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## The Newsletter of the Puget Sound Chapter of Volvo Sports America

### VSA's 30th Anniversary

By Gail Ritchie

This year, Volvo Sports America celebrates its 30th anniversary. Quite an accomplishment! The anniversary will be celebrated at the east coast meet to be held in Cape May, New Jersey in September. Cape May is a beautiful, historic town that you can see photos of on the VSA website at [www.vsa.org](http://www.vsa.org).

However, my favorite VSA photo is one that I found just recently of the 1999 east coast meet that was held at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina which is shown below.



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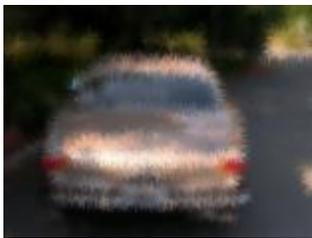
### PSVSA Is Looking for More Members & Advertisers

By Gail Ritchie

We will need to be looking for new members and advertisers to support our club. So talk up the club with people who own old Volvos. Talk to your service providers to see if they would like to advertise with us at \$25 per year (cheap).

We need to keep the funds rolling in so that we can continue to provide you with newsletters, a website, etc. in the future. Thanks for your help! Gail & Gary

See what fun you can have with MS Picture Manager and your Volvo!



## Getting to Golden Gardens the Hard Way

By Gail Ritchie

Our first tailgate meet was on the first really great day of the year. A little over 70 degrees and everybody decided to come out to Golden Gardens and enjoy the day.

My day started out by running out of gas on the 520 bridge which I have absolutely no excuse for. Even though my gas gauge flops around, I didn't even check it when I left the house.

I should have gotten a ticket for it by the trooper that pushed me off but he took pity on me (or thought my old car had broken down).

I had to wait 30 minutes for him to get there so you can imagine the traffic problems I caused on

the bridge.

Then it took AAA another 30 minutes to get there with the gas.

As I was waiting at the 50th street exit stop light, the guy in front of me decided to back up his pickup truck which was loaded with mattresses and had the tailgate down. So he backed into the front of my 1800S.

Luckily he had insurance and they have been great.

They had an adjustor out to my house within four days and a check in my hand within a week.

A new grill and surround were purchased from Mike Dudek, iRoll Motors in California. My next door neighbor who has been a "body man" for 30 years fixed it beau-

tifully. I had no idea how bad my grill looked until the new one was installed.

I arrive two hours late and finally made it to the end of the parking lot where Greg & Tam Kauffman, Terry Erickson and Corky Hansen were waiting. I wa able to park in front of their cars in a spot they had saved for me.

Another member, Scotty Arnowitz, tried for over 30 minutes to find a parking spot and finally gave up.

Gary Ramstad was in Hawaii at his son's wedding and wasn't able to attend.

What a day!

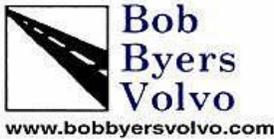
## PSVSA Member Wins "People's Choice Award" at ipd Annual Garage Sale

Well, he's done it again. Jerry Palfenier won the "People's Choice Award" in his beautiful 1971 1800E at the annual ipd Garage Sale in May. If you recall, Jerry also won first place, 1970-1980 vintage, at last year's Pacific Raceways Vintage Historics.

Congratulations Jerry!



## Northern European Auto Recyclers Shifts Emphasis from Vintage Volvos to Late Models



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By Terry Parkhurst  
"Courtesy of Parts and People".  
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Seattle-Northern European Auto Recyclers is that rare salvage yard that has survived by offering parts for just one manufacturer's automobile: Volvo.

"This is the only Volvo-exclusive recycling facility in the state of Washington," owner Yuriy Murdakhayev said.

Murdakhayev said he bought Northern European from the previous owner last November. Before that, he said he had a business fixing and selling used Volvos in the Lake City district, which he still owns, adding that Boris Dondokov assists him in running Northern European.

Murdakhayev said he used to buy parts from Northern European to repair or restore Volvos at the Lake City facility, first as a technician, then as the owner.

"Volvos are good cars-very easy to fix and drive," he said. "The series 240 Volvo and the Volga (a Russian car) are very similar automobiles."

Murdakhayev said he purchased a 10,000-square-foot facility with four buildings, one of which is used for dismantling cars, usually on a lift. "We

threw away a lot of parts (stocked by the previous owner) because they weren't marked," he said. "We're putting all our inventory into the computer."

"We threw away about 5,000 parts," said Ty Monroe, who has worked at Northern European for three years and owns a 1988 Volvo 760 Turbo station wagon. "Anthony (van Benthem, a former owner) took everything off a car; he stripped them bare. He left quite a legacy."

About 8,000 parts are left, he said, among them, "50 transmissions and about 30 engines.

"We're signing up with [www.car-part.com](http://www.car-part.com) and putting all our inventory up there," said Tim Masom, who works the front counter. "To get new inventory, we use totaled cars, auctions, and cars people don't want anymore. What we don't use, we sell to a company that recycles the metal, shreds them: Seattle Iron. We make some money doing that, but it's also a good business ethic.

"We also have a repair shop here, European Import, on the side of the building. We hope to eventually move the used-car lot we still have ours on Lake City Way closer to here."

Business is 70 percent re-

tail-private parties who come through the door looking for pieces for their own card-and 30 percent wholesale, Masom said.

Murdakhayev said he offers a 30-day guarantee on all electrical parts and a 30-day guarantee on all mechanical parts.

"We work with X-Ray Auto (a shop that restores vintage Volvos), Swedish Automotive, Daisywagen Foreign Car Service, and All Volvo," Masom said. "Bob Byers' body shop also buys parts from us. We make deliveries, and we ship all over the country.

"Vintage car parts are hit-and-miss," he said. "We still do some of those parts, if I can find one. But most of the cars we have are 1975 forward. Right now, I have a 2006 Volvo S60 sitting in the back."

Former owner van Benthem was a vintage Volvo buff, and the stock reflected that, Monroe said.

"The rear-wheel-drive cars are still the strongest suit," he said. "But we are getting more parts for the series 850, S60, V70 and S70 Volvos."

"We're trying to buy what people are asking us for," Murdakhayev said.

## Advertisers' Trading Post

PSVSA advertisers may sell parts or cars here as part of their annual advertising fee. Send an email to Gail Ritchie ([lakejoygirl@yahoo.com](mailto:lakejoygirl@yahoo.com)) with items and pricing and contact information.

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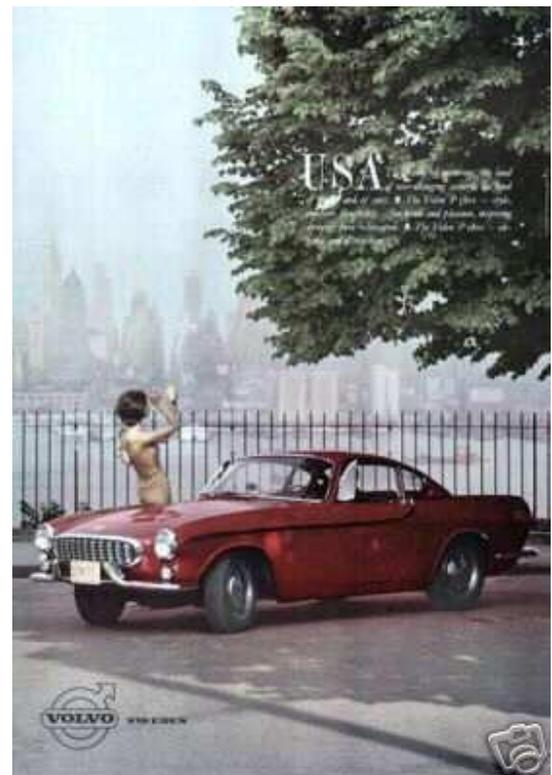
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Members may advertise cars, parts, memorabilia here for free as we do for you on the website. Just send your information and photos to Gail and they will be added here and on the website.

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1973 1800ES in good condition. New paint in 1985, Cinnamon - Dupont Imron. 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](mailto:geo.batt@gte.net).

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Batterman's 1800ES

All of the following are for sale by Gary Ramstad (206/365-6913. Seattle only or pickup. No shipping due to size and weights. Email: [ramsifp@hotmail.com](mailto:ramsifp@hotmail.com).

**240 DL Series Parts**  
1979-1980 240DL front bumper air dam. New/old Volvo stock or NOS. Silver color, with mounting brackets. Never used. Volvo factory part #11285664. Made for '79-'80 242 Volvo GT \$75 OBO.

1978 240 DL Les Schwab studded snow tires on slotted stock 1978 wheels. Size: 185-70X14. Cost \$120 - will sell for \$50. Little used in Seattle.

1978 240DL Stock Volvo slotted wheels. Five 14" wheels for free!

**122S Series Parts**  
1966 122S front grills. One set in good condition \$30.  
1967 122S slotted wheels.

Two stock 5" #668280 Volvo wheels. \$10 each.

1967 122S slotted wheels with two good 165XSR 15 Goodyear tires. \$20 each. 122S and 1800 aftermarket wheels. Made in England, used set of 154"x6" 18 spoke aluminum wheels \$40. Volvo must have front disc brakes to use.

**PV544 Series Parts**  
PV544/122S original made in Sweden vinyl/metal roof rack. Purchased in 1965 from the local Tacoma Volvo dealer and used until 1977, then stored inside for 27 years and cleaned up in 2005. It's only 40 years old and almost new! \$200 OBO.

PV544—complete re-chromed front bumper with guards, over-rider bar and new bolts. \$350.

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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](mailto:grmorris@moody.bc.ca)

### 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!
- 140 hubcaps—4 for \$40
- 140 Volvo radio—1970 \$30
- 140 alternator—35 amp—rebuilt \$45
- 240 complete instrument panel (with clock) in excellent condition \$20
- 240 left front fender for 1985 \$15

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

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## 2006 Event Photos

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### 14th Annual Greenwood Car Show—June 24, 2006



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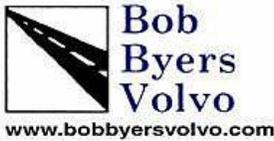
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By Gregg Morris

The Volvo Club of BC is putting on another "Volvos in Osoyoos" weekend event this year from September 15 - 17th. The last 2 events of Sept. 2002 and 2004 were great fun and this will follow a similar format. The registration form for the event is available at [www.psvsa.org](http://www.psvsa.org) or [www.volvoclubofbc.com](http://www.volvoclubofbc.com). Please return the form to me. If you have any questions please email or call Gregg at 604-469-1216.

Here is a brief schedule of the event. On Friday a bright yellow school bus has been reserved to take us on a day of winery tours. Friday evening there will be an informal

(byob) reception at the Holiday Inn, Sunspree Hotel. Saturday morning we will go for a drive to the east of Oroville on the American side of the border, just south of Osoyoos. Saturday early evening we will go to the Silver Sage Winery just north of town and have a car show followed by a banquet at the winery. Sunday Morning a breakfast at the Osoyoos Golf and Country Club and its over.

Accommodations have been arranged at the Holiday Inn right on the lake, and they have given us the same great rate as in 2004. I have reserved a block of 2 bedroom suites for \$89 per night and this is extendable for those

who wish to come early or stay longer. Please reserve now as there is a golf tournament and a large high school reunion in town the same weekend and rooms are already becoming scarce. The cancellation policy is 24 hours. The hotel telephone number is 1-877-786-7773 or 1-250-495-7223 .



## Volvo Sports America 30th Anniversary Party

By Gary Ramstad

This year is when our National Volvo Sports America club, along with all local VSA Chapters will celebrate the 30th Anniversary (1976 - 2006) of our great Volvo club. I hope everyone in our local PSVSA club can attend this event for a fun Sunday and a great Volvo party with the cars we love to restore and drive at the XXX Drive-In in Issaquah. There will be an award for "Best Volvo of Show." I hope to see everyone there and your nice Volvos before this Winter. Thanks VSA Gary. Bring a lunch and chair or you can buy lunch at the drive-in. Gary Ramstad Coordinator for event, 206-365-6913, [ramslfp@hotmail.com](mailto:ramslfp@hotmail.com). RSV PLEAS!



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## PSVSA Event Schedule for 2006

See website or mailed schedule for full details of events.

August 13th (Sun)	Cruise to Crystal Mountain and lunch at the top with a great view Mt. Rainier.
August 27th (Sun)	Cruise to Van Zandt and Larry's Auto in Bellingham.
September 6-8	VSA 30th Anniversary East Coast Meet, Cape May, New Jersey (Volvo Sports America Event)
Sept 15-17	Volvos in Osoyoos, BC (Volvo Club of VC Event)
Sept 24th (Sun)	Annual Volvo Club of BC Picnic
Oct 1 (Sun)	PSVSA/VSA 30th Anniversary party and Mini Concours XXX Drive-In, Issaquah, WA
Oct 15th (Sun)	PSVSA Tailgate Parts Swap and Meet
Nov 1 (Wed)	Volvo GT Club meeting
Dec 6 (Wed)	Volvo GT Club meeting

## Got Ideas? Pass Them Along!

Gary and I are always open to ideas for events, places to cruise to and would appreciate articles or ideas for this newsletter. So don't be shy—pass them along.

- Gail & Gary



Check out our "sister club", the Volvo Club of BC. Consider joining them too or attending this year's annual picnic.

The club publishes a regular and excellent newsletter filled with tech tips and event reviews.

[www.volvoclubofbc.com](http://www.volvoclubofbc.com)