

# THE TAPPET CLATTER



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## JULY SPOTLIGHT

### Long Wait for a 1931 Chevrolet Landau Phaeton



We first saw this 31 Chev at the Third Annual Northwest VCCA Meet in Centralia in 1971. We were not VCCA members at this time but through exchange club newsletters that we received at this time with Gerri being Editor of the local Olympic Vintage Auto Club newsletter, we knew about the Northwest Meets. We went to Centralia to look at the Chevrolets in the early 70's several times. Why we did not join the VCCA at time is still a mystery to me as we certainly had an interest in the Chevrolets but were not driving any vintage Chevs at this time. (We were driving Chevrolet's cousins at this time, vintage Cadillacs and GMCs.) After seeing this Landau Phaeton in 1971 at Centralia, I told Gerri that we were going to own that car someday. (cont. on p. 5)

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### July Program

**July meeting program:** No meeting this month. See you at the NW Meet (info on p. 7) in Kelso!!!



# Rod & Jerrys' Relay



Well, after 18 years of smooth computing, we got hit with the infamous “imminent hard drive failure” message and before we could complete imaging the drive and saving what was there, “imminent” became now! So, being without our computer since last week and needing to write this article and check in with the outside world, I got out our Windows 95 computer that I had mothballed last fall. Like a '40 Chev, it fired right up. Not very fast or fancy, but rock solid and reliable. There is something to be said for using vintage over the latest and greatest!

Evie and I very much enjoyed the strawberry shortcake picnic at Marymoor Park last month. We had a great turnout of members and cars. Steve Grissom and NW Meet 2005 leaders gave a thorough report on the meet’s proposed activities and plans. The plans look especially good and I am looking forward to what we present to the other regions that attend. Special thanks go to Gail and Jim Darby for preparing the shortcake and peaches, and to Don and Sallie Comstock for planting, nurturing, picking, and providing the strawberries. The strawberries and shortcake were delicious.

With the 2004 NW Meet upon us and August quickly approaching, its time to be thinking about what roles we would like to play in next years club events and activities. My thanks goes to each of you who are working on our 2005 NW meet. My thanks also goes to each of you who will consider being a club officer for 2005. As with last year, I would like each of you to look over the officer categories and consider which one might be the best fit for you. I am in the process of putting together a nominating committee and would appreciate very much your letting me know in what office you would like to serve. I very much appreciate each of you who move from membership into leadership of our club.

*In the Relay with you, Rod*

**Monroe Swap Meet Update:** Ana says we netted \$945 (\$905 for volunteer labor and a generous \$40 donation from Dick Jones.

## Say Hello to a New Member!!!!

Welcome new members **Dan Haarstad** (Bellevue– 1951 4-dr sedan) and **William Damm** (Bellevue– 1929 International Coupe), and returning member **Roger Orness** (Milton– four Chevs from 1925 to 1950)!!!!

## CLUB STORE & RAFFLE

The Club Store will be closed until the September Meeting. Call or email if you need anything.  
Ana Maria & George Haley (253) 874-0365 [anama97@comcast.net](mailto:anama97@comcast.net)

See you...  
*George & Ana Maria*

## July Celebrations

### ANNIVERSARIES!

JIM & GAIL DARBY 08-03  
WALLY & JUDY MARTIN 08-04  
TOM & CAROLYN FRANK HOUSER 08-16  
LEE & CAROL FOLSOM 08-18  
DENNIS & JANICE DYNES 08-26  
JIM & ROBERTA MARTOZA 08-31

### BIRTHDAYS!

JANICE DYNES 08-04  
SALLIE COMSTOCK 08-29  
RITA SELIN 08-30  
ROGER ORNESS 08-10  
TOM LAUDERBACK 08-30  
AL ANDERSON 08-31



Cars at the  
Strawberry  
Social in  
Marymoor  
Park

*Thanks Scheins!!*

NOTE: Please submit Tappet Clatter contributions before the 10th of the month. Thanks.

## Long Wait for a 1931 Chevrolet Landau Phaeton

(cont. from p. 1)

The car was owned by Ira Dykes of Dryden, Washington who had recently moved to Washington from Livermore, California. A short time after the Northwest Meet, the car was sold to Bud Aehle in Seattle, but actually, his wife Charlotte is the one who had the most interest in this 31 Landau Phaeton.

Charlotte Aehle was the daughter of one of our local OVAC members Ken and Mary Spotts of Bremerton. The second time I saw this 31 Landau Phaeton was in the mid 70's as it was coming down our driveway with Bud and Charlotte Aehle and Charlotte's parents Ken and Marry Spotts. They were out for a drive and had stopped by to look at our cars. At this time I told Bud that I was sure interested in the car and if he should ever decide to sell it I would like to buy it. He assured me the car was not for sale but would keep that in mind.

After this, the car was stored in Ken Spott's garage in Bremerton and I saw the car quit often. On several occasions over the next few years I saw Bud Aehle and asked about the car but the answer was always the same, not for sale but would keep me in mind. In the mid 1980s our interest was more in vintage trucks and the American Historical Truck Society and we were not very active in the local OVAC car club.

About this time, Charlotte Aehle passed away and Bud's interest in the car dwindled as it was Charlotte who was actually interested in the car at the time they bought it. The car was stored in Seattle at this time. In 1990 the 31 Landau was sold to Bruce Harlow of Poulsbo, who was a very close friend of Charlotte's farther. I happen to see the 31 Landau as it passed through Poulsbo on a trailer being transported from Seattle to Mr. Harlow's home west of Poulsbo.

Once again my interest was sparked but I was too late. I asked Bruce Harlow about the car several times over the next few years but the car was not for sale. Mr. Harlow being a very tall man, began to realize that he just did not fit into this little 1931 Chevrolet as well as he fit into the larger classic cars he owned and as much as he liked this little Chev, he decided to sell the car.

So persistent finally paid off and we were able to buy the 31 Landau Phaeton in 1995.

I believe we have driven this 1931 Chevrolet Landau Phaeton and enjoyed it more in the few years we have owned the car than all of the previous three owners put together.

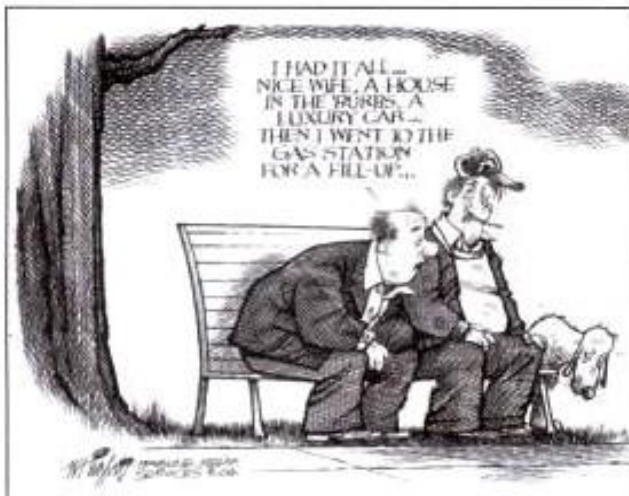
Dennis and Gerri Johnson



David White took this picture of a fine 1946 classic at the GM Picnic. It is owned by a club member. Can you guess who owns it?

## 2004 Club Meetings & Auto Events Calendar

JULY	<u>22-25</u>	Kelso, WA. VCCA 33rd NW Meet Info 503 524-1835
	24	Seattle, WA. Classic Car Show on Alki Info 206 763-3319
	25	Issaquah, WA. Triple XXX Truck & Pickup Show Info 425 392-1266
AUG	5-8	Bend, OR. Flashback Cruz 2004, Info: 541-382-9370
	<u>7</u>	Lynden, WA. August Tractor Show Tour (see p. 7)
	<u>11</u>	Garage Night at Bill Barker's 7:00 PM (see p. 8)
	13-15	Bellevue, WA. All Chevy Show Info: <a href="http://www.allchevyshow.com">www.allchevyshow.com</a>
	13-15	The Dalles, OR. Cruise the Gorge 'Show in the Shade', Info: 541-298-5344
	15	Issaquah, WA. '55-56-57 Chevy Show @ XXX Drive-In, Info: 425-235-0825
	21-22	Graham, WA. Yesterdays Chevelle/El Camino Show Info: 360-412-5024
	<u>23</u>	Issaquah, WA. August XXX Club Meeting
	28-29	Seattle, WA. Fabulous Fifties Car Fest, 206-286-5362
SEP	4	Olympia, WA. Cool Creek Nites Car Show, 360-352-1626
	11	Edmonds, WA. Hot Autumn Nites, 425-670-1496
	17-19	Ocean Shores, WA. Sea Cruz II, 360-491-0988
	25-26	Chehalis, WA. Harvest Swap Meet, 360-273-6961
	<u>27</u>	General Meeting: @Tillicum @ 7:30 PM.



**Gasoline Price Humor**.....Should have included these in May!!!

## Club Touring & Activities Information for 2004

### July Program

No official meeting in July. Remember the NW Meet in July and the Lynden Tractor Pull in early August (see info below). August 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Cruise to the XXX in Issaquah.

### NW Meet in Kelso

There is a group leaving Tues July 20th from the Puyallup fairground parking lot at 11:00 AM for the NW Meet at Kelso. We plan to travel back roads, Hiway 507 thru Roy etc. Group members so far: Farris, Olson, Barker, Helgerson, and Boltz. For info call Dick Olson or Jim Farris.

### AUGUST TRACTOR SHOW TOUR

Sat. Aug. 7th, 9:30 AM

Join us on Saturday, August 7th for a trip north to Lynden to the annual tractor pull show put on by the Puget Sound Antique Tractor Association. This is a proposed stop for next years Northwest Meet that we will be checking out to make sure it looks like a good idea. The show runs Wed. through Sat. and includes a variety of activities daily including: threshing and sawmill demonstrations, equipment parade, watermelon eating contest, quilting and homemaking demonstrations and, of course, some tractor pulling competition.

We will meet further north than normal at the 128th St. SE exit of I-5 (exit #186) south of Everett. Meet at the tourist information station on the NE corner of this exit, next to the hotel. As we have a ways to go, we will be leaving at 9:30. Anyone wanting to get together in the Kent / Renton area needs to contact Don Comstock at 253-863-0420 to make connections.

There is food service available at the show or bring along your own picnic supplies. Admission is charged: Adults \$7, Seniors \$5, and kids 8 - 12 \$3. This will probably be a pretty full day, but if there is time we may swing by a couple of other places (like drive by the meet hotel).

Contact Tom Lauderback for any further information.

### July 2004

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### August 2004

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### September 2004

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### October 2004

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## TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

### **WEDNESDAY GARAGE NITE**

Dick Olson is continuing an informal Wednesday garage night. We will meet once a month at someone's garage (alternating each month).

**When:** Second Wed. of the month 7:00 PM. Informal get together, guy stuff, guests welcome! Kick tires; Network with other car nuts; Meet new people; Learn new things; An excuse to drive your old car? Host will provide soft drinks or bring your own? Check out garage projects!! Call Dick to volunteer your garage!!

**Where:** Bill Barker's Garage. Begin at 7 PM. (Early arrivals welcome.)

To Bill Barker's House. - From 405, head east on I-90 towards Issaquah. Take Exit 13 off I-90 (Lakemont Blvd) Bear right, then turn right at stop sign. At signal light turn left on Newport Way and travel for 1.3 miles. Turn right at SE 54th (Issaquah Zoological Park). Follow this road all the way to the top of the hill (1.3 miles) and make a right turn on SE 60th. Barker house is seventh driveway on the left.

**Schedule:**

To be announced next month.

### **WANTED**

**Upright Windshield Posts for a Chev. 490 Touring,** George Eadie, (425) 481-4238 or (425) 269-0265

**'64 Impala SS hubcap,** Need 1 very good hubcap/ would buy more if needed more, only need one, Steve Grissom, (425) 228-3670, [steveg4@aol.com](mailto:steveg4@aol.com).

### **FOR SALE**

**'60s to '70s 1/2 or 3/4 ton pickup sideracks,** home-made but works to extend load, Jim Seiber, (425) 392-7865

**'36 Chev Parts,** wheels, radiator and shroud, hood, John Aryes 425 870-4086

**Free pair of rusty splash aprons for 1918 490 Touring** Terry Shegrud, contact Jim Martoza for more information.

**'36 Chev 2-dr front seat,** \$100; **'53 235 60,000 orig. mi.,** \$350; **'31 Chev truck 4-spd,** 2 for \$75; **Chev 350 Turbo 350,** \$525; **Misc. 53/54 Chev parts;** Contact Mike Smith (253) 640-0337 or (253) 476-0741

## Fourth Of July Chevy Picnic

At the Folsom's annual 4th of July party we had perfect weather, lots of good food and several vintage Chevies. Carol is still recuperating from having hip surgery a few weeks back and is now getting around on crutches. Lee and friend Dave got the picnic area all set up for us so rain or shine they were prepared. Head Chef, Lee had the grilling of the hot dogs down to perfection.

Tom and I showed up in our '25 touring. Jerry & Mary Brownell came next followed shortly by Dave and Diane Haddock in their shiny '51 convertible. Before long Tommy and Carolyn Frankhouser cruised down the path in their beautiful '59 El Camino. A little bit later we were joined by Donna Onat and her friend Larry in her 1954. As far as we know the little '54 was running well for the day.

We had quite a spread of food so in between the courses we hiked the wooded path to "Chevy Springs" and then checked out the cars. Since I had several requests for the recipe of the cake we brought I decided to add it to the Tappet Clatter. It's an old summer time family favorite so I'm sure it's been brought to a lot of car club picnics over the years by my mom or me.

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## General Membership Meeting Minutes—June 28, 2004

No official minutes this month. Thanks to Steve Grissom and team for filling us in on next years Northwest Meet activities. Special thanks go to Gail and Jim Darby for preparing the shortcake and peaches, and to Don and Sallie Comstock for planting, nurturing, picking, and providing the strawberries.

### **An Island Adventure—By Don Comstock**

In the early morning hours of July 11<sup>th</sup> several intrepid adventurers targeted the ferry terminal at Point Defiance as a meeting place to begin. Our trip across the sound was punctuated by a pair of Coast Guard Security Boats doing a training exercise that looked more like a ballet attempting to capture the Ferry. Overcast skies soon gave way to full sun as a row of gleaming Chevies rolled into the small town of Vashon. Gale & Dot Munsey, Fred & Joyce Spray and Jim Pickett & friend Loree from Mt. Rainier; Dick Jones and copilot Alex from Puget Sound; as well as George & Ana Haley and Don & Sallie Comstock from both regions gathered at the local hardware store parking lot. The group enjoyed a free brunch, pleasant conversation, Strawberry festival pens, and several other vintage cars from Austin Minis, to a low miles Studebaker truck.

A parade of cars left with the Chevies in the lead behind local dignitaries. Luckily the city of Vashon is small but the parade route was pretty long. We had a chance to visit with lots of folks along the route as well as get a preview of the vendors at the street fair. Within an hour we were back to the parking lot for the car show portion of the adventure. This gave us a chance to visit the street fair we just passed.

The community of Vashon is extremely friendly if a bit quirky, a mixture of hippy and artsy folks. There were three or four bands playing a variety of music at various venues around town (all within a 3 block radius). The arts and crafts were interesting and somewhat different than other community fairs, the food vendors were about the same, we enjoyed the Thai food and returned to the car show. Our band played a variety of rock and roll, blues and country, all with a unique twist of their own. This duo had a sound much greater than two guys, and by consensus was the best of the bunch. We will be investigating booking them for the 2005 meet. Ana Haley won a CD of their music for knowing the number of errors they made in the last song they played.

This adventure continued as everyone went their own way to board a ferry for the return trip. The Comstock's were the only team to go back to Tacoma. We had more time to kill so we visited a few shops and a really nifty nursery just out of town on the search of a lavender plant. Vashon Island must be a totally different planet because we saw gorgeous unique plants unlike anything you'd find at mainland nurseries. The colors as well as shapes and varieties of flowers were truly amazing. As a result of this stop we were unable to board the desired ferry. We were first in line for the next one. This gave us time to read the Sunday paper amid great scenery and slowly return to our regular Sunday routine.



## From the Glove Box



This month's Glove Box question is of general interest.

**Question:** What does WD-40 stand for and just what is in that stuff??

**Answer:** WD-40 literally stands for Water Displacement, 40th attempt. That's the name straight out of the lab book used by the chemist at San Diego Rocket Chemical Company who developed WD-40 back in 1953. The chemist, Norm Larsen, was attempting to concoct a formula to prevent corrosion—a task which is done by displacing water. Norm's persistence paid off when he perfected the formula on his 40th try.

While the ingredients in WD-40 are secret, however they will tell you what WD-40 does NOT contain. WD-40 does NOT contain silicone, kerosene, water, wax, graphite, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), or any known cancer-causing agents. This latter fact is especially reassuring to those who rub it on their joints to cure arthritis.

New questions or questions & answers are always welcome. You can email me at [farrismej@aol.com](mailto:farrismej@aol.com). Thanks.

Jim Farris-Custodian of the Glove Box

(Editor's note: Email Dave Haddock with your favorite use (or cure) and we will compile a list to share in a future edition, [chevguy@att.net](mailto:chevguy@att.net)).

### Fourth of July Chevy Picnic (cont. from p. 8)

#### Lemon Glazed Cake

1 pkg. of lemon cake mix  
1 pkg. 3oz of lemon Jell-O  
3/4 cup of water  
3/4 cup of oil  
4 eggs

For the cake batter: combine the above five ingredients in a large mixing bowl and beat for 3 minutes with a mixer. Pour into a 9 x 13 pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes at 350 F. For the glaze: mix together 2 cups of powdered sugar with 1/4 cup of lemon juice. While cake is still warm from the oven poke holes in top of cake with fork and then pour glaze over the top.

We hope you had a great 4th, no matter how you celebrated.  
Submitted by Sharon Lauderback

## TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

### FOR SALE

'65 Chevelle 396 engine, Pat @425-373-1688  
Set of 8 lug Chev wheels w/good 16.5 tires, \$75  
Jim Farris (206) 937-5636 or [farrismej@aol.com](mailto:farrismej@aol.com)  
**1987 Pontiac Trans AM GTA** configuration, T-tops, excellent mechanics & driver \$2750 OBO  
Walt Blair (206) 249-6745 or [blairhall33@excite.com](mailto:blairhall33@excite.com)  
**'59 Convertible**, 80K miles, Bruce Nickelson (425) 771-8475  
**'56 265 CID engine**, less than 20k on rebuild, 3 spd tran. & rear end, 370?, Wally Martin, (425) 743-6858  
**'50 216 Engine-complete**, Dick Olson, (425) 222-5798, [rolson82@comcast.net](mailto:rolson82@comcast.net)  
**'37 Rebuilt Engine**, '47 & '48 builder engines, '53 Cadillac V-8, '33 engines, Don Comstock, (253) 863-0420, [corvairguy@att.net](mailto:corvairguy@att.net)  
**'41 Chev. Club Coupe**, Grey over blue, A nice car, \$11,500, Don Brown, (425) 231-0208  
**'82 Era Test Equip**, Snap-on Diagnostic Center mounted on rolling cabinet, Jim Seiber, (425) 392-7865, [jseiber@att.net](mailto:jseiber@att.net)

**1951 Chevrolet Convertible.** Nearly \$50,000 spent on full restoration (see picture below). Car is in Post Falls, ID restoration shop. Call Glenn Vaughn for full details on restoration work. 208-773-3525. ([www.glennvaughn.com](http://www.glennvaughn.com)). Best offer. [bernard.schaffer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bernard.schaffer@sbcglobal.net)



**NOTE: More Tappet Clatter Classifieds on p. 8**

### CLEARANCE SALE

'54 6 CYL. 235 engine, Rebuilt .030 over, 0 miles, \$1,800  
'54 Power Glide Tranny, Rebuilt 0 miles, \$650  
'52 235 CI and PG, \$25  
V8 Truck, Bell housing, \$20  
'65 6 CYL 230 CI & PG, \$50  
'50 PU Diff, \$10  
'37-'38 Coupe Doors, L&R, \$5 ea.  
'59 Frt. Bumper, \$20  
'59 Impala, wheel covers, (4), \$10 ea.  
'62 SS, wheel covers, (4), \$15 ea.  
'50 PU, door, RH, \$20  
'68 ALL-SYNCRO, 3-spd, \$40  
'58 3-spd, \$20  
'56 PU, 4-spd, \$20  
'57 Bel Air, LH Front Fender Mldg, \$20  
'57 Bel Air, N.O.S. LH Front Fender Mldg, \$40  
'39, N.O.S. Running Board Mldg, \$80  
'39, Running Board Rubber, LH \$40  
'53 or '54, steering wheel, \$50  
Call Gene 425 222-5624 (Let ring 6 times)

### WANTED

**Good 3 speed manual transmission**, for '53 Chev Bel Air Sedan. A '54 transmission would work too. Contact: Dale Hicks, at 425-481-9787  
**'55-56, 1/2 ton, short-bed PU**, Prefer 235 but V8 Ok, David White, (206) 999-8138, [davidcwhite@comcast.net](mailto:davidcwhite@comcast.net)  
**'38 Chev Radio**, Bill Barker, (425) 643-0698, [bill@barkerville.com](mailto:bill@barkerville.com)  
**'55 210 Wheel Bearing Dust Caps**, Dave Haddock, (206) 985-6987, [chevguy@att.net](mailto:chevguy@att.net)  
**1918 490 Touring**, one inside door handle plate Terry Shegrud, contact Jim Martoza.

1936-1950 Passenger and 1/2 Ton Brake Shoe Cores. Also, 9 inch '38 to '53 clutch discs. Bring to any meeting. We will forward them to

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INFORMATION: (541) 258-2114

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