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### FOR SALE

**1928 Chev Coupe**, needs total restoration, \$1800, delivery available. Dick Olson 425 222-5798.

**1955-56-57 Chev Pickup Doors**. \$200/pair. Dick Olson, 425-222-5798.

**1972 Corvette Wheel Covers** Set of 4 very good to excellent. Turbine Style with Corvette Flag inserts. The covers fit 15 inch wheels. I'll go as low as \$250 for the set of 4. Call Ron, 206-547-2844.



**1983 El Camino**, 305 cu-in, Gas/Propane. Good Condition. \$1995 OBO. Dick Jones, 425-736-8798.

### WANTED

**1942 Chevrolet Convertible**. Richard G. Luna, 310-549-9038, [rluna@eartel.net](mailto:rluna@eartel.net).

**1968 Impala Radio**, AM or AM/FM, John Strampher, 253-770-1798.

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**VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA**



## Rodents Attack Treasures Stored (RATS)

By Glenn Landguth

Those cute cartoon characters that find their way into the hearts of little children and their parents alike are nothing like the real thing. Like Road Runner, they seem capable of escaping whatever we put in their way to capture or destroy the pesky little critters. And we end up experiencing the frustration, if not the fate, of a Wile E. Coyote.

Urban neighborhoods have been faced with rodent infestations for many years, but not eons.

Evidence from radiometric dating indicates that the Earth is about 4.570 billion years old. (Other estimates put the age of the earth closer to 6,000 years, but who is going to quibble about a few years more or less.) That age is divided into various times. The largest defined unit of time is the supereon, composed of eons. Eons are divided into eras, which are in turn divided into periods, epochs and ages. And while the current age is relatively new for the Earth, dealing with rodents is getting old fast for me.

Mammals appeared about 228 million years ago. Modern mammals appeared about 37 million years ago. The first rodents were not considered undesirable by people. That is because there were probably no people here to consider rodents more than two million years ago. But now there are definitely people, and rodents are definitely a problem.

When rodents invaded my yard a few years ago, I just flushed the garden hose down the rat holes and the rodents scampered to the neighbors' yards. Not a problem, for me. But last year they came back. And for the first time, they invaded two of my cars that were parked outside. They built nests and generally messed up the engine compartments. That was when I started to seriously look for ways to again make the neighbors' yards once more look more attractive than mine.

I am convinced that it is impossible to completely eliminate the pesky critters. Their tunnels know no boundaries. They can easily run away from my tactics. My efforts have to stop at the neighbor's property line. And when I tire of the battle, the clever little fellows come right back.

So the trick is to wage a continuing sustainable campaign against the little fellows without it being an all-consuming effort for me. Next time I will share some of the things that seem to work for me, and things that other people have tried.

*(To be continued, probably next month., or at least sometime soon.)*

## Web Links for Area 3 VCCA Regions

Capital City Region, VCCA: None

Colombia River Region, VCCA: <http://www.vccacolumbiariverregion.org/>

Mt. Rainier Region, VCCA: <http://www.mtrainiercarclub.com>

North Cascade Region, VCCA: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club=northcascadevcca>

Puget Sound Region, VCCA: <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>

Willamette Valley Region, VCCA: <http://www.wvrcca.org/>