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VSA Logo Merchandise Now Available

By Gail Ritchie

Volvo Sports America has a new logo and is back in the club merchandise business.

We already have window decals, patches and hats and may expand with other items in the future if we have good support for the initial items offered.

Your support of this effort will allow VSA to offer more items for sale in the future. And, yes, we know the members want grill badges but these are very expensive to do well but we are researching for the future.

There is an order form available in this issue.

Thanks for your support!



Window Decals & Patches



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Hats (Dog NOT included)

VSA Has Two New Volunteers

By Gail Ritchie

I have volunteered to be the new VSA Merchandising Manager responsible for filling orders for all of our new logo merchandise. Starting in January 2008, I will also be a VSA Board Member.

Ernie Shack, Southern California Chapter Coordinator, has volunteered to take over the position of National Chapter Coordinator liaison from Gary Ramstad. Thanks to Gary for handling this position for the last 3 1/2 years in addition to serving as Puget Sound Chapter Coordinator and VSA Vice President.

First Annual Swedish Cruise-In Meet—February 18, 2007 at the XXX Drive In

By Gary Ramstad and Dick Libby (edited by Gail Ritchie)

After months of previous planning for this February 18, 2007 car club meet dealing with the great owners regarding legal and liability requirements for meets at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In , we were ready to go for the first “Swedish Cruise-In” meet.



Our Puget Sound Volvo Sports America Club was the sponsor club providing the coordination for all seven Swedish Iron car clubs involved for this event. We provided two beautiful car plaques which read “Best of Show Volvo or Saab”, 1st Swedish Cruise-In, Issaquah, WA, February 18, 2007 at our cost of \$80.00.

We then listed this event, before the November 2006 deadline, for both the 2007 XXX Drive-In Car Show Schedule and the 2007 Northwest Events Car Calendar as the “Swedish Cruise-In.” for the first time.

The Northwest Swedish Iron car clubs attending that day were our club, Puget Sound Volvo Sports America, Puget Sound Volvo Club of America, Volvo Club of America Northwest Speed Club, Seattle Volvo Car Club; Volvo Car Club of B.C., Northwest Saab Owners Car Club, and the Saab Car Club of Seattle.

I (Gary) arrived early on a cold and windy Sunday morning at the XXX Drive-In in Issaquah in my red 1962 PV544 to see the parking lot already half full with Swedish Iron cars.

Gail Ritchie, our assistant club PSVSA coordinator, and I quickly set up shop in the center of the parking lot with car show numbered window identification cards for the voting of People’s Choice “Best of Show” for both Volvo and Saab cars.

After a great XXX Drive-In lunch with old friends and to get warm again, we started the People’s Choice contest with voting ballots for the crowd.

There was a lot of curiosity between the Saab and Volvo groups (“the oil goes where?”) and Swedish pride.

Volvos ranged from the award-winning ‘62 PV544 of Gary Ramstad to 122’s, 1800’s, 240’s, 850’s to the 2006 V70R of Erik Bryar.

Saabs ranged from a rare 2 cycle ‘66 Saab 96 (Monte Carlo 850) to newer models. The Saab drivers were glad to explain how a handful of airplane engineers developed Saab cars.

The NW Volvospeed Chapter was well represented with fast 850 models and their arrival and departure was well choreographed, including burning rubber.

Two members of the Volvo Club of BC tied for the longest distance traveled. Dan Procink and Sterling MacDonald each drove 230 miles from B.C. to attend this event.

Gary tried to count the cars, but a friend counted 38 Volkos and 26 Saabs for a first time event. After Gail and Gary counted the votes, the winners were “Best of Show Volvo” Jerry Palfenier, 1971 Green 1800E, and “Best of Show Saab” Lou Lechner, 1968 Red Sonett II which were two exciting Swedish Sports Cars. Both these Swedish Sports cars drew crowds around them all day.

The “Road Warrior” was an unrestored Saab 96 with welded spikes protruding from a rear hub—sure to make mince meat of anything nearby.

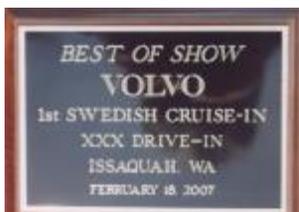
Strangely, out of 64 cars there was only one woman driver, Gail Ritchie, who drove her champagne 1800s from Carnation. Where are all the other female drivers? (Editor’s note: I’m always the one female driver it seems!)

Swedish Cruise-In—continued

After Gail and I awarded the “Peoples Choice” plaques to the winners in front of a crowd of 75-80 Swedish Iron enthusiasts, they all demanded a return meet next year for a 2nd Swedish Cruise-In at the XXX Root Beer Drive-In in Issaquah for February 17, 2008. I agreed, and later wrote to all Swedish Iron car clubs that last years 2007 winners will be able to show and display their Volvos and Saabs but can't complete for the 2008 “Peoples Choice” for Volvo and Saab. I felt this was fair for the next 2008 winners.

This was the most involved car meet I have ever organized in a Hospital parking lot next to the XXX Drive-In with all the legal liability problems, but the best rewards were the fun and camaraderie with friends all day. The newer Volvos and Saabs out numbered the older cars for this first meet. Thanks for coming. We really had some fun with the Saab Car Club people with their great restored older and new Saab cars. I can't thank them enough for attending for this first Volvo, Saab meet, since they made this day special to us all of us. Thanks to everyone for a great 1st Swedish Cruise-In and see you Feb.17, 2008.

As Dick Libby stated “although the weather was cold and cloudy, this first event of 2007 provided the motivation needed to get our cars out of their winter slumber, ready for the next event! We all enjoyed it!



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 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 expensive (high of \$5.29 at Rite Aid for ONE) but well worth it to keep your car dry on the inside during the wet months. (In the first two weeks of Sept mine was almost full with the car in the garage.) Not available everywhere yet but the best deal I found was at Lowes regular price of 3/\$8.00 or \$2.66 each.. (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 these 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 shining 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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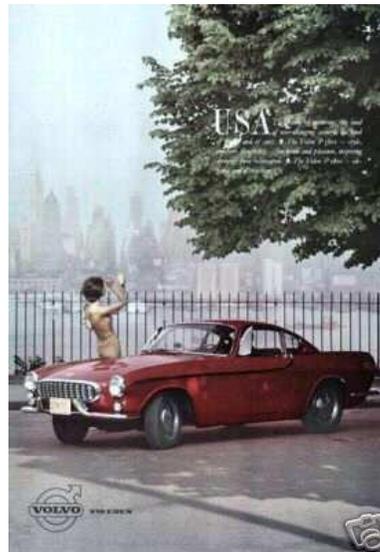
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For complete information and access to this program, see the VSA website at www.vsa.org.

Members' Trading Post

Members may advertise cars, parts, memorabilia here for free as we do for you on the website. Just send your information and photos to Gail and they will be added here and on the website.

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1973 1800ES in good condition. New paint in 1985, Cinnamon - Dupont Iron. New suspension bushing; balanced drive shaft, recent tune up. Chrome in excellent shape. IPD mag wheels and stock size tires (have original wheels). Four speed with electric overdrive; runs strong. New vent window rubber. Interior original, nothing redone (read this fair condition). New bearings and syncros in transmission. New IPD sway bar included (not installed). \$7,500 . Contact George Batterman at 509/289-3455 or email: geo.batt@gte.net.

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Gary Ramstad's Volvo Garage

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North Seattle area.

1979-80 242 GT front air dam - Silver color, New Old Stock, Volvo Part # 1128566 with mounting brackets. Never used, unavailable from Volvo. List Price \$312.00, Sell for \$125.00

1966 122S front grilles - Good condition \$40.00 for both.

1967 122S slotted Wheels - 5 1/2" width, part number 670451, two at \$10.00 each.

1956-58 PV444 instrument panel - good condition and chrome \$95.00

1966-69 black 1800 interior lower rear seats - two in good condition, make offer.

Weber carburetor and intake manifold - for B18, B20 engine, may have been never used, make offer. New from IPD is \$525.00.

Weber manifold for two side draft carburetors - two different types one labeled Volvo, make offer. No Weber carburetors for the manifolds.

1800/140 single dual down draft exhaust manifolds - two and \$75.00 each or best offer for B18, B20 engines

Pre-1975 VOLVO PARTS COLLECTION

Tons of pre-1975 Volvo parts, all models (544/122/1800/140/160) sorted and accessible. Give us a call. John Cripps (604) 466-9110 or Email: volvorange@hotmail.com or Gregg Morris (604) 469-1216 or Email: grmorris@moody.bc.ca.

Parting out a 1971 1800ES and a 1969 122S.

Both cars are still complete and all parts are available. Contact Gregg Morris (604) 469-1216 or Email: grmorris@moody.bc.ca

PV544 front bumper with over-rider (fits 1959-1962). No rust but not as shiny as new. Includes two brackets. \$175. Contact Dick Libby 20/365-5742 or email to: volvodick@foxinternet.com.

Air Conditioning Unit for 1800

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Dick Harrison
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Email: dikjan@aol.com



Batterman's 1800ES

Members: Please let me know if your listings need updating for the next newsletter and for our website!

Thanks, Gail

Parts for Sale by Bob Martin

- 245 3rd Seat—tan in excellent condition (install instructions included). \$110
- 140 series tire chains \$16
- 240 trim rings—1986, 3 for \$10
- Early 240 black center console cover - free!
- 1980 diesel grill—free!
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- 140 Volvo radio—1970 \$30
- 140 alternator—35 amp—rebuilt \$45
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- 240 left front fender for 1985 \$15

Questions? Please call Bob Martin 253/846-7932 (evenings) or email bobnan62@comcast.net

PUGET SOUND VOLVO SPORTS AMERICA 13TH CAR CORRAL FOR THE 19TH VINTAGE RACES AT PACIFIC RACEWAYS, KENT WASHINGTON JULY 1, 2007

By Gary Ramstad

The field was set Sunday with over 200 cars and 25 different car clubs in the Car Corral for the 19th Annual Vintage Historic Car Races at Pacific Raceways. This was the 13th year for our PSVSA car club and we had a total of nine classic Volvos on display including 544, 1800S, 1800E, 1800ES models. We attended the parade drivers meeting and now were waiting for 12-1:30 PM noon break for the fun parade laps around the race track, since the next vintage race was scheduled for 1:30 PM that afternoon. The two parade laps are always fun around the track and each year they are always different from the previous year's experience.

This year around the track, we reached some high speeds with several 1800 Volvos using overdrive in the straightway and a real thrill going that fast on the track. Our lead Volvo was a 1968 British racing green 1800S driven by PSVSA member "Lead Foot Mike Mauer" with our PSVSA Assistant Coordinator, Gail Ritchie riding shotgun. Mike reached some very fast speeds at 100 mph on the track straight away that day with the rest of us chasing him.

This fast speed was only due to the last three car club members from the NW Porsche car club in front us, who chose not to follow the parade lap rules and information that state: (1) keep pace with the car ahead of you; (2) do not hang back to run at the turns or push (tailgate) the car ahead of you; (3) this is a matter of safety; and (4) unsafe conduct will not be tolerated.



I sat stopped twice in my 1962 PV544 Volvo watching in amazement on both far end corners of the race track saying to myself "why again are we stopped again on the race track corners for our club and the British Mini Club following up the rear behind us? It was due only to the last three NW Porsche Club members trying to secure a fast run on the track and thinking only about themselves and not the car clubs behind them.

In my past 13 years, I have never seen such terrible conduct on the parade laps by any classic car club in the Northwest, since all clubs are great for owners and drive by the

rules.

The best description for these parade laps track experience is that "I feel like a kid again after driving my Volvo around the track and I haven't this much since I was in high school". This is the excitement we all feel after climbing out of our old Volvos back in the Car Corral after the two parade laps.

This has always been our best PSVSA Club meet of the year after 13 meets with so many other car clubs and lots of fun. Thanks to all our PSVSA members for attending this fun 2007 year!



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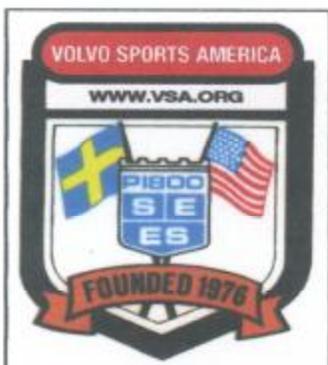
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PSVSA Event Schedule for 2007/2008

See website or mailed schedule for full details of events. This schedule is tentative at this point.

Nov 7	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
Dec 5	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
Jan 2	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
Feb 6	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
Feb 17	Sun	Noon to 3pm	PSVSA Swedish "Cruise In"
Mar 5	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
Apr 2	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
Apr 13	Sun	Noon to 3pm	PSVSA Spring Volvo Tailgate Swap Meet
May 7	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
May 17	Sat	All Day	IPD Annual Garage Sale, Portland, OR
June 4	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
June 21	Sat	6am to 5pm	Greenwood Car Show
July 2	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
July 5-6	Sat/Sun	All Day	Pacific Raceways Historic Races/Car Corral
Aug 6	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
Sep 3	Wed	10AM	Volvo GT Club Meeting
Sep 6	Sat	7am to 4pm	Edmonds Car Show
Sep	Sun	All Day	Volvo Club of BC Annual Picnic
Oct 1	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
Oct 12	Sun	Noon to 3pm	PSVSA Fall Volvo Tailgate Swap Meet
Nov 5	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting
Dec 3	Wed	10am	Volvo GT Club Meeting

We would also like to schedule a couple of cruises if anyone is interested in 2008. Please let Gail know if you are interesting in driving your classic Volvo on beautiful back country roads.