

# THE TAPPET CLATTER

**PUGET SOUND REGION**  
**CHEVROLET**  
Our 48th year!  
**VCCA**  
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**THE PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA**

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## Lee Folsom Remembered



Thanks to Glenn Landguth for providing the photos!



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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 1990 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 Driver's Seat"***



Hello from Pennsylvania. I'm writing this month from the motel room before heading off to the Hershey swap meet in the morning. I spent the last couple of days touring up in Connecticut and saw several car collections and other interesting stops. Our weather looks good, and I'm hoping to find some good parts.

Donna reported at our September meeting that membership renewal and dues payment were moving right along with a little over 50% already taken care of. If you haven't yet renewed, please do so as soon as you can.

We have openings for 2016 officers and any member is eligible to put their hat in the ring for any office. So if you have some ideas and would like to run for an office, please let me know.

I have been informed by Tillicum that for the November meeting we will be moved to the Library instead of our usual meeting room. By our October meeting, I will have more information.

See you at the meeting.

*Jim*



## **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>





## **Chevrolee Comments.....**

### **On repairing, rebuilding or replacing your Chevrolet engine**

When you detect a problem in the engine of your car, there are many things to think about and check before any major work is done. Sometimes we have a tendency to jump to premature conclusions which can lead to unnecessary and expensive work. For example, excessive oil consumption can be caused by many factors other than worn piston rings or cylinder walls. I believe that the cardinal rule of automotive maintenance is to make all reasonable tests before dismantling or removing a component to learn as much as possible about the true nature of the problem.

On the other hand, let's say you have decided that an engine needs major work. Again there are many factors to consider. Should I use aluminum pistons or cast iron? Should I have the connecting rods machined to accept insert bearings? What about converting the engine to use unleaded gas? Should I replace the engine with a later model engine? What engines will fit?

For the next few months we will try to answer some of the most commonly asked questions along these lines.

Let's begin by considering pistons. To my knowledge all Chevrolet pistons were made of cast iron through 1927. The 1928 engine might be considered to be a high- performance version of the earlier engines. It used larger valves, had two exhaust ports in the head instead of one, had improved carburation and used ALUMINUM pistons. For years these peppy little engines were used as the powerplant in boats, saws, tractors, pumps, hoists and countless other types of equipment.



In 1929, however, a return to cast iron pistons was made, and all engines through the 216 era, and even the 1950-52 Powerglide 235 engines had cast iron pistons. Starting with the full pressure lubricated 235 engines in 1953, all engines to date use aluminum pistons.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of each type? We will consider this topic next month.

Written Oct. 1987

Lee Folsom (Feb. 14, 1927 – Sept. 10, 2015)



### Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

When the weather is good  
And the roads are dry,  
Take a drive in the country-  
I'll tell you why.

This time of year  
What we call Fall  
The trees are colorful  
Both short and tall.

The problem is  
The one thing wrong  
Is the season is short  
And won't last long.

So take that drive  
To look and see  
The colors nature made  
For you and me.

Take your camera  
In case you spot  
A beautiful tree  
For the perfect shot.

But while you're driving  
Please take care.  
Be safe in traffic  
That might be there.



From Al Howe:

This is a list of activities planned for our monthly meetings:

#### 2015

Oct - "See America First" Dave and Diane Haddock

Nov - Elections

Dec - Christmas Party

#### 2016

January - Banquet

February -

March -

April - Auction

May -

June - Strawberry Social

July - 4th of July Picnic

As you can see we have some open meeting dates. I hope to have some slide shows of summer activities like the 4 cyl and 6 cyl tours, but we still need some other ideas.

Some demonstrations like Bob Stammes and Don Comstock did would be ideal, but we could use other activities also.

Give me a call or drop me an email and I will see what I can do.

Thanks!

## GARAGE NITE

There are no Garage Nites scheduled between now and next Spring. And unless someone signs up to coordinate these there probably won't be any after that either.

### From Donna Onat, Membership Chair

Our new club-membership year starts each 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!).

It's also necessary that you are current with your membership to National to belong to our Region. We depend on your timely response for Dick Jones & Jim Martoza to update the data base, produce and print the new Roster.

Please take a moment to send in your membership renewals now. Dues are \$30.

Thank you!

### Upcoming PS-VCCA Programs

"See America First" was the term used by railroads, auto clubs, and the National Park Service to promote domestic travel to the parks after the Park Service was established in 1916. Pack your spare tires and extra gasoline for an epic adventure that was a quintessential moment in American automobile tourism.

Join us for the inaugural tour of the "Park-to-Park Highway", a 5,000 mile motor route that connected all twelve National Parks in 1920. In Ken Burns' documentary style, filmmaker Brandon Wade presents "Paving the Way", a perilous, yet humorous story of intrepid adventurers who begin the 76-day journey over miles and miles of largely unpaved, dusty and rutted roads to be among the first Americans to view these national treasures.

Dave Haddock owns this DVD and will be showing it to the group during two meeting programs with the first installment this month.

## November Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES

Dave and Marti Miller 11/8  
Don and Lynn Boltz 11/23  
Judy and Jerry Cloutier 11/30

### BIRTHDAYS

Tony Zimmerman 11/2  
Jeffrey Haines 11/8  
John Campbell 11/15  
Joanne Barquist 11/15  
Dan Johnson 11/16  
Judy Martin 11/18  
Jim Martoza 11/25

### PS-VCCA 2015 Meeting Treats

October-Bob & MG Stamnes  
November-Bill & Sis Barker  
December-Christmas Party

Lee and Carol Folsom spent many hours volunteering as docents in the Seattle Public Schools, organizing and teaching science in Seattle's elementary schools. Lee designed "units" to help children learn the basics of science. They spent many hours creating science projects of high interest. Remember the ongoing request of Club members for empty egg cartons? Egg carton slots were numbered and used to categorize different kinds of materials. Lee and Carol devoted countless hours over many years to this project sharing their love for learning.

Carol has requested anyone wanting to make a donation in Lee's name can do so to the project Lee was enthusiastic about continuing. Checks can be made out to Seattle Public Schools, noting on memo of check: Lee Folsom "Science Materials Center", and mailed to:

Seattle Public Schools  
c/o Dan Gallagher  
P.O. Box 34165  
MS 32-303  
Seattle, WA 98124-1165

From: **Bill Barker** <[bbarkerjr@gmail.com](mailto:bbarkerjr@gmail.com)>  
Subject: VCCA 2016 Anniversary Meet Presentation

A new web page was just published that includes almost everything that you want to know about the 2016 Lake Tahoe Anniversary Meet.

<http://vcca.org/2016>

People who want to reserve an RV location should begin to make reservations in August. The Meet Hotel will begin accepting reservations on September 9th.



“Remembering Lee Folsom”  
 PS-VCCA Meeting  
 September 28, 2015  
 Photos by Glenn Landguth





## 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.

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

### IS MY TUBE REALLY BAD?

I found that after installing new tubes on my '26 Chevrolet, the air pressure drops gradually over time. Should I be pulling the tube out and replacing it with a different tube?

The '26 has Clincher tires which fit very tight on the rim. Could it be that air is trapped between the tire and the tube when the tube is installed and the air seeps out over time, allowing the tube to expand into that void? As the tube expands into the void, the volume in the tube increases and the pressure in the tube would go down.

Last time I changed the tubes in two tires, both tubes lost air over time.

Has anyone else encountered this issue?

Please email me at [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com).

Bob

### 2015-16 Activities

October	26	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School
November	23	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School Library Election of Officers
December	TBD	Christmas Party
	TBD	Narnia Train Event- Rod Schein to lead
January	25	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School

## **Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes**

September 28, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:35pm by Director Jim Darby

Welcome: Thirty members were present with no guests or new members. Jim reminded us to pay our dues and complete the online registration update.

Minutes: Minutes from the June meeting were approved as written in the Tappet Clatter.

Treasury: Sallie Comstock shared a positive balance in the treasury and detailed income and expenses over the summer. The main expense has been the printing and mailing costs for the Tappet Clatter.

Membership: Donna Onat was pleased to announce that 38 members, which is 55%, have renewed in just four days since the renewal forms were emailed out. Donna is collecting dues at the meeting. If you mail your check make it out to Puget Sound Region VCCA and send it to Donna, not Sallie.

Meeting News: Jim Darby gave us a heads up that Tillicum Middle School will be demolished after the end of this school year and a new building on the same site will take two years to complete. Students will be attending a school further south. We need to find a new meeting location for next year.

Feature Articles in the TC: Jim Darby presented color copies of the Tappet Clatter and covers to individuals who helped create feature articles over the summer.

March - Seattle Tour - Jim Farris, Jim Seiber and Bob Helgeson were recognized for their contributions.

June - Ballard Parade - M.G. Stamnes, Evie Schein, and Betty Roberts were recognized for their contributions.

July - Strawberry Fest - Carol Folsom, Glenn Landguth and Sallie Comstock were recognized for their contributions.

August - Skykomish Tour - Bill Damm, Rod Schein and Dave Haddock were recognized for their contributions.

September - NW Meet - Mike Currie and Jim Seiber were recognized for their contributions.

National News: Bill Barker updated us on the status of rooms for the National Meet. The MontBleu Hotel has sold out of all its 385 rooms within 2 days. Other hotels within a block are likely available still but not at a special room rate. Also, all of the tours have been tested in vintage Chevrolets.

Club Officers: All jobs are available for nominations next month at the general meeting. Several current officers have agreed to continue if nobody steps up for their job. Rod Schein would like a fresh face to take over as Activities Coordinator. Voting will take place at the November Meeting.

Glove Box: Ideas and articles are always welcome. Bob Stamnes thanked Dave and Genie Folsom for all the articles they have contributed over time as well as assistance with information when called upon for help.

Activities: Upcoming is an overnight trip to Chelan for the Mahogany and Merlot Event. Scheins and Comstocks are the only ones committed to attend. Rod and Evie Schein attended the Friendship Tour last weekend with the North Cascades Region. There were 21 cars and a few sprinkles on the tour of Snohomish County ending at Lake Stevens.

Break: Dick and Gisela Jones brought deliciously decadent cookies and cheese and cold-cut platters.

Program: This evening's program was dedicated to Lee Folsom's memory. Lee passed away earlier this month. Rod Schein started the program with a Powerpoint presentation by Lee and Jim Farris recorded in 2006. Jim Seiber led a discussion describing Lee's traits which led to his many contributions to the club and its members both past and present. Several members shared stories of memorable adventures they experienced with Lee, Carol and their family.

Meeting adjourned about 9:20 while socializing with Carol, Dave and Genie Folsom continued.

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock

## 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](mailto:tappetclatter@outlook.com) when your listing no longer needs to be published.

### FOR SALE

**1927 (8?) Chev sedan** and parts. \$4,000 or Best Offer. Contact Bob Godfrey, 360-568-7547. 830 Pine Ave, Snohomish WA. Follow this link for pictures: <https://goo.gl/aIayom> 7/15

**1932 Chevrolet** (modified). Sale or trade. Contact Lance Kes-singer for details. 425-823-2263.



9/15

**1931 Chevrolet Sports Coupe**, older restoration. Original engine and drive train. Hampton Coach interior is in good condition. Runs and drives very well. Comes with a large collection of extra parts. Radiator and water pump were replaced in 2014. \$12,500 Phil Christensen 509-636-2163



**1963 Corvair Greenbriar 6-Door Van**. Runs and drives and stops! Eastern Washington van. A little rust and a few dents but otherwise very solid. Good tires and lots of spare parts. A bargain at \$2,500! Contact Mike Currie 206-755-0137 8/15



**1948 Chevrolet Fleetline Aerosedan**, Restored about 15 years ago with only 3,000 miles since. Always garaged, Hampton Coach interior, original rebuilt 216 ci engine, options include Guide fog lamps, six lug 15 in. wheels, backup light, and windshield washer. All reasonable offers considered.

Janice Dynes 425-827-9954

7/15



### WANTED

**1930 Passenger Radiator** Gary Barquist 509-636-2133 6/15

**One 525/550-17 white wall tire**. Dick Olson 425 222-5798 7/15

**1941 Chevrolet speedometer**. I'm needing to replace or have repaired/rebuilt the non-working speedometer of my 1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe coupe. Suggestions would certainly be appreciated. David Holiday, Gold Bar WA [davterr13@comcast.net](mailto:davterr13@comcast.net) 8/15



