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VCCA NW Meet

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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"



Hello Chevy Club Members,



It is great to be back behind the steering wheel of our Chevy.

Evie and I had a very special time meeting many of you and seeing your cars at the NW Meet on Fidalgo Island. The weather was perfect and the tours were fun to drive. Thanks goes to the North Cascades Region for all that they made happen!

On the home front, we will start having our monthly meetings at the end of September. Our survey revealed that most of us think it would be best to continue meeting at the Ringdall Middle School facility. We may be meeting in another room as we have requested chairs rather than the tables that were provided in the past. Stay tuned for an email notice before the meeting.

The club gathering at the Issaquah XXX was a huge success. Many vintage cars were driven there and we had a fun time with the raffle. Thank you Jose for supplying all of the prizes!

Since we are coming up on our yearly elections, it is time to be thinking about nominations. The question I would like to pose is "Who would you like to be your Director?" Also, who would you like for any of the other offices? Give me a call and let's talk about it..

Looking forward to an enjoyable time at Mahogany & Merlot in October.

Rod

"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.wvrvcva.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

It's been a good summer
For driving you know,
To show off our Chevys
Wherever we go.

Meets and tour season
Are almost to a close;
During winter months
Not much goes.

We should drive our Chevys
For one more time
Before we park them
Where the sun won't shine.

Then we'll anxiously wait
For spring to return
So we can fill their tanks
With some gas to burn.

So let's go out driving
To the right or the left,
And safely take advantage
Of what good days are left.

From Jim Seiber:



VCCA President, Jim Gephardt, of Georgia, took time to visit the NW Meet and share time with members. He seemed impressed with the large number of cars registered. We appreciated the effort to listen to members' concerns and input.

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

Anacortes Meet Observations

By Donna Onat

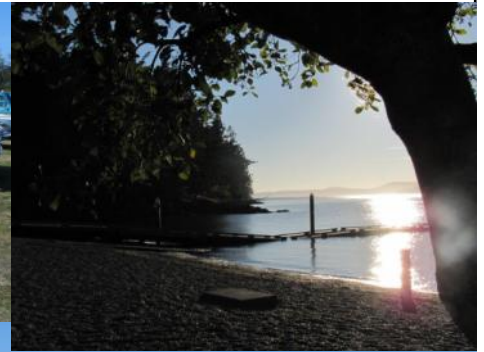
On our first tour I followed a vehicle that didn't have an odometer. At some point, we determined that we were separated from the tour. He bailed. Fortunately, I connected with Rod & Evie, and Dick & Giesela. Rod's family owned a large parcel of land there at one time, so he knew the area. He led us to an historic one-room schoolhouse built in 1891. Through the windows I could see the old student desks. He then led us to Lake Erie and the picturesque old store.

Our second tour wound around through the farms of the Skagit Valley. So many different crops were growing, I was sorry that the only thing I recognized was corn! Later, I was told that they grow a lot of potatoes, blueberries, and many other things. We had a stop for box lunch and exploring the fascinating Padilla Bay Interpretative Center. Free, it had tons of exhibits relative to the whole eco-system there. In one of the aquarium tanks there was a creature so fascinating I fetched a docent to identify it. I couldn't see the body well. But it had 20 or more tentacles that were 6-8 inches long and as slender as a spider web! The ends waved like that stupid thing filled with air at Jiffy Lube. I had never seen anything like it. She said it was a worm !

At one point, two of us were walking across the parking field, and I pointed to a blue car that was super-low to the ground. He commented, "Yes, they use it to mow the grass". Another time a train rumbled by and crossed the rusty-looking bridge adjacent. Once the train passed, that bridge moved! I was amazed. Seems that it is normally in open position for boat traffic and closes for trains. We have bridges here that go up and down but I had never seen one pivot on an axis like that.

The Meet was well-organized and the food was fantastic. The hospitality room was full of tasty snacks. Shopping expeditions produced some unique treasures. Best of all, I didn't have a single problem with my car! AND, I was gratified to see two vehicles that were in worse condition than mine. That was neat. We weren't the ugly duckling.

VCCA NW Meet



October Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

None

BIRTHDAYS

Roberta Martoza	7
Philip Christensen	8
Carol Folsom	14
MG (Marigail) Stamnes	17
Sheila Christensen	20
Mike Currie	25
Francie Mullins	26
Jerry Brownell	29
Sharon Lauderback	30

2017Activities

September	TBD 25	Tour through the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery date and leader TBD PS-VCCA Club Meeting- <i>Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library</i>
October	6-8 14 23 TBD	Mahogany & Merlot-Lake Chelan Hunters Breakfast tour -- Jim Farris PS-VCCA Club Meeting- <i>Ringdall/Tillicum Middle School Library</i> Octoberfest, Corn Maze 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!

The program for the September meeting will be a slide show presented by Bill Damm. Sure to be entertaining and informative! Also, Rod Schein will have a few more vintage things that he has sorted from the Schein estate to offer free to members of the club at the meeting. He will put them out on a table so you can look at them before 7:30pm and during the break.

VCCA NW Meet





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, or email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

ROBE RAILS

Robe rails are on the back of the front seat of 1950's and other cars. They originally matched the color of the upholstery. The robe rail on MG's '53 Chevrolet 210 was the color of the upholstery but had faded to brown from UV. I added to my problem when I stored the robe rail in a bucket curled up tight and when I uncurled it, the rubber had cracked at numerous locations causing it to be irregular in form. This left me no choice but to replace the robe rail. I contacted LeBaron Bonney and they sent out samples of material that they could make a robe rail out of (see photo). They would use a plastic core material and cover it with the material I selected. Cost was about \$100 plus. When I looked at their material it appeared to be ordinary material and not the coarse material originally on the robe rail in our car. I concluded that it would look just as good, or maybe better, using the left over upholstery from upholstery the seats. This would match the car and cost very little. One problem, how do I make the serging stitch originally used (see photo). This is a complex stitch requiring a special machine. My commercial machine will not do it.

Now I had to find appropriate plastic tubing, sew the material, figure out how I might sew it, etc. I visited Home Depot and found 5/8 inch diameter PEX material that was slightly bent, nearly the shape of a robe rail (see photo). I compared it to the original robe rail for diameter and length. Diameter was nearly perfect and it was plenty long. Now to figure out how to stitch the material that covers the PEX. I cut a sample of scrap material 2.5 inches wide and sewed it length wise leaving a hole the size of the PEX tubing. Now I have a sewn sheath but it is inside out. So how do I invert it so I can slip it onto the PEX tubing? After several attempts I settled for using the PEX tubing itself to invert the sewn sheath. As an example, the photos show how I did it using a short section of copper tubing. I slipped the inside-out material over the PEX tubing leaving the thread from sewing the sheath about 6 inches long. Then I ran a string through the PEX and tied the far end of the string to the threads on the end of the sheath. Now I could pull on the other end of the string slowly while moving the sheath toward the end of the PEX where you tied the string and thread together. You may have to push the sheath material into the end of the tubing to get it started, but once started, just keep pulling easy on the string and moving the sheath along toward the end of the PEX as it is pulled into the PEX tubing. You will end up with the sheath inside the PEX tubing with the edges of the sewn seam inside of the sheath, ready to slip over the PEX tubing for installation in the car.

Special Note: Pulling the sheathing through the longer (full length) tubing required much more tension on the string which broke the thread that the string was tied to, so I had to start over by tying the string directly around and through the end of the sheath, rather than depending upon the sewing thread to withstand the tension required. This worked great. One additional issue I encountered: the PEX tubing is slightly larger in diameter than what fits into the robe rail brackets on each end when the fabric is on the PEX tubing. To solve this, I took the ends of the PEX to a grinding wheel, removing the outer surface of the PEX tubing at each end of the tubing.

The cloth covering the rubber on the original robe rail was fastened to the rubber liner with a hog ring on each end to prevent the outer material from slipping away from the brackets. I encourage you to fasten the material at the ends by sewing by hand through the fabric material and the PEX, or using some other method, like tying a string around the fabric sheath within the fastener) to prevent the cloth from sliding down the PEX and out of the fastener at each end of the robe rail.

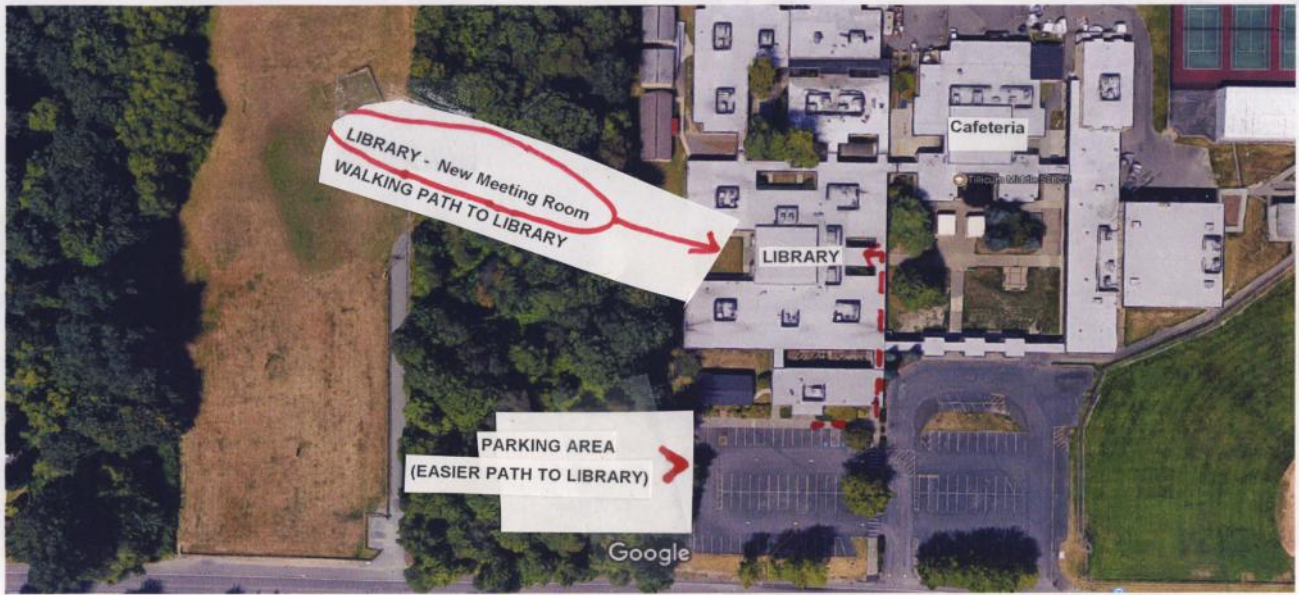
Total cost is about \$5, which is for the PEX tubing.

Then I needed to find the attaching holes on the back of the seat for mounting each end of the robe rail. This proved to be fairly easy feeling through the upholstery with my fingers and a sharp pick.

Bob Stamnes

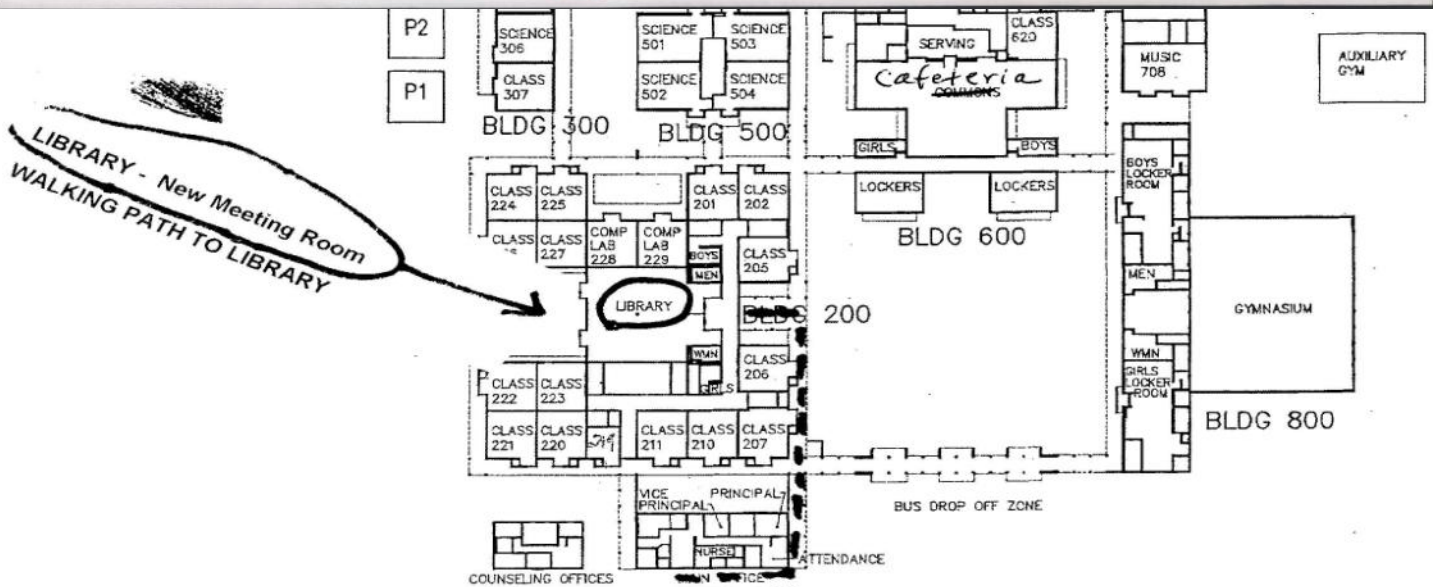


New September PS-VCCA meeting location
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WALKING PATH TO LIBRARY ————



Walking Path — — — — —

PS VCCA August Meeting at the Issaquah XXX
Photos by Evie Schein



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 gaskets.

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 Stamnes, stamnes@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)



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.

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

FREE

235 and 216 engines - as they say, "Ran When Parked". There are no starters, fuel pumps or carburetors. Don Comstock, chevy-guy2@centurylink.net

1970's 6-cylinder Chevy 250 engine in pieces, no head, 230 crankshaft, rusty, but will work. 1967 2-speed Powerglide transmission from Camaro. I haven't been able to sell these for cheap, nor can I find any traders for beer. If you can take it, it's yours. Otherwise, it's going to the recycling center. Mark Shaw. markshaw10.4@live.com.

AWARD WINNERS AT THE MEET!

Congratulations to Comstocks – **Best in Show HPOCF** and to Helgesons – **Best in Show 6 Cylinder Era**. Rellers won the People's Choice award – **Favorite 4-Door Cruiser**. Other recognitions went to Jerry Yoder, Ken Scott, Scheins, Haddocks, and Stamnes(s). Lots of beautiful vehicles!

From Jim Seiber at the NW Meet

Bob Helgeson's '51 Styleline Sport Coupe, First place in 6 cylinder



Judges inspect Helegeson's entry