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OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT

My 1941 Chevrolet Club Coupe

By Dave Roberts

About nine years ago I passed a 1941 Chevy Club Coupe while driving near home. I turned around and followed it because, at that time, I was in the process of restoring one. That's when I met Bill Barker and the owner of the car, Lance Kissinger. They introduced me to the Puget Sound VCCA club. Later I decided to buy Lance's '41 and sell the one I had been working on. I had one just like this in high school except the color was black. After high school I was in the Coast Guard from 1950 through 1953. During that time, I put on a lot of miles running up and down the west coast doing maintenance and repair to lighthouses and life boat stations.

October Program

Vintage Car & Truck Insurance coverage isn't the same for a daily-driver vehicle, so unless you plan to use your Chevy as your basic transportation, see page 7.

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 1980 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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Wanted *Reward!*

We are still seeking "Spotlights" of club member's cars for 2005/2006 Tappet Clatters. Please take the time to write up the history of your car and include two pictures and send them to Dave Haddock. Do it the way that suits you the best, but if you can do as an attachment to an e-mail that helps Dave put it together. 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.

Bob & Jerry's Relay

The BBQ held in place of the September General Meeting was a great success and was also a great way to celebrate the completion of a successful Northwest Meet. A big thanks to Jim and Gail Darby for opening they're home to us. We had a big turn-out with lots of food, and of course, good company. (See pictures below)

Well, is summer over or do we have more days of sunshine to drive those old Chevys? What do you think? It's raining as I write this but what a summer we had. There was no excuse for not getting plenty of miles on that Chevy and that is what it's all about. By the time the October Tappet Clatter is published the Monroe Swap meet will be over and that is also a sign that summer driving is coming to an end. Is it time to winterize our cars? Or will the old man winter have some dry winter days that will call us to open roads?

One thing is clear and that is we will be back to the regular monthly meeting starting in October. At the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. One other thing, it's time to renew your membership. Don't forget now and bring your completed form and check to the October meeting. See you there.

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CLUB STORE & RAFFLE

The store will be open again at the September meeting and throughout the fall, winter, and spring months.

Dave & Betty Roberts

November Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS!

8 Jeffrey Haines
9 Grace Wegener
15 Joanne Barquist
15 John Campbell
16 Dan Johnson
18 Judy Martin
18 Rickey Burlando
21 Audrey Clyde
25 Jim Martoza
25 Janie Kohl

ANNIVERSARIES!

2 Al & Lynn Anderson
8 Dave & Marti Miller
23 Don & Lynn Boltz

Puget Sound Region VCCA Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2005

The third Board Meeting of the year was called to order by Co-Director Bob Helgeson at the home of Don & Sallie Comstock. Present: : Dave Haddock, Lee & Carol Folsom, Dave & Betty Roberts, Donna Onat, Ana & George Haley, Rod Schein, Bob Helgeson, Jerry Brownell, Jim Martoza, Don & Sallie Comstock, John Strampher. Those attending developed the agenda.

NW Meet Photos. Bob has put together a video display from photos taken by Jim Sieber and himself. It played several times, to the enjoyment and appreciation of all.

Officers for next year. To give input to the Nominating Committee, present officers were asked their thoughts about continuing for another year. Those willing to serve again: Bob Helgeson, Director; Sallie Comstock, Treasurer; Donna Onat, Membership; Dave & Betty Roberts, Club Store. Jim Farris (Secretary) was not available to comment, being in Denver for a car event. Dave Haddock is willing to assist another person, and if need be, share the Newsletter responsibilities. Jim Martoza is willing to continue many behind-the-scenes efforts (website, Roster document, etc). Ana Maria will continue to coordinate the Monroe Swap Meet volunteers. Open positions that need to be filled are: Assistant Director, Editor, Activities, and Historian. Rod & Evie are willing to take on some Activities work. Discussion followed regarding club members whom the Nominating Committee may want to approach as potential candidates for 2006. (Make our day - volunteer!)

NW Meet. It was suggested that recognition and awards should be given to honor those who made (cont. p. 10)

My 1941 Chevrolet Club Coupe (cont. from p. 1)

I like my cars to look good and run well, but do not consider them to be show cars, so I was rather surprised to have my '41 Club Coupe honored twice during this last year. If you attended Kirkland's centennial parade on the Fourth of July you would have seen three of our cars. We were asked to chauffeur a number of the descendants of Peter Kirk, the founder of Kirkland in the big parade. The '41 and the '65 convertible were decked out with flags and banners. The '52 truck also had our life size kid dolls dressed in red, white, and blue riding in the back with the keen-coaster.

Last December, Overlake Christian Church asked that our '41 be displayed in the main hallway of the church. It was to help set the mood for about 25,000 people attending "Home For Christmas", a musical drama about the II World War. It portrayed the home front and the soldiers fighting the battle of the bulge in Bastogne, Belgium. The '41s history fit the theme well. In 1941 two young men went down to Westlake Chevrolet in Seattle and bought new cars. It wasn't long before both were in the service. The cars were put up on blocks while they were overseas. The fellow who owned this car was killed in combat. His friend inherited the car. He lived in Edmonds and drove the '41 for some time. He then sold it to Lance Kissinger, the former club member, who then sold it to me. It was quite an interesting job getting the car in a side entry of the church and down the long hallways to the main display area. There were a number of safety things we had to do for the fire inspector.

Westlake CHEVROLET Company
Seattle's Big Downtown Dealer
118 Westlake Ave. N. Phone Eliot 4501
Note—Now unloading 10 car loads of new Chevrolets, all models. Come and see them Monday.

When my original '41 was sold in 1957, I kept the steering knob as it also has a story. On my second date with Betty, I showed her my new steering knob. In the knob she saw a picture of herself that she had never seen before. I explained that you simply went down to Shuck's and dug through the bin and picked out one you liked. She finally found out that photography was my dad's hobby. One day he had spotted a picture of the girl from SPC that I had dated. It was in the window of Rowland Studios where they had taken the pictures of those young ladies running for May Queen at Seattle Pacific. He held the camera up to the window and took a picture of the picture. He bought a steering knob and put the picture inside. That same knob is on the '41 we own now. It is over 50 years old.

The first '41 took us to Mexico and back on our honeymoon. I don't think I'll plan any trips to Mexico in this '41, but I enjoy driving it on short trips.

2005 Club Meetings & Auto Events Calendar

OCT	23	Harvest Tour, details on page 7.
	24	General Meeting @ Tillicum Middle School
NOV	5-6	Bremerton, WA. 37th Annual Auto Swap Meet, 360 638-2404
	13	Museum of Flight Tour, details on p. 8
	19	Portland, OR. Showdown in the West, 503 254-8041
	19	Albany, OR. Albany Indoor Swap Meet, 541 926-3972
	26	Hillsboro, OR. All Auto Swap Meet, 800-659-3440
	28	General Meeting @ Tillicum Middle School
DEC	4	Issaquah, WA. XXX Jingle Bell Cruise for Toys, 425 392-1266
	TBD	Annual Holiday Party, Date/location to be determined
JAN	TBD	January Banquet, Date/location to be determined
	23	General Meeting @ Tillicum Middle School

Don, George, & Ana's 2005 Events

October 23, 2005 Joint activity with the Mount Rainier Region, Harvest Tour. See page 7 for details.

November 13, 2005. Boeing Museum of Flight tour. Ana has arranged for a special group admission price. See page 8 for details.

December 2005 Annual Christmas Party date, time and location to be determined by the host, yet to be determined. Volunteers needed.

Dick Olson's Garage Nite

The November 9th garage nite will be at Dick Olson's in Preston. 7:00 PM. Call for directions. See you there!

Club Touring & Activities Information for 2005

OCTOBER MEETING-

One of the biggest thrills of owning a vintage Chevrolet is driving the thing. However, if you don't have proper insurance coverage, you're running a huge risk.

A representative from J.C. Taylor Antique Automobile Insurance Agency will be joining us to discuss vintage car insurance. JC Taylor Agency has been involved with The Antique and Classic Automobile Hobby since the mid 1950's. JC Taylor is known nationally for its support of the Hobby through its specialty products, quality services, & support for the local and national clubs.

Early on the JC Taylor Agency recognized the need for a special insurance product to address the needs of The Automobile Hobbyist. After Bob Wallace, Sr. purchased the agency, he expanded the Program nationally. Today, JC Taylor Antique Automobile Agency is the largest insurer of Antique and Classic Autos. There is a J.C. Taylor Antique Auto Insurance Information Sheet on page 48 in the October issue of the G & D.

Harvest Tour around "Washington State"

Gas up your car and pack a picnic lunch for a day trip around Washington State. Puget Sound's October 23rd tour will take you to a very popular Corn Maze just outside of the town of Snohomish. You may remember going there a few years ago with the Horseless Carriage Club. I personally remember having a great time walking the state from **corn**er to **corn**er and all through the middle as well. This is the next to last tour planned for this year. You don't want to miss out on this one.

South-enders plan to meet at the Walmart parking lot near the I-405 and I-167 Interchange between 11:00 and 11:15 at the latest. We will travel I-405 to Bellevue where we will exit on NE 4th and end up at the old Dairy Queen Parking lot just off of NE 8th. We should get there around 11:45 and plan to leave by 11:50. It is back to the freeway heading for Woodinville with our next stop at the Park & Ride lot at about 12:10. From there it is an easy drive up Hwy 9 to Snohomish, arriving at about 12:40. We can then get our tickets and probably have lunch. I thought about making this a potluck but with the low attendance on tours this years we'd better be safe by saying bring a picnic lunch. If you have something to share/trade that is so much the better. I could spend a lot of time exploring in the maze. There were maps available and some sort of record keeping if you want that sort of thing. (cont. on p. 8)

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January 2006

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NOTE: Please submit Tappet Clatter contributions before the 5th of the month. Thanks.

Harvest Tour (continued from p. 7) This unique 12 acre maze is a giant map of our state. It contains over 250 actual roads and 400 places and towns marked by signs (with interesting historical facts about each). There are 4-1/2 actual miles of highways and country roads within the maze.

Enjoy a wagon ride through Oregon to the Idaho border. Start your adventure in Spokane or Pullman, and find your way across our great state to the coast at Grays Harbor. Along the way visit the Space Needle, Peace Arch, Hanford, Cascade Tunnel, Coulee Dam, cross the bridges at Vantage, Bridge Port and Tacoma Narrows, visit Fort Vancouver and more! Travel I-90, I-5, Hwy 2 and 12, but look out for detours! You may find yourself wandering down country roads like Uncas, Rat Trap Pass, or Cow Canyon. Find out why Bickleton has so many birdhouses, and Stonehenge in Washington? Washington State History and Geography was never so much fun.

From I-5- take Exit 194 to Highway 2 (onto the trestle). Take the Ebey Island/Homeacres Rd., exit off the trestle then follow the signs to "The Farm".

From Highway 9- (North or South) take the Snohomish Exit and turn west onto Riverview road follow signs approx. 3,5 miles to The Farm. (Riverview Rd. becomes Rivershore Rd.)

The cost is $5.00 per person or $20.00 per family. Please bring a picnic lunch or an item to share and join us for this Tour.

November Tour

Boeing Museum of Flight on 11/13/2005

This is the last tour of the season so let's participate as a real vintage car club should.

The first pick-up point will be at Wal-Mart in Renton at 10:30 AM. The next one will be at McDonald's on Pacific Hwy S. and 154th (near Tukwila) at 11:00 AM. Here we'll have something to eat/drink until 11:45 AM and a trivia game will begin for the reminder of the trip. *Nice prizes for the winners!*

From there we'll go direct to the Museum of Flight, arriving at about 12:15 PM. A private tour guide will be waiting for our group to walk us thru the museum. After visiting the building, we'll drive across the street for the tour of the Concorde and the Presidential 707. This is a perfect place to take pictures of the car(s) in front of the airplanes.

Usually the entrance fee costs $13 but we have a reduced group rate of $5.50 per person. *What a deal!!!*

George and I will be searching for a restaurant nearby to have a bite to eat after the tour. *For those planning to join the tour, please call or e-mail me so I can have some idea of how many people will participate.*

See you then,

Ana Maria Haley, (253)874-0365, anama97@comcast.net

General Membership Meeting Minutes - September 26, 2005

The combination September BBQ/Meeting was held at Jim & Gail Darby's home. Jerry opened the meeting by thanking the Darbys for their hospitality, and also Steve Grissom, BBQ chef. The video of photos from the NW Meet in August played to the admiration of all present, thanks to the talented efforts of Jim Sieber and Bob Helgeson. It provides a look at the memories, and a tribute to a well-planned and well-run event, of which we were all very proud.

Announcements. Bill Damm was thanked for his efforts with the most recent Garage Night. Jim Farris drove back from Utah immediately after arriving for a car event, not feeling well. He was hospitalized for another angiogram. Don Boltz is in Group Health Hospital, Redmond, having knee replacement surgery.

Treasury. Sallie was not present, so Jerry reported that the treasury was in good shape as of her report to the Board meeting last week.

Membership. Donna Onat reported that it's time to renew memberships now, and that many have been coming in by mail. She made available copies of the renewal form.

Officers for Next Year. It's time also to be thinking about how you can help the club by running for an office for next year. Willing to continue for 2006 -

Bob Helgeson, Director **(looking for co-director)**
Sallie Comstock, Treasurer
Donna Onat, Membership
Dave & Betty Roberts, Club Store
Dave Haddock, Editor (**requires a co-editor)**

Wishes of present Historians and Secretary are not known at this time.

Activities: Rod & Evie Schein and Jerry volunteer to help . . .

Open positions: Assistant Director
Co-Director
Co-Editor

Every single club position can use assistance, and your offer to help out is important! Jerry handed out a form where you can indicate what you can do. Please fill this out! The Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates at the October general meeting. Voting will take place at the November meeting.

January Banquet. John Strampher expressed willingness to coordinate again.

Christmas (Holiday) Party. A host is needed!

The meeting was adjourned, and the conversations continued into the night!

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Onat Secretary, Pro Tem

ANSWERS FOR YOUR CAR HISTORY IQ!!

(The questions were published in last month's Newsletter)

1. Oldsmobile 2. Model T Ford 3. Lucille 4. Ormond Beach. (Also give yourself a correct answer if you said Daytona Beach.) 5. Buick, Cadillac, Oakland (later called Pontiac) and Oldsmobile. Give yourself credit if you named Pontiac instead of Oakland. 6. Cadillac, or Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac. 7. Chevrolet, or Louis Chevrolet 8. The electric starter. (His company, Dayton Engineering Laboratories Co, better known as DELCO, would become part of General Motors.) 9. R.E.O. (The initials of Ransom E. Olds.) 10. Albert Champion (as in A.C.'s competitor, Champion Spark Plug!) 11. Chrysler, or Walter P. Chrysler 12. Mercedes 13. Volkswagen. 14. Porsche, or Dr. Ferdinand Porsche. 15. Short answer: The first prototype was built by Bantam Car Company, best known for their midget cars. Long answer: But the American military feared that Bantam could not produce enough of them, so Jeeps were built only by Willys and by Ford, in equal numbers and using standardized parts. After the war, production went to Willys; which eventually became Kaiser-Jeep, which was later acquired by American Motors and then all of that company taken over by Chrysler, which is now part of Diamler-Chrysler. 16. The name came from saying aloud the Army's name of "G.P.," or "general purpose" vehicle. 17. The Henry J. car, named for the company founder, Henry J. Kaiser. 18. The Dodge Brothers, or John F. Dodge and Horace E. Dodge. 19. Edsel, or Edsel Ford. 20. Stude-

From the Glove Box

Tiny Bubbles!

By Donna Onat

Our friend Lee Folsom has, in one fell swoop, answered two questions that have been nagging me regarding my Chevy. 1) Why is it harder to start when it's warm? and 2) Why does an apparently 'dead' battery sometimes recover and start the car, later? It's important to say that many days when I drive the car it's for short trips & hops around town (grocery shopping, post office, errands and such). Lee considered, and stroked his beard, and explained that when the battery is called on to start the engine, the process creates hydrogen bubbles inside, which naturally dissipate in time. However, repeated short-term demands to start result in a buildup of the bubbles, and less than efficient work from the battery. So the chug….. chug…….chug……. chug which gets weaker and weaker is not a dying battery at all, but one which simply needs a bit of time for the clogging hydrogen bubbles to break down. Lee suggested that a 15-20 minute rest period is all that should be needed to be back to more efficient starting. Thanks Lee!!

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 Jim Farris by phone or e-mail with any questions you feel might be included in the Glove Box. You can email me at farrismej@aol.com. Thanks. **Jim Farris–Custodian of the Glove Box**

Note: For the answers to September's Car History IQ/Trivia questions, see page 9.

Board Meeting Minutes (cont. from p 4)

us so proud of the NW Meet. Steve Grissom was said to be working on that. The great success of the Ladies Luncheon was praised, as was the overall superb planning which resulted in a smooth-running event, enjoyed by all. Fortunately, even the weather was perfect too.

Tours. There was discussion about low participation by members of late. Don reported on plans for October 23 (Sunday afternoon) - a picnic/potluck at a corn maze & pumpkin patch in Snohomish County. There's also a November trip planned to the Museum of Flight that will include boarding the Concorde and the Presidential aircraft, according to tour guide, Ana Maria.

Christmas Party. There was discussion of potential sites for our December event.

January Banquet. A chairperson is needed. There is some feeling that it might be appropriate to select a location in the south end, for a change.

Financial Report. All were pleased to hear Sallie's report that the final result of the Northwest Meet showed a modest profit. Reasons: very good planning including budget estimates a bit higher than actual costs, continued shopping to obtain best prices, many many many donations of goods & services, raffle & 50/50 income, & contribution of Columbia River Region. There was agreement to give a bit of financial assistance to the Willamette Region for their event coming up this spring and to also contribute something toward the bill for the January banquet. Our bank account is very healthy. It is time for all to renew their memberships. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Onat, Secretary Pro Tem

TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

FOR SALE

'48 Sedan Delivery, I hope to find someone in the club that would appreciate a great daily driver. The car appraised in Jan 98 for $12,000 by Walt Blair and I am asking $13,500. Dick Selin (206) 547-9697 or (206) 369-7843

'41 Chev parts, 4 600X16 WW tires not very good shape but free, great if you need for your project car, transmission $30, rear springs $20, front hub $10, clutch and pressure plate $5, Steve Grissom 425-228-3670, email Steveg4@aol.com could bring to next meeting.

'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. Will forward more pictures upon request, $12,000 firm. (206) 364-1822 jalex1952@comcast.net

'51 Chevrolet Styleline DeLuxe 4 door sedan, 235 ci, powerglide, Original interior, Butterfly wheel, 51,000 original miles, see picture below, $14,000, Dan Haarstadt, 425-785-4988

'67 Chevelle Malibu , 350 Chevy Crate Engine and Turbo 350 Transmission, Low Miles, Original Interior, Dragstar Wheels, New Tires, CD Player, Subwoofer in Trunk, see pictures below. Ryan, 425-753-7072

FOR SALE

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

'38 Chev Coupe, Master Deluxe, $11,500, Bill Barker (425) 643-0698

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

'41 Chevy coupe, Very nice car with perhaps 95K original miles. Well-cared for with radio and fog lights, 1960 235 six, must sell due to health, $16K OBO. Also a spare complete engine, rear-end, and an old oil dispensing tank at very reasonable prices call Sam at 425-746-6749 Bellevue. Email Steveg4@aol.com if you want to see more photos.

WANTED

Rims for '27 Chev, Bob Stamnes, 206-365-1482, rstamnes@yahoo.com

Whole Front End, for '78 El Camino or Malibu Classic, Frank Borlando, 253-931-1358

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

'63 Impala 2 Dr Hardtop - friend is looking for one to restore. Must be running! Donna Onat 425-643-0762

'55-56, 1/2 ton, short-bed PU, Prefer 235, V8 Ok, David White, (206) 999-8138, davidcwhite@comcast.net

'47 Chev Master Cylinder, Don Boettiger, (425) 641-

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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Dave Roberts in his '41 Club Coupe