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### Meeting at XXX Root Beer Restaurant August 24

It was one of those perfect summer evenings. Club members and friends met at the XXX Root Beer Restaurant in Issaquah for a time of fun, food, and sharing.

Al Howe presented Dave Haddock and Bill Damm the traditional color copies of the Tappet Clatter in which their cars were featured. Thanks to both for wonderful articles.



Photo by Bob Helgeson



Raffle prizes were donated by the owner of the XXX, along with a roll of TICKETS no less, and a megaphone for Al Howe to use! Diane Haddock assisted Al in giving out the prizes.

A sign on the restaurant window reads "WARNING! Nothing that you eat or drink here is good for you." Hamburgers, French fries, root beer, milkshakes, once a year can't be that bad. Can it?



Photo by Dave Haddock



More pictures on pages 5, 6, 8, and 12.

### September 28 Club Meeting is at the Tillicum Middle School

This month's membership meeting is at the Tillicum Middle School. Our program will cover automobile-related publications that our members receive. Come prepared to share your favorite automobile-related publications. Bob Stamnes is bringing treats. See notice on page 3.



## 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.com](mailto:gklandguth@msn.com)

## *Director's Corner*

*"From The Drivers Seat"*



By Al Howe  
Puget Sound Region Director

The days are much shorter than they were just a few short weeks ago. That must mean Fall is close at hand although we are still enjoying wonderful warm sunny days like it was Monday at the Triple X in Issaquah.

We didn't have as good a turnout as we have had in the past but I know how it is with warm weather and so many things to do. Some brought their families; it was nice to see families out together. We had fun visiting, looking at cars and giving out prizes that the owner of the Triple X gave us. He even furnished the tickets so we could have a drawing.

Did you know he is a member of our club? He supports all the clubs that meet at the Triple X that way. I wonder how many he belongs to? Maybe I don't really want to know.

I started to drive my 1927 Chevy to the Triple X with Jerry Brownell following me but didn't get very far before I had to turn around and go back home because the car kept cutting out. We just traded the '27 for the '55 and Jerry, Mary, Kathy and I drove to the Triple X in a little more comfort.

I received my own carburetor for the '27 in the mail all shiny and rebuilt by Bob Hughes in OR. He loaned me his when mine failed in CO on the 4 cylinder tour. I put mine back on the car and it ran like a kitten without missing a beat. As preventive maintenance I installed an in-line fuel filter between the fuel tank and the vacuum tank (fuel pump) and I will clean and check the vacuum tank for anything that may cause a problem before I run it again.

We start having our regular meetings next September 28th at the school. Bring some ideas on what you would like to share with others at future meetings and Dave Haddock and I will schedule you in.

See you at the September meeting.

### 2010 Membership Renewals

The time has arrived to renew our Region memberships. A link to an easy online form with instructions and payment options will be sent via email to each member. Please watch for it. Those without email will be contacted by other means.

### 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, 253-852-8178, zanygeophyl@msn.com

### September Meeting Notice- Back to School

We will be back at Tillicum Middle School for our September Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our program will cover automobile-related publications that our members receive. Come prepared to share your favorite automobile-related publications and discuss why you buy or subscribe to them. Which ones cover classic Chevys best? Which ones cover Chevy trucks? Which have good restoration advice? Which can help find that elusive part that you are looking for? Which are "must haves" for every member?

Bring publication samples and we will lay them out for all to browse during the break. Thanks!!

### October 14th Garage Nite—by Dick Olson

"Garage Nite" will be Oct. 14th at Dick Olson's in Preston. Arrive 7 pm.

See page 3 in the mailed copy for contact information and directions..

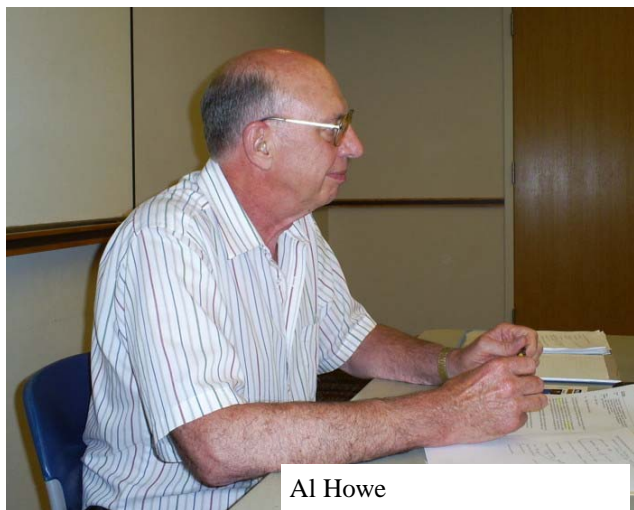


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## Board Meeting at the Fairwood Library in Renton

July 21, 2009

Members present were Al Howe, Bob Stamnes, Bill Damm, Phyllis Kowats, George Kowats, Matt Dickinson, Donna Onat, Jerry Brownell, Glenn Landguth, and Judy Landguth. George Kowats gave an update on the 2010 NW Meet.



Al Howe



Bob Stamnes



Bill Damm



Phyllis Kowats



George Kowats



Matt Dickinson and Donna Onat



Meeting in progress.



Jerry Brownell

## October 19 - Board Meeting at Fairwood Library

On Monday, October 19, 2009, from 7 PM to 9 PM, there will be a Board meeting at the Fairwood Library in Renton. The library is located at 17009 140th Ave SE, Renton, WA 98058-6928, (425) 226-0522. Some of the items expected to be on the agenda are the upcoming Christmas party in December and the Annual Banquet at the Golden Steer Restaurant in January.



More pictures from the XXX Root Beer Restaurant, continued from page 1.

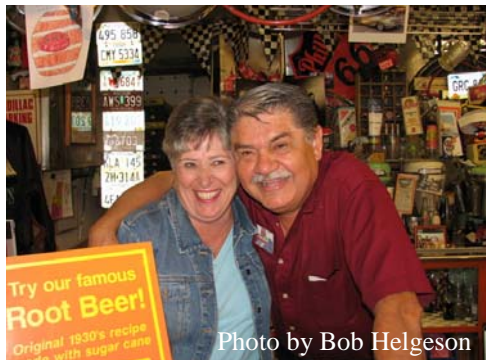


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## Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Activity Organizer</u>
October 3-4	Ellensburg/Yakima Weekend Tour	Jim Farris/Dick Olson
October 17	Silverdale Beach Hotel Tour & 2010 NW Meet Committee Meeting (Vashon Island Tour is postponed. It was originally planned for June 13)	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 early	Christmas Party	
January, 2010	Annual Banquet at the Golden Steer	George Kowats

### Tour from Kingston Ferry Landing to the Silverdale Beach Hotel And 2010 NW Meet Committee Meeting October 17, 2009

A club tour from the Kingston ferry landing to the Silverdale Beach Hotel is scheduled for Oct. 17. Then George Kowats will have a 2010 NW Meet committee meeting at the Silverdale Beach Hotel. This will give committee members a chance to become familiar with the Silver Beach Hotel and the surrounding area, which is the site of the 2010 NW Meet.

We'll meet at the parking lot in front of the Kingston Subway-Pizza Factory on route 104 just west of the intersection with 1st Street NE.

For members on the east side of the Sound, the Edmonds-Kingston ferry departs Edmonds at 9:20a, 10:10a, and 10:45a. Recommend taking the 10:10a ferry, so if you get bumped to 10:45a you should still make Kingston before 11:30a.

We'll leave the Subway parking lot in Kingston at 11:30a for the Silverdale Beach Hotel.

We'll have lunch at the Hotel around noon followed by the 2010 NW Meet committee meeting.

If it's raining, drive your modern car.

Please respond to Matt Dickinson at mbd97@aol.com or 206-795-3790 so we can get a head count for lunch at the hotel. Lunch will be at your own expense.

### Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Road construction, Is still hot and heavy, So be real cautious, When driving your Chevy.	Some lane locations, Stripes, and lines, Have changed position, Many times.	Under some conditions, It's hard to see, Where the new lane goes, And where you should be.	For now be careful, When making a run, It's sure to be better, When the work is done.
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### October Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES		Lila Jacobs	10/14
George and Ana Marie Haley	10/28	Carol Folsom	10/14
		Mike Currie	10/25
BIRTHDAYS		George Haley	10/27
Jerry Brownell	10/2	Sharon Lauderback	10/30
Roberta Martoza	10/7	John Hartog	10/31



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### Fall Foliage and Winery Tour

The "Fall Foliage and Winery Tour " is scheduled for Oct. 3rd. This will be an overnigher in Yakima.

We will leave the factory stores in North Bend at 9:00 am and proceed to Cle Elum. From there we will travel secondary roads to Ellensburg with lunch at the Red Horse Drive In. Then we will go south thru the canyon to Yakima and Zillah where we will tour the Rattlesnake Hills winery area.

We will return to overnight at the Clarion Motel in Yakima. Sunday we will return via Chinook Pass to Enumclaw.

We have blocked out ten rooms at a \$89.00 rate. Make motel reservations on your own at 1-800-896-7966, and mention the VCCA.

Please contact Jim Farris or Dick Olson if you plan to attend.

### 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 [Steveveg4@aol.com](mailto:Steveveg4@aol.com). Please help.







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

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## Garage Floor Coverings

By Bob Stamnes

(Note: This information is taken from a combination of Internet research and member's input at a club meeting. I would especially like to acknowledge club members Jim Seiber, Bill Barker, Don Comstock and others for sharing their knowledge and experience.)

Coating your concrete garage floors can reduce dust, reduce the deterioration of rubber tires, and provide a surface that may be easier to clean. Other coverings such as vinyl tile, linoleum, indoor-outdoor carpet, rubber matting, etc., may also have similar benefits.

There are various companies providing expertise and materials for coating your garage floors. Some companies like Premier Garage install their own products. Other products like Abatron ([www.abatron.com](http://www.abatron.com)) can be installed by almost anyone.

Things to consider before choosing a floor coating are:

- moisture content of the floor during wet season
- is there a vapor barrier under the floor slab?
- are there oil spots or other contamination that may interfere with the adhesion of the coating
- which is more important, skid resistance or ease of cleaning
- the importance of decorative features
- chemical and UV resistance
- surface preparation required
- cost

Surface preparation is very important. Each product has its own requirements for surface preparation. The following may be required or suggested depending upon type of floor covering you are considering:

- scrubbing with appropriate cleaner
- shot blasting
- grinding to level and smooth
- removing existing paint
- muriatic acid etching
- cutting and filling cracks

PremierGarage ([premiergarage.com](http://premiergarage.com)) sells a variety of products that they install, including a common epoxy coating and their own special polymer coating system. They say the later is more durable, longer lasting, UV protected, protective against abrasion and chemicals, and is slip resistant. They say Polymer products have a variety of colors, install faster, and have no harmful fumes or odors. There also appears to be more selection of surface textures and colors with their polymer product.

One member reported his PremierGarage coating requiring 90 days to cure and that the finish is like sandpaper. The specific PremierGarage product being discussed was not noted, but was probably an epoxy coating with a non-skid surface.

Don's neighbor had a PremierGarage product applied to his garage floors. The floor coating is now coming up in chunks. This is thought to be caused by moisture in and/or below the slab.

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*Garage Floor Coverings (Continued from page 9)*

Jim Seiber looked at several options for a floor coating in his "New" three-car, 900 sq. ft. garage. The best price for an epoxy coating was found online from Costco, a complete Epoxymaster kit for \$250 that covers 500 sq. ft (on-line order only). The concrete had been poured (over a vapor barrier) in September, and the floor coating applied in late February of the following year.

The first step was to wait for a spring-like day when the temperature was within the proper curing range for the epoxy, above 50 degrees. Once the weather was favorable the floor could be sanded, with a rented buffer, then acid etched, and washed. The floor needed at least another day to dry completely.

Once the hardener was added to the resin the working time was fairly short, required spreading 5 gallons of material in less than 30 minutes. Squeegee and rollers were provided in the kit but were of marginal quality toward the end of the application. Jim used two kits to cover the 900 sq. ft. of floor space and it was just enough. The instructions say you can drive on the floor within 24 hours (this time is very temperature dependant). The product does not fill small cracks. The odor lasts for a couple of weeks. Application requires fast work that could have been better managed with two people. The floor is light gray and provides a smooth working surface where spills are easily cleaned.

Another member added coloring to his concrete floor when it was poured. He used a light brown color. It looked very nice, but he was too concerned about staining so he ended up covering it with linoleum. As it turns out, the linoleum seems to stain even more quickly than the concrete.

Costco rubber matting is simple to install in minutes. However, mold may grow between the rubber and the concrete floor under the right temperature and moisture conditions. A moisture vapor test kit can be purchased which contains a one-foot square piece of plastic that is put on the floor for a period of time to see if moisture collects below it.

In summary, the selection of a floor treatment will depend upon your needs and preferences. For instance you may have to make the choice between slip resistance and ease of cleaning, decorative features, durability, odor, warmth, UV protection, ease of application, and cost.

### 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.

### Larry Dykes Remembered



We regret to observe the death of a former member, Larry Dykes, of Bellevue. Larry passed away at home on August 12, 2009 at the age of 62. Larry is survived by his wife Judi, his mother, two children and three grandchildren.

He met his then wife-to-be, Judi, when he was 17 years old and she was just 16 years old. He received his B.S. in Nuclear Physics from the University of Washington, an MBA in Management from the University of Puget Sound, graduating first in his class and earned a LL.B, the old degree designation for general law. Larry served as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant in Vietnam for which he earned multiple combat decorations.

After serving in the Navy, Larry embarked upon a long career in personnel consulting. He owned and operated a search firm which recruited insurance and financial professionals. He had over 30 years of experience as an executive recruiter with regional and national recruiting organizations.

He was one of the founding members of the industries professional organization, National Insurance Recruiters Association, and for a time was a reporter and co-host on a syndicated radio talk show. His hobbies and passions were restoring vintage cars, rooting for the U. of W. Huskies, and archaeology.

His beautifully restored 1947 business Coupe was featured in the April 2007 Tappet Clatter. His wife Judi recalled that it was the same model as his first car. Judi regrets that she will probably have to sell the car sometime when the market improves. In the meantime Larry had said that it needed repairs for a timing chain that "jumped out". She would welcome any help or advice members might have for dealing with the car.



Larry was also a member of the University of Tel Aviv Lachish Archaeology Expedition. The expedition unearthed the 3,500 year old city of Lachish in the Negev desert.

Following a series of sudden and severe illnesses, including a bleeding ulcer, two more surgeries, and a cardiac arrest, and being in the hospital from June 6 to August 11, Judi brought him home to pass away in his own bed with his cats and family. Judi said that he was mentally fine the whole time. He died about 10 hours after coming home.



## TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

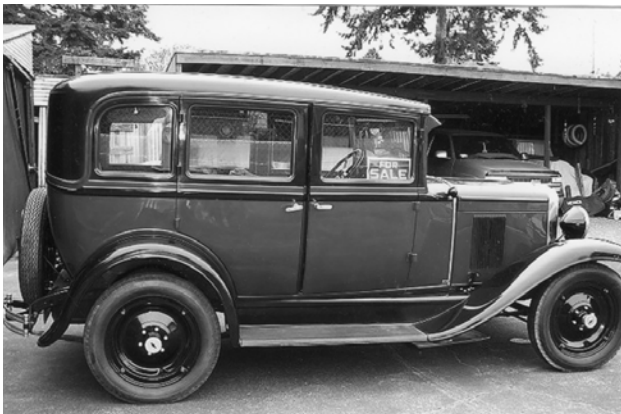
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### FOR SALE

**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).



**1930** Chevrolet 4DR Special Sedan. 95% complete New old original. New honeycomb radiator, solid wheels, 12 extra wire wheels (optional), Extra engine, 2 trannies, 2 rear ends, front end, steering column, and misc. extras. Selling due to health. \$21,500 OBO. Jake Jacobs, (206) 243-7327.



**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).

**Tires** Three used bias-ply 600-16 tires with good tread. Free. Rod Schein, 206-783-8956.

### WANTED

**1926** Chevrolet Touring Top Rear Window Frame. The inside dimensions are 5 1/2 inches by 17 1/4 inches. The outside dimensions are 7 5/8 inch by 19 3/8 inches. Other years may work. Bob Stamnes 206-365-1482, [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com)

**1926** Chevrolet Fuel Tank. This is a rectangular shape with one opening for the fuel inlet. There is not a second hole for a gauge. Bob Stamnes 206-365-1482, [rstamnes@yahoo.com](mailto:rstamnes@yahoo.com)

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

**1931** Front Fenders. Bill Barker, (425) 643-0698, [bill@barkerville.net](mailto:bill@barkerville.net).

**1955/'56** Chevy Two-Door Hardtop, Any condition, David White, (206) 999-8138

**Hood Ornaments.** Chevrolet Hood Ornaments to be used for trophies for the NW Meet. Steve Grissom, (425) 228-3670, [SteveG4@aol.com](mailto:SteveG4@aol.com)

### Clairvoyance Group Meeting

All members past and present are invited to come to our monthly meeting. You know where, you know when.

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