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It Followed Me Home !!

By Bill Barker

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One thing that occurs when you're in the vintage auto hobby is that you end up with leads when you are not looking for them. That's what happened to me in 2001. A banjo player in the Seattle club grabbed me one night and said that he knew of an "old car" that was going to be available soon since his neighbor was going to move to California. I said that that sounded good but I wasn't really looking for a new car and besides I was only interested in Chevys. The next week he took me aside again and told me that it was indeed a Chevy and it was somewhere in the 1930's. Now that got my interest.

So you all know the rest of the story... man goes on Saturday morning to see "old car"... man falls in love with subject (in this case a 1938 Coupe)... and on Sunday returns with a trailer to haul it home. Yes, this car was last driven in 1976 in a bi-centennial parade, then parked and forgotten inside of the family garage. When I saw it, there were boxes stacked on top of it with almost an inch of dust on top, and all four tires were extremely flat. Even with my compressor, they wouldn't hold air, so I had to drag the car out to the street with my pickup truck in order to get it on the trailer (along with Jim and Jeff Darby pushing and shoving). (cont. on p. 5)



December Program
 No December meeting. Enjoy the Holidays and we'll see you in January!!!!



Puget Sound Region VCCA



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. PS-VCCA chapter membership is open to all Chevrolet enthusiasts who are members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA). All Chevys from 1911 through 1980 may be registered with the region. General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. Meetings in September through May are from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. June and August meetings are announced in this publication. No meetings are held in July or December. You can learn more about the club by visiting the website. 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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Wanted Reward!

We are still seeking "Spotlights" of club member's cars for 2006 Tappet Clatters. Please take the time to write up the history of your car and include two pictures and send them to Dave Haddock. Do it the way that suits you the best, but if you can do as an attachment to an e-mail that helps Dave put it together. See the past ones as examples. Reward? – You will get a professionally-printed, color copy of your edition and help us produce an interesting monthly publication. THANKS.

Bob & Jerry's Relay



Once again Ana Maria Haley (with George supporting) did a wonderful job of planning and organizing the November Tour to the Museum of Flight. Unlike the October corn maze tour where you were walking in the rain and mud, this one was in doors out of the rain for the majority of the time. Only when we were looking at the underside of the SST did we experience rain. The Museum of Flight is always changing displays and adding different planes. Never enough time to see the entire exhibit in one day. Thanks again to Ana Maria and George. Big turn out for this tour. (See pictures below and on p. 8)

No General Meeting in December but by the time this issue is published we will have had the annual Christmas Party at the Barkers. The Christmas Party has always been a fun time for all. And don't forget the Annual Banquet. The registration form is on page 8. Fill it out and send in your money now before you forget. See you at Banquet.
helgy



They all own Chevy's?



Some cars you can drive in the rain



Lots to see in one day

Dick Olson's Garage Nite
Garage Nites will resume in the Spring. Watch the March Newsletter for something in April 2006.

CLUB STORE & RAFFLE

The store will be open at the meetings throughout the winter and spring months.

Dave & Betty Roberts

January Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS!

Jan 5 Sis Barker
Jan 6 George Kowats
Jan 16 Gisela Jones
Jan 29 Lynne Jacobs

ANNIVERSARIES!

Jan 11 Glenn & Judy Landguth
Jan 18 Gary & Joanne Barquist
Jan 23 Myron & Resa Gabelein



It Followed Me Home (cont. from p. 1)

Now this occurred in March during some good weather. I got the car running the following weekend but I was still a little suspicious about the brakes. Now as luck would have it, the following month, my daughter called me at work one day and told me that there was a house that just came on the market and that I should go look at it. Now, you've got to realize that Sis and I weren't in a house-hunting mode at that time. But this one had a huge attraction since it was only four miles from where we lived and it had over an acre of land. Fundamentally it had enough room for the garage of my future. So, one month after finding the '38 that I didn't know I needed, we found a house that we didn't know we wanted. Immediately the '38 took a back seat while we scrambled to pack up 20 years of belongings and relocate.



Flash ahead four years and you'll find us living at our new house, with a new 1700 square-foot garage and shop just completed (against all odds in a David and Goliath battle with the King County Building Department--- but that's another story). The only sad news is that the '38 had only been driven about 50 miles since we brought it home four years earlier. On our first attempt at joining a VCCA tour, we ended up with a smoking rear brake and managed to limp home after completely backing off the brake adjustment. Later with the help of Bob Helgeson I took all four wheels off and replaced the brake shoes and the wheel cylinders. Wow! I did find out how GREAT it is to be able to buy vintage car parts at Napa Auto Parts. (I've never been able to do that with my 1931 Chev.) I was truly amazed that they still have the wheel cylinders in stock. But when Bob and I were making the final adjustment on the last wheel, while the car was on the lift, there was a cloud of fog as the rear brake line suddenly gave-way under the pressure of Bob's "one two three and hold" brake-pumping technique. While wiping up the fluid off the floor, I told Bob that I was very happy that this had just occurred, even though we had spent the last three weekends to get to this point. Because if it hadn't happened just then, in about 15 minutes we would have been on a freeway off ramp giving it the "one two three and hold".... and with a lot more disastrous results than just a messy floor. Two weeks later, with ALL NEW brake lines and hoses, the '38 was finally on the road -- with four fully functional brakes!!! Now move ahead another year, and you have the '38 attending the VCCA Northwest Meet at Kelso, Washington in 2004. And of course the highlight of this trip was driving the '38 all the way to the top of Mount Saint Helens ---- in third gear!!! Wow... what a great marvel of technology these newer cars are!

To close out my story, there are some one-liners that I've discovered since owning the '38. First of all, it has a trunk that you could land a 747 in. It seems a mile long and can hold a ton of stuff. Secondly, the synchronized transmission gears are a dream to shift. No grinding and very smooth going in either direction up or down. Third, there is Horsepower galore. Need I say more? The 38 beats the crap out of the 1931 in all categories, acceleration, drivability and top speed. It is a real joy and comfort to drive. And of course, I wouldn't be entirely honest if I didn't mention at least one complaint. There is one thing that sort of bothers you in the beginning but eventually you learn to deal with it. This complaint is very simply the size of the front hood. It's mammoth!!! If the front seat is a little worn so that you sit a tad lower when you're sitting in it, or if you are a little short to begin with, then you may find it a little daunting to drive a 38. But if you can get over that, then you're going to find that a 1938 Chevrolet is a great balance of being infected with the "old car hobby" while still enjoying the marvel of new technology that allows you to drive on the freeway, or if you're really adventuresome, clear to the top of an active volcano.

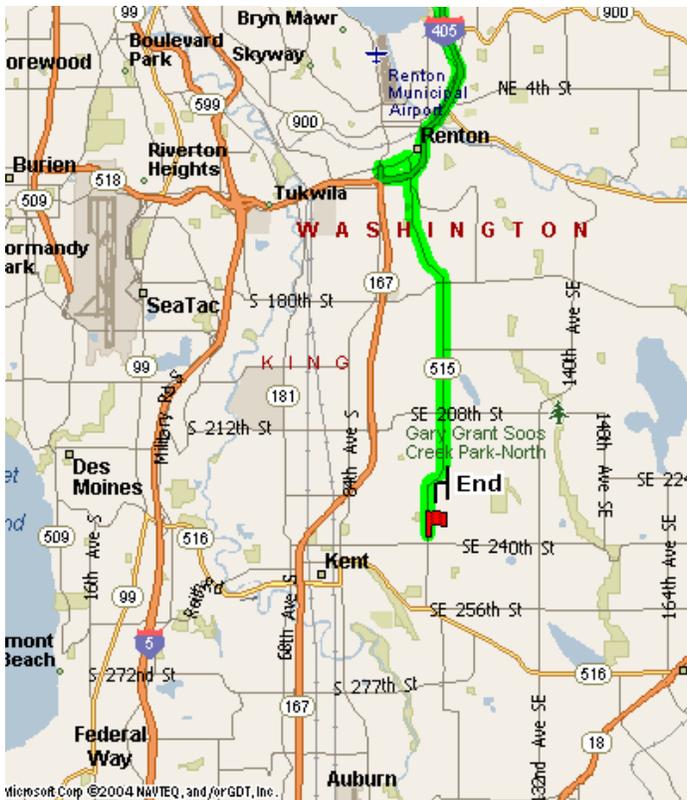


Yowsa!!

2006 Club Meetings & Auto Events Calendar

JAN	<u>21</u>	January Banquet, registration info p. 8, driving directions below
	<u>23</u>	General Meeting @ Tillicum Middle School
FEB	11/12	Puyallup, WA. 32nd Annual Corvette & High Performance Meet
	17-19	Portland, OR. 50th Annual Portland Roadster Show, 877-236-0632
	<u>27</u>	General Meeting @ Tillicum Middle School
MAR	3-5	Seattle, WA. Seattle Roadster Show, 877-236-0632
	24-26	Redmond, OR. Central Oregon Rod & Custom Show, 541-317-9351
	<u>27</u>	General Meeting @ Tillicum Middle School
APR	<u>7-9</u>	Portland Swap Meet
	<u>24</u>	General Meeting @ Tillicum Middle School
	29	Goldendale, WA. Smokin Joe's Burnout & Chile Contest, 800-573-3793

Directions to the January Banquet



Golden Steer Steak'n Rib House (253) 852-1144

- 1: Take Ramp I-405 towards Renton
- 2: At exit 2B, turn RIGHT onto Ramp towards WA-167 / Rainier Ave S
- 3: Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto SR-167 [Valley Fwy]
- 4: Turn RIGHT (East) onto S Grady Way
- 5: Turn RIGHT (South) onto SR-515 [Talbot Rd S]



- 6: Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-515 [Benson Dr S]
 - 7: Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-515
 - 8: Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-515 [108th Ave SE]
 - 9: Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-515 [Benson Rd SE]
 - 10: Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-515 [104th Ave SE]
- Arrive 23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031

Club Touring & Activities Information for 2005

DECEMBER MEETING-

No meeting in December. Join us at the Annual Banquet on January 21st or at the first 2006 meeting on January 23rd.

Holiday Party

Thank you Sis and Bill Barker for hosting our Holiday Party on December 11th. More to come next month.



(Meeting Minutes cont from p. 9) He received a number of suggestions for the job. Rod Schein also reported that Aalbu Brothers in Everett can re-arc or make new springs. This information was given in response to a previous *Glove Box* question.

Refreshments- Thanks were given to Dave and Betty Roberts for the evening's refreshments. With this announcement the meeting break was taken. Following the break the 50/50 raffle was won by Bob Helgeson; and the other two item groups by Frank Burlando and Dick Jones.

Program - The evening's program was based on items members have found that really work. Several were presented. Jim Martoza secured samples for everyone from Gorilla Glue and Oil Eater. Gorilla Glue also sent some of their new tape which was given to the Club Store to be used as raffle items next year. Other items presented included: Pour and Restore for cleaning oil stains; Epoxy Putty; Gibbs Penetrating Oil; Justice Brothers 80 penetrating oil; Rain X defogger for inside windows; Super Clean; Rubber Renew; Scrubb Free for removing stains; Chrome alloy welding for repairing gear teeth; and Craftsman ratcheted open and closed end wrenches. A sheet of other items prepared by Jim Martoza was passed out.

Adjournment- The last meeting for 2005 was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectively submitted by Jim Farris, Secretary

December 2005

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January 2006

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February 2006

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March 2006

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NOTE: Please submit Tappet Clatter contributions before the 5th of the month. Thanks.

Annual Awards and New Officers Installation Banquet

This year, George Kowats, John Strampher and Jim Martoza have teamed up to arrange the banquet facilities and menu planning. We have reservations at the Golden Steer located at 23826 104th Ave SE in Kent for Saturday January 21st. Social time will start at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner being served at 7:00 PM. Map and directions will be in next months issue.

Drinks will be available via server from the restaurant bar throughout the evening. The prices below include tax and tip.

We have 3 dinner choices. All meals come with bread, baby red potato with a seasoning, Caesar salad and carrot cake for dessert. Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink is also included.

PRIME RIB: 8 ounce portion \$27.00

CHICKEN DIJON: 8 ounce portion \$24.00

SALMON FILET: 8 ounce portion \$27.00

Vegetarian or vegan meal options contact George Kowats for arrangements.

Annual Banquet Registration Form

Name _____ Spouse or Guest _____

Address _____ City/State _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Write the number of meals to be ordered in corresponding dinner choice.

Prime Rib _____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____

Registration forms must be returned to John by January 6, 2006.

Mail them to John Strampher.

Please make checks payable to PS-VCCA.

Enter total amount enclosed _____



**Puget Sound Region VCCA General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2005**

Call to Order - The November 2005 membership meeting was called to order at Tillicum School by Co-Director Jerry Brownell at 7:32 PM. There were 27 members present.

Announcements - Jim Martoza was called upon to present a color copy of the October Tappet Clatter to Dave Roberts whose 41 coupe was featured in that issue.

Christmas Party - Bill Barker talked about the upcoming Christmas party to be held at Bill and Sis's home on Dec. 11. Arrival time is flexible but the meal will be at 3:00 PM. There will be a surprise at 1:30 for those who arrive early. A gift exchange limited to a value of 10 dollars is optional.

Awards Banquet - Jerry told the group about our annual January Banquet to be held at the Golden Steer Restaurant on the Kent East Hill, Saturday, January 21, 2006 at 6:00 PM. Information on this affair was published in the November Tappet Clatter and will also appear in the December issue. Due to rising costs of this event, a motion was placed on the floor for the Club to subsidize ten dollars of each member's meal. After some discussion that motion was withdrawn and another submitted without a dollar value asking if the Club wished to subsidize member's meals. The motion failed 10 to 13 with four not voting.

Membership - Donna Onat reported about half of our membership, 38, have renewed for 2006. Donna will be contacting John Strampher to determine what action was taken in the past to remind members about Club dues. All Membership dues for 2006 should be sent to Donna.

Leads and Needs - A Leads and Needs clip board was passed around for members to list items wanted and for sale.

Treasurer - Sally Comstock reported the Club is solvent and in good shape financially and additional funds from dues are coming in.

Activities - George Haley reported on the very successful November 13th Tour to The Museum of Flight. There were 33 people and six old cars on the tour despite the very rainy conditions. The tour ended with a dinner at Randy's Restaurant close by. All had a good time thanks to Anna's work organizing the outing.

National News - Bill Barker reported the committee he was working to develop a National Database has hit a snag with funding. Further action on their recommendation is awaiting analysis of the Club treasury.

2006 Officers - Rod Schein, chairman of the nominating committee presented the slate of members for club officers in 2006. They include: Director, Bob Helgeson, Co-Director, Bill Damm; Secretary, Jim Farris; Treasurer, Sally Comstock; Membership, Donna Onat; Club Store, Dave and Betty Roberts; Tappet Clatter Editor (half-time), Dave Haddock; Activities, Rod and Evie Schein & Mary and Jerry Brownell. The nominations were closed after no additions were made from the floor. The group was approved with a unanimous vote. We are still missing an Assistant Director, Historian and Co-Editor for the Tappet Clatter. It is hoped additional members will step forward to help the Club fill these offices.

Club Sandwich Boards - The lost Club sign Boards have been found by Don Comstock. They are in his possession.

Glove Box - Rod Schein asked a question about rear end conversions for his 40 coupe. He is looking for a more compatible gear ratio for long trips. After a discussion three were listed, a 3.7 found in 53 and 54 standard transmission Chevrolets; a 3.55 used in 50 to 54 powerglides; and a 3.83 the optional gear ratio for 1940. Lee suggested he may have one of the powerglide rear ends. Al Howe brought in a door from his 31 coupe seeking advice on how to take the wood out so a repair patch could be installed.

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From the Glove Box



Short-Term Radiator/Heater Core Repair

By Dave Haddock

So, the '57 Apache ¾ ton I recently purchased and drove back from Spokane in November had a single, short stub of a heater hose that started on the water pump and looped back around to the engine. It looked to me like the heater core had been leaking so it was bypassed by the previous owner. The truck was running in Spokane so I didn't tempt a repair and enjoyed a chilly ride back to Seattle and looked at it when I returned. I hooked up the heater hoses and, sure enough, the core had a good size leak. Well, my Dad had always had good luck with Barr's pellets for this sort of thing, but the auto parts places told me that it had been replaced with this new Barr's product, an aluminized powder or liquid that was supposed to be great stuff (and guaranteed to work or your money back!!). So I drained and flushed the cooling system, checked the thermostat, refilled it with a 50/50 mix, and threw in a package of the powder to see if it was as good as the pellets used to be. No luck. Still had that steam and coolant trickle from the heater core and a puddle on the passenger side floor.

Hmm. The package said some systems may require a second application. So I bought another package and threw it in. Surely this was going to do the trick. Still no luck. In fact, the leak seemed to be worse!! It was starting to look like I wouldn't be able to have heat this winter and I'll have to pull it apart and take the core to a radiator shop in the spring. At this point my 84 year old neighbor, Harry, must have sensed my frustration and came over to take a look. "You know Dave", he says, "I used to build and pressure test water tanks. When we had a problem with one that wouldn't seal we added some Quaker Oats to the water. That oatmeal would follow the water right to the leaking area and seal it up nice and tight." This got me to thinking that maybe there were some other time-proven alternatives to consider.

I jumped on the internet and sure enough, there were a number of "Farmer's tricks" that provide temporary radiator seals. And sure enough, oatmeal was mentioned. To my surprise however, plain black pepper was mentioned even more. I then reasoned that the oatmeal is coarse and may work well to stop bigger leaks and the black pepper is very fine and will probably work best for smaller leaks and maybe for finishing the job after the oatmeal slows it down. I devised a concoction of about 2-3 teaspoons of oatmeal and 2-3 teaspoons of black pepper and threw it in the radiator.

Well, on starting up the truck there was still some steam coming from the heater core area. But as the temperature increased the leak subsided. As the engine warmed up, the thermostat opened and there was full circulation and no leak at all. I ran the truck for awhile and shut it off. After cooling down for a few hours and crossing my fingers I started it again. Again, no leak at all. For the final test, Diane and I took this old farm truck to pick up our Christmas tree. It held once again and hopefully will make it until next spring when I can repair it correctly. If this works we might all want to consider adding a package of instant oatmeal and a can of black pepper to our emergency repair kits!! Wish me luck!!!

We need more car-related issues to discuss in this feature. It helps our Club members with their cars as well as providing a opportunity for others to learn more about their Chevrolets. Contact Jim Farris by phone or e-mail with any questions you feel might be included in the Glove Box. You can email me at farrismej@aol.com. Thanks. Jim Farris-Custodian of the Glove Box

TAPPET CLATTER Classifieds

FOR SALE

'52 Bel Air Two Door Hard Top, 3-spd, 216ci, Drive anywhere, Everything works well, Nice interior, chrome headliner cross-trim, new wiring harness, chrome is excellent, radio refurbished. **Recently serviced by Dave Folsom**. Will forward more pictures upon request, \$12,000 firm. (206) 364-1822 jalex1952@comcast.net

'51 Chevrolet Styleline DeLuxe 4 door sedan, 235 ci, powerglide, Original interior, Butterfly wheel, 51,000 original miles, see picture below, \$12,000, Dan Haarstadt, 425-785-4988



'67 Chevelle Malibu, 350 Chevy Crate Engine and Turbo 350 Transmission, Low Miles, Original Interior, Dragstar Wheels, New Tires, CD Player, Subwoofer in Trunk, see pictures below. Ryan 425-753-7072



1988 Chevrolet Caprice Estate Station Wagon, 78000 miles, V-8 with carburetor rebuilt, gets 20 miles per gallon on highway loaded, new tires, very clean inside and out. \$1500.00. Jim Farris 206-937-5636 or cell 206-226-2572

1949 Chevrolet Deluxe, Steering Wheel, Dic Selin 206-547-9697 or rrselin@aol.com.

'64 Chevelle SS, White, 2-dr HT, new paint & engine, Tom Asaif, 360-659-7553

'47-'53 Chev. radiator 1/2 ton; '47-'53 grill- no dents; 3-15 in. 6-lug wheels-Blazer type; 3-15x5 3 clip hubcap ridge 6 lug; 2- 15x5 reversed 5 lug; 2-15x5 6 lug ('48 car) 3 clip; 2-15x6 6 lug 5 clip; 6 15x5 6 lug 5 clip; 10 in. flywheel resurfaced w/ new ring gear, pressure & disc. Wally Martin 425-876-3475 (cell)

FOR SALE

'38 Chev Coupe, Master Deluxe, Price reduced!!! \$10,500, Bill Barker (425) 643-0698 or bill@barkerville.net

'33 gas tank \$75, 1934 head \$50, '47-'48 engines \$100, call Don Comstock (253) 863-0420, d.comstock@att.net

WANTED

'55 to '59 3/4 ton Apache, Need 8 lug, 16 in. wheels (non split rim) and propeller shaft emergency brake parts, Dave Haddock, 206-985-6987 or chevy-dave@gmail.com

'40 Chev, Need lower ratio gears for differential (now 411), What ratio works best? Rod Schein, 206-783-8956 or areshine@juno.com

'68 Impala, Need bumper jack, John Strampher, 253-770-1798 or chevyjohn@foxinternet.com

'64 Chevelle horn button. Would consider any 1964 full size horn button as well" Steve Grissom 425 - 228 3670 Steve4@aol.com.

Rims for '27 Chev, Bob Stamnes, 206-365-1482, rstamnes@yahoo.com

'51 to '54 powerglide rear end, Don Comstock (253) 863-0420, d.comstock@att.net

'63 Impala 2 Dr Hardtop - friend is looking for one to restore. Must be running! Donna Onat 425-643-0762

'55-56, 1/2 ton, short-bed PU, Prefer 235, V8 Ok, David White, (206) 999-8138, davidcwhite@comcast.net

'47 Chev Master Cylinder, Don Boettiger, (425) 641-6843, donald.boettiger@wa.ngb.army.mil

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