

FEBRUARY 15, 2004 PUGET SOUND VOLVO SPORTS AMERICA CHAPTER MEET AT X-RAY AUTO VINTAGE REPAIR GARAGE IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The X-Ray Auto Volvo Open House was held Sunday in Ballard with Volvo Vintage Restoration Experts and owners David Linholm and Matt Pollitz, on a dry, warm 50 degree, partly sunny day. A Seattle crowd of 80 people drove over 40 classic restored 1800, 544, 122 and 140 models parked diagonally on the sidewalk in front of X-Ray Auto Vintage Volvo Service on Market Street. The party started with free coffee, donuts, soft drinks and water at 12:00 PM provided by X-Ray Auto and our PSVSA Chapter. Matt could not believe the huge number of people attending this open house! This was like a Volvo Car show in Seattle in the middle of winter, so thanks to the Viking Gods above for good weather on this Sunday in Seattle since the next day it rained non-stop all day.

X-Ray owners David and Matt had really cleaned up the garage for this open house and had some customers' nice cars being serviced, including a blue P1800S and a green PV544. Also in the back, a 1958 PV445 needing lots of restoration, Matt's project, a 1960's French Citron and David's 1950's Dodge 2-door hardtop awaiting a rebuilt Dodge engine. These guys really love old pre-1974 Volvos to work on in their garage.

Our Puget Sound Volvo Sports America Club members arrived early to set up our club sign, three tables with displays, free VSA magazines and information about joining our Puget Sound Chapter of Volvo Sports America Club, plus items for the raffle and auction. There was so much Volvo talk going on in the crowd of people that it was difficult to start our raffle and auction at 2:00 PM with donations from Bob Byers' Ravenna Volvo, VSA member Stephen Jensen, Gail Ritchie, PSVSA assistant coordinator and myself. The raffle and auction went well, enriching with our club with \$93.00, and we signed up seven new VSA National/Puget Sound Chapter members! One of the rewarding parts of any Volvo event is meeting the people and seeing their old Volvo cars.

What a fun, sunny, warm February day in Seattle with some great Volvo cars to view and so many wonderful Volvo people, which is what our Puget Sound VSA club is about - the camaraderie of old Volvo owners and restoration of our cars. One Volvo enthusiast stated "I'm glad to be here with so many other "Volvo Nuts" that have the same sickness I have, the love of restoring old classic Volvos and the hunting for parts to fix them."

Thanks, David Linholm and Matt Pollitz at X-Ray Auto, Vintage Volvo Specialists, 2639 NW Market Street, Seattle, WA 98107, 206-789-5455, for a fun day. David and Matt are not afraid to tackle any large Volvo projects such as engine swaps, automatic to 4speed/overdrive transmissions, and provide excellent interior upholstery including seats, headliners, floor mats, windshield replacements, welding, rust treatment, general repairs, brakes and Volvo parts, old or new, at reasonable rates. Final note: Where else can you take your old Volvo and say, "I want the seats rebuilt, new carpets, and fix the brakes, replace the front windshield and tune up the B18 engine." Please support this great established Volvo vintage shop in Ballard.

Thanks, Volvos Forever, Gary Ramstad
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