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2013 Four-Cylinder Tour

By Al Howe

We had a most enjoyable tour this year in Dillon, MT. The people of Dillon welcomed us with open arms. We were constantly amazed by their warm reception.

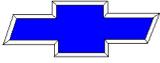
The first day the Dillon Chamber of Commerce put on a steak BBQ for us and the town people. We parked our cars on the city park's lawn and the locals enjoyed looking at them. We toured the Big Hole Battlefield Site, Bannock State Park, Virginia City, and saw lots of Lewis and Clark history.



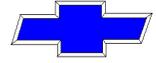
We were served lunch by a local car club and The American Legion. We were entertained by some young violinists of ages from 5 to about 15. These kids stole our hearts.

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Reminder: The next Club meeting will be August 26 at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah.



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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 1988 may be registered with the Region.

*General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May, at **Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue.** 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. No meetings are held in June, July, August, and 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, "The Tappet Clatter."*

*You can find the PS-VCCA website on the **World Wide Web** at <http://pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/>*

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Editor's Note

The monthly deadline for receiving input is the 5th of the month. We reserve the right to edit material in any way as appropriate for wording, clarity, grammar, punctuation, and space available. We can accept most electronic formats and hardcopy. Photographs can be scanned and returned. We will take reasonable care of copy provided, however we cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged material. Send copy to *Glenn Landguth, via gklandguth@msn.com*

Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Social

The showers stopped in time for our annual Strawberry Social.

Bill Damm drove his '29 Chevy International 3-window Coupe, and Rod Schein drove his '40 Chevy Special Deluxe. Rod and Dave Haddock arrived late as they had been out scouting the routes for the upcoming "Historic Roads of the Cascades" tour on July 27.

The Four-Cylinder tour took some people who might have otherwise come to the Strawberry Social, and the weather earlier in the day may have discouraged some others, but the turnout was still good. Jim Darby brought the shortcake, and Don and Sallie Comstock brought the strawberries and other fixings. There is just something right about a little whipped cream to top off the dessert.



An especially brave little bird came by to help pick up any shortcake crumbs that fell onto the ground. It was such fun to watch, and I suspect that some crumbs may have been deliberately dropped. But that is just my suspicion.

I think we set a record for the youngest person to attend the event; Barker's three-day-old granddaughter brought her mom, dad, and grandparents. While not quite up to strawberry shortcake yet, she did seem to enjoy all of the friendly faces that came by to say hello.

Dave Haddock conducted a brief formal meeting to make some announcements and to recognize Don and Sallie for bringing the strawberries and Jim Darby for bringing the shortcake. He then presented Glenn Landguth a Certificate of Award from VCCA for his work on the Tappet Clatter.



Everyone had a nice time sharing news of recent events, and enjoying the dessert.

And of course we all fondly remember Gail Darby who always contributed her special recipe and unique touch to make the shortcake just right. We are so glad that Jim is happy to continue the tradition.



Chevy Judging Clinic

by Al Howe

On June 6, Ken Scott hosted a Chevrolet Judging Clinic at his house. This was an attempt to correlate East Coast and West Coast judging practices. Chuck Gibson, national judging Chair and Ken Farley, one of the chief judges on the national judging committee, talked about things that should and should not cause point deductions. Judges in training divided into small groups and judged cars of a wide range of years and models. The oldest one I saw was a 1924 open touring.

There were members from North Cascade Region, Rainier Region, Puget Sound Region and Columbia River Region present. Attendees from Puget Sound were George & Phyllis Kowats, Don Hatley, Don & Sallie Comstock, George & Ana Haley, Dick Jones, Wally Martin, Dennis & Gerri Johnson, Roger Orness, Al Howe, Dave & Diane Haddock, George Warren, Don Boltz, Ken & Carol Beach and Ian Hardie.

Ken had his shops and parts bins open for all to rummage through and I know some parts found new homes. I don't know who supplied all the food for lunch and dinner but there was a lot and no one went hungry. Don Comstock did most of the cooking and the ladies worked hard preparing food for all those hungry, hard-working judges. Ana Haley supervised games and door prizes. Wally Martin, Dick Jones and Gerri Johnson were prize winners.

Putting on a judging clinic of this nature is an excellent idea. It took a lot of work to coordinate everything and I would like to extend a very big "Thank You" to Ken Scott for a job well done.



A Note from Ken Scott:

To all who attended the judging clinic at my place on June 6th, a special thank you. We had members from all over Area Three including our Area Director and three of the five Region Directors. We also had the national chief judge as well as one of the national judging committee members.

And special thanks go to all who worked hard at putting together food, games, helped with signs and in general made it all happen. I just supplied the place. The compliments for our efforts were almost endless with National being very impressed. I have always considered VCCA my extended family as my article in the G&D showed. We did well; thanks for making it happen.

July 4th Picnic at Folsom's

As we slowly drove down the shady dirt road to the meadow, we wondered if we would be the first to arrive. It was just a few minutes past noon. We found Dave and Carol quietly sitting in the picnic shelter waiting for our arrival. Tables were set out, franks were sizzling in the electric frying pan, and all was ready for a picnic.

The meadow had been freshly mowed. Contrast this to last year when standing water in the meadow kept us on the upper deck at the house. This has been a much drier spring.

Soon we were joined by Dave and Diane Haddock, Mark Shaw, Jerry and Mary Brownell, and Dave and Betty Roberts.

Mark Shaw brought some wheels for a little show and tell about his current project. After having a set of 11 wheels repaired and powder coated, he discovered that some were 18 inch and some were 19 inch, with the result that he did not have a complete set of 4 wheels for his car. Various options were discussed. The wheels that he brought to show were in need of straightening. Several potential providers of straightening services were suggested.

A bit later Jim Lewis and Linda Wheeler drove down the road and into the meadow. Jim proceeded to get his banjo out of the car, and I had seen Lee's guitar in the back of his car, so I knew that we were in for another sing-along just like last year. Carol joined with her ukulele.



I had brought some songbooks in anticipation of a sing-along, but to my chagrin I could not quickly find the songs that were being sung. Carol said that they also have some songbooks and we should coordinate songs ahead of time next year. Nevertheless, the songs that we did sing were wonderful.

A big "Thank You" to Lee and Carol for hosting this thoroughly enjoyable event.

Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

July 27 th	Historic Roads of the Cascades	Dave Haddock/Rod Schein
TBD	Board Meeting	
August 15 th to 17 th	NW Meet, Federal Way, WA	Mt. Rainier VCCA
August 26 th	XXX Drive-In, Issaquah	Club Meeting
Sept 9 th to 13 th	Early 6 Cylinder Tour - Baker City, OR	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
October 12 th	Teaway Hunters Breakfast Tour	Jim Farris
TBD	Board Meeting	
Early December	Christmas Party	

I will help with the paperwork and submit the tour passport miles requests.
Matt Dickinson

NW Meet Reminder

Just a quick reminder about the VCCA NW Meet coming up August 15th - 17th (next month) in Federal Way.

If you haven't already registered there is still time. The deadline has been extended to July 15th. After then, a \$15 late fee charge must be included in the total amount.

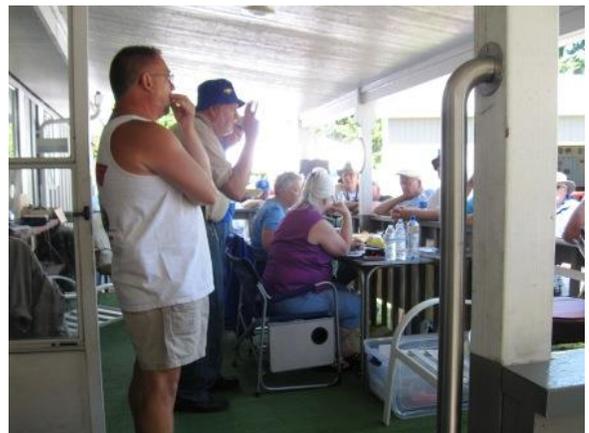
So, get your registration in and while you are at it, put some nice wax on that old Chevy!! Contact Ana Maria Haley or Don/Sallie Comstock if you have questions.

The prospectus can be found on the VCCA website or by contacting Ana Maria Haley or Don Comstock.

Judging Clinic

By Dave Gowan, Area 3 Director

I counted about 50 people at the clinic held in Tacoma on Ken Scott's property June 6th. He had ordered a fantastic day for this event and some of us gained some burn on our capless heads. I should say hairless heads.



Camaraderie was good and everyone seemed to enjoy the homemade chili and then later the barbequed hamburgers with all the trimmings. And we learned a lot about what to do and how to think when judging our cars.

Thanks Ken and your staff. Many hands made this an outstanding Northwest get-together

From the Glove Box



From the Glove Box is devoted to sharing technical information, technical problems and solutions to problems related to the restoration and preservation of vintage Chevrolets. Please share your knowledge, experiences and recommendations with your fellow members.

Call the Glove Box Coordinator, Bob Starnes, via email rstarnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Replacing Spring Shackle Bushings

This article is by Dave Folsom and is taken from his blog at <http://chev235guy.blogspot.com/>. It is printed here with his permission.

When it is time to replace spring shackle bushings, here is a simple process.

Parts Needed:

- 12 inches of 5/8"- 11 (11 threads per inch) All-Thread
- Two 5/8-11 nuts
- Two 5/8" ID washers
- 1" ID X 2" long pipe

The process:

1. Oil threads of All-Thread and OD of new bushing.
2. Thread the All-Thread through old bushing far enough for new bushing , washer, and nut to be installed.
3. Screw new bushing on All-Thread.
4. Next attach washer and nut (washer and nut act as a stop to prevent pulling the bushing in too far and to protect the threads, as the ID of the bushing is a slightly loose fit on the 5/8" All-Thread).
5. On the other side, slide on the 1" pipe and washer, and then put nut on.
6. Center pipe over bushing being removed, then tighten nut and washer against pipe to draw the new bushing in, forcing the old bushing out into the pipe (use the same procedure for the frame mount bushing).

Note: If the threads inside the old bushing are not too bad for the All-Thread to hold on to, the old bushing can be pulled out by itself, if desired.



Parts required



Shackle bushing ready to install



Old bushing half way out and shackle bushing half way in



New bushing in place



Pulling out old bushing by itself

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Replacing Spring Shackle Bushings (continued from page 9)

Next are three pictures of the old worn pin and bushing.



Worn pin and bearing before replacement



Worn bearing



Worn pin

**Bill Damm's
SAFETY CORNER**

A broken axle
And a broken spoke,
An engine knock
Then a cloud of smoke.

When will it end?
I can only hope
That it won't get worse
Cuz I'm going broke.

There are safety expenses
That are worthwhile
That keep me protected
Mile after mile.

Like seat belts and safety glass
And turn signals too;
Some left and right mirrors
For a better rear view.

This crate is expensive -
A buck at every turn/
It's costing me money -
More than I earn.

But as I drive down the street
And see people smile
It makes the expenses
All well worth their while.

Garage Nite at Wicked Fabrication

Wicked Fabrication provides services from restoration of vintage cars to fabrication of street machines. The name does not connote a tendency toward evil, but rather is a take-off on the name of the owner, Craig Wick. They can assemble a car from the ground up, or take a ground up car and do a total teardown and restoration. Restorations can be stock or include selected improvements. Common improvements are upgrades to the drivetrain, suspension, brakes, power windows, engines, etc. Wicked Fabrication was started in Auburn, WA in 2002.



The company has grown and now employs eight people, each a specialist in their respective fields. Their cars have been features in many car magazines over the years.



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FOR SALE

1931 Convertible Cabriolet with rumble seat. Very little rust, but needs new wood. 99% complete car with a 40-year accumulation of new, used and NOS parts. Has the original rumble seat cushions and new seat frame wood with both new seat springs. The very rare metal spare tire carrier, steering wheel and 3 out of the 4 fenders are NOS. New reproduction tail light buckets, rims, lenses, hub caps, running board trim and eagle radiator cap. New pistons, rings, bearings, bushings, kingpins, shackles, brake cables, brake lining, gaskets, carburetors and fuel pumps. New ring and pinion set with higher top speed ratio, new chrome wiper motor and new wiring harness. Re-chromed stone guard, horns, very nice hood, splash aprons and gas tank apron. Extra engines, transmissions, wheels, brakes, bumpers, axles, springs, and steering columns. Extra hoods,

fenders, radiator shells, headlights, cowl lights, door handles and gauges, including a genuine accessory clock. Too many projects ahead of this one and it's time to part ways and have someone complete this beautiful car. Price \$10K. Roger Orness, r.orness@comcast.net.



1940 Chevy, L & R front fender with headlight. Very good shape, \$350. Bill Johnson, 425-255-6325, snkshk@comcast.net

Dennis Dynes Remembered

We were saddened to learn that Dennis Dynes passed away very peacefully the afternoon of July 3, 2013, just five days short of his 65th birthday. Many of us have been aware that our fellow PS VCCA member had been struggling with a serious illness for many months.

He is pictured below at the Lee Johnson Dealership Car Show with his 1948 Fleetline Aerosedan on July 23, 2011. He noted that he had not been coming to very many Club events, but was hoping to attend more in the future. He came to the Haddock's picnic on September 24, 2011. Bob Helgeson borrowed his camera to take pictures. Dennis was also involved with doing volunteer work about this time.

On May 21, 2012, Dennis wrote that he had been diagnosed with, "an aggressive form of cancer which will be fatal for me ..." At that time he was considering disposing of his cars, but later decided to keep one and try to finish the other.

On September 8, 2012 Dennis wrote that I could share the following with Club members. I shared a short summary at that time. It now seems appropriate to share it in its entirety:

"I have had 8 chemo sessions (out of 12 that are scheduled) and while I can't be cured they have helped with stopping the tumors' growth. After losing over 30 lbs. I am slowly gaining back some weight, which helps with my energy level. The ongoing after-effects of the chemo vary but I am able to live with it since there is no other choice. The oncologists think they can keep me alive for a year or even more dependent upon treatments and they will determine what type of treatment to pursue after my 12th chemo session. I am in good spirits and am more concerned about my family than I am about me since they have to see me going through this. Death is not something I fear and am prepared for it whenever it happens."

Our hearts go out to his wife, Janice, and the rest of his family.

Web Links Of Interest

Capital City Region, VCCA: None

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

Mt. Rainier Region, VCCA: None

North Cascade Region, VCCA: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/northcascadevcca>

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

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

Dave Folsom Blog, www.chev235guy.blogspot.com/

Gas stations without ethanol, <http://pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=WA>



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Cars wait at a cattle crossing on the Four-Cylinder tour.