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NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Our "58" Project

By Joanne & Gary Barquist

This is going to be a two or three part story about our latest project and how it came to be this "58" Impala. It all began about fifty years ago when I was in the first grade and met a guy in my class. Our friendship would last until his death about four years ago and I must add that I was a major factor in his many years of loving Chevrolets. In our early twenties I talked him into buying a "37" pickup to restore and, from then on, he was hooked.

He had always wanted a "58" but could never afford one, then shortly before his death he found one to restore that he could afford. After he was gone Joanne and I thought it would be really nice to restore his "58". We went over

to see the car at his wife's house and it was stored in the back of the garage in the dark [looked fair in the dark]. Best lesson learned was don't buy a car based on emotion or past friendships. (cont. on p. 4)



November Program

This month we will flip back through our club photo albums. Members can review photos and identify the who, what, where, and when of each photo. See page 7 for more information.

Dave and Betty Roberts are on the list for treats this month.



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 1981 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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Dave & Betty Roberts

Wanted Reward!

We are seeking "Spotlights" of club member's cars for the 2007 Tappet Clatters. Please take the time to write up the history of your car. Send it and two pictures to Jim Farris. Do it the way that suits you the best, but if you can do as an attachment to an e-mail that helps. 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.

Director's Corner



First, on a lighter side, some members have been asking me if I been working on my 1951. I have it in a lot a pieces and was getting it ready for new paint. And I keep saying to them *Not So Good*. So I thought I better let you all know what has been keeping me busy. When your son-in-law who is also a car nut, asks for help in building a new garage for his cars, you end up helping. Little did I know that on top of the garage is a Pent House? Well after two months we are at the stage of getting the framing inspected. And that is why I have not been working on my 1951. (see pictures on p. 11)

Now getting back to the next years Officers. A slate of Officers for our 40th Year was proposed at the October General Meeting. Yes the 40th year. There were volunteers for all but one position. Yes, one very critical task is still open, and that is *Refreshment Facilitator*. At each meeting getting the hot water for coffee and other beverages set up on the table for the meeting breaks. If you are a person that comes to the meetings, then it's not big deal. It takes a few minutes before the meeting setting up and a few minutes after the meeting. Give it some thought and volunteer.

December is a busy month for the club. A Train ride to Portland (Dec. 2-3) and the Christmas party at Comstocks on the 10th. And yes, I hope you have a great Thanksgiving for there is much to be thankful for... I look forward to the year 2007, Our 40th Anniversary year, with a slate of officers ready to make it a year to remember. *helgy*

Why Are We Using BBC?

We recently started using a group distribution list to send broadcast emails to club members. It was suggested that the "BCC" (Blind carbon copy) feature of email programs be used when we send these messages. When the club (mostly from Jim Martoza or Dave Haddock) sends out a group message, we will send the message "TO" ourselves as well. That way you will see our name in the "TO" field on the email. Otherwise, it could look suspicious if that field was left blank.

When you send an email to more than one recipient, it is common to put the additional email addresses in the "TO" field or "CC" (carbon copy) window. When the email is sent, all of those email addresses and possibly any names associated with them are visible to all the recipients. For those who don't want their email addresses to be known, that is a problem. If the number of recipients is very large, it also creates a lot of clutter in the message. It is better to use the "BCC" feature because even though the email will still be sent to all the recipients, the only name visible at the top of the email will be the person to whom it was addressed, "FROM" and "TO" in our case. To use "BCC" simply click "BCC" instead of "TO". It works just the same. If you add names from your address book, just add them to the "BCC" field instead of the "TO" field. It is common for email addresses to accidentally be passed into the hands of those who the owner of the address would rather not have it.

As an added bonus of using this feature, your email message won't have all those addresses at the beginning. No one will have to scroll through the addresses to get to the message that you have sent. We hope this helps clarify why we use the "BBC" feature. If you have any questions give us a call, better yet send us an email.

Jim & Dave

P.S. Thanks to Sally Blair for this suggestion.

Dick Olson's Garage Nite

Nov. 8th was our last Garage Nite this year. We have completed three successful years and I look forward to next year. Think of all the garages that got cleaned out and all the help received on car projects, its been a great time. I would like to see more members open their garages, you do not need a fancy place, that's not what its about. I would like to thank all who have participated, without you this could not have happened. Dick Olson

2004: Olson, Farris, Seiber, Helgy, Barker, Roberts, Comstock. 2005: Olson, Helgy, Olson/Bender, Schein, Damm, Darby, Olson. 2006: Howe/Tour, Olson, Olson/Klix, Johnson/Tour, Martoza, Damn, Stames.

CLUB STORE & RAFFLE

The Club store will be open and on display at the November Meeting. Donated Raffle items are greatly appreciated. Look through your unneeded car related items and bring them to the meeting. Also, remember to wear your Name Badge for a free raffle ticket.

Dave & Betty Roberts

December Celebrations

Anniversaries

12/23 Don & Sallie Comstock

Birthdays

12/2 Dennis Johnson

12/10 Judy Landguth

12/12 Jake Jacobs

12/24 Gail Darby

12/9 Dave Miller

12/10 Ana Maria Haley

12/18 Don Comstock

12/25 Myron Gabelein

(Our "58" Project, cont. from p. 1) The car drove quite well on the way home but shortly after I started tearing it apart I realized how severe the rust in the body was and how well someone had patched a lot of it up. At this point we decided to take our lumps and not waste any more money on this heap. About this same time we saw another "58" for sale in Buckley that was even more money than the first one but we decided why not, we were already in too deep. The second car was originally out of California and had been in storage in Buckley for ten years. With the exception of four or five small rust areas in the trunk floor and one quarter inch sized one on the lower edge of the trunk lid the car is rust free. When we retired to eastern Washington in December of 2005 we went to work on the project.

I first parted the rust heap, removing all exterior and interior trim. I then removed the body from the frame and cut the body into eight pieces. Then I hauled all eight body pieces, hood, trunk lid, one door, one fender to the dump [you can dump scrap metal over here for free]. Then I removed all suspension and running gear from the frame and stored the pieces away for later use or sale. The frame is still good but I will probably cut it up this fall and also take it to the dump. I did get a lot of good trim off of this first car.

I then proceeded to the present "58", tearing it completely down to get it ready to go to the paint shop. The shop has stripped the exterior of the complete body and has sand-blasted the engine compartment. The weather then turned very warm so he put the car on hold until fall when it cools down. The only thing I plan to change is the color. It was Rio Red when new but we want a color that is more red and less orange. The only other change is that I have put disc brakes on it for better braking. That is about it for now. I will update this article sometime soon.



Puget Sound Region VCCA Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2006

The third Board Meeting of the year for the Puget Sound Region VCCA group was called to order at 7:10 PM by Director Bob Helgeson at Florence and Bob's home on Tuesday, October 10, 2006. Members present were Florence and Bob Helgeson, Bill Damm, Jim Martoza, Don Boltz, Donna Onat, Carol and Lee Folsom, Sallie and Don Comstock, Betty and Dave Roberts, Gail and Jim Darby, Dave Haddock, and Jim Farris. Director, Bob Helgeson presented the agenda.

Directors Meeting Northwest Mini Meet - Bob reported on the meeting; Leigh Wilcox, Area Three Board Member, congratulated Puget Sound Region on their colorful July Issue; The Capital City Region in Victoria is sending out their Newsletter on the internet; Regions were cautioned to review their newsletters for copyrighted items. The Region has established reviews and checks to deal with this potential problem; Flyers for the 2007 Northwest Meet to be held in Yakima June 21-24 and hosted by The North Cascade Region were passed out; VCCA Touring Passport miles were discussed. Currently miles to driven to tours are not counted as tour miles; The use of Goody Bags at the Northwest Meet was discussed. At this time their inclusion in the Meet is up to the sponsoring Region.

Northwest Meet - Capital City will not be able to host their next Northwest Meet which results in moving the rotation up one year, Mount Rainier 2008, Columbia River 2009 and Puget Sound will host it again in 2010.

Budget - Sallie Comstock reported expenses for 2006 were tracking with the budget. The overall treasury is in good shape.

2007 Roster - Work is already underway for next years Roster of Members. A discussion about listing previous members resulted in a decision to print them if there was space.

Projector - Jim Martoza reported on his study, authorized at the May Board Meeting, to find a digital projector for the Club. He has located a unit that comes with an extra bulb for \$1050. A motion was made to purchase the unit subject to a vote by the membership at the October General Meeting.

Membership Dues - Donna Onat reported the membership form for 2007 will be in the October Tappet Clatter. She has also sent out eight membership packets to potential new members whose names were given by club members. Membership forms will be available at the October Meeting. They are on line and can be copied from the Tappet Clatter.

Glove Box - Al Howe will not be able to attend Monday evening meetings due to a conflict. Jim Darby volunteered to handle the Glove Box at meetings.

2007 Officers - A slate of officers for our 40th year was proposed. There are volunteers for most of the positions. The nominations for 2007 Officers will be presented at the October Meeting.

Email Broadcasts - With 94 percent of our members being on line broadcasting event information has been effective. It was decided not to list all the addresses for security reasons. From now on these messages will be sent as blind copies to each member.

Christmas Party - The Comstocks have volunteered to host the Christmas party on December 10 at their home.

Next Board Meeting - The first Board Meeting for 2007 is scheduled for January 16th
Bob and Florence Helgeson were thanked for their hospitality and refreshments.

Respectively submitted: *Jim Farris, Secretary*

2006 and 2007 Club Meetings & Auto Events Calendar

Nov	27	General Meeting @ Tillicum Middle School
Dec	2-3	Train Tour to Portland
	10	Christmas Holiday Potluck (see below & p. 7)
Jan	16	Board Meeting
	20	Club Banquet at Golden Steer
	22	General Meeting @ Tillicum Middle School
Feb	26	General Meeting @ Tillicum Middle School

Annual PS-VCCA Christmas Holiday Potluck

Two weeks before Christmas (Dec.10th.)

And all through our place

Don & Sallie are hoping

You'll come for a taste.

Bring veggies, a salad, maybe some fruit

To go with our tasty hot meat.

A finish of dessert while

We still see our feet.

Come for the food and some fun

Come anytime, make it a date

Don't fret, don't worry

You're never too late.

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Club Activities & Information for 2006

November Meeting

Rewinding the Club's Photos Albums

Next year, will mark the 40th Year Anniversary of the Puget Sound Region of the VCCA. That is a tremendous amount of time for a club to be in existence. The November Program will feature a presentation of random photos from the club's photo albums. We need the help of all members to identify club members past and present as well as pinpoint any historical events or signification activities that occurred over the last forty years.

We have a huge collection of a variety of photos from the past. We will review additional photos at future general meetings as time allows. Please join us at Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue at 7:30 PM as we turn back those photo album pages using current technology and travel back in time to 1967.

--- Jim and Lee

Holiday Potluck- Here are the Details and Directions

Attendees are encouraged to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Your hosts will be providing a hot meat entrée as well as hot and cold beverages. The ever exciting annual gift exchange/swap will continue with the suggested \$10 limit; creativity is encouraged. Gifts should be marked for male or female or child (if you are bringing children). Everyone who brings a gift will, hopefully, end up with a gift. It may not be the one you chose. The rules will be explained before the gift exchange begins. Plan on gathering around 2 P.M. and we will be eating around 4 P.M. The gift exchange will follow dinner.

Directions: Call Don & Sallie Comstock

November 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

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 again to arrange the banquet facilities and menu planning. We have reservations again at the Golden Steer located at 23826 104th Ave SE in Kent for Saturday January 20th. 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.

TOP SIRLOIN: 8 ounce portion \$24.00

CHICKEN DIJON: 8 ounce portion \$24.00

SALMON FILET: 8 ounce portion \$27.00

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

Annual Banquet Registration Form

(Place an X under the corresponding dinner choice for each name.)

	Top Sirloin	Chicken	Salmon
Name _____	_____	_____	_____
Name _____	_____	_____	_____
Name _____	_____	_____	_____
Address _____	City/State _____		
Phone _____	E-mail _____		

Registration forms must be returned to John by January 5, 2007.

Mail them to John Strampher

Email: chevyjohn1955@msn.com

Please make checks payable to PS-VCCA.

Enter total amount enclosed _____

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Membership Meeting Minutes October 23, 2006

Call to Order ~ The October 2006 membership meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School by Director **Bob Helgeson** at 7:28 PM. Twenty five members were present. Walt Blair and Jon Hartog were recognized. There were no guests.

Program ~ Jeri Christy from the Washington State Department of Licensing was introduced who handed out a five-page information packet. Her program followed this as well as explanations of associated paper work, allowed road use, and the difference between the three types of antique vehicle plates. Once titled and licensed to an antique plate the vehicle is permanently listed in the Restored class (Res) and given a Title Purpose Only number (TPO) for tracking. A question and answer period followed. Information packet copies can be obtained through Jim Martoza. A break followed.

Projector ~ **Jim Martoza** presented the Board approved proposal for purchasing a digital projector. The cost to the Club is \$1052 and it comes with an additional bulb. Jim was given approval by a vote of members. There were no objections voiced.

Treasurer - **Sallie Comstock** reported the Club treasury is solvent, holding a significant positive balance, and increasing with the arrival of 2007 dues. Expenses for the year are within the budget. There are funds available for the projector purchase.

Membership ~ It is time for the 2007 dues. They should be sent to **Donna Onat**. A form was printed in the October Tappet Clatter. One can also be obtained from the WEB site or by contacting Donna or Jim Martoza.

Leads and Needs ~ The Leads and Needs clip board was passed around accompanied with a sign up sheet for 2007 Meeting Treats.

Portland Train ride ~ **Bill Barker** discussed the December 3 train ride to Portland to view some of the Columbia River Region garages and shop. There are 25 members participating.

Christmas Party ~ A Christmas Party on December 10 at the **Comstocks** was approved.

Banquet ~ The Club Banquet is set for January 20, 2007 at the Golden Steer in Kent.

2007 Nominations ~ Nominations for next years officers were presented, They will be open again at the November Meeting and voted upon. Nominations are: Director - **Bill Damm**; Asst. Directors - **Jim Martoza and Lee Folsom**; Treasurer - **Sallie Comstock**; Editor;- **Jim Farris**; Secretary - **Dick Jones**; Membership - **Donna Onat**; Historians - **Bob Helgeson and Don Boltz**; Activities Coordinators - **Rod and Evie Schein and Jerry and Mary Brownell**; Club Store - **Ana Maria and George Haley**. Support Positions; - Club Web Master, **Jim Martoza**; Glove Box, **Al Howe and Jim Darby**. The Refreshment Facilitator position remains unfilled.

VCCA Calendar ~ **Jim Martoza** is once again coordinating the 2007 VCCA Calendar. You can order a copy by contacting him.

Refreshments- **Bill Damm** was thanked for the meeting refreshments. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Bob Stamnes**. **Bill Barker and Don Comstock** were the recipients of the Name Badge drawing.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectively submitted, *Jim Farris*, Secretary

From the Glove Box



Madame Chevy "Spits", Donna Asks Why?

Every time I put gas in my car it 'spits' at the end, spilling gas onto the ground. I have come to expect it and keep my feet away.

What could be causing it to do that? Does anyone have some answers or solutions for Donna?

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 Al Howe by phone or e-mail with any questions you feel might be included in the Glove Box. You can email me at deahowe@earthlink.net. Thanks. **Al Howe-Custodian of the Glove Box**

Our Safety Corner

By Bill Damm

The Tappet Clatter is starting up this new subject column called "Our Safety Corner" and we would like to find an icon similar to the "Glove Box" icon above, but one related to safety in the shop and on the road. Just something simple to highlight the column. If you have some ideas for the icon please help by submitting those examples to Dave Haddock or Jim Farris by December 5th so we can select one to use in the next issue. Lets see how creative our members can be. Thank you.

A safety tip to save your hide,
Buckle up before you ride.
Seat belts work, statistics show,
So make them click before you go!



PUGET SOUND NEWS-BITS

- ** **Jim and Roberta Martoza** were seen at the Rolling Stones Concert at Qwest Field on October 17.
- ** **Bob Helgeson** spent some time in the woods hunting deer but came home empty handed.
- ** **Dick Olson and Jim Farris** spent a day in Yakima and Ellensburg planning the Wood/Iron Tour for the 2007 Northwest Meet.
- ** **Bill Barker** worked many hours rebuilding the VCCA Chat site. He has now been appointed the National VCCA Web Master.
- ** **Gerald Greenfield** has invited the Puget Sound Region to participate in the March 2007 Puyallup Swap Meet car Show.
- ** **Jim Farris** has invited the Club to participate in the May 6, 2007 HCCA Breakfast and Tour once again.
- ** **Ana Maria Haley** was passing out information sheets for the July 7, 2007. Golden Era Inaugural Car Show and Swap Meet. She is the contact for the event.
- ** **Gerri Johnson** is impressed with the arrangements **Diane Haddock** has been able to secure for the group going to Portland. We all are!!

TAPPET CLATTER Classifieds

FOR SALE

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

'37 Chev., 2 door sedan, black. Original, nice condition, J. Martin Anderson, 253-631-0679

'38 Coupe, project started but needs assembling. All there. Contact Chuck. Hm 360-829-6386, Cell 206-753-8067

'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. \$12,000 firm. (206) 364-1822 jalex1952@comcast.net

'40 Chev. 4-dr, Full set of stainless needs a new home, Tom Harris, 503 371-6111

'40 Chev front fenders and hood - excellent shape, reasonable price, Rich Sanders at 253-221-6203 or email at Sanders6203@msn.com.

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

Wheels, Set of wheels, tires and hub caps from 89 Chev PU. Color red. Jack, 425-235-6481

Trailer, Single axle small car carrier with ramps and wench. \$500 Jim Farris 206-937-5636 (9/06)

Free, Wood dolly for car body needs a good home. George Kowats 253-852-8178 (8/06)

Wheels, 2 P225/75R15 Tires Chevy studded tires and wheels, 4 LT265/75R16 8 lug Chevy tires and wheels Bill Johnson 425-255-6325 10/06

'55 210 4-dr Sedan, PG, 235 ci, New brake shoes and wheel cylinders, new front A-arm bushings, Runs and drives well, Green interior (comes with new carpet kit), Two-tone Harvest gold under India Ivory (see picture), asking \$6,500 obo, call Ed 360 312-0128 or email stillmeadows@comcast.com.



Helgy's Summer "Vacation"!!

WANTED

235 full-pressure engine for '47 Chev. Lanny Nelson, 425 488-6109, cell 425 864-6019.

'55 Chevy, Car body only, any style, George Kowats, (253) 852-8178.

Seat for **1958 Chev. Truck**, call Ryan McGinnis 425-888-8232 or cell 425-466-1516

Info, Need info on water pump conversion for a '50 truck (216-235), Roy Mendenhall 360 551-0145

'37 Chev, Need rear seat for 2-dr sedan. Duane Rice, 425-226-8434 or emrice64@hotmail.com.

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

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

'47-'52 Chev. Truck Grill Parts, Rich Sanders (253) 221-6203 or email at Sanders6203@msn.com.

Wire Wheels, need rear hubs for Dayton 30x31/2 Wire Wheels to fit a 490 axle. Also looking for knock-off wire wheel hub caps to fit Dayton 30X31/2 wheels. Jim Farris 206-937-5636 (9/06)

'54 or early 55 Pickup Truck Jake Ziegler wants a project to put together when he drives in a couple of years.(10/06)

Tappet Clatter Reporters: See Jim Farris for an exciting and rewarding experience.

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