2nd Annual Swedish Cruise—February 17, 2008

By Gail Ritchie

Gary and I had no idea this event would be such a success. Besides having a beautiful 50 degree day in the middle of February, the XXX Drive-In in Issaquah did a wonderful job accommodating us. They even opened up early to have coffee available to early arrivals (which were many). Gary and I arrived one hour before meet time and the lot was already half full. The XXX had extra staff on hand for lunch service which equaled about a 2 minute wait for your food after you ordered. XXX owners Jose’ Senior and Jose’ Encaco, Jr. also provided us with 5 free tee-shirts and three food coupons to give out for awards.

We had a much bigger crowd than last year with 27 Saabs, 70 Volvos and about 125 people! Many local clubs participated including: Puget Sound Chapter, Volvo Sports America (PSVSA), Meet Coordinator, Gary Ramstad; Puget Sound/Washington Volvo Club of America (PSVCOA), Meet Coordinator, Joe Galant; Volvo Club of America, Northwest Volvospeed Chapter, Meet Coordinator, Danny Mellville.

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Volvo Club of America, Pacific Northwest Chapter-Portland, Meet Coordinator, Nick Choy; The Volvo Club of British Columbia (VCBC), Meet Coordinator, Gregg Morris; Northwest Saab Owners Club, Meet Coordinator, Dan Morley; The Saab Club of Seattle, Meet Coordinator, James Nakatu.

Each chapter coordinator was asked to provide a liability release and make sure their members were advised that the lot we were in needed to be kept clean and no “burning rubber”. Thanks to all of you for returning releases and communicating to your members about the site. No burn marks and very little trash to clean up.

Gary (PSVSA) purchased two new Swedish flags that really looked great on the beautiful sunny day. One was at the street and one at our PSVSA table.

The following were the people’s choice winners:

**Volvo Winners**

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**Long Distance Driver**

Tom Holt 1996 Saab 850 Walla Walla, WA Drove 250 miles to the meet.

**The Largest Viking Helmet Award**

Phil Lakefield, Jr. Saab Club He won a Swedish PV Club Calendar.

For the second time, an 1800 won for best Volvo and a Sonett won for best Saab.

Dan Morley, President of the NW Saab Owners Club, donated $40.00 to pay for one of the first place plaques. Thanks Dan and the Northwest Saab Owners Club!

Doug Byers of Bob Byers’ Seattle Volvo donated a trunk emergency kit, a car detailing kit, 3 Volvo hats, Volvo golf ball set, Volvo knife, 6 X-Box Volvo video games, Volvo key fob, a Volvo 1:43 scale die-cast XC90 car model and a beautiful Volvo travel bag. Wow—thank you so much!

Gary and I are so pleased that so many people attended the event. If you missed it, our 3rd Annual Swedish Car Cruise-In will be Sunday, February 15, 2009!
2nd Annual Swedish Cruise-In A Huge Success— continued
Non-Technical Tech Tips

By Gail Ritchie

Since I basically don’t know anything about cars other than when they need to go to my mechanic, you’ll not be getting any technical/repair tips from me. However, once in awhile I discover or hear about “non-technical” tips that are useful in maintaining your classic Volvo. This will be an ongoing/continuing list as I hear about new ideas so feel free to pass anything along that could be included in this column. And yes, we are giving free advertising here for great products.

Duct Tape for Everything
There is a published book on duct tape called “The Duct Tape Book” with 123 pages of uses for duct tape. I always carry some in my car for hose breaks and for propping my doors open if/when the clips break. I will tell you that the judges at the West Coast meet in Vancouver, BC a few years ago were NOT impressed with my clever door clips. Available everywhere. (Gail Ritchie 8/07)

Keep Moisture Out of Your Car with Damp Rid Hangers
Most of you know about “Dries the Air” or “Damp Rid” which have been around for years to remove excess moisture from rooms, boats, motor homes, etc. It has traditionally come in a plastic container where you put the crystals in the top and the water accumulates in the bottom. However, they are easily tipped over which makes a real mess as the water contains the chemicals from the crystals that collect the water. However, Damp Rid now comes in a hanger form. Crystals are in the top and water collects in the bottom with no drips and no possibility of spilling. I was using in my utility room but now have one hanging from my rear view mirror (also hangs well from window crank). They are not inexpensive (approx $3 ea) but well worth it to keep your car dry on the inside during the wet months. (In the first two weeks of Sept mine is almost full with the car in the garage.) Not available everywhere yet but check grocery and drug stores. (Gail Ritchie 8/07)

Dust Off Your Car with California Duster
Greg Kauffman pulled his out on a cruise once to dust off his 1800ES and I commented on how dirty it was and he said “the dirtier it gets—the better it works”. True! Comes in a handy cover for storing in your trunk and does a great job of dusting off your car in a flash. Available at Schucks. (Greg Kauffman 8/07)

Clean Your Car with Meguiar’s Quick Detail
Don’t want to wash your car and get water where it doesn’t need to be? Gary Ramstad hasn’t washed his cars for years. He dusts them off with the California Duster and uses Meguiar’s Quick Detail for a wax shine and protection. He also used it on his windshield and found that it works great in repelling rain. Available at Schucks. (Gary Ramstad 8/07)

Clean Your Chrome with Glass Cleaner
Glass cleaner does a great job of cleaning and shinning up chrome bumpers. I like the foam spray “Invisible Glass” for all my windows and chrome available at Schucks. (Gary Ramstad 8/07)

Clean Your Exterior Rubber with Black Chrome
Turtle Wax has a great product for cleaning and restoring your rubber/vinyl trim, moldings and they also recommend for simulated wood grain. (Gail Ritchie 8/07)

WD-40 for Everything Too!
There’s a book on this product too by the same guys that wrote “The Duct Tape” book. Here are just a few uses. Removes road tar and grime, lubricates noisy door hinges, removes bugs from car finish, grills and bumpers, restores and cleans roof racks, removes all traces of duct tape. Also says you can spray on distributor cap, displacing the moisture and allowing your car to start. (Gail Ritchie 8/07)
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Thanks, Gail

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By Gail Ritchie

Fun was had by all as we had a perfect day at Juanita Beach Park. 65 degrees and no wind. 27 Volvos of all different models, old and new, showed up from PSVSA and PSVCOA along with a couple of new people.

PSVSA got one new member, Jan Holland, who came all the way from Edgewood (just north of Puyallup).

In attendance were 120s, a 122s wagon, an 1800S, an 1800ES and a PV544 for the older cars. There were many more newer models including the brand new Volvo C30 which Robert King brought to display and show off. It’s a very cool car. The back window is very reminiscent of an ES rear window.

Dick Libby was nice enough to provide raffle prizes including a bottle of vintage 544 wine, a backpack, books and magazines to give away.

We had lots of admirers for our last event of the season.
Juanita Beach—More Photos

Classic Volvo Histories

By Gail Ritchie

This is a new section devoted to the history of our members’ cars. I would appreciate submissions for this section along with a photo or two if you’d like you and your car’s history to be included here.

Gary Ramstad, owner of “Kristine” a 1962 PV544. “Kristine” (after the car in the Steven King book/film of the same name) was 23 years old when Gary purchased her in 1985. Gary was 41 years old at the time and in the midst of raising a family so Kristine was in storage for many years while Gary was working full time as a marine electrician and raising a family here in the Seattle area.

Kristine had 76,965 miles on her when purchased and since 1985 he as driven an additional 12,753 miles (about 580/year average) for a total of 89,718 as of March 2008. Kristine is now 46 years old and Gary is 64 and retired. He has been working on her for the last 23 years along with his 122 and newly purchased 1800. As Terry Erickson said “you work on these old Volvos so much you become attached to them and hate to sell them”.

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Edmonds “Hot Autumn Nights” Car Show— Sept 8, 2007

By Gary Ramstad, Dick Libby and Gail Ritchie

This was our first year attending the Edmonds Hot Autumn Nights (day time) car show. Six of us met a couple of miles from the show entrance between 6:30 and 7am to get in line early. It was already looking to be a great weather day. We got to the entrance point a little after 7am and waited for about 15 minutes before being directed to our spot. By the time we got parked after idling for 15 minutes, Gail’s radiator over-flow bottle was boiling and shooting coolant out the vent holes and making quite a bit of steam. Gary had an empty coolant bottle and the nail/spa place we parked in front of was nice enough to let Gail refill the radiator for the trip home.

The car show was held right in downtown Edmonds which has a fountain centered in the middle of the main intersection. We were up about a block from the fountain. Couldn’t have been a nicer location. This was a much smaller and compact car show than Greenwood which we really enjoyed.

300 cars showed up for the prestigious Hot Autumn Nites car show in Edmonds, including 6 classic Volvos and 2 Saabs. Okay, it was not exactly a Swedish invasion, but we held our ground along side muscle cars, hot rods, Cobras, Jaguars, Porsches, etc. This is the first time that Volvo and Saab clubs participated.

Cars made after 1972 were excluded. Our Volvos included Dick Libby’s 544, Gary Ramstad’s ‘67 122, and Lance Kahn’s award-winning ‘65 1800S, and Richard Klomp had his ‘65 1800S which he totally restored from a rusted hulk. He brought the pictures to prove it and it was an amazing restoration. Gail Ritchie has her ‘69 steam bellowing 1800S and Dan Morley from the NW Saab Owners Club had his ’69 Sonett. There were two other Saabs in attendance with us.

There was a little confusion on the awards that were to be presented which we didn’t find out until the awards ceremony and later that day. They actually awarded 1st and 2nd place in each class but didn’t notify 2nd place winners in advance so few of them were at the awards ceremony. They promised to fix that next year per member Don Cramer who was in charge of judging for the event.

Some of the merchants sponsored awards for their favorite car. A Merchants Sponsor award went to Gary Ramstad’s impressive ‘67 122S. He received a very nice plaque. What we didn’t know was that if a car received a merchant award, they were automatically eliminated from the judges awards. Gail saw two judges at Gary’s car taking notes but the way the rules worked, if they were going to award him 1st or 2nd place in his class and his name was already up on the board as having received a merchant’s award, he was then scratched.

Unfortunately for us, they did not have a “foreign” class so Gary was registered in “stock” which had huge competition.

After admiring our cars some people said they would rather own a classic Volvo than a Porsche or Jaguar which make a heavier drain on your wallet. Gail’s 1800 had a special admirer who started out leaning on the door jam while his girlfriend took his picture next to the car, and then proceeded to open the door and started to get in. I politely explained to him that (at least in the USA) if he did this with certain other cars, he would be knocked to the ground. His accent indicated he was from Europe/ Russia and it was difficult to get him to understand “look but don’t touch”. One car up the hill from us had a vinyl window sticker that said “Unless you are nude, do not touch this car”. I think that gets the point across.

Two Volvo nuts even wore Viking helmets (with horns) to add some Scandinavian flavor, but they were too hot to wear for long on such a warm day.

This enjoyable event seemed like our final summer opportunity to make new friends, promote our Volvo and Saab clubs and to catch up on various restorations.
Edmonds “Hot August Nights” Car Show — September 8, 2007
Edmonds “Hot August Nights” Car Show - More Photos
Volvos in Osoyoos— September 14-16, 2007

By Gail Ritchie

Gregg Morris, PSVSA Member and VSA Chapter Coordinator for the Volvo Club of BC had received questions from some of his members as to whether there would be another Osoyoos event this year. He gave it the "old college try" but there just wasn't time enough to put together the type of event he had done in the past. So, he and his wife decided to go anyway and put out an invitation to his club members and PSVSA that there would be an unofficial get together.

I decided to go even with my car problems not having yet been solved. I have a very adventurous friend (former sister-in-law) Marcia, who was willing to go with me since I have AAA and towing/rental car coverage in the event of a disaster. We left Friday morning loaded with a supply of 50/50 water/anti-freeze for my radiator problems and charged cell phones. It was an absolutely beautiful day and perfect for a drive over the North Cascades highway. It was mid to upper 70's when we arrived on the other side of the mountains and made it all the way without car problems.

We got a great upgraded room at the Holiday Inn and settled in for a quiet evening after 7 hours on the road. Had a great deck on the non-traffic side of the hotel. PSVSA member, Howard Haefner walked by down below our deck. He and his wife had decided to take a little weekend vacation and ended up at Oyosoos but left the next day so they didn’t join us for the cruise.

We had breakfast the next morning and meet the group of about 13 Volvos (3 from Washington). We took off from Osoyoos and went back into Washington and drove to 3,750 altitude to visit the old mining town of Molson. Very historic and great for photos with our cars.

We then ventured on to the tiny town of Chesaw still up at a pretty high altitude. Boy, these Canadians really drive fast on their cruises.

We bombarded the Chesaw Tavern with a large group for lunch and then headed on to the Rock Creek Fair back over the border in Canada.

Heading back to Osoyoos took us up a very large hill so of course my car was starting to overheat but made it back to the garage at the Holiday Inn. I popped the hood and found that the wiring to my air conditioning auxiliary fan had melted. No wonder the radiator wasn’t being cooled. So I put more anti-freeze mixture in for the drive back home the next day.

Marcia and I left Sunday after a breakfast at the Osoyoos Golf and Country Club. Of course, my car started overheating at the border wait even though it was only about 67 degrees at the time but we made it through and got on our way. Lovely weather until we hit the Cascades where the temperature dropped about 20 degrees and rained all the way home. I’m glad we stopped on the way over for the Lake Diablo photos. We made it home with 760 new miles on my ’69 1800S and no calls to AAA.

I would encourage any of you that are able to attend a future Osoyoos meet to do so. The drive over is beautiful as is the Lake Osoyoos area. And, Gregg always puts on a great event!
PSVSA Event Schedule for 2008

See website or mailed schedule for full details of events. This year we are planning a couple of joint meets with local Saab and Volvo clubs.

January 3 Volvo GT Club Meeting

February 6 Volvo GT Club Meeting

February 17 PSVSA 2nd Annual Swedish Cruise-Inn

March 5 Volvo GT Club Meeting

April 2 Volvo GT Club Meeting

April 13 PSVSA Spring Rain or Shine Volvo Swap Meet

May 7 Volvo GT Club Meeting

May 17 IPD Annual Volvo Show and Swap Meet

May 18 Puget Sound Volvo Club of America Show and Shine Meet

June 4 Volvo GT Club Meeting

June 7 Puget Sound Volvo Club of America Red Hook Meet

June 20-22 Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Festival

June 28 15th Annual Greenwood Car Show

July 2 Volvo GT Club Meeting

July 5-6 Pacific Raceways 20th Annual Races and PSVSA Corral

August 6 Volvo GT Club Meeting

August 8 West Coast Meet—Volvo Club of America (PSVSA invited)

September 3 Volvo GT Club Meeting