



Merry Christmas



THE PUGET SOUND REGION VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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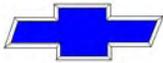
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2008—The year in Review

The end of a year, or at the termination of one's work, we often look back on what was accomplished. Very soon during, the last week of this year TV will chronicle every significant moment of 2008. Radio stations, newspapers and magazines will do the same. In keeping with that tradition it seems only appropriate for The Puget Sound VCCA Region to do the same. For a full forty-one years the Region has fulfilled its purpose and provided fun, exciting and varied activities for its members and their Vintage Chevrolets. Most of those years, during the sixty's, seventy's, eighty's, ninety's and even the past eight of this new century, have been exhilarating and others just good. They were what we, as individuals, made them to be. Measuring the success of each year would be difficult and non productive. Each had their moments of fun, joy, sadness and happiness. This past year is fresh. Let's take a look back on it and say "2008 was great!! " This December issue carries some of our regular features that will help us get ready for the new year and continue the effort to help members with their projects but the rest is dedicated to what we did using pictures not previously printed in The Tappet Clatter. Cont p6



Happy New Year



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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THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO MADE 2008 GREAT.

With this issue of the Tappet Clatter I end my time as the Editor. **Glenn Landguth** will take over with Volume 42 January 2009 issue. I have found it extremely gratifying to head up this vital element of the Club. It was a learning experience for me and put me in closer contact with so many of our members. That alone was reward in itself. This was not the first time working on our Club publication. Mary Ellen was the Editor for over a dozen years in the 70's and 80's. We worked together on it at that time. Electronic technology made my efforts much easier. I'm extremely grateful to all those that assisted with the adventure.

-30- *Jim Farris*

Director's Corner

"From The Drivers Seat"



Hello Puget Sound Members,

As we wind down 2008, I would like to thank those that supported the club during the year. **Al Howe**, as Assistant Director, he helped run the projector and assisted with the programs. He already has jumped ahead and has a list of programs for 2009. **Dick Jones**, who has performed the Secretary duties for the past two years. Dick was always quick to distribute a draft of the minutes from a club meeting. **Sallie Comstock**, who balances the club checkbook, tracks expenses and prepares our yearly budget. **Donna Onat**, who keeps memberships in check and provides sunshine to those who could use some to block the clouds. **Diane and Dave Haddock**, who did not let a little snow, stop them from having a make-up tour. **Jim Farris** did editor duties for the last two and a half years. Jim brought new items to the newsletter and is always ready at an event to record a tidbit with his pad and pencil. **Bob Helgeson** exercised his camera so much it was in need of a repair shop visit. Thanks for all of the club photos. Santa thought a little Christmas present to members would be appropriate and hope you enjoy all of the photos that reviewed 2008 in this issue. Thanks to **Bob** also for faithfully assuring Coffee, Tea and Juice at each meeting. **George and Ana Maria Haley**, their energy at the General Meeting with raffle items is second to none. Ana coordinated the Monroe Swap Meet volunteer workers, which is a fundraiser for our club. **Bob Stamnes**, we now know likes skiing besides Chevys kept the Glove Box active and interesting. **Dick Olson** coordinated the second Wednesday night Garage Nites for guys (mostly) to kick tires and share car chatter. **Bill Damm's** informative Safety Corner

Members who provided Spotlight, First Car, and other articles or stories during the year were: **Dennis & Gerri Johnson, Bill Damm, Bob Stamnes, Don Comstock, Matt Dickinson & Jill Anderson, Mary & Jerry Brownell, Al Howe, Dave & Diane Haddock, Jim Seiber, Steve Grissom, Donna Onat, Gary & Joanne Barquist, Dick Olson, Bill Johnson** and last but not least, **Jim Farris**, for all of his News Bits and other articles he provided to make the Tappet Clatter an enjoyment to read. Thanks again for all of your contributions to the club.

No General Meeting this month. We will have to wait until January 26, 2009. Speaking of 2009, the second event will be the Annual Awards and New Officers Installation Banquet on January 24th. Check page 4 for the information with a map and directions. I have sent out a registration sign-up sheet via email. If you don't have email and need a form let me know and I would be happy to mail one out to you.

Our first event in 2009 will be a Board Meeting at the home of **Bill and Ann Damm** at 7:00PM on January 15, in Bellevue. Any members interested in attending is welcome.

The 2009 roster development is moving along and is missing numerous membership renewals. If you have not renewed by December 27th you will not be in the new roster and risk not receiving any additional Tappet Clatters. For those who have not renewed your regional membership, this will be your last newsletter. If you did not receive an email regarding the form or are having any problems completing the form, please let me know.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! I hope the New Year brings enjoyment to all.

"Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life." --
Sandra Carey Best regards-----Chevy Addict—**Jim Martoza**

2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DEADLINE DECEMBER 27, 2008

2009 Membership Renewals are now being processed. There are still a few that have not renewed for 2009. **If you are one that has not yet renewed for 2009, and wish to be in the Roster contact Donna Onat, Bellevue, WA**

You must renew prior to December 27 in order to be listed in our 2009 Club Roster.

2009 Annual Awards and New Officers Installation Banquet January 24, 2009

Once again, George Kowats, John Strampher and Jim Martoza have teamed up to arrange the club banquet. We have reservations at the Golden Steer located at 23826 104th Ave SE in Kent for Saturday January 24th. Social time will start at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. Map and directions will be in the December Tappet Clatter. **Registration Forms will be emailed and posted at www.pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org and must be submitted with payment by January 12 to John Strampher. 9712 66th Ave. E, Puyallup WA 98373-1701**

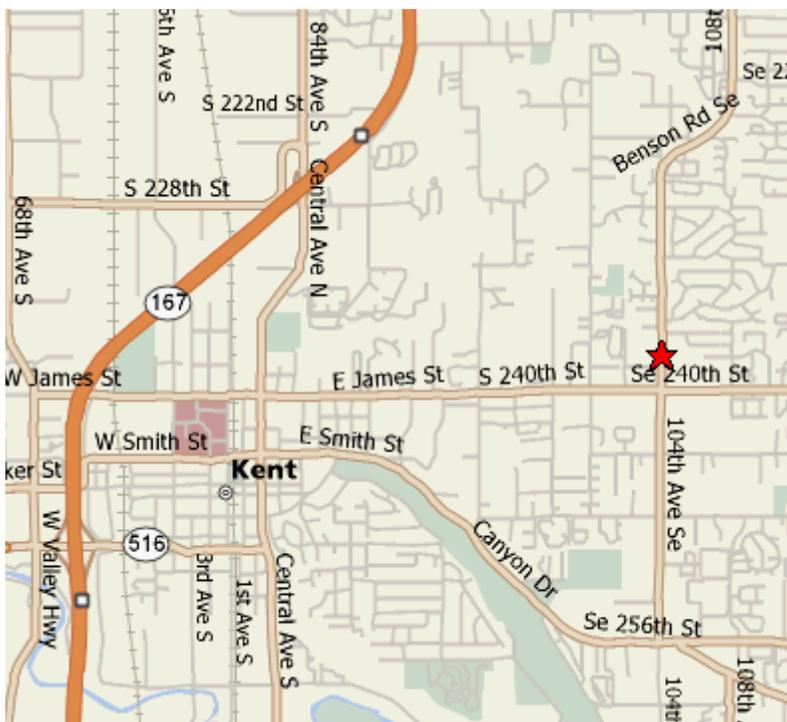
All meals come with bread, seasoned baby red potatoes, Caesar salad and **legendary carrot cake** for dessert. Coffee, tea or a soft drink is also included. Drinks will be available via server from the restaurant bar throughout the evening. The prices below include tax and tip.

PRIME RIB: 8 ounce portion \$26.00

CHICKEN DIJON: 10 ounce portion \$23.00

SALMON FILET: 8 ounce portion \$26.00

Vegetarian or vegan meal options - contact George Kowats at 253-852-8178



Banquet Location

From the North

1. Take WA-167 So. [Valley Freeway]
2. Take to So. 212 St Exit then turn left onto 212 St. So.
3. Turn right on 108th Ave SE. Changes to Benson Rd SE, changes again to 104th Ave SE. Golden Steer is on your left.

From the South

1. Take WA 167 [valley Freeway]
2. Go right on WA -516 continue on Willis to Central
3. Left on Central Ave S Changes to Central Ave N.
4. Right on E. James Street changes to S 240th and continues on SE 240th st.
5. Left on 104th Ave East.
6. Golden Steer is on your right

2009 Club Activities

Dates	Activity
Thursday January 15, 2009	Board meeting, Ann and Bill Damm's home
Saturday January 24, 2009	Banquet Golden Steer
Monday January 26, 2009	Monthly Meeting at Tillicum Middle School

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2008

Call to Order – The Meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:30 pm by Director Jim Martoza.

Welcome – No guests or new members were present at the start of the meeting.

Leeds and Needs – Passed clipboard around. A "Get Well" card for Jim Farris was passed around for entries. Also a holiday card for members to sign was passed around that will be in the December Tappet Clatter.

Secretary - Minutes accepted as printed in Tappet Clatter.

Treasurers Report – Sallie reported that the treasury is in good shape. Sallie commented that the Tillicum school has rarely cashed the annual payment check for using the school for meetings. However this year they have already cashed the check. She asked if the club should think about an alternate meeting place.

Membership – Donna Onat reported that 51 members are renewed for next year. The dues were due September 30. Renewals are now past due. Jim Martoza made a point that for members to be listed in the roster for 2009, their dues must be current by the 27th of December. Donna Onat asked for a volunteer to bring Jim Farris a balloon bouquet and the card. Bill Johnson volunteered to visit Jim at his daughter's home.

Voting for 2009 Officers and Support Positions

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| a. Director | Jim Martoza |
| b. Assistance Director | Al Howe |
| c. Treasurer | Sallie Comstock |
| d. Secretary | Don Comstock |
| e. Membership | Donna Onat |
| f. Activities | Matt Dickinson |
| g. Editor | Glenn Landguth |
| h. Historian | Bob Helgeson |
| i. Club Store | Bill Damm |
| j. Webmaster | Jim Martoza |
| k. Refreshment Facilitator | Bob Helgeson |
| l. | A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations. The vote to accept was unanimous. |

Glove Box – Bob Stamnes thanked Bob Hughes for providing the very informative article on oil in the last newsletter. Bob is always looking for challenges for the Glove Box.

Club Stores – Bill Johnson won 1st prize on 50/50, Jim Martoza won second prize. Door prizes were won by Jim Seiber, Bob Stamnes and John Stampher.

Activities - The Christmas Party will be at the Comstocks on December 7th. Jim Martoza announced that he had copies of the Annual Banquet Registration Form and copies of the 2009 NW Meet Flyer available.

Tappet Clatter Editor – Jim Martoza said that Jim Farris was recovering from surgery at his daughter's house in Renton.

Program – Don Comstock presented a program showing various bonding products on metal and plastics. He provided several samples for viewing. Don also gave live demos of a few products. A very interesting and informative program. Jim Martoza thanked Don Comstock for sharing his bonding experiences.

Break Refreshments – Coffee and juice provided by Bob Helgeson.

There were 24 attendees and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dick Jones.

2008 began with our **Annual Banquet** in January where the new roster for the year was given to members. This year's feature was the addition of members pictures. Photo 1 shows Bob and MG Stamnes with Donna Onat looking over the new membership listing.



Photo 2 is the new roster with pictures, 3 Lee Folsom demonstrates how a condenser works at a meeting, 4 Bob Stamnes's car at Starbucks HQs, where the Seattle Tour started, 5 Cars on the tour at Tully's coffee where we parked to see the new Rapid Transit Tunnel. 6 The first Board meeting of the year at Bill Damm's, 7 Steve Grissom our auctioneer.



8 Resting at the Portland Swap Meet in Bruce DeFord's space, 9 Garage Nite at Olson's, and 10 Ana Maria Haley greets the membership as she lines up workers for the Monroe Swap meet.



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11 Line up at Lee Johnson's, 12 Dick Jones receiving award

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13 May Breakfast and Tour

14 Garden Tour

15 Another Garage Nite

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16 Cars lined up at Strawberry Festival.

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17 and 18 Ballard Parade. Cars entering Parade and lined up in staging area.

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Puget Sound Ladies



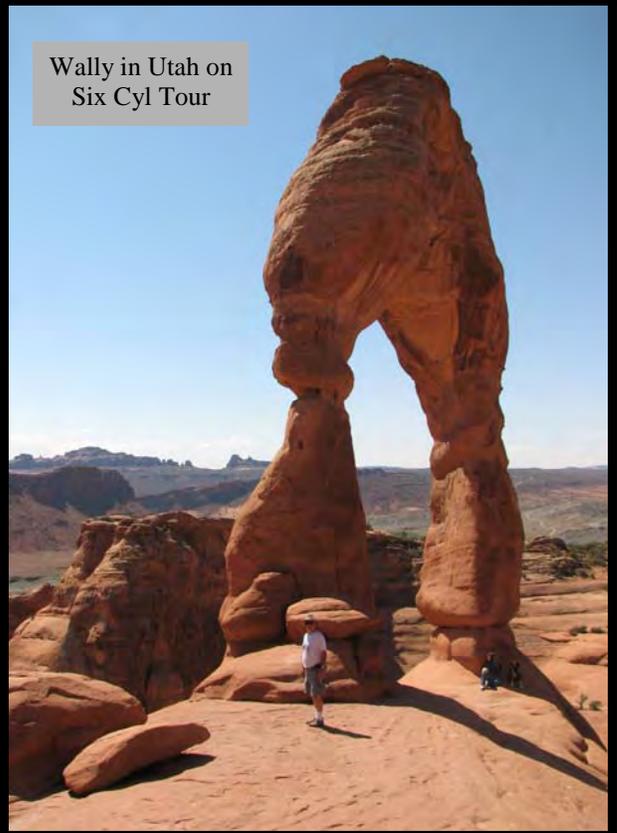
Florence winning at XXX



Haines '52 + Haddock's '51 Convertibles at NW Meet



Wally in Utah on Six Cyl Tour



Haley's Garage Nite





Vacuum Assisted Brakes

By Dave White

Dave White Answers on Vacuum Assisted Brakes

October Issue of Tappet Clatter, Glove Box

Dave White wrote about his trouble with Vacuum Assist Brakes he installed. Dave added a vacuum assist unit to his 37' about a year ago and he never figured out the pedal pressure. For details on the unit Dave used see http://www.automobileman.com/brake_booster.htm. A normal vacuum assist unit will firm up and then drop a bit when you first start up the car. This thing just keeps building pressure, so after about 20 minutes, it's where it should be. I had to adjust the brake pedal distance so that there's way too much play when you first start up. Dave asked for Answers but got none. rstamnes@yahoo.com.

Today Dave White Answers his Question

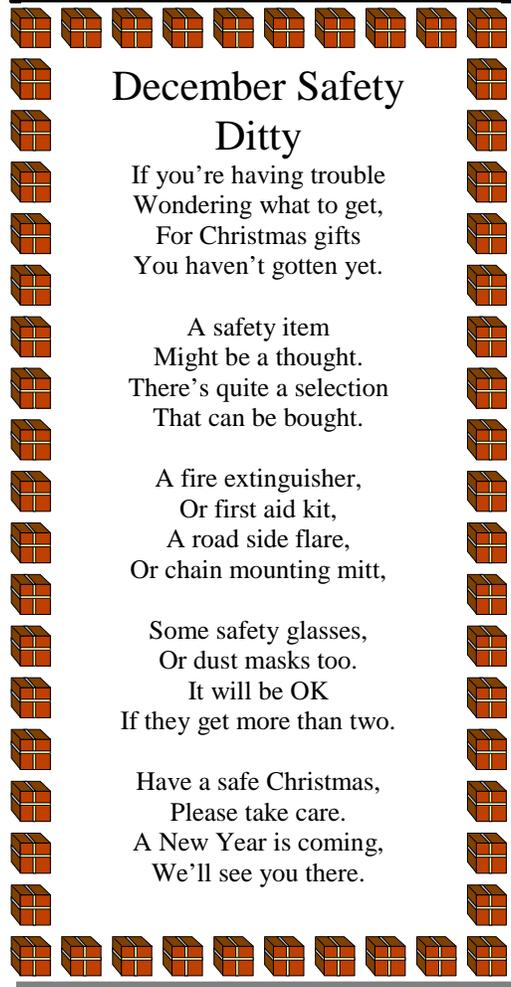
What was missing – a **metering valve!!** A diagram showing Dave White's system with the metering valve is available in an interesting technical article about what is necessary for adding a vacuum assist to your car. Dave chose to use a modern master cylinder because of the added safety of a split system (front/rear) as compared to the original single reservoir system. This article can be acquired by emailing Dave White davidcwhite@comcast.net at or Bob Stamnes at rstamnes@yahoo.com

This picture was provided by Dave White. It is the assembly line at Tarrytown for the 1959 model year. Note the colors of the 283 and 235 engines, transmissions and manifolds.



Found on Google, LIFE, photographer Fritz Goro

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER



December Safety

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If you're having trouble
Wondering what to get,
For Christmas gifts
You haven't gotten yet.

A safety item
Might be a thought.
There's quite a selection
That can be bought.

A fire extinguisher,
Or first aid kit,
A road side flare,
Or chain mounting mitt,

Some safety glasses,
Or dust masks too.
It will be OK
If they get more than two.

Have a safe Christmas,
Please take care.
A New Year is coming,
We'll see you there.



From the Members of the Puget Sound Region

Bob Allen
Jim Seiber

Al Howe

Jerry Brownell

Dick Jones

Ann W. Kelly

Dave Roberts

Roger Orness

Bill Nimm

Bob Stamps

Bill Baker

Don Comstock

Beth Johnson

Bob Helgeson & Florence

Jim & Gail Darcy

Don Hatley

Jim & Roberta MARTOZA

Ballie Comstock

John Strampel

Bob & Lue Schrein

Carolyn Frankhouser

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Ann & Diane Hadd

Al Howe

Jerry & Mary Brownell

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2008 Christmas party at Comstock's on December 7