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Reflections on the Northwest Meet Rendezvous

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Al Howe: Our Rendezvous Meet in Port Angeles is now history. Seems it turned out pretty good, well not too many complaints. I had a very good committee working along with me and I want to say “Thank You”, to every one of them for all they did to make this Meet a success. Ken and Carol Beach, Don and Sallie Comstock, Mike and Kathy Currie, Bill Damm, Ana Maria Haley, Gerri Johnson, Dan and Sheri Johnson, Donna Onat, George Reich, Bob and MG Stamnes and George and Phyllis Kowats all deserve a big pat on the back for their contributions to this great event. Without their hard work the Rendezvous would not have happened. We had just over one hundred registrations, a little short of two hundred people and just fewer than one hundred cars.

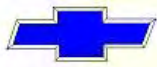
Puget Sound Region received the Regional Vehicle Participation award and the Regional Member Participation award. Only three people wore vintage clothes to the banquet.

I had to change the carburetor on my 1931, and for a while I thought I was going to be the only one who had to work on their car. But there were others. Most got repaired and finished the tours. I think two or three did not. We filled up most of the hotel parking lot with vintage cars, all shiny and in rows lined up by year. It was an impressive sight indeed.

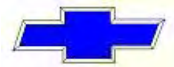
It was a good thing we had security at night. The guard told me he saw two kids on bicycles stop and go in-between two cars. He headed toward them and they took off. We don’t know what they were going to do but you can bet they were not going to polish a car. I think night security is a good thing. He also said he saw some raccoons roaming around the parking lot, even on balconies. I hope no one left anything to eat outside.



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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 1989 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 Drivers Seat"



By Director, Al Howe

The Northwest Meet is history and now we must get back to normal activity. That sounds so good to me. You can read more about the Northwest Meet in the cover story so enough already.

Jose Enciso was very generous again this year at the Triple X drive-in. The table was full of nice gifts including some spareribs. However Bill Barker turned the tables on him this year. Bill had purchased some "Route 66" soda pop on his Route 66 tour this spring in Oklahoma City. He knew that these would make good displays in the XXX drive-in so brought them back for Jose. Jose was surprised to say the least; he smiled from ear to ear. I wonder if he ever takes anything down. I don't think he does. He just keeps adding to the stuff. The weather couldn't have been better for our dinner meeting there. We had a nice turnout and as always we had a wonderful time.

Our next meeting is September 22 at our normal school location in Bellevue. Regular meeting dates are the 4th Monday of the month except school holidays. Those exceptions will be posted in the Tappet Clatter. Dues are due now and it's time to start thinking of elections coming just around the corner. Oh My Gosh! Fall is coming. I am not ready for rain and cold weather. Well we can't complain about the summer so I shouldn't complain about a little rain.

I've lost my mind and I'm pretty sure the kids took it.

In Memorial Al Anderson

Al Anderson passed away on Monday, September 1st—the day after his 69th birthday. While multiple myeloma can be treatable, his was unfortunately too aggressive. Al will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather and also for his years as a Bothell fireman, his fun-loving nature and kindness, and his love of old cars. Besides his three Chevys, he had a Model A, a collection of Ford Pintos, and probably many others hidden away in one of his many garages!

A celebration of Al's life has been scheduled for Saturday, September 27, at 3pm at the home of Ron and Sally-Jo Nardone, 22128 Paradise Lake Rd., Snohomish, WA 98296. All are welcome.

September 2014 Club Meeting

The Puget Sound Region September meeting will be back at Tillicum Middle School on September 22 at 7:30 PM. The program will be a presentation by Rod and Evie Schein on their recent trip to Norway.

Don't miss it!

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Although my contact with Port Angeles residents and business was kind of limited it seemed they always had smiles and good comments about our visit there. I heard lots of “what beautiful cars”. That always makes you feel good.

John Campbell: Although I didn't get to stay for the entire Meet, I enjoyed the trip out to the park and driving through the old gun emplacements. It was so much fun just to follow the "old" cars down the road and see the smiles on other people's faces. Also, big thanks to John Ziegler for helping fix my brake lights and Jim Darby for lending us a jack.



Donna Onat: I was pretty excited to find another car just like mine registered beside me. At the luncheon, I was greeted by Gerri who asked if I had a place to sit. Since I didn't, she pointed me to a place at her table. I got in line for salad with a gal from Willamette Valley Region. I asked if she could point out Nancy Rice, the owner of the other '54, also from her area. When she pointed to Nancy, at the salad table, I took note of her outfit so I could find her. Taking my seat with Gerri I was amazed to find that my neighbor was Nancy Rice! In addition to the car, we found that we have many things in common, and had lots to talk about. Husband, Mike, was a font of knowledge, having had his car for 45 years, and was so forthcoming with information and suggestions; I could hardly take notes fast enough. What a bonanza! He also fixed my horn.

Dick Jones: Port Angeles was a beautiful place to hold this Meet. I heard this from a number of attendees. Each tour was different and very enjoyable. Gisela really enjoyed the ladies luncheon. Several people commented about liking the way the cars were parked and the close proximity to the rooms. I also heard comments that they appreciated the relaxed atmosphere and how smoothly everything went.

Dan Young: First off I would like to thank you so much for the hospitality at the Meet. I was very impressed with everything. I wish that I could have brought the Nomad; it just didn't work out. I attended the Meet in Port Angeles 35 years ago with our 1957 Bel Air 4-door sedan. The car had been bought new in Lynden, WA, and we were the second owners. The neat thing is that all documentation came with the car and original license plates also. It was not a restored car. Living in Bellingham, we drove over via ferry and had a great time attending the tours, especially the Hurricane Ridge cruise. We received a silver certificate, which was really neat for us at a first Meet. We learned a lot and made improvements. We were members of national VCCA and Puget Sound. The Farrises and Folsoms really made a difference for our first time out. Fast forward 35 years later.-- same area, and some of the same people were still there. Everyone was very friendly and the Chevy talk was great. Thank you again for everything.



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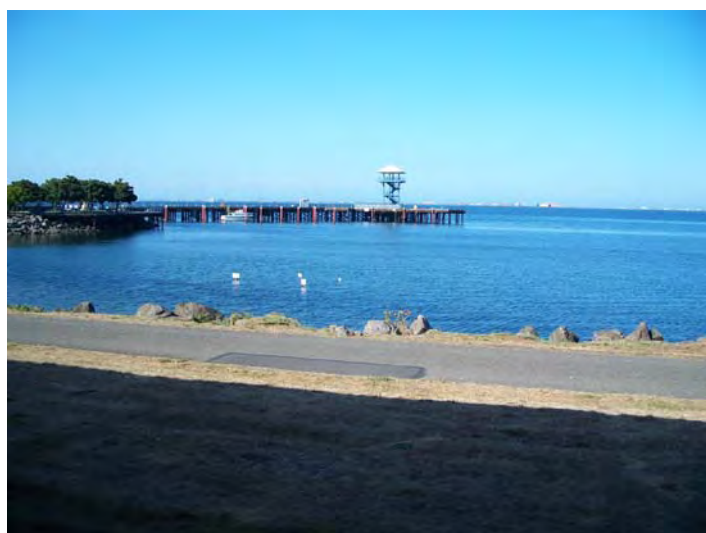


Don Comstock: The success of all Northwest Meets is determined by several things including the weather, location and the food and folks attending. Another factor is the cooperation received from the host hotel. This year we had the privilege to work with some great people, especially housekeeping for helping get the hospitality room organized and set up, and maintenance for spending most of the day Tuesday blocking off parking spaces as guests departed so we could have the parking lot allocated to us. The crew also removed most of the cans of paint and caution tape when it was no longer needed. Everyone else from sales manager to waitresses in the restaurant were accommodating and cheerful at all times.

Bill Damm: This Meet seemed not so rushed so there was plenty of time for people to compare notes and visit between tours and events. I saw a lot more gatherings in the parking lot for discussions about cars and whatever. Great!

Even though Ana was not in attendance, her efforts sure were displayed in the hospitality room through her baskets and door prizes. That was a big help for Sallie when she inherited being the hospitality room leader. The Curries did a great job on the unique table decorations for the banquet. They put a lot of work into it.

Our parking arrangements at the hotel were a little disappointing but we made do. The hotel was pretty full just about every night and parking was scarce so it was a good thing we marked off 12 additional numbered parking stalls that normally didn't exist at the east end of the lot. They all got used by us and other hotel guests.



I noticed that leaders for the next Meet were taking note of our name-tag pouches. They were a good choice and worked well. Maybe we will see the same kind next year.

When we were on our own for lunch or dinner the selection of nearby restaurants was great. Especially the little one directly across the street from the hotel that specialized in crêpes – it was really remarkable. I joined George and Phyllis Kowats there while they were on their second round of crêpes, they were so good.

How lucky we were that the weather was perfect for us. No wonder everyone was happy.

See Everyone in Wilsonville in 2015!

From David Gowan - Area # 3 VCCA Director

NW Meet – Pt. Angeles, WA - August 21-24, 2014



My candid impression on the NW Meet this year is, “it doesn’t get much better than this.” First the weather cooperated with balmy days and cool nights making it a grand time for driving and display. The tour to Hurricane Ridge was breathtaking. The easy trip around Crescent Lake was so beautiful. Not to mention the camaraderie of the 190 or so Chevrolet enthusiasts showing off about 90 beautiful Chevrolets was exceptional.

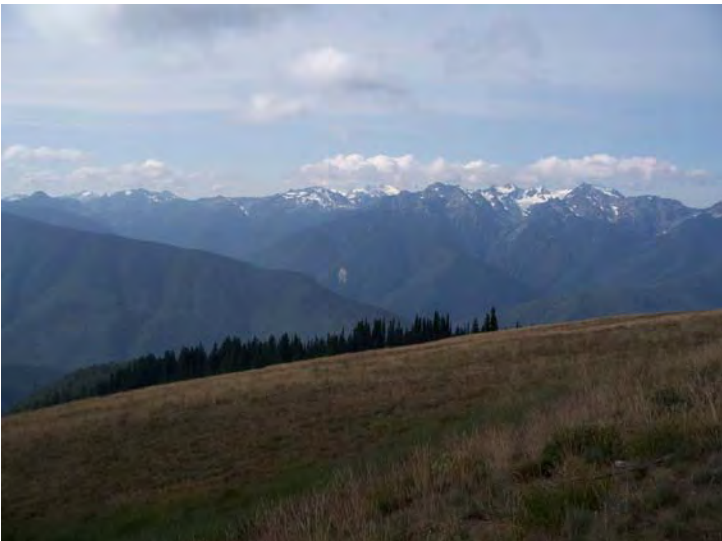
The regional directors met early Friday morning to discuss issues relative to the national VCCA and to report on activities in the regional clubs. Though numbers vary it appears each club is quite active with tours and monthly meetings. Judging was discussed.



Dates of future activities including the 2016 S. Lake Tahoe gathering were announced.

We hope to add two more regions by next year.

Plan to attend the 44th Annual NW Meet to be held in Wilsonville, Oregon in August 2015.



More to come!

August 2014—Triple X PS-VCCA Meeting



September Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

None

BIRTHDAYS

Roberta Martoza	10/7
Carol Folsom	10/14
Mike Currie	10/25
Francie Mullins	10/26
Jerry Brownell	10/29
Sharon Lauderback	10/30
John Hartog	10/31

2014 Activities

September	Early 6-Cylinder Tour – Colorado	Jim Farris	Sept 8-12
	Historic Cascades Roads Tour #2 (On a good weather day)	Rod Schein	Sept 20 or 27
October	Teaway Hunters Breakfast Tour	CANCELLED	
	Train Trip to Portland	Bill Barker	Oct 17-19
November	Election of 2015 Club Officers		
December	Christmas Party		TBD

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Parents are happy.
They think it's cool.
Because their kids
Are back in school.

The rest of us
Say our cusses.
For putting up
With stopped school buses.

They test our patience
When we're in a hurry.
They'll soon be moving
So not to worry.

Chances are
We won't be late.
It's for the kids' safety.
It's why we wait.

Did you know?

From the desk of Dave Haddock

Charles Kettering founded Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company (better known as DELCO) and put starters on Cadillacs starting in 1912. Kettering also developed quick-drying auto paint and anti-knock fuels while working for GM.



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.

Call the Glove Box Coordinator, Bob Stamnes, via email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

DISTRIBUTOR NUMBERS 1929 THROUGH 1962

Third, fourth and fifth columns are the distributor number Chevrolet listed as a replacement and the year of

DISTRIBUTOR	6-CYL	Shown as replacement-YR.	2.361
1929-1931		18 43 839 1936	Delco # 633 G
1932	18 43 839	18 53 759 1952	633 J
1933 EXCEPT STD	18 47 061	18 53 759 1946	644 D
1933-1934 STD	18 49 915		622 L
1934 EXCEPT STD	18 53 759	18 58 259 1940	644 R
1935	18 58 259		645 G
1936	18 61 187		645 T
1937	18 64 485	11 10 008 1942	
1938-1939	11 10 008		649 G
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1954 PG	11 12 396	CAST IRON DRIVE GEAR	
1954-1955 (I) 261	11 12 392	CAST IRON DRIVE GEAR	
1953-1955 CORVETTE	11 12 314		
1955-1962 All (12v) 261	11 12 403		

GARAGE NIGHT

No garage nights scheduled for this Fall or Winter. Look for them to resume in Spring 2015.

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.wvrvcga.org/>

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

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



Bow Ties Only

Text and Photos by David Gowan, Area # 3 Director

Mid July saw Ray Holland, Chad Windham and myself in LaGrande, OR prepared to organize a new region for Area # 3 VCCA. Enough potential members were on hand to become official and considered the name "Bow



Ties Only" Region. As soon as membership dues are paid and VCCA numbers issued we'll be off and running.

CRR member, Warren McWilliams invited us to LaGrande. He owns a retro Texaco gas station on the main drag and sponsors a weekly cruise-in each Friday evening during the summer. With hot dogs, burgers and the fixins' they meet to talk old cars. Warren believes there will soon be a substantial active VCCA region in this area.

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

1926 Engine Head, \$100 Dick Olson 425 222-5798

1996 SS Impala, Black, Low Miles, All options,+ Sunroof, Weld wheels, Arizona speed headers & air intake. \$23,000
Jerry Yoder (253) 307-1910, JerryYoder@hotmail.com

1934 Chevy ton and a half flatbed truck,

Older restoration, original engine, blue body, black fenders, interior is fair to good, pictures available on request. Asking \$22,850. Cathy Johnson, 425-255-6325



6.00 X 16 Wide Whitewalls, Five each. Bias ply B.F. Goodrich tires - good tread - low mileage. \$500.
Jim Seiber 425-765-8195

4/14

1953,54, 55 Corvette intake manifold. Complete with 3 Carter YH side draft carburetors and fuel filters, Can't be too many of these out there! A little rough but good for parts and/or unique display. Owner wants \$500. Contact Dave Haddock, chevydave@gmail.com.

Air Compressor - Like new. 220 Volt - \$425.00, with two 60 gal tanks. Bill Barker 425-643-0698. bbarkerjr@gmail.com

WANTED

1931 Ignition Switch, Dick, 425 736-8798, dick10051@comcast.net

1964 Chevelle SS - any condition

Dave White 206-999-8138 davidcwhite@comcast.net

Set of 4 wheels, 6 lug Chevy pickup, 15", or set of garage dollies. Ken Hovda 509-863-3450. khovda@yahoo.com

FREE STUFF

Seat Frame and Cushions (Needs Reconditioning) Fits 1948 to 1954 Chevy Pickup. Don Hatley (253) 941-5674

3/14

Date Changed for Historic Cascade Roads Tour #2!

This tour has been moved from October to September 20th or 27th, depending on weather predictions. Please reserve these two dates. We will notify you on Monday September 15th and then confirm the tour on Thursday September 18th for the tour on Saturday, the 20th.

We will be touring some of the older more scenic roads between Woodinville and Index. Then at the Index Historical Museum we will hear a presentation on the history of the roads of the Cascades and other history of the Skykomish River valley. On the way home we will stop for food and drive some different roads than when we went to Index.

Plan on gathering at the Woodinville Park and Ride and we will leave at 9:30AM. If you have one of the newer radios, please bring it. It will help us stay together as a group. Also, we have chosen roads that work well for the older cars and we will be driving at reasonable speeds for them.