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Johnson & Johnson

July 19, 2008

On a pleasant July day, twenty Puget Sound Region members headed for the Johnson's home in Poulsbo for an outing with other local car clubs and a tour of Bainbridge Island. Many began with a ferry ride across the sound and a few drove around through Olympia. Dennis and Gerri Johnson's home is on a spacious piece of land, situated on a bluff across the bay from downtown Poulsbo.

It is on land the family has occupied for many years. The second generation, Dan and Sheri and Teresa and John Doornink, their son and daughter, re-



A few cars lined up in front of one of the Johnson Garages

side on adjacent property once part of the original piece owned by earlier family members. There was a purpose for the gathering, foremost, to view the collection of early Chevrolets owned by Dennis and Dan. *(Cont. page 6)*

August 25th brings family and friends together for an old fashioned evening of fun and a car show at the Issaquah Triple X Drive-in. This is the day we get to see and admire each other's vintage cars. Maybe even swap some stories of summer tours and fun. We start our regular meetings at the school September 22nd, the fourth Monday. See you at the next event, Al Howe



1967 - Puget Sound Region VCCA - 2008



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 1982 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 @ <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>**

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Editors Note

This month there are more "Members with cars in their 20's" on page 5 of this issue. Can you name all? These, with those printed last month, are all I have unless yours has been lost by me. I do have a number of first car stories .The plan was to have them in this issue but other material took their place. That series will begin next month. You still have time to get me your story about your first vehicle.

Jim Farris

Director's Corner

"From The Drivers Seat"



Greetings,

WOW!! It is already August. Roberta and I finally made it out to see the Johnson's place in Poulsbo. We meet at the Clear Water Casino and **Dan Johnson** led us on a tour that concluded at Johnson's and Johnson's. Words are hard to describe what we observed. All I can say is, incredible, unbelievable, and "don't forget awesome. **Gene Gooding** commented." If you have never been there before it is a MUST see. They provided hamburgers and hot dogs with all of the trimmings and others brought along a potluck dish or dessert. What a spread, with over a dozen types of salads and more than double that for dessert choices. We had a nice conversation with the **Scheins** and **Haddocks** while we enjoyed our lunch. I am getting hungry just thinking about it. Anyway, after we finished eating, we took a stroll around the Johnson place to check out their collection. In each vehicle was a fact sheet about where they located the vehicle and its history, quite a remarkable collection.

Thanks **Dennis & Gerri Johnson**, son **Dan & Sheri Johnson** for inviting us out to their residences and providing all of the scrumptious food. Thanks also go to daughter **Teresa & John Doornink** for cooking. In talking to Gerri, she mentioned hosting an event during the 2010 NW Meet. I highly recommend signing up for this tour and event.

I went out to the 21st Pacific NW Nationals (Good-Guys Car Show) last month in Puyallup. Lots of cars, trucks and others, do I dare say hot rods. I did run into **Ana Maria Haley** at the show. She mentioned that **Gene and Janine Gooding's** '52 Bel Air was at the show. After spending over 4 hours rooming around I found their Bel Air. Photos are on page 10. I am sure I would have missed it if Ana did not tell me where the car was parked in the show field. I did notice numerous vehicles from Canada. I talked to one guy, who enjoys this show and tries to come every year to Puyallup. The price of fuel did not keep them from traveling down to the show. There were many original Chevys present and a great opportunity to contact potential new members.

August meeting is informal and will be at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah for good food, company and the opportunity to share photos and stories from the NW Meet at Ocean Shores. In September, the meeting will be back to the school and October we will have nominations for 2009 Officers.

I have always attempted to increase communication to membership. One way is electronically, through email messages that can reach 94% of our members. As you know, how it works today, **Dave Haddock** or myself send out email messages to club members with email addresses. We send it to ourselves from ourselves, and BCC (blind carbon copy) membership. In order to make things easier I sent out a test message using some new software, but turned out to be too cumbersome for others to use. This started from a request from **Dave White** for a list of email addresses, so he could send out messages to members. The goal was to have an email list for members to allow ALL to send messages without waiting for Dave H. or myself to receive it and then forward it on. With the assistance of Dave W., we have one email address (a group distribution list) that will have all members email addresses linked to it. You must be on the group list in order to send out messages. Before we go live with this it will be discussed with club board members. A Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4th at the Martoza's home at 7 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

This is a simple process and will make it really easy for any member to send all members an email. I will continue to maintain the list to ensure it is current. Once approved by the board and membership, I will send out an email with ONE email address that will reach all members with email addresses in our club.

My goal is to reach the entire membership via email. There are ways to accomplish this, even if you do not have a computer. Receiving communication is an important part of keeping our club informed and moving forward. Sometimes timing makes it impossible to reach the proper Tappet Clatter for publication. This will supplement the items in the Tappet Clatter. Please use the list when it is put into service to e-mail other members with appropriate materials and help us contact all members via email.

**"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."
~ Wayne Gretzky**

Best regards —Chevy Addict —Jim Martoza

CLUB STORE

Our next meeting will be at Tillicum in September where **Ana Marie and George Haley**, proprietors of The Club Store, will have the display of items for sale. If you need anything from the Store contact them via phone or email. *Numbers and address can be found on page 2.*

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES!

Tom & Sharon Lauderback	9/2
Ron & Janie Kohl	9/2
Jake & Lila Jacobs	9/9
John & Dot Zeigler	9/20

BIRTHDAYS!

Dave Roberts	9/5
Diane Haddock	9/6
Dick Jones	9/15
Carolyn Frankhouser	9/19
Phyllis Kowats	9/24

2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

2008 is slipping away and before we know it, 2009 will be upon us. We'll have an easy online form for 2009 Membership Renewals. Each member will receive a link to their own form. Just open form, do some clicking in applicable selections and, if required, fill in some text. Click Complete Form. Information will be sent to Donna Onat and Jim Martoza. When done, separately send in your Thirty Dollar membership renewal payment check to Donna Onat.

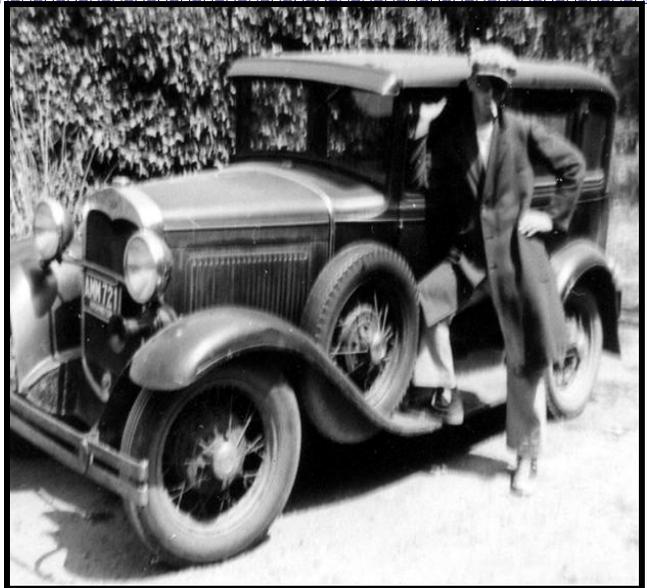
September 4 Board Meeting

We will have a Club Board Meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 4th at Jim & Roberta Martoza's home in Redmond. All Puget Sound Region members are welcome to attend.

Call for directions to the Martoza's

September garage Nite

Sept. 10th garage nite will be at George Haley's in Federal Way, 7 PM : Call for directions.



More photos of members when they were young.

You could have your picture here. Just submit one to the editor

(A test of these and those in the July Issue at the September meeting.)

And to see vintage vehicles from other car clubs. But more importantly the objective of the tour and gathering was to familiarize Puget Sound Region members with a day planned for the 2010 Northwest Meet we will host. The tour and gathering were an unqualified success. More members now are familiar with what is being planned. The five invited car clubs turned out in good numbers. Eighty old cars dotted the property and 151 people were fed. The food was all laid out on two large tables in the Johnson's daylight basement facing the sound. The centerpieces were a complete 1917 Chevrolet engine with flowers protruding from all ori-



fices. A 490 head served the same purpose on the desert table. Guests ate on the lawn while enjoying the view of Poulsbo and a pair of Eagles trying to teach a baby eagle to fly for the first time. Dennis and Gerri Johnson with Dan and Shari hosted this event. Teresa and John Doornink cooked. Puget Sound Region members who took part in the day were: Don and Lynn Boltz '32, Jerry and Mary Brownell, Sallie and Don Comstock '78, Bill and Ann Damm '87, Matt Dickinson '36, Jim Farris and



Grandson Andrew '32, Gene and Jeanine Gooding '52, Dave and Diane Haddock '55, Jeff Haines and Vicky two '52's, Bob and Florence Helgeson '64, Al Howe '55, Dennis and Gerri Johnson + Dan and Sheri Johnson with their collection of Chevys, George and Phyllis Kowats '87, Jim and Roberta Martoza '66, Roger Orness with Ernie Tear '50, Dave and Betty Roberts '65, Rod and Evie Schein '40, and John Strampher and mom Edna '54. It was fun to look at all the cars brought by members from the five Clubs participating. JF



Last to eat and centerpiece

2008 Club Meetings & Auto Events Calendar

Monthly Tours and Activities

Dates	Activity
Monday, August 25 th	XXX Drive-In, Issaquah
Saturday, September 6 th	Strampher Pot Luck
September 13 th	Snoqualmie Valley Tour
October 11 th or 18 th	Mima Mounds Tour (<i>tentative</i>)
Sunday, December 7	Christmas Party

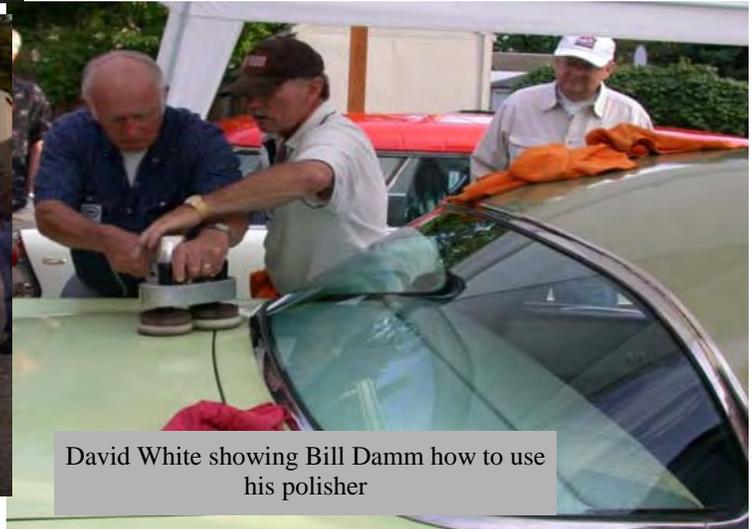
White Garage Nite July 30

David and Laura White hosted a Garage Night July 30 at their West Seattle home. This one was not on the schedule but through the use of email notification, fifteen Puget Sound

Region members made their way there along with some of their other friends. Laura and their son Ian cooked chicken for the group. Pot luck provided other food items as well as those generously made available by the White's. A 1956 210 four door hardtop and a '56 Nomad owned by Mark Wadzinski and Bud Whorley were on display behind the garage. The 210 was used to demonstrate David's polishing techniques. Puget Sound Region members there were: David and Laura White, Rod and Evie Schein, Ernie Tear, Roger Orness, George Haley, Walt and Sally Blair, Jim Seiber, Dick Olson, Don Hartley, Bill Damm, Dick Jones and Jim Farris.



Laura and Ian White cooking



David White showing Bill Damm how to use his polisher

Puget Sound News Bits

Matt Dickinson- was interviewed by XM Radio at the Greenwood Show in June and he extolled the virtues of our Club. Good work Matt!!

Gerri and Dennis Johnson- cruised on the Delta Queen from Nashville TN to Pittsburg PA a couple days after hosting the Gathering at their place. This is the last year that paddle wheeler will run on the Cumberland, and Ohio Rivers. The baby eagle flew on the 30th while they were away.

George Haley- lost a timing gear in their '38 on the way home from the Monroe Swap Meet in May. A new one has been installed and the car is back on the road once again

Bill Barker- got up enough nerve to drive his new '66 yellow Corvette to work one day. When out for lunch a drink was spilled into the console. His attempts to soak it up with napkins drew his attention. When looking up, smoke filled the mirror, it appeared the whole back seat of the car was on fire. He immediately swerved to get out of traffic and came to a stop discovering what looked like smoke was fire extinguisher powder. The extinguisher pin had come out and the instrument discharged. He had quite a scare.

*Rod Schein-*spent the first week of August in the hospital. He had a TIA. The time there was spent figuring out why. A procedure was completed that discovered one leaf of the heart valve that had been implanted was thickening. He is now on Coumadin to mitigate that. At printing he is still planning on attending the Northwest Meet.

Bob and MG Stamnes- spent three weeks the end of June in Croatia, Slovenia and Paris. After coming home they lost two good friends to carbon monoxide poisoning and are advocates for carbon monoxide monitors. (See Safety Corner)

Bob and Florence Helgeson- have just returned from a road trip to the mid west. They first met their kids in Yellowstone and then went on east for a family reunion.

Lewis/Schein Garage Nite July 9



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Timing Lewis '30 and Stamnes '26



Information on early Washington Driver's Licensing from the GEAA Newsletter. Note that Wm Hartle was only 15. Two people had to furnish signatures that he was a good driver. No Test! Printed with permission of GEAA and Warren Hartle (GEAA= Golden Era Automobile Assn.)



WASHINGTON DRIVER'S LICENSE FROM 1924-25

GEAA Member Warren Hartle sends us this authentic driver's license from the mid twenties that belonged to William C. Hartle. That was Warren's father's first license at the age of fifteen.

Apparently, no driver's test was needed, just an understanding of the rules of the road which were printed on the back of every driver's license as is reprinted here.

You will note therein that it states, "Obey the traffic signs and traffic officers."

Those were the days when the law was whatever the officer said due to the circumstances of the particular situation on the roadway at that moment.

In Washington state drivers licensing was started in 1921. "Applicant must furnish signatures of two people certifying that the person is a competent driver and has no physical problems that would impair safe driving." Driving examinations were not initiated until 1937.

S. F. No. 602-1921. Approved by Dept. of Efficiency. Receipt No. **342443**

State of Washington—Department of Licenses
Motor Vehicle OPERATOR'S License

The person named and described hereon and whose signature appears below is hereby licensed to operate motor vehicles upon the highways of this State until July 31, 1925.

Age 15 Sex male

NEW LAW
Slow to 12 miles per hour at all railroad crossings.
Rules of the road on opposite side of this license.

Wm C Hartle
7212 So D
Tacoma, Wn

Wm C Hartle
(Signature of Licensee)

Paul Dibble
Director of Licenses.

RULES OF THE ROAD

PASS only when you have clear vision ahead for three hundred yards. Do not pass overtaken vehicles on a curve. Stop before passing a standing street car. Use caution in passing animals. The vehicle on the right has the right-of-way at intersections. Obey the traffic signs and traffic officers. Slow up on the curves.

PARKING on pavement or main traveled roadway is forbidden. Do not stop on curves. Do not park within 25 feet of a fire hydrant. Put lights on a parked vehicle at night.

SPEED LIMIT, for trucks 25 miles per hour and slower for heavier trucks. Other vehicles, 30 miles per hour in the country, 20 in towns and cities, 12 at street crossings and railroad crossings, and passing schools during school hours. Obey the speed limit signs.

ACCIDENTS must be reported within 24 hours to Sheriff or Chief of Police. Give correct information to any witness or participant.

RECKLESS driving, that is driving so as to endanger or inconvenience other users of the highways is forbidden.

LIGHTS must not blind the other driver. If yours do get them fixed.

CAUTIONS

Watch out for the children. Slow up for their safety.
Do not drive close to the edge of a built-up gravel road. The shoulders of such roads are liable to give way and turn you over.
When in doubt be on the safe side. Never take a chance.
KEEP TO THE RIGHT. GO SLOWLY ON WET PAVEMENTS.

From the Glove Box



Engine Starting & Head Rests

From The Glove Box Coordinator Bob Starnes

Engine Hard to Start----- Try This

When I had trouble getting my '26 Chev to turn over one day, Dennis Johnson quietly approached me with a great suggestion. Try putting it in neutral and let out the clutch when you turn it over. Voila! The engine turned over and started. This may only be useful for the older cars with a fibre thrust bearing, but it works well on the '26 Chev.

Ever thought of installing a headrest in your car?? Rod Schein would like any information or ideas you have on how to install a device in his car that will support his head from whiplash. He is looking for an idea that will NOT require modification of the car, something like a thin seat inside his existing seat with the back and bottom hinged but only a few inches thick. All ideas appreciated. Email: areshine@areshine.com
Bob Starnes



Gooding's 1952 Bel Air at The Good Guys



Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Carbon Monoxide by Bob Starnes

I just lost a close friend and his wife to carbon monoxide poisoning from a gas appliance in their house. These are deaths that could have easily been avoided with a carbon monoxide monitor. I could only think of my experience in my own home with the garage under my house. I have measured high levels of carbon monoxide in the room adjacent to my garage after starting the old Chev even with the garage door open. So it is clear to me that we could create deadly situations with our old cars if care is not taken. The price of a carbon monoxide monitor could save a life. I will be attending my friends memorial July 19th at the Mount Baker Ski area. I will feel much better if I know my other friends have taken the appropriate action to avoid such a loss.

Bob Starnes

Brake Bushing Replacement

By Bill Damm

After having the 1929 service brake cross shaft assembly alkali cleaned of rust it was found that the process ate the pot metal bushings too. Now these bushings must be replaced. To avoid having to remove the levers swaged on the ends of the cross shafts to install whole bushings, the bushings would have to be installed in two halves (similar to crankshaft bushings). These bushings would have to be made. Normally brass would be the bushing material of choice, but brass requires lubrication and this lubrication collects dirt. I was encouraged to consider making the bushings out of a self lubricating MDS nylon (Molybdenum Disulfide Filled Nylon) which is less costly and machines well. This MDS material is dark gray in color, similar in color to the original material and most of the bushing is inside the metal plates that hold the bushings, so the replacement material would not be obvious to someone looking at it. The first step in replacing these bushings is to remove the rivets that hold together the two plates that hold the bushings. The 1 ¼ inch diameter MDS stock was purchased at Post Plastics. It was then cut in half lengthwise and then the bushing machined from the 2 halves while they were clamped together. Cutting the material in half before machining, ensures the bushing will not bind against the shaft, like a brake band. The two bushing halves are then assembled around the shaft and between the two metal plates that hold them in place. Nuts and bolts, or rivets to be authentic, can be used to assemble the metal bushing brackets.

MDS bushings can also be used on the service brake idler levers, similar to above. These levers originally had no bushing, but had metal-to-metal contact. An MDS bushing can be inserted between the two-piece idler levers. The pivot shaft is first unbolted from the frame so a one-piece bushing can be slipped over the shaft. This bushing replaces the felt oil pad that was here originally.

The use of these MDS bushings has not been road tested at this time, but no adverse problems are anticipated. In the mean time, these suggestions might work for someone else's project, or they might prompt someone to experiment a little and find another place to use MDS Nylon.

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FOR SALE

1928 Chev Coupe complete parts car. \$2000 chain hoist, \$40. Dick Olson 425 222-5798

Trailer, Equipment, vehicle Tilt bed, All steel, single axle elec. brakes 5000 # capacity. Will handle up to 103 WB \$2000 OBO. Set of four Cooper /Cobra P255/70 R15 Tires. Less than 4000 miles. Best Offer. Wally Martin (360) 491-4879 or ((425) 876- 3475

1957 Pushbutton Radio, and speaker. Original and in perfect condition \$150. Don Boltz, (360.) 893-5305 *donnys32@aol.com*

1978 Scottsdale PU 3/4 Ton with canopy and tandem axle car hauler low mileage, as new mechanically. \$4500 obo Walt Blair (206).292-6745. *Waltcollectorcarappraisals@gmail.com*

Large Car Trunk \$75. Bill Barker (425) 643-0698 *bill@barkerville.net*

1938 Grill Gene Sovar (206) 3262-2491 *esovar@msn.com*

1954 Chev automatic transmission, 2 speed powerglide. It is a good running transmission. The car that it was in was modified to a manual transmission. The owner is Chuck Adler. Please contact him on cell phone 253-405-0520, make an offer.

WANTED

1962-67 327 Chevrolet Engine core, Dave Roberts, (425) 822.-6831

1937 Grill, Gene Sovar 206.362,2491, *esovar@msn.com*

Chevrolet Rim— one 6-hole 15" with hub cap clips—Jon 253-8414137or 253-380-5086

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Strampher's '54 and Haines two '52's