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55th Anniversary Meet-Lake Tahoe Pictures by Dave Haddock and Jim Seiber



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September 26 PS-VCCA Meeting Program

Monday's PS-VCCA meeting program will be a presentation of photos by John Campbell and Jim Seiber. Photos and stories from the Tahoe 55th Anniversary Meet will be shared. About 45 members of the Puget Sound VCCA were in attendance, and most have a great story to tell. Why didn't the Corvette start? Did it get to Tahoe?

Come hear the rest of the story. What was with the bear in someone's trailer? Who were the judging winners from our club? What member of our Region traveled the farthest to attend the Meet? See you Monday night!

Bill Barker says that he will have a small gift for everyone who comes to the September club meeting at the new location.



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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 1991 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"



I have certainly noticed that summer is coming to an end. I notice it's getting dark at least an hour earlier now than it was in June, and already I miss the early part of summer. My garden did a little better this year, but my project list is still far from done. I did get to take the Chevelle out a few times and I really enjoyed the Mini Meet in Medford, but unfortunately it wasn't to be for the National Meet. And I found out I still have a lot to learn about auto electrical systems. More on that later.

With this being September, we're back to meeting at the school, but with a big change. Tillicum has been almost completely leveled, and I'm sure it won't be complete by our meeting date. So we'll be meeting in the temporary Tillicum, Ringdall Middle School, while they rebuild Tillicum. Ringdall is located in Newport Hills, just east of 405 on SE 60th Street. The address is: 11650 SE 60th Street Bellevue, WA 98006. Travelling 405 from either the North or south take Exit 10 and head east to 119th Street (should be the first stoplight 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 all the way on to 405.) Turn left under the freeway and take a right at the light on 119th. Go up the hill passing thru a couple of stop signs and turn right on SE 60th. (The shopping center should just have been on your left.) Follow SE 60th and Ringdall should be on your right.

You should be getting your dues notice shortly because our new year begins October 1st. Please get them to Donna so there's plenty of time to get the roster completed before the banquet.

Elections will also be a topic for the next couple of months. Please think about how you could help support your club and what office you would like to hold. Please see me if you have any questions.

See you at the meeting. Call with any questions on the location.

Jim

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://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>



Chevrolee Comments...

on the refining of the Chevrolet engine

For the past several months we have been tracing the development of the 216 engine. For all practical purposes, this engine attained its final form in 1948, although this design continued with minimal change into 1953.



In 1949 the spark plug thread size was increased from 10mm to 14mm. In 1950 the Carter carburetor gave way to the Rochester, and the angle of the exhaust valve seats was changed from 30° to 45°.

There was virtually no change in 1951. In 1952 the front engine mounts gave way to side mounts near the middle of the engine and the water pump and crankshaft pulleys were changed to accommodate a 3/8" fan belt rather than the wider belt previously used. The 216 engine was used only in ½ ton trucks and Sedan Delivery models in 1953. This engine was identical to the 1952 216 engine.

There was an important introduction in 1953 which set the pattern for the next 10 years in 6 cylinder Chevrolet engines. Before considering this, let's move back for a moment to 1941.

Until 1941, Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks used the same basic engine. There were minor differences in carburetors, distributor vacuum controls, and certain other components. In 1941, however, a large truck engine was offered. This was the first 235 engine. It had a larger bore and a longer stroke but the basic design, including the oiling system, was the same as the 216 engine.

It is difficult to distinguish these engines by external features. Both have a full side cover, extending in one piece over the side of the block and the side of the head. The only observable external difference was a larger diameter fitting where the tube for the oil pressure gauge is threaded into the block.

In 1953 things began to change rapidly. Three different engines were offered in this year. We will consider them and their immediate successors next time.

Written November, 1988

Lee Folsom (Feb. 14, 1927 – Sept. 10, 2015)

Bill Damm's
SAFETY CORNER

Tillicum at Ringdall
Is the new place
For our club meetings-
They saved us a space.

The school is easy
To find and arrive
From north or south bound,
Highway number I-405.

Take the exit
Marked number 9
Then head to the east-
It's a hill to climb.

Stop at SE 60th,
There's a blinking light,
Now make a left,
NOT A RIGHT.

Go up the hill
About a 1/3 of a mile.
The school is on the left-
Sure to bring on a smile.

The kids should be gone,
But there's always a few
Wandering about,
So safety is due.

From Donna Onat:

It's that time again!

You may remember that our membership year runs from October through September. I offered to start collecting dues at the XXX meeting and five members paid on the spot, with Gerald Greenfield leading the pack.

If you don't plan to be at the next meeting, please send me your check for **\$30**, made out to **PS-VCCA**, to me.

By now, you have had an email from Jim Martoza, asking you to click on the link, and update your information for the upcoming new Roster and by now you know how easy that is.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters!

GARAGE NITE

There are no Garage Nites scheduled for any future month. We are looking for someone to take this on. How about you?

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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

2016 Activities

September	26	PS-VCCA Club Meeting –Ringdall Middle School
October	1-2	Mahogany & Merlot led by Don & Sally Comstock
	24	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School (assumed)
November	28	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School (assumed)
December	TBD	Christmas Party
	TBD	Christmas Trains Party—Rod & Evie Schein

As you can see we have some open meeting dates. I hope to have some slide shows of summer activities like the 4 Cylinder and 6 Cylinder 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!

Al Howe

PS-VCCA 2016 Meeting Treats

September:	Glenn & Judy Landguth
October:	Bob & MG Stamnes
November:	George & Barbara Reich

PS'VCCA August XXX Meeting
Photos by Dave Haddock and Jim Seiber





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, at via email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

A Special Gesture

Jean Fink lost her husband a couple of years ago and still wanted to continue doing the 4 Cylinder Tours in their 1928 Imperial Landau as she and her husband had done for many years. Pat McGowen, a great friend of the Fink family, stepped up and drove her in the car Jean and her husband, Dennis, had used on the 4 Cylinder Tours for all those years. Then this year Pat wanted to drive his own car---- no problem. Jean was willing to try driving the '28 herself. To give Jean more confidence, Pat wrote up the following instructions, which MG and I found to be very cute and very precious.

This is a great example of the helpfulness and camaraderie of those participating in the 4 Cylinder Tours.

Things you must have in Trunk, before you leave home:

- Oil—30W
- Gas in gas can
- Water
- Tire Gauge
- Jack in trunk and tire wrench (tire iron) is under front seat
- Oil Can

Things to Check - Before you start the car:

1. Check oil- dip. stick on driver's side of car. Do you have more oil in trunk?
2. Oil water pump -oil can in trunk. Pat will show you where.
3. Check Gas - gauge on passenger side under trunk, BUT also use stick in trunk. Do you have full gas can in trunk?
4. Check Water- remove radiator cap, water to metal plate. Do you have jug of water in trunk?
5. Look at tires and make sure you know how to change tire in an emergency.
6. Check Tires- all 5 tires should have 50 pounds each. Gauge in trunk.

Starting Car: Disconnect Battery Tender (at home)

1. Set emergency brake.
2. Put transmission in neutral.
3. Turn on ignition: pull switch on right-side of column toward you.
4. Listen for electric fuel pump to run; no sound, no pump, no gas, no go.
5. If no pump sound, make sure pump switch is on. Left side of column, pull toward you. Leave this on at all times. (If still no sound from pump, battery may be dead.)
6. Let pump run for a minute, more if car has sat for a day or more.
7. Put advance lever, right side of steering column, down (retard) every single time you start it.
8. Put throttle lever, left side of steering column, up so engine will run slow.

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Starting Car: (continued)

9. Pull silver choke knob out, right side dashboard. Keep hand on knob so you can push it in, when engine starts (no choke if engine is hot).
10. Push starter button on floor with right foot. Engine will crank and start after a few revolutions. Takes longer if engine has not run for a while.
11. When engine fires, push in choke, put foot on gas pedal, give it a little gas.
12. Advance lever to top position.
13. If engine is cold and running too slowly you can use the throttle lever to speed it up. This is for warm-up only.

Before You Start To Drive:

1. Is battery being charged by generator. 10 amps or more at fast idle; more than 0 at slow idle.
2. Do you have oil pressure? 20 pounds cold, more than 0 hot.
3. Do you have brakes? Step on brake pedal hard and it should not hit the floor.

Driving:

1. Put foot on brake.
2. Disengage emergency brake.
3. Step on clutch.
4. Put in first gear (toward you and forward).
5. Let clutch out slowly, while stepping on gas pedal.
6. Shift pattern. 1 3 5
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**Mahogany and Merlot Tour
September 30 –October 2**

For those who have expressed interest in touring to this vintage hydroplane and car show event at Chelan, WA here is what we know. It is not much of a car show but the city park had a great showing of vintage hydros and wooden boats. Last year's event had the hydroplanes of our youth running on Lake Chelan and many of the vintage wooden boats doing a run up and down the lake.

We plan on leaving the North Bend Outlet Mall McDonalds on Friday at 10:00 a.m. Lunch at somewhere in Cashmere or Wenatchee. Suggestions are welcomed. If you are staying at Darnell's, check-in is at 4:00 p.m. Chicken dinner at the hotel Friday evening provided by Don and Sallie at an estimated cost of \$5.00 per person. Please verify with Sallie your attendance for dinner before 9/29/16 to firm up head count.

Saturday is all about boats at Chelan Park where you can get close to the vintage wood boats but the view from Darnell's is good when the boats are running on the lake. There are wineries for touring and tasting and lunch options in town. Dinner will be provided at the hotel for about the same per person cost and again, I would like a head count.

The only hotel I'm familiar with is Darnell's Lake Resort (1-800-967-8149) or darnellsresort.com but there are others in Chelan if you wish to join our tour. Call Comstocks or e-mail at chevyguy2@centurylink.net if you have questions or to confirm your attendance at dinner.

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 206-799-3656



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. \$10,500 or best offer. Phil Christensen 509-636-2163



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 at rstamnes@yahoo.com

1957 Chevy truck hood. OEM complete with hinges. \$200. Don Hatley, 253-941-5674 or dhatwaa@comcast.net

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. Contact: David O'Brien, dkob131@aol.com.

1930 Passenger Radiator Gary Barquist 509-636-2133

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

235 or 261 Chevrolet engine. Please call Josh Forgues at 206 794-7075

FREE

Great winter reading material available at a club member price, FREE! Here is a complete collection of G&D's from 1987 to present. They have been pre-tagged for four-cylinder Chevrolet articles by Bob Stamnes. These issues are laden with great shop tips and restoration assistance. Read through this historical archive and discover interesting Chevrolet facts. I called on one of the ads, and the guy was happy to hear from a fellow club member 20 years after the publication date! From the Bob Stamnes collections. Contact, Jim Seiber, 425 765 8195 and make arrangements for pickup.

Wild Horses and Other Stories

David Gowan - Area 3 VCCA Director

I hope you are safely back from a fun time in Tahoe. The compilation of numbers (though not a record) and reports of events attest that it was the best National Meet ever. Besides seeing the wild horses in Virginia City and watching the great stream of cars leaving Hot August Nights in Reno, I enjoyed hearing of one surprised Chevy guy. He opened up his car trailer to do some tweaking and came back to face a momma bear and her cub.... inside his trailer. A helpful buddy came along and honked his horn until the bears left on their own power.



Did you scavenge any large sugar pinecones? Did you make the 'plaque' trip around the lake? Tell members about your experiences and build excitement for the next National event in five years. President Mary James promised it will be held somewhere between the East Coast and Lake Tahoe.

