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Puget Sound Members Find Flint Fabulous

By Jim Farris

Well, maybe fabulous is a strong word when you consider the heat, humidity and rain, but with so many vintage Chevrolets in the parking lots, on the streets and displayed Thursday evening on Saginaw Street, in this case it's one of the few suitable words to use.

VCCA Anniversary Meets are special. They happen every five years and always provide an exciting week's adventure where our members rub elbows with fellow vintage Chevrolet owners. Ask most people who have been to them. They provide multiple memories of new friends, interesting cars and great journeys. In 50 years there've been a scant nine of these. The 10th Anniversary, and first, was held in 1971 at Indianapolis, Indiana. Only one current member has attended all nine with a vintage Chevrolet. That would be Tom Meleo, who also received a 50-year member badge at the event. Our region had a large group attending the 15th in 1976 at Colorado Springs and has been represented at each of the succeeding events. Over the years so many people from all around the country and world have become new friends. A highlight of the Flint adventure was the opportunity to see so many of these individuals once again.

Puget Sound Region members at Flint included: Al Howe, 1927 Cabriolet Coupe; Jill Anderson and Matt Dickinson, 1936 Town Sedan; Bill Barker and Bob Helgeson, 1931 Landau; Gerri and Dennis Johnson, 1934 Cabriolet; Tom Meleo, 1934 Cabriolet; Sheri and Dan Johnson, 1926 Touring; Theresa Deacy and Jim Farris, 1922 Roadster; Dot and John Zeigler, 1928 Sedan and 1974 Pickup; Sallie and Don Comstock, 2003 Corvette; Jim and Roberta Martoza, 1954 Sedan, and Gary and Don Williams.



The event was huge, with well over 800 registrants and 500 Chevrolets. It was so immense that PS-VCCA members rarely met each other during the five days of activities, which included: bus tours to the GM Heritage Center, the Chevrolet Truck Plant in

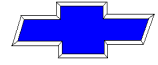
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September Membership Meeting

This month's membership meeting will be September 26 at the Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Matt Dickinson is signed up to bring treats.



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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 1986 may be registered with the region.*

*General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at **Tillicum Middle School, 16020 SE 16th St., Bellevue,.** 7:30PM to 9:30PM. No meetings are held in July or 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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2012 Membership Renewals

It's that time again! Be prepared for renewing your membership in September so we'll have a full crew on board by October 1. Our year runs from October through September.

A link to an easy online form with instructions and payment options will be sent via email to each member that has email. Please watch for it and respond in a timely manner. Members without email will be contacted separately.

Thanks from Donna Onat, Dick Jones, and Jim Martoza.

Editor's Note

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

"The Sunday Driver"



By Dave Haddock
Puget Sound Region Director

WOW!!! The summer has seemed short but we have made the most of it.

The Flint 50th VCCA Anniversary Meet was the big news for the summer and this issue of the Tappet Clatter will try to present the highlights of that Meet for those of us who couldn't attend. But we've also been busy with other generally smaller and more local venues.

The local Tri-Five club put on another great show at the XXX in Issaquah and several of our members were there, not with Tri-Fives, but with their cars representing several decades of the 100 Years of Chevrolet. We also had a good turnout in West Seattle at the Providence Mount Saint Vincent Assisted Living Facility to help set the stage for a fabulous Elvis Show!! Yes, the "King" is still with us and we will prove it with some pictures in next month's newsletter. More recently there was the Golden Era Automobile Association (GEAA) Picnic and the LeMay Marymount Car Show that many members attended.

Last, but certainly not least, of these fabulous events was the VCCA Northwest Meet held this year in Silverton, Oregon. Our Puget Sound region had about 35 folks at this event and we all had a grand time. While it was billed as a "Mini-Meet" because we also had the Anniversary Meet this year, it was anything but Mini!!! It was four sunny, event-packed days of exploring Oregon's Willamette Valley. We had more than 90 beautiful vintage Chevys to admire, spacious rooms at the Oregon Garden, well-planned tours every day through Oregon's farm and berry country, tasty food including local berry pies, and fellowship with other VCCA members. I want to thank the whole Willamette Valley Region for organizing a grand event. I heard several Puget Sound Region members say it was the best Mini-Meet they have ever attended and some said it ranks up there with any NW Meet. I have to agree!!!

Looking forward, Fall is the time of year that we need to take care of club business. Don't forget to renew your membership in a timely fashion. This will help those putting together the 2012 Membership Directory. It is also time to be thinking about what each of us gets out of our club and how each of us can contribute. I will need to fill our slate of officers for next year and we are always looking for members who want to become more involved and to help out in their own special way. Take a quick look in the box on page 2 and think about filling one of those positions for a year. If you are interested talk to me or one of the other members about what is involved and we will be happy to explain the duties associated with these positions. I would especially like to see our newer members in some of these roles. There is no better way to get to know more of the fine people in our club than to take on one of these positions. If you are like me, you may have joined the club because of the fine cars, but you will stay involved in the club and get more out of your experience because of the fine people!

Finally, summer is not quite over yet. Please be sure to join Diane and me on September 24th for a fall BBQ at our place in Lake Forest Park. (See notice below.) Also, don't forget about the Overnight Tour to Yakima on October 15th.

Invitation to Potluck Picnic at Haddock's September 24

Dave and Diane Haddock have decided to have a potluck picnic at their new home.

Fire up your Chev's and come to the picnic at the Haddock's new home on Saturday, September 24th. Please arrive around 1:30 PM; lunch will start around 2:00 PM. Our Club will supply hamburgers and chicken, and members are asked to bring side dishes.

There will not be a "Garage Nite" in September; instead Dave's garage will be open during the picnic.

The Haddock's **address and phone number removed**, see mailed or emailed copy of the Tappet Clatter.

For those interested in touring in their Chev's to the picnic, Matt Dickinson will lead a tour from the Wilberton Park and Ride, on the west side of I-405 next to the freeway and on the north side of SE 8th street at the SE 8th Street off-ramp of I-405. He will depart the Park and Ride lot at 12:30 PM.

Membership News

From Donna Onat

Please expect an email notice as we have done for several years, to review and renew your membership with the online form. You will still need to pay Donna in person at the September meeting, or mail your check. We will appreciate your prompt attention, now that you are used to the process! Your renewal is due by October 1. (Members without email will receive a snail mail notification.)

We welcomed two new members at the XXX meeting last month, which ends our year with 80 members.

Joseph (Josh) Forgues came along with Bob Stamnes on our North Seattle tour earlier this year. He has a '41 Master Deluxe Coupe in original condition. Living in north Seattle, **phone number removed**, see mailed or emailed Tappet Clatter.

George Reich came with his son, Max, and also joined up on-the-spot. George mentioned that his dad sold Chevys in Oregon in the 50's and 60's. He has owned his original-condition '34 Chev Standard 4 dr. since 1968. His **cell phone number removed**, see mailed or emailed Tappet Clatter.

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Puget Sound Region Overnight Tour October 15

Again this year we are repeating our fall Overnight Tour. The date is October 15.

We will assemble at the North Bend Factory Outlet Mall at 7:30 AM Saturday morning October 15. The mall is located at exit 31 off I-90. Go under the Freeway, the mall is on your left. Coffee and restrooms are available at McDonald's and at a Starbucks for those who arrive early.

The Tour will leave sharply at 8:00 AM.

This year our first stop will be the popular Hunter Breakfast at Teanaway, WA. This yearly event is sponsored by the Teanaway Grange, who provide a sumptuous breakfast for hunters and the entire community. It is so popular that buses even bring people in from Seattle.

From there we will travel to Yakima for the night. Our hotel for the night in Yakima is The Clarion Inn. You are responsible for making your own reservations by calling 509-248-7850. Mention you will be with the Vintage Chevrolet Group. We have 10 rooms reserved under Jim Farris' name. The rate for the night is \$82 and that includes a full breakfast Sunday morning.

We'll return Sunday October 16 via Mount Rainier.

Contact either Dick Olson or Jim Farris (**phone numbers removed**) for more information. They also can be reached by their phones or email addresses listed in the Roster.

October Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

George and Ana Maria Haley 10/28

BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Brownell 10/29

Roberta Martoza 10/7

Carol Folsom 10/14

BIRTHDAYS (Continued)

Gene Melang 10/19

Mike Currie 10/25

Francie Mullins 10/26

George Haley 10/27

Sharon Lauderback 10/30

John Hartog 10/31

Flint, (Continued from page 1)

Flint, the Sloan Museum, and the GM Proving Grounds. Judging on the grounds of the Sloan Museum and the year-order lineup of Chevrolets on Saginaw Street gathered most of the cars at single venues.



Our members worked in the registration room and Al Howe sold 15 trailer decals at the swap meet. The Club Store was a popular spot where all kinds of Chevrolet and VCCA items could be purchased. Of course there was food at the receptions and an ending banquet completed the week's activities.

Due to the immense nature of the Meet its activities can best be described through individual words and participant perceptions. Al Howe said, "The same day I arrived in Flint the weather turned hot and stayed hot, like in the mid nineties. However driving with the AC on (windshield open) helped a lot."

"The events were well planned and things seem to go smoothly for the most part. The Puget Sound Region members showed up at the opening ceremony in our red shirts, which made for a very nice photo. We also looked very official with the red shirts while working in the registration room."

"The parking lots for both hotels ran together so there were many Chevrolets to look at. Owners were always ready to talk about their cars; all one had to do was ask.

The best display of cars was the day we toured from the Sloan Museum to Saginaw Street in order of year. The two lead cars were "Littles" (The first sold by the Chevrolet organization) with right hand drives. What a display of cars, from the very old to modern cars including a 2012 Chevrolet at the end."

"The GM Heritage Center is not open to the public but was open two days for those attending the 100th Anniversary Meet and at no cost to us. Thank you very much, Chevrolet! It was interesting seeing some of the concept cars and engines. No way can you describe with words what there was to see in this room; a photo is required but that really doesn't do it justice either. I liked the older cars the best. A 1905 Buick was my first choice; what a beautiful car. Another was a stripped down 1902 Oldsmobile for racing on the Florida flats. It achieved a whopping 54.38 MPH. That does not seem like much in today's world but in those days it was a breath taker and a record breaker. It has a chain drive without a cover located just below the driver. If that chain had broken, the driver would have had a problem."



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Flint, (Continued from page 5)

“One tour we could enter in our passport was to the Crossroads Village. This happened to be one of the hottest days of the week making what should have been a pleasant day looking around the old buildings somewhat miserable. The train had only two open cars and the rest were covered making for a hot ride so I didn’t even attempt the train ride. They did have some shops including an ice cream parlor and yes, I did enjoy a big ice cream cone. Chevys filled up all the parking lots and two fields. By standing in an old barn, located on a small hill at the entrance, you could see all the cars at once. What a display.”

“A bus ride through the GM Proving Ground proved to be a lot more interesting than I thought it would be. This tour was by bus only and you were not allowed off the bus. There were lots of drivers testing cars. Testing went on 24 hours a day. Each driver was given a detailed plan by engineering that included normal activity and exceptions like flat tires, slides, rough roads, high speed runs and much more. We were not permitted to take any photos at all. Not even with our cell phones. They have a round track with about six lanes used in part of their tests. Each lane had a given speed limit. The first lane was 30 MPH or less. The outermost lane was marked 100+ MPH. One car was running in that lane while we were parked and our tour guide was talking to us. One could hear the stress in the engine and tires. I wonder how big a tire grows at 100 MPH. Some of the cars had blankets on while being tested so we or someone looking over a fence could not see what a future car may look like.”



Gerri Johnson said; “We took our ’34 cabriolet to the Anniversary Meet. It was one of six 1934 Cabriolets arriving in Flint. It was the first, and maybe the last time that six cabriolets have been shown.



Six 1934 Cabriolets

It was fun watching the owners compare and critique each other’s cars. Cars were from Iowa, California, Nova Scotia, Arizona, and Washington. Four cabriolets were expected to attend, but two more showed up, - frosting on the cake.” The Johnson’s is the second from the left in the picture; another member Tom Meleo’s is the third from the left.

Don and Sallie Comstock commented, “Having been in the club more than 40 years and never attending a National Meet we were in awe of the sheer number of participants and cars.” He found the proving grounds a once in a lifetime experience seeing new cars for 2013 and beyond put through their paces. She really enjoyed seeing all the items in the club store.



Tom Meleo said; “I enjoyed all the places we went but the Truck Plant was one of the most interesting. I’ve owned a number of these vehicles. Watching as they came together on the assembly line it was amazing to see how large the engine was and how it actually fit into the chassis and cab.”

Bill Barker had responsibility for some activities. He and Bob Helgeson were immersed in those as well as being available to help. The first night they were asked to assist unloading a truck of materials going into the store, as well as trophies. The sheer magnitude and weight of

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Future Club Events Calendar

From Activities Coordinator Matt Dickinson

Date	Event	Person Responsible
September 12-16	Early 6-Cylinder Tour, Tulare, CA	Jim Farris/Tom Meleo
September 24	Potluck Barbeque at the Haddock's, including a Tour to their home	Dave & Diane Haddock Matt Dickinson
October 15	Weekend Tour	Jim Farris/Dick Olson
TBD	Board Meeting	Dave Haddock
Early December	Christmas Party	Don & Sallie Comstock

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the stuff made it a huge job.

Bill ran the projectors with a computer at the banquet. This and his other activities put him in contact with the woman representing the Flint Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday night, with all the cars displayed on Saginaw Street, Bob and Bill walked the street with her accompanied by a friend who turned out to be the national anthem singer at the banquet. She was a police detective and apparently was well liked by the locals who came up to her to talk as the group wandered through the displayed Chevrolts.

Finally in closing, this is the eighth Anniversary Meet I've attended, six of them with Mary Ellen. This one I had the privilege of being there with my daughter Theresa. We had a grand time on the trip there and at the Meet. Another daughter Kathy accompanied me on the return trip. While the round trip drive consumed nine days, they were some of the most enjoyable cross-country drives I've made.

The 2016 Anniversary Meet is scheduled for Medford Oregon. This location provides the opportunity for more of our members to participate in these once-every-five-year VCCA events.



Jim Farris and daughter Theresa

Membership Meeting at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah, August 22

Our club meeting at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah was only slightly dampened by the rain. With a dedicated room inside, we still enjoyed the food and friends. "Grease" played on the TV but hardly anyone paid any attention. There were more important things to watch, like what was that number again, for the raffle of course.



Pictures from the NW Mini-Meet August 18-20, 2011

The NW Mini-Meet was hosted by the Willamette Valley Region August 18 through 20, based in Silverton, Oregon.



Thursday's optional tours to Frey's Dahlias and Steffen Systems were well received.

An evening tour to Willamette Valley Fruit Co. for pie and ice cream was a delight.



Friday and Saturday there were drives through the farmlands and the small towns in Marion and Linn counties..

100-Year Show at Triple-X A Chevrolet for each Decade

By Jim Farris

The local Tri-Five Chevrolet Club regularly has a big show at the Issaquah XXX each year. Hundreds of these vehicles show up for this annual gathering. This year's event was Sunday August 21 with 150 of them present. This year's show was special because Chevrolet is celebrating 100 years. An added feature accompanied the 2011 gathering: a showing of a Chevrolet from each decade of production.

Five Puget Sound Region Members provided vehicles. Dan Johnson's 1914 was the oldest car representing the decade of the teen years; The 1922 - 490 Roadster of Jim Farris represented the 20's; the 30's with Don Boltz and his 1932 Coupe; Dave Roberts brought his 1941 Coupe and Dennis Dynes his 1948 Aero Sedan. Six other Chevrolets of the succeeding decades completed the lineup, capped with a new 2011 Volt from Michael's Chevrolet of Issaquah. Club member David White was the master of ceremonies for the Tri-Five show.

Throughout the day there were people looking over the lineup with many showing interest in our members' cars. Rarely does one have an opportunity to see Chevrolets built during the decades of the past 100 years lined up like this. It provided a vivid opportunity to see the development of the Chevrolet automobile the past 100 years. Improvements are dramatic during the decades, especially the early years.

This picture was taken early, before the other cars arrived.



LeMay Museum Car Show

By Jim Farris

Three Puget Sound Region members were volunteer judges at the LeMay Car Show Sunday August 7. It was held on the grounds of the Museum's temporary site in Fife. The past two years the event coincided with the LeMay open house.

Dick Olson and Jim Farris have been judges for all three of these events. This year Adrian Taylor was included to make a team of three, judging the General Motors class 1932 to 1952.

Other members participating in the event were Don and Sallie Comstock. Their 1951 Chevrolet Station Wagon took second place in the class. Jerry Greenfield, another VCCA member, has been the chief judge for this show the past three years.



Next year the LeMay Museum Car Show will be held on the grassy grounds of the new museum near the Tacoma Dome on Sunday August 5, 2012.

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.

Contact the Glove Box Coordinator, Bob Stamnes, via email rstamnes@yahoo.com with your information.

Fuel Without Ethanol

By Bob Stamnes

Most stations today sell fuel containing ethanol. There have been reports that this eats up rubber hoses, sending small beads of rubber into the fuel system and carburetor (Read about Matt Dickinson's experience under "Ethanol Causing Fuel Line Deterioration", below. Are there other side effects as well?? Please let me know at rstamnes@yahoo.com.

Ethanol-free gas stations can be found at "pure-gas.org".

One person said he uses aviation fuel and gets it at a nearby small airport. I understand this is more expensive but has no ethanol and is very clean fuel.

Overheating on 4-Cylinder Cars

By Bob Stamnes

I purchased a four bladed fan that The Filling Station was selling for 1929 to 1936 Chevrolets and filed the center out slightly, and it works great on my 1926 Chevrolet. The bolt holes do not require honing or modification. The Filling Station sells these four bladed fans for about \$40 which is about the same price I paid for a used four bladed fan, and one does not have to deal with a high likelihood that a blade will be weak from previous repeated bending. Highly recommended.

What Every Chevrolet Mechanic Should Know, 1929 Edition

Thanks to Dave Folsom sharing this online document. (Advance pages using link at page bottom.)

<http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/chev1928/wecmsk/cover.html>

The Filling Station

The Filling Station sends out emails that advertise products but commonly have technical articles also. I have found these articles to be very interesting. You may want to email them at fssales@fillingstation.com.

Is Ethanol Causing Fuel Line Deterioration

By Matt Dickinson

A few months ago I noticed very small, soft, rubber pieces in the glass bowl of the fuel pump's filter on my '36 Sedan. I have fuel hose running from the tank to the fuel pump. About 5-1/2 years ago I replaced the fuel tank in the car and put new fuel hose on. I used Goodyear 5/16" SAE 30R7 hose, a 5 year hose recommended for non fuel-injected systems using gasoline and gasoline/ethanol mixtures. I know the rubber pieces didn't come from the fuel tank because there was a filter installed at the discharge of the tank. I run unleaded regular and in our area most of the gasoline has 10 to 15% ethanol.

The only time I may have used fuel without ethanol was the week in last September at the Early Six Cylinder Tour in Carson City, Nevada.

An inspection of the inside of the fuel hose indicates it is breaking down. I also noticed the hose was getting stiff, so maybe short of using stainless tubing with a few flex connections, the hose should be replaced periodically.

I looked on Goodyear's website for a customer interaction area but couldn't find one. Since I could not find any negative feedback by others, I went ahead and replaced my hose with SAE 30R7 again.

Some time later, I talked to Goodyear customer service about the SAE 30R7 fuel hose they make. They explained that even though SAE 30R7 hose is recommended for gasoline with ethanol, they do not give a service life for it, because there are too many issues they have no control over, such as gas additives, the environment, and because ethanol is a solvent. So I guess the bottom line is to install a see-through filter at the end of the SAE 30R7 fuel hose and change out the hose when it starts to degenerate. Or use steel tubing.

Is anybody else experiencing this or using a different hose that has lasted longer than 5 years?

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

1927 Chev Capitol For Sale - \$10,500 (Will take offers). Two-door sedan, original condition, solid, no rust, good glass, new tires, been garaged, rare find in this condition, runs. Located in Stanwood, WA. Contact Gary at 360-629-4218 or gary.marlene@hotmail.com.

1972 Blazer. Nice looking, driving and sounding. 350 V-8, auto trans, 2 wheel drive, lowered, A/C, vintage plates, all manuals. Red and ready to run. Pictures available. \$14,000 Tom Lauderback, 360-668-7799, tslback@frontier.com

WANTED

1948 to 1955 [1955 1st series] 1/2 ton Chevrolet pickup Differential Assembly. Need an extra to set up with highway gears. Gary Barquist 509-636-2133 or ggary017@centurytel.net

Bill Damm's SAFETY CORNER

The big yellow buses,
Are on the road again,
Meaning summer is over,
How short it has been.

When lights are flashing,
Just stop and wait,
Until they go out,
And keep the kids safe.

Garage Nite at Tony Zimmerman's

By Glenn Landguth

Club members and friends converged on Tony Zimmerman's garage on the evening of August

10. It was a perfect evening with the weather cooperating and Tony had put out signs to direct us to his garage, which is most easily accessed from the back side of his property. Tony collects both cars and license plates, which hang from the ceiling (the plates that is).

Tony is a dentist. He operates a clinic on Camano Island, commuting several times a week. When they first moved to their present house off of Juanita Drive, their intention was to someday move to their dream house. As the years went by, they decided that this is that dream house. Thanks for sharing the dream.



1909 Mitchell Model K



Garage Nite - by Dick Olson

Oct. 19th Garage Nite (date changed to THIRD WEDNESDAY this month only) will be at club member Kent Sullivan's shop in Kirkland, 6:30 PM, phone number, see mailed or emailed Tappet Clatter.

Direction removed, see your mailed or emailed Tappet Clatter.

The entrance is at the very end of the street (it's a dead end). There is a black iron fence on the left (east) side. Look for the "Corvair Lane" sign. People should feel free to pull inside the gate - there is as much or more room to park inside on the property than outside, because the cul-de-sac is fairly small.

Web Links for Area 3 VCCA Regions

Capital City Region, VCCA: None

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

Mt. Rainier Region, VCCA: <http://www.mtrainiercarclub.com>

North Cascade Region, VCCA: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club=northcascadevcca>

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

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

September 2011



Jim Farris and Granddaughter in 1922 Roadster, at Anniversary Meet in Flint, Michigan