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Mahogany and Merlot – 2017

Text by Diane Haddock - Photos by Dave Haddock and MG Stamnes

It was a beautiful sunny morning, October 6, when the north and south contingents of the PSVCCA group convened in Monroe.

Sallie and Don started out the “M & M Tour” by passing out trick or treat bags filled with M&M’s and M&M cookies. Contacts sheets were passed out and 2-way radios were checked. Then the fun began!

Bob and MG Stamnes led the tour with their ‘53, followed by Dave and Diane Haddock in their ‘62, Sallie and Don in their Corvette, Jerry Yoder and Karen Purves in Jerry’s Corvette, and Rod and Evie Schein in their modern car. Along the Stevens Pass highway the scenery changed with every curve. Mountains, streams, spectacular foliage, and of course the wonderful sunshine. We even observed ‘corduroy’ shaped clouds.

The scenery could not have been more beautiful! We had high expectations as we approached Chelan. But... much to our chagrin... as we neared Chelan the wind picked up and dust blew across the road. Once we arrived at the Lake, we knew from the white caps that the races were a ‘no go’ for the day. That evening we enjoyed a communal dinner, joined by Kathy and Mike Currie, who had arrived earlier. They are the proud owners of the “Coyote” a vintage hydroplane. This will be the fifth and last race of the season for the boat since Mike restored the boat after buying it last October.

On Saturday, even though the races were cancelled because of the high winds, we got to view the vintage cars and hydros. Many of the group also took advantage of the “Merlot” part of the weekend and visited some of the wineries in the area to watch grape stomping contests, listen to live music, and of course, taste wine. Saturday evening Al and Kathy Howe joined us for a second communal dinner cooked by the Comstocks.

Sunday morning we were all excited to see that the wind had died down and the races were a ‘go.’ Mike got to pilot the Coyote for a good show! He reports the hydro is a ‘work in progress’, much like our vintage cars. The group dispersed to make their separate ways home with another PSVCCA tour under their belts and stamped in their passports.

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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 1992 may be registered with the Region.

General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May, at **Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library, 11650 SE 60th St., Bellevue, 98006**, 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://psrvcca.weebly.com/>.

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GARAGE NITE

The club had two Garage Nites recently. None are on the schedule for the coming months so how about you having one? They aren't hard to do and if you follow Bill Barker's lead it is a great way to get rid of stuff! Contact Rod or Jerry to set one up.

Director's Corner

"From The Running Board"



Greetings,



It was good to see you all at the meeting, Rod and I were truly impressed with everyone's sharing and important contributions. The library at Ringdall Middle School is very comfortable, with carpet and lots of table space and chairs (with backs), a large screen for the projector, and good lighting. What more could we ask for? Thanks again Diane and Dave for pursuing and achieving what is a great improvement over the cafeteria location.

Thank you Sally for a good budget report. It is always better to operate a positive budget, looking forward. Donna, your report on club dues was right on the money, so to speak (pun.)

On the activities side, Don is keeping us up-to-date, and giving us opportunities to choose from.

Bill Barker is keeping us current on the National level with car club changes and proposals, and our Webmaster- Ralph Luche is up-to-date on the technology side. We appreciate their valuable contributions.

Thanks to Rod and Evie for making available their personal memorabilia for club members to select and take home. Those filling station road maps are becoming more valuable every day. With the new "smart" phones, it now takes a "smart" person to read the paper road maps.

Bill Damm shared very interesting pictures on the projection screen from a recent trip he took to a coastal area of Germany, and explained much about farming, small towns and living designs that are quite different from ours. Thank you Bill. I hope you share that flame-powered engine picture in the Tappet Clatter.

Thank you! Thank you! Bob Helgeson for resuming your volunteer contribution at break time by hosting coffee and refreshments.

Be sure to read the activities page in the Tappet Clatter, so you will be current on any changes.

Have a good day.

Jerry

"New" Meeting Place

This year, we will be meeting at the Tillicum Middle School temporary location at Ringdall starting in September. We will be using the Library, which is closer to the parking lot and has chairs with backs! There are restrooms in close proximity also. We are hoping this temporary location will work out until the new Tillicum Building opens in the fall of 2018 and we can use that facility. Look for the site map showing the location of the library on page 9.

See you there !!

Web Links Of Interest

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://psrvcca.weebly.com/>

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

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

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



Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Here comes the rain,
Here comes the snow,
Not the kind of weather
For a classic to go.

Keep that classic warm,
Keep that classic dry,
Better weather will return
Some day by and by.

Check the coolant
Just for fun
In case you make,
A mid-winter run.

A winter day that's sunny
Fair and nice,
Still has a chance
For frost and ice.

For safety's sake
Check the tire air,
And don't forget
To check the spare.

DUES ARE DUE !

September is our renewal month, since our year begins in October. I am finding your checks in my mailbox daily, and do appreciate your timeliness. We will run your same photo in the Roster, unless you let us know that you would like a different one. Thanks, everyone!

Donna

Mahogany and Merlot – 2017



Garage Nite At Bill Barker's
Photos by Jim Seiber



PSVCCA September Meeting
Photos by David Haddock



November Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave and Marti Miller	8
Don and Lynn Boltz	23

BIRTHDAYS

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

2017Activities

October	23 TBD	PS-VCCA Club Meeting- <i>Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library</i> Octoberfest, or Halloween event
November	27	PS-VCCA Club Meeting- <i>Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library</i>
December	TBD	Christmas Party date, location and time set by the first week in November

Directions to *Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School*

11650 SE 60th St, Bellevue

Traveling 405 from either the north or south, take exit 10 and head east to 119th St (should be the first stop light east of 405). From I-90 take the 405 South Exit and immediately stay to the right, getting off at the Coal Creek Parkway exit. (Note: you'll never actually merge onto 405.) Turn left under the freeway and take a right at the light on 119th. Go up the hill, passing through a couple of stop signs and turn right on SE 60th. The shopping center will be on your left. Follow SE 60th and Ringdall will be on your right. The meeting place for monthly PSVCCA meetings will be at Tillicum/Ringdall School Library (not the cafeteria).

Treats for 2017/18 meetings:

Oct - Seibers	Mar - Campbells
Nov - Barkers	April - Olsons
Feb - Jones	May - Howes

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Program for our October meeting.

Al Howe will discuss removing rust, what works, what does not work and a new method for getting rid of it. Don't miss it!

Garage night at Bill Damm's

Text and photos by Al Howe

Those who braved the rain to attend garage afternoon at Bill's new building enjoyed a wonderful walk down memory lane. His cars were on display even though not all of them are Chevrolets, they are very well restored. He also had the most complete display of a frontier farmhouse and tools that I have seen displayed by an individual. Most all of it came from his family and he was all too happy to tell stories of each item. The detail in the way he has things displayed is a show of its own. He built a room inside his new building just for this purpose, wallpaper included. Bill used the same detailing he used on his 1929 Chevy on this room and it makes a wonderful display. However I don't believe his ancestors used a microwave to cook corn-on-the-cob like we did that Bill provided for us. This is a first at inviting the ladies to a garage event so was held on a Sunday but with rain and so many other events on the same day attendance was low. Perhaps Bill will give us another opportunity in the near future.





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,
Email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Fuel Gauge Problems Submitted by Bill Damm

One day the fuel gauge on our 87 El Camino started reading above the full indication. The following story is my experience troubleshooting the problem.

From previous fuel gauge troubleshooting on our T-Bird and Lincoln, my logic was, if the fuel gauge was reading above full there had to be continuity through the tank sending unit to power the gauge, meaning it had to be a faulty gauge. A new gauge was ordered and installed and “woo be” it read the same thing. This prompted a trip to the Bellevue branch of the King County library to have a look at an El Camino service manual. Note: to my knowledge the Bellevue branch is the only branch that keeps service manuals for many, but not all, cars. They can only be used in the library, but you can make all the copies you want of the pages you need to take with you. I made copies showing the fuel gauge wiring, connectors, locations, with trouble shooting procedures. That is where I found El Camino fuel gauges operate opposite of Ford gauges. In the El Camino troubleshooting, shorting out the wire coming from the tank sending unit will give a gauge reading of “Empty” (Full for Ford.) Ninety ohms will give a full reading and an open will give an above full reading. There are 3 connectors on the fuel gauge, power, ground, and sending unit continuity of 0 to 90 ohms. (90 ohms = full tank). So checking continuity at the connector closest to the tank looking at the sending unit showed a reading of about 60 ohms (aprox. 2/3 tank full). Luckily I wouldn’t have to remove the trailer hitch and drop the tank for access to the sending unit.

Looking at “You Tube” for troubleshooting ideas, one video showed the printed circuit behind the instrument panel being replaced with the comment that in older cars, since it is plastic, it gets brittle and the circuit traces could break. Armed with this information I removed the instrument panel and checked the printed circuit for breaks and continuity, all was OK. However a continuity check on the circuit going to the tank sending unit showed open. Ah ha, must be a defective connection at one of the connectors leading to the tank (bad crimp on a connector contact, or corrosion, or connector coming loose.) The service manual diagrams make it look easy to access those connectors but in reality they are mostly buried in the night somewhere and only accessible with great difficulty. The diagram showed the next most accessible connector was supposed to be behind a quarter panel near the left rear wheel well, but I couldn’t find it, so I thought I would trace the wire bundle from the last most accessible connector near the tank going forward. The wire bundle ran along the top of the frame behind the rear wheel, so I removed the wheel and there was the problem. The plastic wire bundle clamp holding the bundle to the frame was broken and allowed the wire bundle to migrate to between the wheel and the frame where the wheel wore a hole in the wire bundle cover and right through the fuel gauge signal wire. The previous owner of the El Camino did some modifications to the car; one was to install wider low profile tires on Irock rims. Even with a half inch spacer plate installed between the brake drum and wheel it only left about a half inch space between the tire and the frame. Good thing it’s a fair weather car because snow chains would never work. There was evidence of a previous wire bundle repair in this same area so must have been at one time they had a similar problem. I repaired the break in the wire, installed a new wire bundle cover and clamp, and re-stored the instrument panel and viola! it works again.

New PS-VCCA meeting location

Google Maps

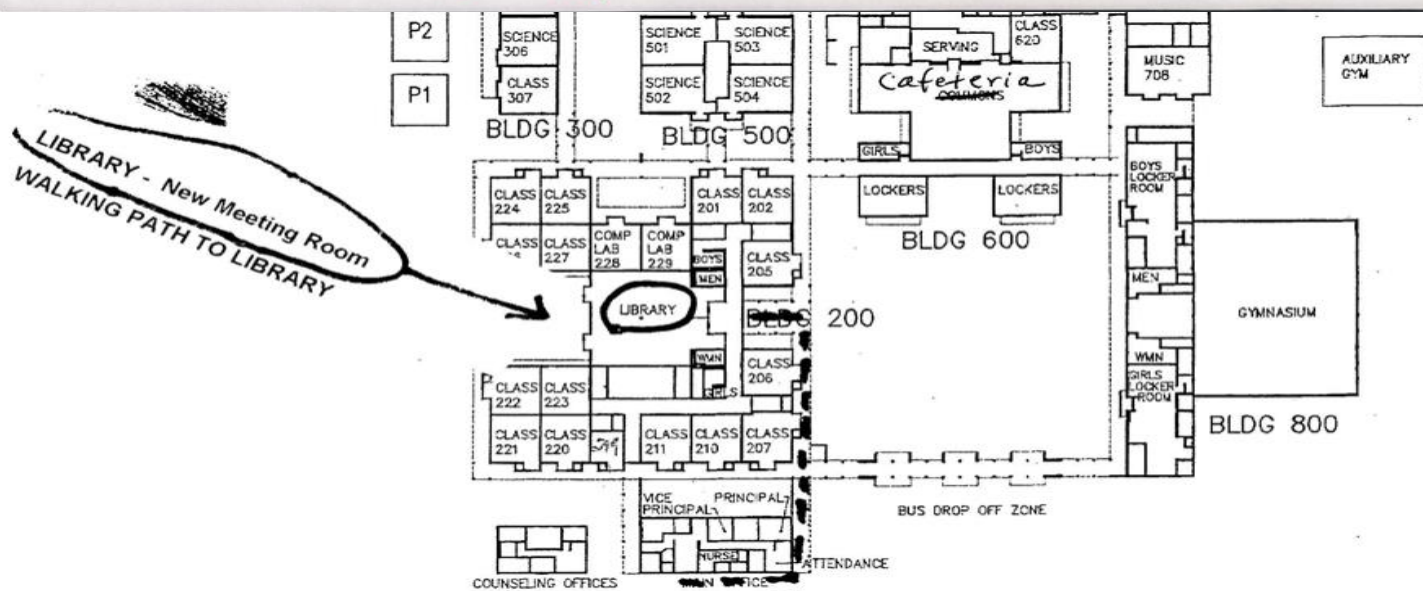


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Directions to Meeting: Ringdall address is 11650 SE 60th St, Bellevue. Traveling 405 from either the north or south, take exit 10 and head east to 119th St (should be the first stop light east of 405). From I-90 take the 405 South Exit and immediately stay to the right, getting off at the Coal Creek Parkway exit. (Note: you'll never actually merge onto 405.) Turn left under the freeway and take a right at the light on 119th. Go up the hill, passing through a couple of stop signs and turn right on SE 60th. The shopping center will be on your left. Follow SE 60th and Ringdall will be on your right.

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WALKING PATH TO LIBRARY - - - - -



Best Parking Area

Walking Path - - - - -

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Ringdall Middle School, by Jerry Brownell, with Rod Schein's assistance at 7:29 pm. There were 25 members in attendance. The co-chairs acknowledged the work of David and Diane Haddock to secure a meeting place for this year. The school library will be the new location. Thanks were given to Bill Damm and Bill Barker for hosting Garage Nites. Bill Damm indicated he will plan another Garage Nite, since the football game caused lower attendance than expected.

Minutes: There were no minutes to be approved.

Business: Rod and Jerry called on officers to provide reports

PSRVCCA Website: Members had no questions for Ralf Luche.

Membership: Donna Onat reminded members to pay their dues. She announced that a new member, Dan Burwell was recruited by Dave Haddock. Dan lives in Marysville and his pride and joy is a mocha brown '78 Corvette.

Treasurer Report: Sallie reported that members volunteering at the Monroe Swap meet earned the club \$620. Costs include the 4th of July and Strawberry Feed. The treasury is healthy enough to continue to subsidize the January banquet. There are six decals left to be sold. Club members voted to continue to sell decals and authorized another batch to be purchased.

Co-Directors: Rod announced that it is nomination time for new officers. He asked that people consider volunteering for positions. The club is in need of new directors.

Jerry passed around the Leads and Needs list.

Tours: Don Comstock reviewed planned tours. The Mahogany and Merlot tour will be Oct 6-8. Don and Dave Haddock will lead. Issaquah Salmon Days is the same weekend (no group plans.) Jim Farris will lead the Hunter's Breakfast tour on Oct. 14. For later October, Don will look into a Corn Maize in the south end on October 28 (editor's note: this tour has been cancelled.) Meeting at Renton Walmart 10:30am. Deadline for planning the Christmas Party is Nov 1. If you would like to host, please notify Don. Sallie and Don will otherwise host on December 2nd. They will start at 11am and end around 3 to allow everyone to get home before dark.

Glove Box: Bill Damm promoted the 50/50 drawing and announced that he had umbrellas donated by Bill Barker that would be included in the raffle. Bill also offered PSVCCA large jacket decals for sale and added his free sewing services for any buyers.

National News: Bill Barker said he is planning for the Hershey trip and had no real national news. He talked to Gephart at the NW Meet. There is a new member drive planned. The new website has lost some items and is still in progress with updates.

Meeting Presentation: Bill Damm shared photos and information about his trip to Germany. Rod thanked Bob Stamnes for his Tappett Clatter article and the Comstocks for providing snacks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM ,

Respectfully submitted by Diane Haddock.

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



1931 5 Window Coupe for sale. Price Negotiable.

Bob Gordon

1931 parts, included are engine, transmission, clutch assembly, bell housing, two axles with bearings, four new tubes and liners 4.75x5.00x19, new firewall pad, '31 light bar with headlight buckets, one car headlight bucket with reflector, two '31 truck headlight buckets, one original 1931 owner's manual in excellent condition, and several used gauges, carb parts and gas-kets.

1936 parts include four 17 inch 5-lug wire wheels with a 6-3/4 in. center opening to fit 1935-36 standard, two 17 inch 5-lug wire wheels with a 5 in. center opening and two 1936 sedan rear doors.

Phil Christensen philip082@centurytel.net

1936—39 Speedometer. Nice face, rim has slight bump. \$25 or best club offer takes it. Money from this will go back to the club. Picture available upon request. Bob Starnes, rstarnes@yahoo.com,

New Bow Saddle Brackets for resting your top on when down, 5/8 " hole. \$12. Regularly \$24. Top Hold Down Straps, New. Come with all hardware a Model A/T needs. \$16. I paid \$32.60 +. I found these work very well on my '26 touring but I have duplicates.



1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe 5 passenger Coupe for sale – belongs to new member in Vancouver, WA – Been in storage years from Eastern Oregon. Very solid – to be installed new Hampton Interior – all parts and trim available – Engine was good and odometer says 58,000. \$7,500. Red paint needs buffed - email Stan at stantemperly@gmail.com or deacon51@juno.com

(ad courtesy of Dave Gowan)



1957 1/2 ton 3-speed transmission. \$75. 1931 3-speed transmission. \$75. Phone Dick Olson. Email: Rolson82@comcast.net

20" MAGS and Radial Tires. Four each. These are six-lug wheels. \$500. Jerry Yoder. Email: JerryYoder@hotmail.com

WANTED

66-67 Chevy Nova or Chevelle SS, Level 2 or 3. Engine- Big block or small. Color- preference is blue but open to other colors. Air Conditioning- prefer to have it for Arizona, possibly. Prefer a car that is driveable on a daily basis, I don't think it will just sit in the garage. David O'Brien, dkob131@aol.com.

One 4:75 X 19 inch WHITEWALL tire in good condition. Dick Olson, rolson82@comcast.net

FREE

235 and 216 engines - as they say, "Ran When Parked". There are no starters, fuel pumps or carburetors. Don Comstock, chevyguy2@centurylink.net



Mike and Kathy Currie at Mahogany and Merlot with their hydro Coyote.