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PS VCCA Potluck at Don and Sallie Comstock's

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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 1991 may be registered with the Region.

General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, except the 3rd Monday in May, at Ringdall Middle School, 11650 SE 60th Street Bellevue, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM (until September 2017.) 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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GARAGE NITE

There are no Garage Nites scheduled for any future month. We are looking for someone to take this on. How about you?

Director's Corner

"From The Driver's Seat"



As I begin writing this, I realize that this message to you is one of my last. My term as your Director, is near its end, and I'd like to THANK all of the other officers for all of their help and support they have provided to keep this club active over the last two years. And looking backwards through the Tappet Clatters, many of those people were already doing that same job or a different job when my term began. We as a club thrive because we have many people to step up and volunteer to help in one way or another. If everybody helps a little, plan a tour, host an event, have a garage night, bring treats to the meeting, the club will continue to grow. Anybody can be an officer and help the club; after all you've elected me to a few different jobs over the years, so the bar can't be too high.

With that said, we still have a couple of our officer positions that remain unfilled: the Director's position, the Activities planning coordinator (and again let me state that this job doesn't mean you have to plan and run all the activities yourself, you just need to work with others who have an idea to get it scheduled and the information out to the club), and the Webmaster position. I've gotten an indication that a couple of our current officers would exchange their existing position and be your Director if it remains unfilled, but that leaves us a different office to find someone for. So please spend a little time and consider how you can help your club continue to be the enjoyable experience we have all come to appreciate.

I understand that planning for our banquet is already in the works and more information will be available, but we are still looking for someone to volunteer to host this year's Christmas party. If you'd like to host that, please let me know.

This time of year seems to get busy quickly so hopefully I'll see you at one of our upcoming events, but if not, Happy Holidays, and thanks for allowing me to be your Director for the last two years.

Jim

Web Links Of Interest

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.wvrcca.org/>

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

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



Chevrolee Comments...

on the refining of the Chevrolet engine



From 1937-1940 all Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks used the 216 engine.

From 1941-1949 all passenger cars and light trucks used the 216 engine. Larger trucks used a 235 engine which was not full-pressure lubricated, had a full side cover, and looks nearly identical to the 216 engine.

From 1950-1952 all passenger cars with three speed transmissions and light trucks used the 216 engine. Passenger cars with the Powerglide transmission used a redesigned 235 engine. This engine was the first to use hydraulic valve lifters. The pushrod side cover did not extend up over the side of the head, but rather it stopped at the line between the block and the head. Like all other engines made through 1952, this was not a full-pressure lubricated engine, still using dippers on the rods. The larger trucks of this time frame also used this redesigned 235 with the exception of mechanical lifters instead of hydraulics.

In 1953 light trucks and the Sedan Delivery used the 216 engine. Large trucks and passenger cars with 3 speed transmissions used a 235 engine similar to the 1950-1952 Powerglide engine except that it did not have hydraulic lifters. 1953 passenger cars with Powerglide transmissions had a “breakthrough” engine. This 235 engine can be considered as the first of the modern era. The important features of this engine were:

- Full-pressure lubrication
- Hydraulic valve lifters
- Insert rod and main bearings
- Aluminum pistons

From 1954-1962 all 6 cylinder passenger cars with automatic transmissions continued to use engines similar to the 1953 Powerglide engine with rather minor variations along the way. Light trucks and passenger cars with 3 speed transmissions used a similar engine except it did not use hydraulic valve lifters.

Through 1962, all full-size Chevrolet 6 cylinder passenger cars and light trucks used the 235 engine. The last use of the 235 was in 4-wheel drive trucks in 1963.

Another engine was also introduced in 1954 this was the 261 engine for large trucks. In appearance, it was very similar to the 235 engine but attained greater cubic inch displacement by means of a larger piston diameter.

Written January, 1989

Lee Folsom (Feb. 14, 1927 – Sept. 10, 2015)

Bill Damm's
SAFETY CORNER

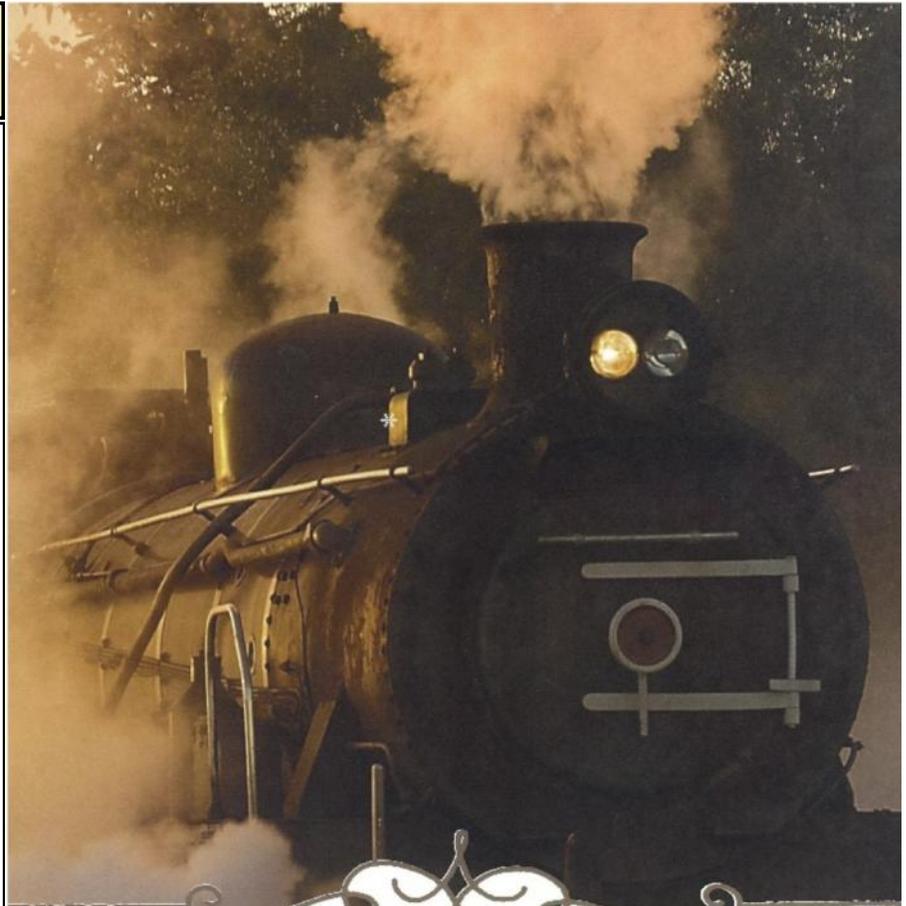
Do inside projects
On those rainy days
In the winter months
When bad weather stays.

The smaller jobs
That should be done,
But not in summer
When we're having fun.

Like changing oil
Or checking the brakes.
And little repairs
Whatever it takes.

Change the filter
And check for bugs.
Maybe clean the carb
Or install new plugs.

If parts need ordering
They'll be on the rack
Or safely installed
For when the sun comes back.



All aboard for a
Neighborhood CHRISTMAS
TRAINS PARTY

Sunday, December 18th, 9am - 2pm, 2nd Floor
@University Presbyterian Church 4540 15th Ave NE, Seattle
Call Rod & Evie Schein 206-783-8956

UPC.ORG/ADVENT

From Al Howe:

Program for the November meeting will be more stories and photos of past tours. Anyone who has a fun story or photo please bring them to the meeting.

PS-VCCA 2016 Meeting Treats

November:

George & Barbara Reich

Thank you veterans for your service!

PS VCCA October Meeting

Photos by Dave Haddock



December Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila and Philip Christensen 4
 Sallie and Don Comstock 23

BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Johnson 2
 Dave Miller 9
 Judy Landguth 10
 Don Comstock 18
 Myron Gabelein 25

2016-17Activities

November	28	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School
December	TBD	Christmas Party
	18	Christmas Trains Party—Rod & Evie Schein
January	21	January Banquet– Golden Steer Steakhouse, Kent
February	27	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School
March	27	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School
April	24	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School
May	1	Breakfast tour starting in Puyallup -- Al Howe / Jim Farris
	22	PS-VCCA Club Meeting-Ringdall Middle School
June	TBD	Gail Darby Memorial Strawberry Shortcake Social
	26-29	4 Cylinder Tour in Hamilton, MT -- Al Howe / Jim Farris
August	14	Hunters Breakfast tour -- Jim Farris
	16-19	2017 Northwest Meet -- Anacortes

Ringdall address is 11650 SE 60th Street Bellevue.

Travelling 405 from either the North or south take Exit 10 and head east to 119th Street (should be the first stoplight east of 405.) From I-90 take the 405 South exit and immediately stay to the right getting off at the Coal Creek Parkway exit. (Note you'll never actually merge all the way on to 405.) Turn left under the freeway and take a right at the light on 119th. Go up the hill passing thru a couple of stop signs and turn right on SE 60th. (The shopping center will be on your left.) Follow SE 60th and Ringdall will be on your right.

Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Ringdall Middle School at 7:30 by Director Jim Darby. Twenty two members and one guest were present. Bob and Starann Reller were introduced as members we don't see often enough and Jerry Yoder brought Karen Perves as a guest.

Minutes: Minutes from the September General Meeting were approved as written in the Tappet Clatter.

Treasury: Sallie Comstock has deposited the checks for renewals and has paid the outstanding bills.

Membership: Renewals are still coming in at this time. At this point Donna reported 74% of the membership has renewed.

Activities: The Monroe Swap Meet was smaller and fewer people braved the rain to attend the fall meet. Jim Seiber said vendors were packing up at around 3 PM on Saturday.

The Mahogany and Merlot trip to Lake Chelan was a great success with warm weather, roaring hydroplanes, a visit from Matt Dickinson and good food and wine. Everyone has already made reservations for next year.

The Christmas party has not been finalized at this time. We will know the date and location soon. More details in the TC and/or by email.

National News: Because of issues of credit card security the company we use to process credit card purchases is upgrading their server; we now have to re-host everything from the old server and set it up on the new server. This will be very time consuming and potentially costly. This led into a revelation about the Eastwood Company. They had credit card information stolen from their server. It seems that Jim Darby and Dave Haddock both had made recent purchases from them and were victims of identity theft. The banks figured out the card information was stolen and resolved the issue quickly, but it had potentially dire consequences.

Glove Box: Bob Stamnes followed up on the query from last month on what to do with used cleaning solvent. There are free places to take used solvent, sludge, and oil based paints etc. Bob will write up the details for this Tappet Clatter.

Nominations: Nominated officers for next year were announced: Assistant Director: Al Howe, Secretary: Don Comstock, Treasurer: Sallie Comstock, Editor: Mike Currie lead editor, Historian: Dave Haddock, Membership: Donna Onat, Webmaster: Jim Martoza wants to be replaced, Glove Box: Bob Stamnes and Club Store: Bill Damm. Nominations are needed for Director, Activities Coordinator, Webmaster and any of the above offices that anyone would like to take over or share.

Break & Refreshments: Bob Stamnes brought delicious pastries including Apple, Almond and Raspberry Twists I think from a little bakery in Ballard and cookies.

Program: We were shown the Four Cylinder tour from this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock

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, or email rstarnes@yahoo.com with your information.

At the September meeting, there was a discussion of what to do with used solvents from your parts cleaner. As indicated in that meeting, solids can be strained out and used as a prewash to get the ugly stuff off your parts before washing in the clean solvent.

The remaining question was, "What do you do with the gunk and really bad solvents?" This is an environmental question. Government has encouraged homeowners to properly handle hazardous wastes like solvents by providing FREE places to take these materials. Hazardous material should NOT be flushed down any drain, storm or sanitary sewer. There are collection sites in Auburn, North Seattle, South Seattle and Factoria. These all collect wastes FREE of charge. There is also a Traveling Wastemobile.

If you search under Hazardous Waste Disposal, then "Location", you will get hours of operation and details on what can and can NOT be accepted, which varies slightly by location. The following restrictions are common;

Restrictions on what you can bring;

- No latex paint (web site has video on how to dispose of this)
- Gasoline, 30 gal limit
- Total waste per customer 50 gal per day
- Container size, no larger than 5 gal.
- Fluorescent tubes or bulbs, limit 10
- Automotive batteries, limit 5
- No marine flares accepted, except at North and South Seattle locations and only at these locations if their container is not full.

There is also a Home Collection assistance program for those King County residents unable to transport their household hazardous waste to the collection sites.

For larger quantities or unusual wastes (except Factoria), call the Household Hazards Line, Monday to Friday, except Holidays, 9am to 4:30pm at 206 296-4692, or toll free at 1 888 869-4233.

Locations, hours, and addresses of the Hazardous Waste Collection Sites are presented below:

Auburn Wastemobile at The Outlet Collection (formerly the SuperMall)

Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5pm.

Closed: Nov. 26-27 and Dec 24-25

Address: 1101 Outlet Collection Dr. SW (next to Nordstrom Rack)

North Seattle Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

Hours: Sunday-Tuesday, 9:30am - 4:30pm

Closed: July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day. No appointments needed. There is no fee for hazardous waste disposal. It is paid for in your utility bills.

Address: 12550 Stone Way Ave. N, Seattle (one block east of Aurora)

South Seattle Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

Hours: Thursday -Saturday, 9:30am to 4:30pm.

Closed: July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day. No appointment needed. There is no fee for hazardous waste disposal.

Address: South Transfer Station, 8105 Fifth Ave. S., Seattle (south of the First Avenue Bridge)

Factoria Household Hazardous Drop-Off Site

Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8am -4pm, Saturday and Sunday, 9am – 5pm.

Closed: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day. No appointment needed. No fee for hazardous waste disposal.

Address: 13800 SE 32nd St. Bellevue

PS-VCCA Annual Banquet
 Golden Steer Steak & Rib House
 23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA
 Saturday, January 21, 2017

This year George Kowats has arranged the banquet facilities and planned the menu. The banquet will be held at the Golden Steer Steak & Rib House in Kent. Social time will start at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner being served at 6:00 PM. Drinks will be available via server from the restaurant bar throughout the evening.

Thanks to the hard work of all club members, our financial position is such that the club can afford to subsidize our dinners some. As usual, there will be three dinner choices. All dinners come with bread, baby red potato with a seasoning, Caesar Salad, and the Golden Steer's legendary carrot cake or Chocolate cake for dessert. Coffee, tea or soft drink is also included. Prices shown reflect the club subsidies.

Prime Rib, 8 oz.	\$20.00
Salmon Filet, 8 oz.	\$20.00
Chicken Cordon Bleu, 10 oz.	\$20.00

Vegetarian or vegan meal options are also available. Contact George Kowats to make arrangements.

January 21, 2017, Annual PS-VCCA Banquet Registration Form

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

	Prime Rib	Salmon	Chicken Cordon Bleu	Carrot Cake	Choc Cake
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Phone:_(____)_____	E-mail:_____				
Total Amount Enclosed: _____					
Registration forms must be returned to Sallie by <u>January 13, 2016</u>. Make checks payable to PS-VCCA.					

Directions to Golden Steer:

From the North

1. Take WA-167 So. (Valley Freeway)
2. Take the 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.
4. 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.



TAPPET CLATTER Classifieds

Ads will be posted for a minimum of three months (longer on a space-available basis). Please notify the Tappet Clatter Editor at tappetclatter@outlook.com when your listing no longer needs to be published.

FOR SALE



1931 5 Window Coupe for sale. Price Negotiable. Bob Gordon



1931 Chevrolet Sports Coupe, older restoration. Original engine and drive train. Hampton Coach interior is in good condition. Runs and drives very well. Comes with a large collection

of extra parts. Radiator and water pump were replaced in 2014. \$10,500 or best offer. Phil Christensen

1936—39 Speedometer. Nice face, rim has slight bump. \$25 or best club offer takes it. Money from this will go back to the club. Picture available upon request. Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com,

1957 Chevy truck hood. OEM complete with hinges. \$200. Don Hatley, dhatwaa@comcast.net

New Bow Saddle Brackets for resting your top on when down, 5/8 " hole. \$12. Regularly \$24. Top Hold Down Straps, New. Come with all hardware a Model A/T needs. \$16. I paid \$32.60 +. I found these work very well on my '26 touring but I have duplicates. Contact Bob Stamnes



WANTED

66-67 Chevy Nova or Chevelle SS. Level 2 or 3. Engine- Big block or small. Color- preference is blue but open to other colors. Air Conditioning- prefer to have it for Arizona, possibly. Prefer a car that is driveable on a daily basis, I don't think it will just sit in the garage. Contact: David O'Brien, dkob131@aol.com.

1941 Chevrolet speedometer. I'm needing to replace or have repaired/rebuilt the non-working speedometer of my 1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe coupe. Suggestions would certainly be appreciated. David Holiday, Gold Bar WA davterr13@comcast.net

235 or 261 Chevrolet engine. Please call Josh Forgues

FREE

Great winter reading material available at a club member price, FREE! Here is a complete collection of G&D's from 1987 to present. They have been pre-tagged for four-cylinder Chevrolet articles by Bob Stamnes. These issues are laden with great shop tips and restoration assistance. Read through this historical archive and discover interesting Chevrolet facts. I called on one of the ads, and the guy was happy to hear from a fellow club member 20 years after the publication date! From the Bob Stamnes collections. Contact, Jim Seiber and make arrangements for pickup.

1970's 6-cylinder Chevy 250 engine in pieces, no head, 230 crankshaft, rusty, but will work. 1967 2-speed PowerGlide transmission from Camaro. I haven't been able to sell these for cheap, nor can I find any traders for beer. If you can take it, it's yours. Otherwise, it's going to the recycling center. Mark Shaw. markshaw10.4@live.com.

Barn Finds!

David Gowan - Area 3 VCCA Director

Perhaps you've travelled old U.S. Highway 66 and seen the round barn! I took this shot on Halloween Day after attending my college reunion at OK Wesleyan University. Not only was I charmed by the structure's appearance but the implication of finding an old car or truck

old cars. Most were not re-



ture's appearance but the implication of along the way. In fact, I did see many storable (in my mind) but sure got my attention. Receiving a daily email of 'barn finds' around the country spurs me on too. I'm not a buyer (unless one is priced right :>)) but I enjoy gawking

and dreaming. So, keep looking and fantasizing and wondering if you should have kept that 40s or 50s convertible you had as a teenager. I get delight in looking over my collection of cars, parts, accessories and pictures of cars I've had or dream about. It keeps me 'alive and active' in the hobby.



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