

# B.C.H.R.A. GENERAL MEETING

April 05, 2005

Meeting held at West Langley Hall, 208<sup>th</sup> & 94<sup>th</sup>, Walnut Grove, Langley, B.C.



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Meeting called to order by President Harold Swift at 7:30 pm.

Harold welcomed everyone to our April Meeting.

74 Members and 13 guests were in attendance for a total of 87.

New guests were introduced:

- **Keith Wutke** – sorry, we didn't get your ride
- **Dave Horton** who owns many, many, many Mopars
- **Andy Swanson** who own 1947 Ford P/U
- **Ken Mulker** – sorry we didn't get your ride either!

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. The following points were raised from the minutes:

President **Harold** restated that our objective as a club was to make sure that our guests and new members were welcomed and got to meet many of us at every meeting. Harold also reinforced the need to have one or more members to step up and take over '**The Club Store**' as replacements for **Donna Caravelli**. (We just know that it will take more than one person to fill those shoes and continue the excellent job that Donna has been doing for us all these years.) Thanks Donna for your dedication and hard work. It has been appreciated. We have to find a replacement beginning for the May meeting. So any one interested in making a contribution in this important area, please let your interest be known to any of the executive team.

Harold also mentioned that **Drew de Haan** (Director) has stepped into the position of "Special Order Clothing". Drew will be able to take orders and measurements for club jackets, sweat shirts and other clothing items that are custom orders.

**Gregory Charles** responded by offering to be one of the new sales team members but stated that he could not be at every meeting so it would be necessary to have more than one person on the sales committee. Thanks Gregory for the offer. It has been duly noted.

Motion to accept the minutes: **Fred Unger**; 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Dave Wilson**.

## Committee Reports:

**Treasurer - Keith Biddlecombe**, reported that additional revenue had been deposited and confirmed that all is good with his department. Keith also thanked Drew de Haan for taking over the special order clothing responsibilities. He also reminded us all, that these orders would accumulate and would be sent in every 2 or 3 months as minimum orders are reached.

Keith also clarified the procedures for advertising in the Headliner. He wanted all members to know that he had invoked some changes regarding payments for advertising. As we all know, **Darlene Driedger** has been the editor of the Headliner for some time now and she is the key person to talk to regarding your advertising. All payments for your ads are to go to Darlene and she will be able to issue you a receipt for your payment. If you wish to make payment to BCHRA from your business account for the advertising and also pay your membership dues the same way, we would ask that you issue two cheques, one for the advertising and one for the membership fees. This helps each department to keep accurate individual records. Hey, we all know that Keith's reputation is at stake here so we all have to play by his rules!!!! (Right Keith?)

**Membership** – **Mike Twitchell**, announced that we now have 247 paid up members as of the start of the meeting. This is up 31 members since last month!!! Way to go Mike.

**Newsletter** – **Darlene Driedger**, announced that all is well with the production of the Headliner. Darlene also announced that there was a new "Darlene's Guess Who" photo contest. She did say that this current handsome young "Traffic cop" was present at this meeting so wake up and pay attention, you may be able to get a clue or two by being your usual highly observant self. Oh by the way, if you can't find him in the group picture, he is in the front row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left (for those of you who can't find your reading glasses....again.)

**SVA** – **Cliff Haller** reported that the SVA Annual General Meeting was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ramada Inn in Kelowna. Cliff was pleased to announce that Our past president **Harold Wellinbrink** had attended this meeting and that he would be reporting on this event. Lastly, Cliff was pleased to report that the one and only receipt ever issued by SVA for **Bruce's** dues had been prepared and that he had it at home and available for Bruce as promised at the last meeting.

Harold Wellenbrink next spoke about the AGM of SVA in Kelowna. The first great news that was announced was that **Harold Wellenbrink was elected as the new President of SVA**. Congratulations Harold!!!!

Harold has already taken charge and in his new role, he had divided up the SVA into two parts. One was staying in Victoria to deal with government and lobby the provincial government regarding new legislation concerning issues like fiberglass bodied cars, side marker lights and other key issues like restored to original cars and whether they can have optional wheels if they were available from the dealer at the time of purchase. Or can the original radio be upgraded to more modern technology but still look like the original stock radio and the car still be eligible for the collector plate. Discussions and lobbying must continue on these issues or we will lose the battle.

The second part of SVA would be over here in the lower mainland and would deal with ICBC and Air care issues. Harold will be focusing his efforts over here in these two areas.

**Harold stressed the need for 4 or 5 more people to serve on the executive of SVA**. There is much work to be done and much lobbying to be followed through with in order for all the initiatives that are on the plate now to be completed. The modified collector plate and the years of cars that can apply for the plate are under review. It could be a rolling "40 years old" approach or a specific year cut off. It is imperative that we continue to support SVA and their efforts on our behalf. So please volunteer to get involved and make a difference.

There has been a lot of pressure applied from other large corporations who are lobbying for special rates with ICBC as well as seniors that are asking for reduced rates as well, based on the fact that they only drive a few times a month and very low mileage. The public is becoming more aware of the special rates that modified collector plates get and they want special treatment too!!! So the special work that is being done on our behalf by SVA is critical to our ongoing enjoyment of 'Modified Collector Plates' and special rates. **Without a continued presence and lobbying, we could lose this special category of plates.** Therefore, please talk to **Harold Wellenbrink** and offer to help out whatever way you can. His phone number is **604-574-5457**.

Harold Wellenbrink also mentioned that the next round of lobbying is already being prepared for the up coming Fall Sessions of the provincial government. Once these issues are presented, it usually take 3 to 4 more months before any results are seen. If changes are approved, it would still take well into the spring of 2006 before we saw the results.

Fortunately, for all of us, there are one or two people within ICBC who are also modified car owners who are as interested, as we are, in maintaining the 'Modified Collector Plate' for themselves as well. So we do have some people on the inside who have common interests with us. Harold has emailed some key people offering for them to attend one or two show and shine events to get a first hand look at the vehicles so that they gain a better appreciation of the caliber of vehicles that we have. So lets get active and support Harold and his drive to get this very important job done.

## EVENTS:

**Old Car Sunday – Mission in the Park – Fathers day, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 – Tom Whiffin** reported that he had attended a meeting with the organizers and they are making changes to the lay out of the park this year and how cars will be parked. So for those who will be on the parking team, there will be some up dates a bit later.

**BCHRA Club Dance – Bill Townsend** reported that ticket sales have been brisk and that there were less than 30 tickets left so get busy and make your purchases soon. He also said that he would talk much slower this time to make sure that '**The Secretary**' could get all of his fine words recorded fully and completely this time. (So thanks Bill for your kind consideration).

Bill (William, for those of you who prefer the more formal approach) did announce that there was a "special" happening at the coffee break for tickets on sale. For those who already purchased their tickets, there was a feeling that they acted too quickly. For those of us who had been a bit tardy, there was a noticeable smirk on some faces. Well true to his word, there was indeed a special offer sign posted at the coffee break. Instead of \$20.00 each, you could get two tickets for \$40.00!!!! What a wheeler dealer you are Bill!!

Bill also announced that there were a few loose ends that he needed some help with. The First Need was a request for **12 pairs of used but CLEAN panty hose**. Yes you heard it right. The purpose of these was not disclosed but did cause us all to wonder what to expect. This is a genuine request so please respond to Bill if you are able to help out in any way. The second need was for **12 hoola hoops**. Again no disclosure but if you have one or more kicking around, let Bill know. And lastly, need three, was a request for **4 traffic cones**. Only Bill (and Diane) knows what all of this stuff is for but you can bet on one thing, this dance will be entertaining to

say the least. If you can donate some items for prizes at the dance, Bill needs to hear from you as well.

Oh we almost forgot that Bill needed to find a portable stage to use for the band at the dance. There were some offers made for this item, as well, as for the use of a cube van to transport this, as well, so that appears to be looked after.

Bill also mentioned something about 170 Vintage Car Club Members that wanted tickets for our dance too but I think he was joking....weren't you Bill? Any way, if you can help out with any of Bill's "Needed List" please call "**William**" @ **604-589-3404**. Remember the dance is only a month away.....May 7<sup>th</sup> here at the West Langley Hall. Dress code for this event will be 50's style or come dress as you are (really no difference for some of us).

### **Coffee Break**

#### **Door Prizes:**

Winners were **Chuck Swanson** –McGuire finishing product, **Dave Gillis** – McGuire tire gel.

**50/50 Draw:** Winner of \$187.00 was **Art Lyon**. Art generously donated \$20.00 to the Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Center as well as \$20.00 toward next months donuts. Art you are really are a GREAT guy!!! **Thank you !!**

### **New Business:**

**Henry Tjart** advised the meeting that other clubs had been donating financial support to Lee Harrison the fellow from Mission who produces "The Harrison List of Events" to help him recover some of his cost to do this job.

Henry put forth a motion: BCHRA should also support the Harrison List by way of a \$25.00 donation to Lee Harrison. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Harold Wellenbrink**. Motion Carried.

**Bruce Bensmiller** also addressed the meeting and advised that yet another email scam artist had approached him regarding the purchase of his Ford P/U. Are they really trying to get you Bruce??? Bruce again reminded us all to be especially careful when dealing long distance with unknown people.

### **Annual General Meeting:**

President **Harold Swift** advised that there were no written changes for the club constitution. Therefore, there would be nothing to vote on and that concluded the AGM. For those who want to review the constitution, it is available on our web site.

Our esteemed Web Master **Dale Ducommun** announced that he had become very busy with work (2 jobs) and that he would no longer be able to handle the BCHRA Web site. So effective immediately, Dale has stepped down from his position. We all owe Dale a great debt of gratitude for his past four years contribution to our club and to our award winning web site. So a **HUGE "THANK YOU DALE"** from all of us. **We are proud of our web site!!!**

We are also very happy to announce that we have a new Web Master. He is none other than **Cam Hutchinson**. He will be a few weeks getting all of the data transferred over to his computer before he will be able to get rolling. So you will be able to contact Cam by going onto

the web site and clicking on the web master email icon. (in a couple of weeks) Cam will be pleased to hear from you if you have any ideas that may be useful. We all know that you have some big shoes to fill but we also know that we are fortunate to have a very talented person available to take up where Dale left off. **Thank You Cam.**

President Harold reminds us all that we want to hear from all members who have any ideas for club activities or events. If you want to organize an event or a garage tour, we want to hear from you.

Harold also advised us that he had received a suggestion that we establish a suggestion box. Some members are not comfortable addressing the whole group with ideas or suggestions and it was felt that the answer might be a suggestion box. There was open discussion on this topic and the consensus was that this was not a good idea. It was felt that any one could approach any executive member at a meeting or phone an executive member with their ideas or suggestions. So no suggestion box at this time.

Harold also advised us that he had been approached by the Pacific National Exhibition about putting on a one day BCHRA Show and Shine at this year's PNE. The area would be roped off to protect the cars. They were looking for 40 to 50 cars for this event and that if we were able fill this order, then we would have an exclusive day for our club. This would also be offered to other clubs, as well, for different days of the PNE. There was some discussion and there was a definite interest expressed. Harold will do some follow up for us.

It was asked if there was any type of donation to the club being offered. Harold was also going to look into this further and report back. It was also stated that having our banner out there would be good exposure for the club.

President Harold brought up the topic of having summer club meetings at different remote locations other than here at the Langley Hall. (Save some rent money) There were a few suggestions from the floor and a couple were going to be checked on further. The Burnaby Heritage Village was one from Harold Wellenbrink and another was Dave Poland's place. This was being check out.

Harold advised that he had been forwarded two emails from NAAACCC that would be of general interest to the club members. These emails will be attached to the next one or two 'Headliners' as space is available.

### **Up Coming Events to be Aware of:**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** Maple Ridge Swap Meet

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** Classic & Custom Car Show – Abbotsford Tradex.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** The first outdoor show of the lower mainland at Poppy High School Langley

Keith Briddlcombe asked the membership for any suggestions for garage tours. Please bring your suggestions to any executive member. We will be happy to help out.

Don't forget: Call Harold Wellenbrink 604-574-5457 to help out with SVA and call Bill Townsend 604-589-3404 to help out with the dance NEEDED List.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm. By **Tony Stoter**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Clay Clemas**.

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## Buy and Sell:

**For Sale:** 1970 Oldsmobile 442 Holiday Coupe, W-25, rare car, all numbers matching, needs restoration, lots of NOS and original parts with car, comes with current professional appraisal. \$20,000. Call Gregory Charles @ 604-594-4081.

**For Sale:** 1953 Ford F100, 6 cylinder, 4 speed. Frame off restoration. \$13,500 obo. Call Jordan McRae @ 604-596-4766.

**Wanted:** 15 x 8 or 15 x 10 Ford or Dodge rim. Call Rick @ 604-868-7274 cel.

**Wanted:** NOS 1970 Olds 442 rear quarter panels, Goodmark or good used originals. Call Gregory Charles @ 604-594-4081.

**Wanted:** SBC power steering pump, preferably with pressure hose. Call Henry Tjart @ 604-574-1607.

## National Association of Antique Automobile Clubs of Canada Corporation

A question often asked is, "What do I get for my dues of \$3.00?"

- In 1980, the NAAACCC led the lobby at the federal Government level to do away with duty on vehicles and related parts for vehicles 25 years old and older. The lobby was successful. We have enjoyed this freedom for over 25 years.
- In the early 1990s, the NAAACCC represented a member from Ontario when the government came onto his farm property and crushed 30 of his vehicles. Within one day, we had a restraining order in place, the crushing was halted, and compensation was given to the member for the 30 vehicles that were crushed.
- **In the mid 1990s, the proposed Canadian National Action Plan (CNAP) tried to remove all 1978 and older vehicles from the public highways. This included collector cars and street rods. Mr. Harley Ploughman, an Albertan and president of the NAAACCC, led the lobby that was successful in removing the two proposals of the CNAP relating to this matter.**
- In 2002, the NAAACCC completely revised the National Judging Guidelines. Copies were given to all NAAACCC Directors to be distributed to the member clubs in their province. These Guidelines can be found on the NAAACCC **website:** [www.naaaccc.ca](http://www.naaaccc.ca)
- In 2003-04, the NAAACCC helped the family of a member of the Firebird Club, to receive a fair settlement following the death of their son in a motor vehicle accident. The NAAACCC acted as a liaison between the Insurance Corporation of BC (Department of Motor Vehicles) and the family. After 7 months of negotiation, we were successful in obtaining a satisfactory settlement that was agreeable to both sides. It should be pointed out that no NAAACCC funds were used in these negotiations.
- In 2003, the NAAACCC acted as liaison between a member in BC and the law firm, Bagley, Mullins, Law Group in Seattle, WA. This 5-figure lawsuit would have served no purpose for either party. The NAAACCC helped both sides arrive a mutually agreeable settlement. A letter of appreciation was sent to the NAAACCC by the law firm.

- In 2003, **Mr. Les Schubert** (from Alberta) asked **Al Riise**, Alberta NAAACCC Director, to give him the background to take a vehicle to the Peking to Paris Run. **Mr. Riise** contacted **John Carlson** and asked for the necessary information. John contacted **Mr. Vern Wellburn**, an NAAACCC member, who immediately sent the necessary information, including a 3-page letter and provided contacts to the Royal Automobile Club in Europe, as well as **Mr. R. M. Fowler**, president of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain. All this information was forwarded to **Mr. Riise**. Several days later. **Mr. Schubert** corresponded directly with the NAAACCC to thank us for the help that the NAAACCC provided for him.
- In 2003, **Mr. Derek Long, National President of the Vintage Car Club of Canada**, represented the NAAACCC in dealing with a court case where a member had been charged with driving his pre 50s vehicle without seatbelts. The NAAACCC 'searched' the Department of Motor Vehicle files for the pertinent legislation and helped **Mr. Long** prepare his case that resulted in success for the member.
- In 2003, the NAAACCC completed a Canada-wide survey, which deflected the Federal Governments claim that vintage cars are driven 9,000 miles or more per year. The survey clearly indicated that **vintage cars are driven on average less than 500 miles per year**. In BC, there are approximately 10,000 vintage-plated vehicles. Our survey indicated that less than 800 vehicles were actually insured to be driven on the public highways. This information was confirmed by the BC Department of Motor Vehicles.
- In 2003, the NAAACCC and Collector Car Council of BC were able to change the emission testing procedure and requirements for all vintage vehicles in BC. These vehicles no longer are required to have a Dyno Test; a tail pipe test is now fully acceptable. Further, all pre-1934 vintage vehicles are exempted from emission testing. We are currently working to expand the range of the modified collector plate so that all hot rods and performance vehicles are granted an exemption to a rolling 40 years or 1965. For example, all 1964 and older modified vehicles would fall under this 40 year category. In March 2005, the VCCC, SVABC, NAAACCC, and the Collector Car Council met with **Nigel Mathews**, manager of Specialty Vehicles Licensing and the staff of the Department of Motor Vehicles to pursue these goals.
- In 2004 the following presentations were made on behalf of the NAAACCC:
  - \*VCCC May Tour 2004- Alberta participant, **Bill Gess** received the NAAACCC High Point Award and Best Restoration Award for his 1929 Dodge Roadster.
  - \*Steamworks Concours d'Elegance 2004- **Roland Selby** received the NAAACCC Best Restoration Award for his 1963 Maserati; **Murray Neibel** received the NAAACCC High Point Award for his 7R-AJS Matchless Motorcycle.
  - \*Deuce Days Victoria BC 2004- **Mr. Irvine** received an NAAACCC Award for the 'Most Historic' Hot Rod. He has raced and owned his 1932 Ford 3W Coupe for over 50 years. It should be noted that every Director across Canada has the ability to present High Point Awards on behalf of the NAAACCC at car shows in their province.

**These are just a few examples of the NAAACCC's involvement in your collector car hobby over the past 30 years.**

John Carlson  
 President , NAAACCC  
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**BOARD MEMBERS** : Dennis Duncan; B.C., John Carlson; B.C., Al Riise; Alberta, Ted Lobley; Alberta, Doug Keith; Sk, Tom Woodhouse; Sk., Gordon Forman; Manitoba, Len Langlois; Ontario, Joe MacDougall; Nova Scotia, Bob Ford; Newfoundland, Steve Clements ;New Brunswick, Wilfred Moase; Prince Edward Island , John Mowat; Ontario, Doug Greer; Ontario. (Part 2. Hopefully - in next months Headliner.)

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### **Fifties Dance May 7, 2005.**

Don't forget to buy your tickets from Bill Townsend or Donna Carvelli. \$20 each for a yummy dinner, snacks and hilarious fun, as you jive the night away, in your poodle skirts and saddle shoes (women only, please!) Last year was fabulous and we're looking for a repeat, as we have the great sounds of **'Keith Diamond and the Rockets'** again this year.

Door prizes!! We will have super door, dance and raffle prizes. We want prizes, so if you are able to donate a prize, to make this dance even better, than it is already going to be, then please, please, please donate a prize. Call Bill @ 604-589-3404, or Donna @ 604-530-8555. Also, we need to know how many dinners need to be prepared. Don't be disappointed.

### **The Harrison Event List Correction**

\*\*Please note that the phone number for the 'Boyd Autobody Show & Shine' in Kelowna on June 19<sup>th</sup> should read **250-868-2693** instead of 2593.

\*\*Also that the 'Royal City Show & Shine' in New Westminster, should read **July 23-24** instead of July 16-17.

Thanks Lee Harrison

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A woman walks into a pharmacy and asks the pharmacist for some arsenic. He says, "What do you want with arsenic?" She replies, "I want to kill my husband because he cheated on me with another woman." The pharmacist says, "I can't sell you arsenic so you can kill your husband, lady. Not even if he is cheating on you with another woman." So she reaches into her pocket and pulls out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife. The pharmacist says "Oh, I didn't realize you had a prescription."

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Have you been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't be that old?"

I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his

DDS diploma, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name, had been in my classroom some 40 odd years ago. Could he be the same guy, I had a secret crush on, way back then?? Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This ,balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face, was way too old to have been my classmate. Hmmmm, or could he? After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School .“Yes, yes, I did. I’m a Mustang,” he gleamed with pride. “When did you graduate?” I asked. He answered, “In 1959, why do you ask?” ”You were in my class!” I explained. He looked at me closely, then that ugly, old, wrinkled sob asked, “What did you teach?”

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