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Lauren Ziegler replaces a coil on her truck

Another spectacular NW Meet enters the history books. The host Region, Columbia River, did a fantastic job putting this year's Meet together. They set up great tours with great directions, providing Meet-goers with fascinating places to visit. From Speed World where all types of motor vehicles were displayed, to the cultural center where we witnessed old-time equipment harvesting and processing oats and got a chance to ride on a stagecoach to winding roads traversing hill and dale throughout the surrounding area, we had a great time.

Although there were a few breakdowns, most were simple fixes with minimal effort.

Class judging went off without a hitch with many cars exhibited, and those taking home awards appeared well deserved. Even the People's Choice awards seemed to belong to the proper vehicles.

With nearly perfect weather (only a few drops fell during the entire Meet) everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time. Even the convertibles managed to travel on most of the tours with their tops down.



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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"



This month our meetings return to Tillicum School. I have submitted the paperwork and haven't heard back yet but we should assume we'll be meeting there like normal and if anything changes, you will get an email letting you know of the change.

This fall time of year also brings about some changes and opportunities. Days are getting shorter, weather isn't quite as nice and it's getting time to start thinking about winterizing our cars and storing them for the winter season. I'm not trying to rush it, but we should start thinking about it. It certainly was a great summer for having them out and driving them.

There are two other items also important in our future.

October is renewal month and your renewal notices should be arriving shortly or may have already arrived. Please fill them out and return them as quickly as possible. We can collect your dues checks at the September meeting if that's easier than mailing them to Donna. Getting these filled out and returned early will help with the 2016 Roster preparation.

The other item is our elections for next year's officers. I would first like to thank the current officers for their time and efforts this year. I have been talking to all of them to see if they would be interested in staying on for another year or if they would like someone else to take over the job for next year. So far I have received answers that some would stay and some would like to be replaced. First let me say though, that all jobs are open, especially mine, and because someone is already in a job doesn't prevent you from running for that job if it interests you. Taking on an office and bringing new ideas is what helps the club to grow and stay vibrant. So everyone, please think about how you can participate and make your club a better club.

See you down the road.

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



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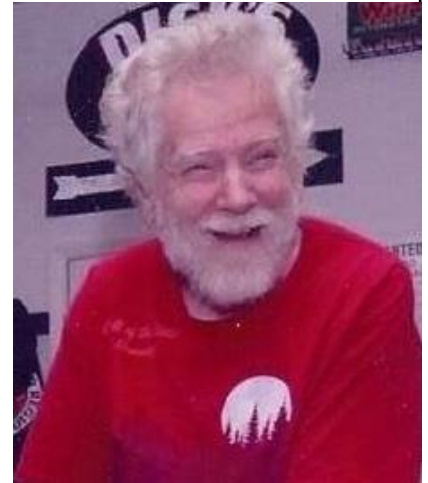
Everyone was treated to a fantastic dinner on Friday night as the Columbia River Region celebrated their 50th Anniversary. The Saturday evening banquet was also a great event and many new friendships were made. As attendees prepared to depart Wilsonville for their hometowns many were already talking about next year's National Meet at Lake Tahoe.



IN MEMORIAM

Our friend, Lee Folsom, passed away peacefully the evening of Thursday, September 10. He was being cared for in an adult family home.

Lee and his wife, Carol, joined the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA) in 1968. Lee has been Director and Assistant Director of the Puget Sound Region. They have hosted 4th of July picnics for us often at their property, and many of us have found Lee to be exceedingly generous with his knowledge and helpfulness.



It is Lee and Carol's wish that there be just a small service for immediate family. In our next issue, we would like to feature your memories and stories about Lee. If you have a contribution, please send it to Mike Currie : tappetclatter@outlook.com. Photos are welcome also.

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

It's here again-
The month of September.
School bus time,
Not hard to remember.

Those pesky buses
That get in your way
When you're in a hurry
They screw up your day!

Get stuck behind one
When you cannot pass,
They go for miles
And burn up your gas.

They'll get out of the way
And make the next turn.
Sure hope it's all worth it
For what the kids learn.

Thank you for your patience-
You'll make it just fine.
The kids will be safe
And you'll get there in time.

From Al Howe:

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

2015

Sept - 1955 Headlight switch—Al Howe

Oct -

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 Stamnes 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 is no Garage Nite scheduled for October.

After 12 years as the Garage Nite coordinator, Dick Olson would like to turn the reins over to a new person. Do you enjoy visiting other members garages? Do you want to see this activity continue? Do you have an hour or two a month to coordinate this program? If so, please let Jim Darby know so that he can get you set up.

If no one volunteers to take this on then it will just fade away into the sunset.

Don't let that happen!

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.

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 this fall and winter. Stay tuned for the schedule in the Tappet Clatter to find out when.

October Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

None

BIRTHDAYS

Roberta Martoza	7
Carol Folsom	14
MG (Marigail) Stamnes	17
Mike Currie	25
Francie Mullins	26
Jerry Brownell	29
Sharon Lauderback	30
John Hartog	31

PS-VCCA 2015 Meeting Treats

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

PS-VCCA Meeting September Program

Ever wonder what is inside a 1955 head light switch? For the September meeting program Al Howe will disassemble one. Who knows if it will ever go back together. With all those little bits inside it will be guaranteed that Al will need lots of extra fingers to hold everything together.

Even if you don't own a 1955 Chevy you won't want to miss this program!

From the Tappet Clatter E-Mail Inbox

Hi,

I noticed the article on batteries in the latest *TC*. I have done quite a bit of research about them for Corvairs. Here is a link to some information on Corvair batteries:

<http://www.corvairkid.com/batteries.htm>

Kent Sullivan

Thanks Kent! We love getting this kind of information to share with the membership (Editor).

2015 Activities

September	28	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School
October	3-4	Overnight tour to Lake Chelan, Mahogany & Merlot Vintage Hydros & Cars
	26	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School
November	23	PS-VCCA Club Meeting at Tillicum Middle School-Election of Officers
December	TBD	Christmas Party
	TBD	Narnia Train Event- Rod Schein to lead

Mahogany & Merlot is a GO for Oct 2 & 3. Here is what they say on their website <http://www.mahoganyandmerlot.com/>:

It is almost time for
Mahogany & Merlot 2015!

Mark your calendar for
October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th!

It is on, a little fire & smoke can't keep away this event!!!

This year we will have the vintage hydros - and rumor has it that there maybe TWO newly re-stored unlimiteds on the course! We will again have a full fleet of vintage limited hydros and on the shore more cars from Classic Car Club of America (Packards, Pierce Arrows, Rolls Royces,) pre-1948 Ford Club and new for 2015, cars from Ferrari Club Northwest! What a show! What a place to daydream! What a place to see the best from years gone by!

Here is the list of a few hotels as found on the website for this event (the one Evie and I are staying in is already full):

Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan 509-682-2561 campbellsresort.com

FULL Darnell's Lake Resort 509-682-2015 darnellsresort.com

Lakeside Lodge and Suites 509-682-4396 lakesidelodgesandsuites.com

MidTowner Motel 509-682-4051 midtowner.com

Apple Inn 800-276-3229 appleinnmotel.com

Chelan Resort Suites 509-888-4490 chelanresortsuites.com

Riverwalk Inn 509-682-2627 theriverwalkinn.com



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 Stammes, via email at rstammes@yahoo.com with your information.

What's In Your Trunk???

Dick Olson's "Survival Kit"

At the Northwest Meet in Kelso in 2004, Dick Olson was digging in his "Survival Kit" for a piece of bailing wire to fix a broken exhaust pipe hanger on Jim Seiber's '40 convertible when Dave Haddock walked by. Dave was amazed at the spare parts and tools that Dick carried and suggested that Dick make a list of the things he'd learned to carry and share the list with more junior members.

We would like other members to contribute ideas via the "glove box". Here is the list that Dick graciously compiled of what he carries in his 1950 Chevrolet convertible. Some parts are used but they will get you home. He also carries a bag of basic tools (a bag takes up less room), a jack, wheel blocks, road flares and a flashlight.

- Fan belt
- Front wheel bearing
- Fuel pump
- RTV gasket maker
- Water pump
- Tape - electrical and masking
- Coil
- Cotter pins
- Dist. cap
- Bailing wire
- Condenser
- Nuts and bolts
- Points and rotor
- Accelerator spring
- Spark plugs
- Tow rope
- Generator brushes
- Gallon 50-50 anti freeze
- Voltage regulator
- Oil- 1 qt.
- Fuel filter
- Fender cover
- Fuel rubber hose (2 ft.)
- Clamps for fuel hose
- Bulbs
- Hand cleaner
- Wire - electrical 10 ft.
- Paper shop towels
- Brake fluid and small funnel
- Tire gauge

PS-VCCA August Meeting
Issaquah XXX—Photos by Glenn Landguth



From: **Bill Barker** <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.

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

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 8/15

“What do ya mean my garage is a mess?”

David Gowan, Director VCCA Area #3



My father-in-law operated a wrecker service and garage near Darby in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana. Often he'd have to pull someone out of the West Fork River or off Lost Trail Pass.

One of the funniest episodes in my life was when I 'cleaned' his garage one day while he was on a wrecker call. Well....it was funny to me. I organized, swept, sorted and arranged every little thing into a 'model' shop. To my chagrin he couldn't find his tools. Such a simple objective for me but for him it was a 'mess'.

I learned something. Leave my stuff alone! Just ask me for the tool you want and I'll tell you where it is!