



The Bowtie Times

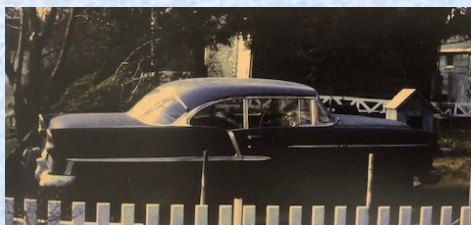
Always a Car Guy-The Married Years

I met Nancy in May of 1963. We were married January 18, 1964. We moved to West Seattle and during that time we had cars. At the time, I had traded my 1950



Nancy with her 1964 Pontiac GTO

Mercury for a 1954 Buick 2 door hard top. We drove that car for a couple of months when one of my high school buddies ,Bob Foster, who was in the Navy was transferred to NAS Los Alamitos in California. He had a 1961 Corvair that he was selling so we traded \$800 and the Buick for it. A year and half later we traded the Corvair in for a 1964 Pontiac GTO. At the same time I needed a work car so we bought a 1955 Chev Bel Aire 2 Door hard top. A kid I worked with wanted that



1955 Chevrolet Bel Aire

car so we sold it to him. Again needing a work car I bought a 1956 Olds 2 dr hard top. At the same time I found a 1954 Austin Healy cheap. The Olds turned out to be a real gas hog so I traded it for another 1955 Chev. This time a 150 two door with a six and three speed. By this time it was the spring again and a young man's thoughts turn to.... a new car! This time it was to be another race car. A 1949 Ford to run in the Figure Eights. That idea didn't last long! A neighbor up the street was looking for a work car that ran so I sold it to him. About this time a 1955 Willys 4wd wagon called out my name. It wasn't a great work car so we bought a 1965 MG1100. A coworker liked the 1955 Chev 150 so I sold it. I drove the MG1100 for a year when the air over



1954 Austin Healy with daughter, Kris

water suspension quit working. The transfer tubes under the car cracked and the suspension fluid leaked out. Time for another work car. This time I found a 1962 Chev Biscayne with a stick and used it for about six months when I was offered twice what I had paid for it. About that time we decided to move. To finance the down payment, we sold the Austin Healy. Big mistake! It turned out to be a Le Mans model and worth about twenty times what we sold it for. Live and learn! We also sold the GTO and bought a 1966 Ford 7 Litre two door hard top as we needed a bigger car with Kristin, who was born in Dec. !965. We had a house built in Mountlake Terrace in 1968 and soon moved in. For cars, we had the MG1100, the 1967 Ford 7 Litre and the Willys wagon. Since it was spring again we added a Honda 65 motor bike. Can't really call it a motorcycle! Later that year we bought a 1955 Hillman Minx as a work car. Great mileage and easy to park. Ride was uncomfortable as h...! Sold it and bought 2 more MG1100s. One had been hit in the rear and the other had run hard into something in front of it. Put the two together and made what we called the LEVI car. Painted it blue and upholstered it in denim. The engine in the rear ended car turned out to be a 1275 CC Mini Cooper engine. Big difference in performance. I started working for a different company who provided a work car, 1969 Plymouth Station wagon. It was a salesman's and had 40,000 miles on it. I drove it for two years (103,000 miles on it when the motor went out) The company told

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1965 MG 1100 and 67 Ford Galaxy



1969 Plymouth Station Wagon

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Director's Note



North Cascade Region Members, Well The second meeting of the new year is coming up and people are wanting to get out and drive somewhere (anywhere). The North Cascade Region has a lunch run scheduled for January and also for February with tours following if the weather permits. Looking forward to backing Punkin out of the garage and hoping the weather is good. Hope to see a good turnout.

I would like to take this time to thank our outgoing officers for a job well done last year. Our 2023 officers were sworn in at our December Christmas Party and did a great job at our January meeting.

The North Cascade Region would also like to take this time to thank ALL the Area 3 Regions for working together to put on the upcoming Area 3 Touring Meet in July 2023 in Packwood, WA.

This meet is turning out to be a good one with tours into and around Mount Rainier and lots of fun things to do on the side. Registration Form and Prospectus will be coming out in March.

Jeanne Rogers,
Director



2023 Club Officers

Director:
Jeanne Rogers

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Gene Rogers

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Safe Travels, *Claudia Rogers*
Bowtie Times Editor



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North Cascade Region – VCCA
Smokey Point Buzz Inn Steakhouse, Arlington, WA 98223
Monday, January 16, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Director Jeanne Rogers at 6:30 p.m., with all 2023 Officers, present.

Minutes of the 11/21/2022 and 12/10/2022 meetings, approved.

Treasurer Helen Meadows reported on the following items: August 2022 NW Shelton Meet final expenses paid, Christmas event center deposit check refunded to the club, Christmas party's expenses paid in full

Membership Chair Doris Hildenbrand report: Memberships: 42 (72 Members) Attendance: 21 present; 6 on zoom and no guests

Activities Chair Doug Abramson report: 2023 monthly activities signup sheet being distributed February: Gary & Jeanne Rogers to host lunch at the Farmhouse, tentatively 2/4/2023 or 2/11/2023

Newsletter Editor Claudia Rogers: no report at this meeting

Webmaster Gary Rogers: July 2023 Touring Meet uploaded onto our website; registration form available on the website in February

Area 3 Director Gary Rogers report:

July 18-20, 2023 touring meet, may extend to Friday July 21st morning

Motels have been reserved with three (3) rooms remaining at one and eighteen (18) at the other. Limited RV Hook ups available at the hall at \$10 or full RV Hook ups a few miles out of town.

Prospectus and registration planned for February

Old Business

Scholarship Committee for 2023 volunteers Pat Olson and Helen Meadows and are looking for an additional volunteer to assist.

Currently, our meeting place will continue at the Smokey Point Buzz Inn. Pat Olson suggested checking the status of the previous Marysville Buzz Inn location.

New Business

Jeanne Rogers read a letter by Area 3 Director, Gary Rogers, recommending each club send \$500 seed money for the July Touring Meet. A motion was made by Robin Meek to send \$500 for the 2023 Touring Meet and seconded by Pat Olson. Discussion offered, but none noted - Motion Passed.

Discussed creating Raffle basket for July Touring Meet: Washington Made, Money Tree or Gift Card Basket.

Good of the Order

50/50 Raffle total \$49 with \$25 to winner Doug Abramson, who donated \$20 back to the club. Thank you, Doug.

Raffle Table will return at the next meeting. Donations accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. by Director Jeanne Rogers – Meeting minutes by R Neitzel

General Meetings are always the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm
 at the Buzz Inn at Smokey Point, 5200 172nd St NE Suite D, Arlington, WA
 We have the room beginning at 5:00 pm, come early for dinner!!!

Website Information

These are active links you click on the website and it will take you there.

North Cascade Region

<http://www.ncrvcca.weebly.com/>

National Website www.VCCA.org

VCCA Personalized Chevy Chapter
<http://pccVCCA.org/index.html>

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me to junk it and keep whatever I got. \$300.00 . We bought a 1969 Ford van that I then drove for work Spring again!. Time to be looking again. We bought a 1964 Tempest 2 door coupe. 326" three speed. The neighbor fell in love with that car and traded a 1966 Ford Galaxy Ranch wagon with a bad engine. After it

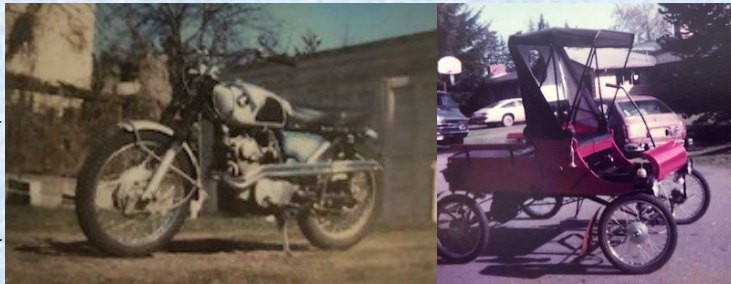


1948 Ford Coupe (aka Sooper Pickle)

got a new engine (289) we gave it to Nancy's brother. I then helped my brother get into figure 8 racing. Together we bought a 1948 Ford coupe (Sooper Pickle-it was green) and another 1948 Ford

coupe with no engine as a spare. At this time I found a set of plans for building a 3/4 scale 1903 Oldsmobile. I had to have one! Built it over the next two years. It called for a Briggs an Stratton 5 HP motor. Ha!! I had a Honda 160 motor cycle my brother gave for the figure eight cars and so it became the engine of choice. At the same time we were given a wrecked 1970 GTO judge convertible. Written off as totaled my brother bought from the insurance company for

\$300. In return I bought him a 1964 Ford stock car body and frame, built by Holman Moody, from a friend who was into the NASCAR scene. . Selling parts off the Judge paid for part for the WELSCAR racer. Nancy was driving the Galaxy but wanted something smaller and sportier so we bought a 1977 Camaro with all the Z28 options except the graphics for her. Since she had her sporty car, I found a clapped out Shelby GT500 that I bought for \$800.00. It had some body damage, a hole in one piston (smoked all the way home) and apparently a bad spindle. I drove it to work after fixing the engine and had to come home from Kent WA on the back of a wrecker. Put in a new spindle, fixed all the body work, painted it and sold it for \$2800.00. Big mistake! Saw the car on a Barret Jackson auction. Same serial # (5005) that was the last one where Carrol Shelby appeared. He signed the dash and it sold for \$265,000!! During this period I also



This 1966 Honda ended up powering the 1903 Olds 3/4 scale

bought a Kawasaki 650 motorcycle, was given a Honda 90 trail bike. We decided to move in 1980 and had a house built near Lake Stickney in North Lynnwood. At the time of the move we had the Camaro, the Ford van, the Kawasaki motorcycle, a 20" Prowler travel trailer and the 1903 Olds. At that point we were up to car #78 plus 96 which was a mistake. It sounded good but a look underneath and it had almost no floorboards. After paying \$100 it went directly to the wrecking yard for \$100.00 Cars 79-95 and cars 97-104 were all Lake Stickney cars. We purchased the Mercury Park Lane from a friend of Nancy's mother for \$150.00, gave it later to my brother as a loaner, got it back with body damage (brother was hard on cars) and sold it to a friend of Nancy for \$150.00 who drove it for a couple of months until the bought a newer car. They gave it back to us for nothing! We then bought a 1962 Buick Special from Nancy' aunt which we did a lot of body work on, painted and re-upholstered in white rolled and pleated Naugahyde, My oldest daughter had got

her drivers license and found a car she fell in love with, a Saab 99. It had a bad engine which I rebuilt. She drove it for a year and a half until the transmission (an automatic) failed. She then started driving the Buick. After graduating

high school she decided to move to Australia as we had sponsored two Australian exchange students. About this time my brother came into possession of a 1970 Chevrolet Blazer which had a bad engine and transmission. We arranged a trade of the 69 Ford van for the Blazer. I rebuilt the engine, had the transmission reboot, and used it to pull our travel trailer. My brother's wife fell in love with the 1903 Olds so we trade it for an antique dining room table and chairs and a Seeburg juke box. A high school buddy was working on a 1946 Ford and had accumulated a number of spares. I helped him get his engine running, worked on the brakes and helped with the body work. When it was done, he and his wife got jobs in Texas so he asked if I wanted the spares. They included 2 1946 Ford two door rollers (bodies and frames with wheels) a 1947 Ford two door roller, a 1950 Ford flat head engine, a 1977 Ford Cleveland 4 barrel engine and other parts. He also sold

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me a 1946 Ford coupe with all the interior parts. I work on the coupe and had it ready to paint and running with the Flathead. I sold it and a 1946 two door to but a 1974 Toyota Land Cruiser. I was driving the Blazer for work at this time and found keeping it in gas was costing a fortune so I sold it and bought a 1979 Buick Regal Turbo coupe. We also sold the 1977

Camaro and bought Nancy a 1985 Subaru. I bought a 1971 Pinto to use the front suspension on one of the Fords. Someone driving by saw all the cars sitting there and offered to buy everything. The neighbors were joyous! The Buick regal only lasted a year. It had been driven hard and put away wet and the engine was on it's last legs. I trade it in on a brand new 1987 Dodge Dakota. That year the transmission in the Subaru went bad . When we took it to the dealer to have it fixed, we saw a 1987 Buick Regal and decided to trade in the Subaru. Our youngest daughter was now driving and needed a car. She found a 1979 Honda Accord that needed an engine. I replaced the bad engine with a JDM engine and she drove that. At around this time I was given a Honda 750 motorcycle that needed much work. I tore it down to the frame, rebuilt the engine and give it a good paint job. I rode it to the gas station when a guy stopped me and wanted to buy it. I got .75 miles on it and made \$500. Didn't even have to buy the gas! About this time our rolling stock was static for a year. Our youngest daughter, Megan, was working and wanted to find a car of her own and found a 1985 Mazda RX7. Since the Honda was in our name the transaction had to be done with us as co-signers. She made payments to us and the bank so she could build credit. In 1991, we sold the house at Lake Stickiness and moved back to Mountlake Terrace. We had to do a lot of work on the house, so car buying took a back seat for a while. In 1992 the engine in the Mazda decided to go south. We told Megan to sell it and I gave Megan the Dodge Dakota. And I bought a 1984 Ford F250 4wd pickup. Since we liked to have an emergency car, I bought a 1979 Ford Fairlane Coupe. It was a typical Ford, fond on road dead! I got it running and drove it very little before I sold it. We only



Rich in his 1941 Chevrolet Coupe

made a few dollars on it, but at least there was a profit. The next car was a 1987 Ford Escort GT. It was my work car for the next two years. Meanwhile, the 1987 Buick Regal was getting tired (or we were getting tired of it) so we trade it in on a new 1996 Dodge Intrepid for Nancy. In 1998, I sold the 1984 Ford F250 and

bought a 1992 Ford F350 diesel 4wd pickup. In 2001 Kris moved back from Australia and needed a car so I gave her the Ford Escort. In 2002, Nancy fell in love with styling of the Chrysler PT Cruiser and so, we bought her one. In 2006, I retired and needed something to keep me busy. I bought my 1941 Chevrolet Coupe and started to renovate it. As I was looking for parts, I found a 1964 Corvair coupe. I bought it for a future project. Then I found another Corvair, a 1964 convertible.



1964 Chev Corvair Convertible

I got it. Again while looking for parts, I bought another 1964 Corvair convertible as a parts only car. In 2008 I had the '41 pretty much done and started work on the first Corvair Convertible. After rebuilding the engine, I started on the body work. I painted it, upholstered it and had a new top installed, We kept it for two years and the sold it. I did the same thing to the coupe and gave it to Kris. We traded in the Dodge Intrepid for a 2016 Ford C-max hybrid and sold the Ford F350. In 2019, the C-max was totaled. Since I still needed a car, we bought a 2006 Dodge Dakota pickup cheap. After doing a little work on it, it became my daily driver. That brings us to today. At present we have the PT Cruiser, the 1941 Chev coupe and the Dodge pickup. Since I am no longer a young man, my fancy for more cars has dimmed considerably. Now, in the spring, it will probably turn to a walker! (Rich has owned 112 vehicles so far!)



Nancy taking Charlie for a ride in the '41 Chev

~Rich Sanderson



What's Happening in 2023? That's up to YOU!

The best thing in our club are the great friendships!

The second thing is CRUISING! That's where you come in...plan a cruise to a destination, to an event going on or even create an event. There should be a sign up sheet at the next meeting or send Doug Abramson your ideas.



February Birthdays!

Rich Sanderson 12

Dave Kosche 24

Laura Scharf 25



February Anniversaries!

Lee and Deb Kramer Feb 1st

For sale: 1990 Suburban in good condition set up for trailer hauling and located in Stanwood. 360-391-2765 No other details available at this time.

1997 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Z34

- Factory Leather Interior · 66,XXX Original Miles
- Automatic 4 Speed Transmission · Power Sunroof
- No Accidents

For Sale: Dark Jade Green metallic Z34 comes with the larger 3.4 Liter engine (much more desirable). Engine and transmission are strong, running smooth and have been meticulously maintained.



The January meeting will be on the third Monday, January 16 at the Buzz Inn at Smokey Point, 5200 172nd St NE Suite D, Arlington, WA. Come early and have dinner, we have the private room beginning at 5:00 PM. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.



This month's tool found in G'pa H's basement took me several years of part time searching to identify. It is a Combination Steel Lag Screw Wrench Model No. 3109-20. It was manufactured by the M. Klein & Sons Tools in Chicago, Ill. and was patented by Mathias Klein in July of 1907. Telephone

lineman used this tool to screw in 5/16, 3/8, 1/2 and 5/8 inch lag screws to support telephone lines.



Mathias Klein emigrated from Germany to Chicago in 1857 and opened a blacksmith shop. One of the first tools he made was a half of a pliers. A broken side-cutting pliers was brought into his forge shop by a telephone lineman. Klein forged and finished a new half for the tool, riveted it to the old piece and the lineman was on his way. Not much later the lineman returned. The other original half of the tool had broken so Klein forged the second pliers half thereby producing the first complete Klein pliers.



The rest is history. Klein went on to produce a wide variety of tools for lineman workers and, five generations later, his company is still going strong as a multi-million dollar industry.

I had the lag screw wrench shown here powder coated. Perhaps that was a mistake but it certainly looks better than when I found it in the basement.

~Dave Kosche

For Sale- 1935 Chev EA. master coach. Stock condition. Not licensed, but runs well and drives around the farm. Numbers match. Original wheels. Extra stuff fills the back seat area. First year of all steel top and last year of mechanical brakes. Always garaged. \$8000.00 cash.

~Mike in Puyallup 253 307 4226



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Greetings Everyone,



It's that time of the year where we start looking forward to summer activities with our cars; tours, car shows or just getting together at a local cruise in. Mark your calendar (July 18-20) to attend the Northwest Meet in Packwood, WA. The meet will be a little different than a traditional Northwest Meet with tours and social events at the Packwood



Community Hall. With your registration you will get three dinners, pack your own lunch for tours (food and supplies provided), continental breakfast and evenings with games and entertainment. Talk about entertainment, plans are to have a talent night, not a contest because everyone will be a winner. Dust off that accordion, saxophone or whatever instrument you have in the closet and lead us in a tune or two. It should be a lot of fun so watch for the prospectus and registration which will be available in early March. As mentioned before, we have reserved rooms in two Packwood Motels listed below.

Crest Trail Lodge. (360) 494-4944

Cowlitz River Lodge. (360) 494-4444. Limited rooms left @ Cowlitz

More information at the North Cascade Region Website www.ncrvcca.weebly.com.

~Gary Rogers

Area 3 Director

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