety" Roadster (rare), that scores 97 points on a completely original restoration. It has 27,000 original miles, and is complete with original manuals and tools. Rich Hovey Sr. is asking \$ 39,000 for this unit in San Antonio, Texas. Please let us know if anyone is interested. Thank you. Ed Fairchild, [efairchild@hoveymotorcars.com](mailto:efairchild@hoveymotorcars.com).



**1938** Chevy Coupe Original Car Parts, including: generators, starters, engine block, head and valve cover, radio and tubes, transmission, rear end differential, and many other parts. I don't need many and want to give away free to others who might be able to use them. Ed Kelley, 425.996.8407 (cell), [ebkelle@attglobal.net](mailto:ebkelle@attglobal.net).

**1951** Special Deluxe 2-Door Sedan, 63,000+ original miles, no rust, and clean. Don Comstock, 253-863-0420, [d.comstock@att.net](mailto:d.comstock@att.net).

### WANTED

**1925 to 1934** Fan blade - four blade. Gary Barquist, 509-636-2133, [ggary017@centurytel.net](mailto:ggary017@centurytel.net)

**1955/'56** Chevy Two-Door Hardtop, Any condition, David White, [davidcwhite@comcast.net](mailto:davidcwhite@comcast.net), (206) 999-8138

**Hood Ornaments.** Chevrolet Hood Ornaments to be used for trophies for the NW Meet. Steve Grissom, (425) 228-3670, [Steve4@aol.com](mailto:Steve4@aol.com)

**Transmission** 700R4 or 200R4, David White, [davidcwhite@comcast.net](mailto:davidcwhite@comcast.net), (206) 999-8138

### New Addresses

George & Ana Maria Haley have a new email address: [anama97@q.com](mailto:anama97@q.com)

Gene & Jeanine Gooding will be in Junction, Arizona (effective November 1, 2009)

Mike & Kathy Currie are now back in Poulsbo WA. Their new email address is [kandmc@earthlink.net](mailto:kandmc@earthlink.net)

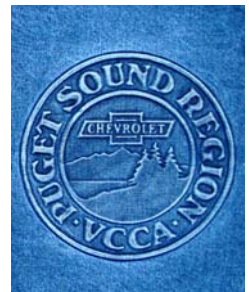
### Help Wanted for 2010 Northwest Meet

Volunteers are still needed for the 2010 Northwest Meet. Several committees have positions available. Call now and avoid the "DRAFT"! Respond to George Kowats, [zanygeophyl@msn.com](mailto:zanygeophyl@msn.com)

### Puget Sound Region Jackets Still Available

Jim Farris is still taking orders for jackets (see April 2009 Tappet Clatter, page 5). They are a blue denim jacket made in the U.S.A. and are available in Men's sizes small to 7X large and women's sizes small to 3 extra large. The cost including shipping is \$36.50 each. A local seamstress embroiders names for those that want them on their jackets. That adds an extra five dollars to the price. Shirts are also available with the same logo.

If you would like to order one of these jackets or shirts, contact Jim Farris at [farrismej@aol.com](mailto:farrismej@aol.com).





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