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Vashon Island Tour

By Matt Dickinson

We had a light turnout for the April 17th Vashon Island tour due to the fact that showers were in the forecast. There were six Chevs and one family van. We did have some light rain off and on initially, but it was dry for the second half of the tour.

The tour started out heading for the Fauntleroy ferry for a nice trip across the Sound. We headed down the west side of Vashon Island to the south end. From there we headed north and then west to the Point Robinson Lighthouse for a brief stop and photo shoot.

During the drive up the from the west side of the Island to the Subway Sandwich Shop for lunch in Vashon, we had an unexpected emergency stop.



While heading up the hill and checking on the Haddocks in my rearview mirror, I saw what I thought was smoke pouring into the rear seat area of my Sedan.

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May 24, 2010 Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM

The regular monthly meeting will again be at the Tillicum Middle School. Bill Barker will present a detailed summary of the April National VCCA meeting and give us the insider's-guide to what is being planned for next year's VCCA 50th Anniversary Meet. We also expect a visit from Ken Scott, our Regional Director.

Bill Barker and Don Boltz are signed up to bring treats.



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Editor's Note

Some subjects that can be the basis of wonderful articles to share are: first-car, remember-when, restorations, Chevrolets and your families, history, trivia, little-known facts, and many others. Either current or vintage old-car stories and snapshots are also welcome. We reserve the right to edit material as necessary for space available and clarity.

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. The monthly deadline is about the 5th of the month.

Glenn Landguth, gklandguth@msn.com

Director's Corner

"From The Drivers Seat"



By Al Howe
Puget Sound Region Director

The auction at the April meeting was a big success. We sold and bought items we didn't know we had and didn't know we bought.

Steve Grissom was our auctioneer and a fine job he did indeed. This year we assigned everyone a number so as to make it easier for Sallie Comstock to keep track of who bought what. I had number one and I think Sallie liked that number also because I ended up with stuff I didn't realize I had won the bid on.

There was a lot of commotion and activity going on making it hard to know who had the last bid. Oh well, number one is a good number! We all had a lot of fun, that's the main thing and we raised some money for the club at the same time.

Not realizing I had ended up winning some of these items, I went home without them. Sallie and Don were nice enough to take them home and bring them to me at the breakfast tour Sunday. I ended up with some nice stuff, but one box was empty. I gave it to Kathy. She couldn't believe I would just give her an empty box until she said it must be a box of love. "Yes, a box of love", I said, trying desperately to bail myself out trouble.

The Annual Spring Breakfast tour was a great success. The food was delicious, the flowers were in full bloom and the cars were of all makes and models. The route was well planned allowing some gorgeous views of the water in Puget Sound as well as the flowers along the way. As always there were a lot of smiles from bystanders as all the beautiful old cars passed. The tour ended at Bob and Billie Hyland's in Lakewood.

They have a collection of shoes, books and cars that cannot be described with words so I will not even try. You have to see it to believe it. I would like to give them a big thank you for opening their home to all of us and sharing that wonderful collection with so many strangers. I would also like to thank everyone who was involved in putting this tour together. I know Jim Farris was one but I don't know who else. Perhaps Jim can relay the thank you to those who did so much to make this a big success.

On the way home from the tour Kathy and I stopped at the Anderson Garden in Enumclaw and took a little walk through their five acre Rhododendron garden. It was a little windy and chilly but well worth the stop because so much of it was in full bloom.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you must have someone else in mind to blame.

NW Meet Committee Meeting Scheduled

The next NW Meet Committee Meeting will be held on June 6, 3:45 PM to 5:00 PM at the Fairwood Library in Renton. Committee members and others who are willing to help are asked to attend.

Contact George Kowats if you have any questions. Note that he has a new email address: zanygeophyl@comcast.net.

May Meeting Notice, Puget Sound Region VCCA

The meeting will be 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM, May 24, at the Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue, WA.

Program - April National VCCA Meeting

Bill Barker will present a detailed summary of the April National VCCA meeting and give us the insider's-guide to what is being planned for next year's VCCA 50th Anniversary meet (celebrating the 100th year for Chevrolet) in Flint, MI.

We also expect that Ken Scott, our Regional Director, will be coming to the meeting. He will talk about the region, passports, etc.

Note: Ana Maria is asking all Monroe Swap Meet volunteers to show up at the meeting with the gift that the Ford club provides to all the volunteers. A picture will be taken of the volunteers. We do this as a tradition. The picture will be sent to the Ford club with a big thank-you note from Ana Maria and the VCCA PS Region.

Vashon Island Tour (Continued from page 1)

I thought my replacement polymer gas tank was catching fire!

I pulled over immediately, followed by the rest of the cars in the tour, and I ran to my trunk to get the fire extinguisher. I opened the trunk to find the whole inside covered with a white power.

The locking pin had fallen out of the fire extinguisher and then the extinguisher had rolled onto its handle, emptying the fire extinguisher into my trunk.

What a relief - I thought my car was going up in smoke!



Bill Barker said he once had a fire extinguisher lock pin fall out and the fire extinguisher emptied while he was driving his '66 Corvette. A recommendation for everyone is to have an easily removable retaining clip on the lock pin of your fire extinguisher.

We proceeded on to the Subway sandwich shop for lunch and then headed home on the ferry.



The following people participated: Bob Helgeson - '64 Corvette, Dave & Diane Haddock - '55 Chev, Bill Barker - '66 Corvette, Matt Dickinson - '36 Sedan, Bill & Ann Damm - '84 El Camino, Matt's friend Craig Brand and his twin brother Brian - '36 Custom Sedan, Sis Barker and their daughter's family in the family van, and Lee and Carol Folsom rode with the Haddocks.

Donated Gifts Needed for NW Meet

Our club needs members to donate some "nice" gifts to give away at the 2010 NW Meet in August. Anna Maria Haley has offered to collect them. We only have 2 or 3 months to do this. Please contact Anna Maria to donate "nice items only". They could be things for the garage, garden, home, desk, etc. Thanks in advance.

Contact Ana Maria Haley at anama97@q.com.

April 14th Garage Nite at Dick Olson's

By Dick Olson

A main attraction at Garage Nite was Jim Seiber's 1940 Chevrolet convertible.

Dick Olson has been working on the car all winter. He painted the fire-wall, engine compartment and engine. He also cleaned up and painted inside the trunk, and installed a new wiring harness along with a newly woodgrained dash. All glass was replaced and side window frames were re-chromed. We removed body trim and the top, and after replacing a couple of rusted body panels it went to the paint shop. (Right now it is in the upholstery shop.)



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Meeting Treats Sign-Up List

Members have signed up to bring treats for the monthly membership meetings. We try to publish a reminder in the meeting announcements. But for a longer look-ahead, here is the complete list for the remaining meetings this year.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Name</u>
June	(Strawberry Shortcake Night)	Oct	Howard & Darbyann Lontz
Sept	Don Hatley	Nov	Al Howe

Sunday, July 11th Tour to Jerry Yoder's and Potluck

We will meet at the southeast corner of the Auburn SuperMall at 11AM.

We will probably leave there at 11.30AM and tour to my house (Don Boltz) in Orting for coffee and doughnuts. We will leave my house and tour thru downtown Orting and go to South Prairie where we will turn and head to Bonney Lake and maybe tour Gerry Greenfield's garage at Lake Tapps. And then we will go on to another part of Lake Tapps where Jerry Yoder lives, to tour his garages and have a potluck with the Mount Rainier club.

Jerry will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and with the potluck we should have a great outing. People are asked to bring salads and desserts to share, and beverages of their choice.

This is a tour nobody should miss. Thanks, Don Boltz.

2010 NW Meet Website/Registration

The Official 2010 NW Meet website is now up and running. You can now go to the website and view the prospectus to find out about events, the hotel, and camping. An outline of the schedule is there too!

To register, print out a registration form (two pages), fill it in and mail it with your check!

The website is: www.pugetsoundvintagechevrolet.org/2010nwmeet/. See you in Silverdale Aug. 11-15, 2010!

PSR-VCCA Board Meeting,

May 27, 2010
7:00 PM - 9:00PM

Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, Renton, WA

Puget Sound Region VCCA officers and committee chairs are asked to attend. Other members are cordially welcome.

Al Howe, Director, PS-VCCA

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

Fire extinguishers are needed
When a fire needs a cure.
Kept in your auto,
Handy and secure.

But they can discharge,
Completely unexpected,
If rolling around
With the pin disconnected.

It can cause quite a panic
From the dust and the powder.
You'll wonder what happened.
Is this your last hour?

So stow your extinguisher
In a secure space.
And make sure the pin
Will stay in its place.

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Puget Sound Region VCCA General Meeting Minutes April 26, 2010



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at Tillicum Middle School at 7:30 By Director Al Howe.

Welcome: There were 24 members present with no guests.

Secretary: Minutes accepted as printed in Tappet Clatter.

Treasurer: Sallie Comstock gave a detailed report of our income and expenses for March 2010. The club is in good shape financially. Nine registrations have been received for the NW Meet.

Membership: Donna Onat informed us that our membership is still at 71.

National News: Bill Barker just returned from the National Board Meeting in Dearborn with news about the passport questions we addressed two months ago. The Board crafted wording that says all Chevrolets are welcome on tours but only those representing the goals of the club will be eligible for passports and the accolades that go with the accumulation of mileage on tours. This statement means that if it looks like a stock Chevrolet from the outside it will pass (no open hood inspections). Bill will be sharing with us the material he presented at the meeting. On another note, our area director was not able to attend the meeting. Ken Scott is recovering from back surgery.



Glove Box: Bob Stamnes asked us to keep the questions and research ideas coming in.

Tours: Matt Dickinson was not at the meeting but said the tour schedule is mostly accurate for the year. Al Howe elaborated on the June 12 tour to the alpaca farm. It will include a stop at Al's for a potluck type lunch, a possible stop at the Greenfield's and back to Renton. Also mentioned is a July 17th tour to Dave Kosche's, but he can only handle about 8 cars because he has also invited several other clubs. Rod Schein distributed hold-harmless forms for the Ballard parade and asked people to call him to confirm they are attending and what time they will be arriving.



Other Information: Dave White gave a short presentation on converting generators to alternators and switching to electronic ignitions. He has done so on both his 1937 and 1956.

Refreshments: The cookies were very good but I didn't find out who brought them. Sorry.



Meeting adjourned around 8:05 PM so we could get to the auction in a timely manner.

Program: Steve Grissom auctioned two tables of donated items with everything from fan belts, stuffed animals, stationery, and a movie camera to a 1932 dealer pin and NOS 1934 to 1940 dome light cover. The auction made \$351.50 for the club.

Respectfully submitted by Don Comstock.



Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Activity Organizer</u>
May 14/15/16, 2010	Monroe Swap Meet	Ana Haley
May 17, 2010	Ballard Parade	Rod Schein
May 27, 2010	Board Meeting, Fairfield Library, Renton	Al Howe
June 12, 2010	Newcastle - Alpaca Farm Tour	Matt Dickinson/Al Howe
June 19, 2010	4th Annual Hot Rods & Hogs Show, Maltby	Maltby Christian Assembly
June 20, 2010	GM Picnic in Graham	
June 21/22/23/24/25, 2010	4 Cylinder Tour in Glacier Park, MT	Jim Farris
June 26, 2010	Greenwood Auto Show	Matt Dickinson
June 28, 2010	Strawberry Social at Perrigo Park, 7 PM	Club Meeting
July 4, 2010	Folsom's Picnic/Pot Luck	Lee & Carol Folsom
July 11, 2010	Tour to Jerry Yoder's Car Collection and Potluck	Don Boltz
July 17, 2010	GEAA Car Show in Tacoma, tour to show from the Kent Kmart	Matt Dickinson/Ana Haley
TBD	Board Meeting	
July 28, 2010	Greenwood Seafair Parade	Rod Schein
Aug. 11-15, 2010	NW VCCA Meet, Silverdale, WA.	PSR VCCA
Aug. 23, 2010	XXX Root Beer Drive-In, Issaquah	Club Meeting
Sept. 13/14/15/16/17, 2010	6 Cylinder Tour at Carson City, NV	Jim Farris
Oct. 2 & 3, 2010	Weekend Tour to Winthrop, WA	Jim Farris/Dick Olson
TBD	Board Meeting	
Early December, 2010	Christmas Party	

Garage Nite - by Dick Olson

June 9th Garage Nite will be at Dave Roberts' in Kirkland at 7 PM. For directions and contact information, see the mailed copy of the Tappet Clatter.

Newcastle-Alpaca Farm Tour - Saturday June 12, 2010

We'll meet at the Newcastle Park'n' Ride lot on the east side of I-405. It's located at the second off-ramp south of the I-90 and I-405 interchange. We'll start out from the Park 'n' Ride at 10:30 AM and tour south and east to Al Howe's home for lunch. Please bring your own lunch and beverage. After lunch we'll visit an alpaca farm. Email or call Matt if you have questions at 206-795-3790 or mbd97@aol.com.

Maltby Christian Car Show - Saturday June 19, 2010

If you go on line and do a search for the Maltby Christian Car Show you find the information about it. I went last year and it was very nice; it's free and doesn't run all day. Matt Dickinson, 206-795-3790 or mbd97@aol.com.

GM Picnic - Sunday June 19-20, 2010

GM 16th Annual Swap Meet & Show, Graham, WA. Phone 253.531.5266 for more information.

June Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Sis Barker	6/6
Jerry and Mary Brownell	6/10

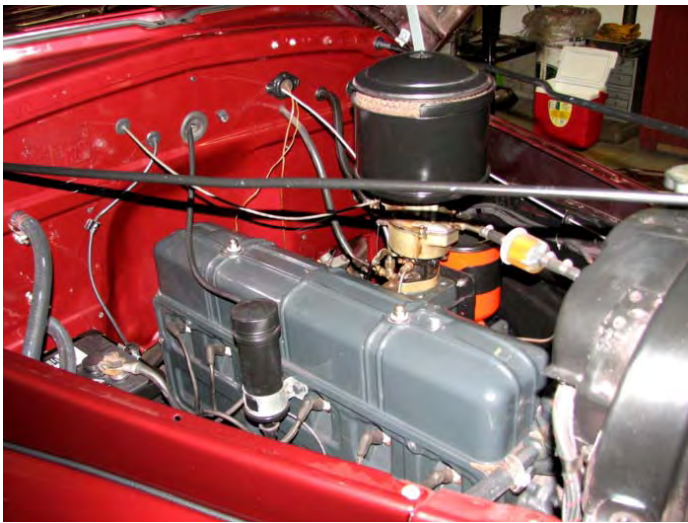
BIRTHDAYS

Rod Schein	6/2
Gerri Johnson	6/20
David White	6/25
Glenn Landguth	6/27
Lynn Anderson	6/27
Sheri Johnson	6/27

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It looks great and will be a great driver. Jim is planning on having it at the NW meet in August.

Here are more pictures from the April 14th Garage Nite.



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From the Glove Box



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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 Stamnes, via email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Question About Aging Tires and Hoses

Bill Damm writes “Do we have any feedback on aging tires? I know 7 years is probably the life for a tire on our modern cars, but what about our “old” cars that are only going 45 mph? Is it as critical to be sure they have newer rubber on them too? Most of the time they are sitting in a garage and have good tread because of their rare use. Does the rubber deteriorate as fast inside a garage? What experience have other people had with older tires on their slow cars? Does an external silicon treatment extend their life, or does all the rubber age the same clear through? How about the heater and radiator hoses too? I think you’re asking for trouble to let them go past 7 years.”

Bill has triggered my mind. I have 220,000 miles on my 1995 van without changing my heater and radiator hoses. At 180,000 miles, I had not changed the hoses to my oil filter either, then in 110 degree heat in Northern California a hose blew. Observing lots of smoke, and making a quick check to see that it was not another car near me, I immediately turned the engine off and drifted to the side of the road where we waiting for 3 hours to be towed to Redding, CA. We lucked out!

I am getting my radiator hoses changed this week.

I also remember my father’s ‘54 Ford that had heavily cracked tires. They never blew out, but ya gotta wonder. I have noticed that my trailer tires show cracking where they sit on the concrete driveway. I now place a piece of hardboard under each tire. What is your experience? Email Bob Stamnes at rstamnes@yahoo.com.

Garage Door Threshold Seal

Storm Shield garage door threshold creates a tight seal between the bottom of your garage door and the concrete, closing any gaps left by uneven concrete, or the garage door’s rubber seal. Go to <http://www.elite-xpressions.com/stormshield.htm>. Thanks to Don Boltz for sharing this.

Thanks from Rod Schein

Rod and Evie would like to thank everyone for their prayers and get-well wishes during Rod’s recent illness.

On January 15, 2010, Rod went to the hospital and subsequently had an operation to replace his aortic valve. During this time he was required to be still on his back, which was especially painful due to an existing condition in his joints and back.

After the operation, Rod spent time in the ICU for a difficult recovery, and then more time on the recovery floor. Rod and Evie missed the January 23rd banquet, but sent their appreciation for the prayers and answers to prayer that they had already seen.

Once home, Rod was kept in good spirits by a steady rotation of visitors from the club. Club members signed up for times so that critical times would be covered. This caring dedication to a fellow car enthusiast meant a great deal to Rod. It was this visible dedication by loving friends that served as an encouragement to Rod and made the minutes and hours pass more quickly.

It is an ongoing effort on the part of the club to visit and give encouragement to members who are hospitalized or recovering from illness. Rod can testify as to how much this means to a person when they are in need of encouragement.



Garage Nite, continued from page 8

Here are some more pictures. Also see page 12.



Generator & Distributors for GIs

Our G & Ds for GIs program is running out of magazines. The program was conceived as a result the backlog of G & Ds that had accumulated, but donations to ship magazines to our troops overseas has exceeded our supply.

Could your region collect G & Ds that are usually thrown out and bring them to me at this year's NW Meet? I will arrange for their distribution to our armed forces.

Another problem has been in obtaining addresses of service people or charities to whom magazines can be shipped. Any help in that area would be appreciated.

Dave Kosche, National Board Member, VCCA

Strawberry Social at Perrigo Park in Redmond - Monday June 28, 2010

This is our annual June meeting starting at 7:00 PM. Please drive your Chevs and enjoy some strawberry shortcake.

The park has a very nice covered picnic area. Come early and enjoy a leisurely walk on the nature trail.

Matt Dickinson, 206-795-3790 or mbd97@aol.com.



Greenwood Auto Show - Saturday June 26, 2010

In the past we haven't been successful in getting spaces reserved for our club. If members plan to go, I'd recommend meeting up and driving into the event together. Car clubs that would like to come in and park as a group are asked to have ten or more cars, collect their registration forms and mail them in along with a single check together.

Vehicle pre-registration is \$25 for cars/trucks, \$15 for motorcycle. Additional \$5 on the day-of.

To pre-register for the show, go to <http://www.greenwoodcarshow.com/>, and click on Registration.

If anyone is interested in taking their car to the show, contact Matt Dickinson at 206-795-3790 or mbd97@aol.com.

Help Still Wanted for 2010 Northwest Meet

Volunteers are still needed for the 2010 Northwest Meet. Several committees have positions available.

Call now and avoid the "DRAFT"! Respond to George Kowats, 253-852-8178, zanygeophyl@comcast.net.

TAPPET CLATTER *Classifieds*

Ads will be carried up to three months on a space-available basis, unless withdrawn sooner or an extension is requested. Please notify the Tappet Clatter editor when your ad is answered or you need an extension. gklandguth@msn.com

FOR SALE

1930 Engine, \$100.00, Bill Damm, 425-746-5721, e-mail: billdamm@webtv.net.

1937 Knee-action front end, complete wheel-to-wheel. Make me an offer I can't refuse. Dave White, 206-999-8138, davidcwhite@comcast.net.

1940 Chev Master 85 Coupe parts: frame, rear end, front axle, brakes, front seat, and other parts. Cheap. Jim Seiber, 425-765-8195, seiberphoto@comcast.net.

1950 Chevy Fender Skirts, \$80, Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com.

1951 Special Deluxe 2-Door Sedan, 63,000+ original miles, no rust, and clean. Don Comstock, 253-863-0420, d.comstock@att.net.

1953 2-door Coupe. I just happened upon this today, down in Tacoma, David White. See: <http://seattle.craigslist.org/see/ctd/1574828239.html>, \$9,995.

1954 Chevy dump truck, blue, from Eastern WA, 50,000 miles. New master cylinder, water pump, fuel pump, and starter. Re-did the heater motor and changed the generator to an alternator (it has always been a 12 volt system). Has a 4-speed Browning. Runs well, and the dump works. Collector plates. Recently put on Craig's List locally. Asking \$8,500 OBO. For info call Joe at 360-815-7726 and mention Donna Onat.

24 Foot Wells Cargo Enclosed Trailer, excellent condition, \$6,900. Jim Seiber, 425-765-8195, seiberphoto@comcast.net.

WANTED

1948 - 1953 Left running board in good condition for a '48 to '53 1/2 ton pickup. Oil breather pipe for '49 to '53 - 216 engine (this is not an oil fill tube just a breather pipe). Gary Barquist, 509-636-2133, ggary017@centurytel.net

1961 Carburetor and fuel pump for 235 engine. Gene Sovar, 206-362-2491, esovar@seanet.com.

Five (5) Outside Visors for truck or car, no matter what they are out of. I would like to hang two at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In Restaurant in Issaquah, have one to duplicate (fabricate) for the Buddy Holly bus, and two for a couple of my cars. Jose Enciso, xxxrootbeerx@aim.com.

Johnson Over Gear (overdrive) for a 4-cylinder Chev. Bob Stamnes, rstamnes@yahoo.com

Small-Block 383-Stroker Motor, \$2,000 - \$3,000. Dave White, 206-999-8138, davidcwhite@comcast.net.

Fender Skirts

For a little nostalgia about "fender skirts", among other things, go to <http://dailyqi.com/?p=8722>. Thanks to Bill Damm for sharing this site.

Kowats' New Email Address

Please note in your contact list and directory that George and Phyllis Kowats have a new email address: zanygeophyl@comcast.net.

Darby's New Email Address

Please note in your contact list and directory that Jim & Gail Darby have a new email address: jdarb1@comcast.net.

Puget Sound Region Jackets Still Available

Jim Farris is still taking orders for jackets (see April 2009 Tappet Clatter, page 5). They are a blue denim jacket made in the U.S.A. and are available in men's sizes small to 7X large and women's sizes small to 3X large. The cost including shipping is \$36.50 each. They must be ordered in lots of six (6). Jim will group orders into lots of six. A local seamstress embroiders names for those who want them on their jackets. That adds an extra five dollars to the price. Shirts are also available with the same logo. Jim will check on pricing for the shirts if there is interest.

If you would like to order one of these jackets or shirts, contact Jim Farris via email at farrismej@aol.com

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Jim Seiber's 1940 Chevrolet Convertible at Garage Nite April 14th at Dick Olson's house.