



Our BCHRA Club Auction will be held December 6 at West Langley Comm. Hall @ 6:30. Please, bring items for auction, to support the Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Center. Bring a non-perishable item for your admission. Bring a friend. **Request forms (for donation) are on the bchra website**

BCHRA General Meeting November 1, 2005

Meeting held at West Langley Hall, 208th St. & 94th Ave., Langley B.C.

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

Harold welcomed everyone to our November Meeting.

65 Members and 10 guests were in attendance for a total of 75.

President Harold welcomed newly approved members:

- **Gerry Hegelund** – who has many many Chevys!!!
 - **Paul MacDonald** – who also has many many Chevys!!!
- and the Chevy Guys win this month!!!!

We had three new guests out to our November meeting:

- **Rick Dylbx , Harvey Funk & Daren Kampf**

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted .

Business out of the minutes:

President Harold presented **Rolly Cole** with a “Thank You” plaque from **BCHRA** for the **Threshers Museum Association**, as a token of appreciation for welcoming our members out on the Mystery Cruise, set up by Rolly and his team, this summer.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer - Keith Biddlecombe reported that additional revenue had been deposited and confirmed that all is good with his department.

Membership – Mike Twitchell announced that we now have 283 paid up members as of the start of the meeting.

Newsletter – Darlene Driedger announced that all is well with the production of the Headliner. Dar also mentioned that there were only a few guesses so far on the “Guess who is in the picture contest.”

SVA – Harold Wellenbrink reported that they had several meetings over the past months with the Solicitor General, Air Care and ICBC executive and they had rewarding progress on a number of issues. There is consideration to expand the collector and modified collector plate from 1948 up on a year by year basis. They are willing to review the inclusion of concept body or fiberglass body cars. They are also willing to look at the possibility of allowing certain upgrades such as newer brakes on original collector cars for safety reasons. They are also looking at the possibility of insuring out of province “not assembled “ cars. Air care is also looking at the current testing standards which are different for pre 1993 and post 1993 vintage. There is a need to unify these standards as well as to examine the needed frequency of testing.

The SVA was expecting written conformation on several of these very important issues in the weeks to come. They are optimistic that many of the recommended changes could make it into legislation by next summer. **Harold** advised us that these last meetings have been the most successful so far and that they were very optimistic about future sessions. As you can see, this new executive of SVA has been very effective with their personal efforts and commitment on our behalf. **Thank You Harold** and your fellow committee members for all of your personal efforts in this very important area. Remember your \$10.00 membership dues are greatly appreciated to help fund the costs of all these efforts!! Please renew as soon as possible. Thank you all.

Cam Hutchins our web Master reported that he has been a bit behind on the additions to the website but will be up to date soon. Cam will be attending the next **BCHRA** Executive meeting to discuss several ideas concerning the web site.

Jim Greenwood our new chairperson for the 50th anniversary committee spoke about the organizational meeting that was held mid October. Jim was very pleased with the turnout at this meeting as well as the number of volunteers for all areas of responsibilities. They are actively searching for optional venues to hold this function. It is expected that there could be between 500 & 1000 people attend this event. We will need a large dining room for a sit down dinner, adequate parking for members, as well as space for a show and shine display.

Jim posed a question regarding the possibility of opening up the celebration to out side hot rodders and car enthusiasts other than present and past **BCHRA** members. More on this later.

There was discussion as to what month would be best to hold the celebration. Those in attendance seemed to favor the month of June but this is still open for further discussion and investigation. Jim is open to input from all members on this topic or any other ideas that you would like to put forth to the committee. He has also asked that we all send in names and addresses of people that should be invited as they are currently compiling a computerized list of addresses and email addresses etc. for the mailing list.

Jim also suggested that we all give thought to who or which companies could be approached to help sponsor this great event. The committee wants to compile a list of these suggestions as well. We were also advised that the **BCHRA** web site will be expanded to facilitate a section dedicated the ongoing progress of the planning committee for this **50th** anniversary celebration event. The support for this event has been fantastic already. Jim can be contacted at his email address:

jim@greenwoodrealty.com

Ken Dosen spoke about the ‘**Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneers Society**’ and their new year book that is now out and available for a price of \$15.00 This is a great Year Book that is full of great history regarding our hobby and the legends of the past. Need an idea for a great Christmas present?????? Call Ken Dosen or Jim Greenwood. They can help you get a copy or more if you want.

Coffee Break

50/50 Draw:

The McGuire Wax donated by **Bodo** was won by **Randy MacKinnon**.

The second draw for a copy of the **Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneers Society Year Book** donated by **Greg Weller** was won by **Rick Dyble**.

Winner of \$139.50 was **Ken Botten** who generously donated \$20.00 back to the club for donuts and coffee. Thank you Ken for your contribution.

New Business:

President Harold put forth a motion that **BCHRA** provide the new **50th Anniversary Planning Committee** with \$1000.00 advance of funds as a loan to the committee to help with initial costs. It is agreed that this is a loan and that these funds would be repaid to the club treasury when sponsors funds and ticket sales proceeds were collected. There was a vote and the motion was passed. A cheque will be provided to the committee treasurer **Henry Tjart**.

Abbotsford Tradex Show & Auction: **Clay Clemas** reported that the show was a great success and that there were many **BCHRA** members rides on display. Many awards were won by our members and the coveted “Peoples Choice Award” went to **Charlotte & Bunny Jeboult** for Charlotte’s ’40 Ford Convertible. Congratulations to all of our club members for representing **BCHRA** in such fine style!!!

PNE Show: The PNE had provided Great looking certificates of appreciation for all club members for displaying their fine rides at this year’s PNE. There was a very positive response by the public to our club display and we have been invited back again next year.

Harold Wellenbrink has been a very busy guy these past few months and weeks. He reported that there will be a \$90,000,000.00 Auto Museum built next to the Tacoma Dome. It will be 6 stories below ground and 6 stories above ground. Harold also reported that there will be a new NASCAR facility and track coming soon to the Pacific North West. He also told us about the old Langley Speedway at 200th street and 16th Avenue. There was a group planning a revival of this track. With any luck, it may be reopening!!

Also, the ‘Cloverdale Businessmen’s Association’ wants to sponsor a “Route 99” B.C. to Bakersfield California event to co-ordinate with a Bakersfield’s planned event. This will be similar to the “Route 66” Chicago to Santa Monica, California. Harold asked for a show of hands from members present, as to who would be interested in participating in an initial cruise from the US border to Cloverdale, to be a part of this event. There would need to be 40 to 60 rides out for this event. Harold will report more on this in the future.

DECEMBER MEETING: NOTE THIS WILL BE OUR ANNUAL AUCTION. You and all of your friends and neighbors are welcome to attend. This is an open meeting. The sole purpose is to raise money for our charity of choice THE VALLEY EQUESTRIAN THERAPUTIC SOCIETY. Last year we raised \$9100.00 FOR THEM and we want to top that amount this year. Please help out

by bringing donations of items, solicit items for auction and bring them all to the December meeting. WE ALL NEED TO GET BEHIND THIS EVENT TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!!!!

**** REMEMBER, This meeting will begin at 6:30 so PLEASE bring your items earlier so they can be displayed for the 6:30 start. Also, PLEASE bring your contribution of non-perishable food items for the food Bank as admittance !!!!**

Publishing our membership list:

This subject was discussed at length. **Mike Twitchell** our membership chairman spoke to our members about the "Privacy Act of B.C." and that it was the club's responsibility to protect this information under the laws of B.C. As you are aware, it has been the practice of the club in past years to publish a list of all members names and phone numbers only, once a year. Some suggestions were put forth to modify this practice as many members who travel from one event to another would like to be able to call other club members when they are in their area. Unfortunately, without at least the name of the town where members live included on this annual publication, it is impossible to know who lives where.

Bob put a motion forth: The membership list published this year to include the name, phone number and city of residence and that the renewal application be modified to include a question to each member as to whether they want their name, phone number, and city included on this new list. Based on this response, they either will be included or not on the next publication. The vote was 47 in favor of the motion and 3 against. Motion carried.

Members: We learned that **Keith Warren** was going in for back surgery. We wish him a full and quick recovery.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30

Buy and Sell

For Sale: 1)1970 GM pickup 12 bolt rear end, 390 posi, like new, was in '55-59 GM pickup. \$250. 2)1936 Dodge cab pickup doors, descent, no other parts. \$300. 3)1931 Chev panel 1/2 ton basket case, rust free, glass fenders, never modified, very rare. \$3500. Call Roly Cole @ 604-702-0680

For Sale: Hot rod books – Rod & Custom – Rod Action – Street Rodder 70's to 90's (a few 60's) plus numerous others. Prefer to sell all together – open to offers. Call Bob Humphries @ 604 530-1913.

For Sale: Rebuilt 350 GMC swap for 4 or 5 speed GM with bellhousing, clutch assembly.\$1200. Call Neil Smith @ 604-576-6750 or 604 323-3162.

For Sale: 2 – 1932 front fenders (glass). \$400. 2 – rebuilt 1965-early 66, 289 cylinder heads. \$250. Call Cliff Tate @ 604-574-2023.

For Sale: 1978 Chev.truck short box only, in descent shape. Call Pat Russell @ 604-809-9985.

For Sale: 1998 Grand Prix GTP, super charged, etc. Must be seen. Call Jim Mason @ 604-888-3765 or 604-808-3356.

For Sale: 1963 Rambler Classic 660, 6 cylinder, 4 door, automatic, no rust or damage. \$950. Call Ken @ 604-377-5889.

Wanted: Caddy style reproduction air cleaner. Call Barry Watson @ 604-467-0123 or kruzer50@hotmail.com

Wanted: 1939-46 GM cab and doors, must be good, top dollar paid, no junk please. Call Roly Cole @ 604-702-0680.

On the October 1st. 2005 weekend I was fortunate enough to take in the 14th annual '**California Hot Rod' Reunion** presented by the **N.H.R.A.** at one of the most famous race tracks of all time, the **Bakersfield's Famoso** drag strip. Designed to honor Hot Rods and Drag Racings from the past. It was all that and much more.

Several hundred vintage racecars and old timer type hot rods, together with over 5000 fans filled the facility to enjoy the hot, sunny California climate. On this seventh journey to this event I was able to see local racer **Dwayne Grossart** from Chilliwack compete in the AA/Gasser class. Also on hand was native Albertan **Dale Armstrong** who was the event Grand Marshal. Having been a successful drag racer, **Dale** is likely best known for tuning Kenny Bernstein's top fueler to the first 300 mph pass ever.

The events highlight though had to be Saturday nights enormous **Cacklefest** which involved nearly fifty nostalgia dragsters, all push started down the road and lining the quarter mile racing surface. Quite the site !!

Rolf Norberg

August 2005 'Albany Traffic Jam' Car Show

We left for Albany on August 11th and traveled to Sequim. Stayed over night at 7 Cedars Casino. We were up early to travel the Coast Highway along the Washington Coast. Stopped at several great old markets and café's with old cars and GREAT people. It was very foggy and cool so we drove through to Astoria Oregon and stayed in a friend's back yard with the deer and a river at our sides.

Attended 'Astoria Water Front Days Festival and Car Show' and received a trophy for the upholstery for our 1953. We had a GREAT day!. Stayed over in Warrington, Oregon and then rode along the Oregon coast (in the fog) to Newport. We then decided to travel inland to Albany. Temperatures went from 65 degrees to 100 in 50 miles. Arrived in Albany and set up at the RV park – still 100 degrees!! We were joined by Jerry and Donna Carvelli to go for supper at the Red Lobster.

The car show started on the Wednesday evening, with a small show downtown sponsored by a local music store. About 20-30 cars attended. We met a lot of Great people!!

Thursday did some shopping and tried to figure out all the one-way roads. In the evening there was a car show in Shed (a small area south of Albany). One store, one drive-in restaurant, and a fire department. The car show had about 75 GREAT cars. They supplied a very nice dinner, then back to camp for the night.

Friday at 7 am they started the actual Car Show in the GI Joe parking lot. They had a Great turnout.

Saturday was the main show with 600-700 cars attending. They were all well grouped with classes all parked together. There were some Hot Rods that had been Riddler award runners-

up down to Rat Rods, Customs, Lowriders. Classes for all and lots of awards. We received a 'Mild Custom' award and Jerry and Donna 'Stock Muscle Car' award.

We left for home on the Sunday morning. Hitting every REST STOP on the way. We had great weather and traveled with great friends.

We would suggest anyone wanting a different show to try this one !!

Bob and Darlene Whitwick

News from the Rock

Hello to the BCHRA. Well we've finally got settled, and getting to know our way around. It didn't take too long to find a Show & Shine, second weekend we were here. It was held in the downtown area of Nanaimo, near the Bastion, covering several blocks of old buildings, the courthouse, churches and overlooking the beautiful Nanaimo harbour. What a great place to show off a bunch of great looking street rods! This was the first time they held a show downtown, and it was a huge success. There are events almost every weekend from Victoria to Campbell River and every town in between.

During the show downtown, I met a guy named Bob Nairne, who told me he built my truck in Campbell River several years ago, and had pictures taken during the construction. He gave me about fifty pictures and they now are framed on my garage walls, along with several others taken over the last few decades. I was invited to lunch with "The Smokin' Oldies", a club with no president, no meetings, no dues, just informal stuff like garage tours, email newsletters, some events and charity work. They also had a great BBQ to wrap up the season. Some of the rides that showed up were a Prowler, an SSR pickup, '33 Ford coupe, flatty powered, a '39 Ford sedan, a beautiful '47 Ford sedan, and the sweetest '28 "A" sedan delivery! All of them show quality! I'll send pictures from coming events.

Also ran into a long time BCHRA member Al Dewey, driving a neat little '37 Ford coupe. Another former Shifters/BCHRA member living in Nanaimo is Skip Marsh, who drives a very low and chopped '48 Chev pickup. Skip builds street rod pickups, mostly Chevs, and is now working on a early Chev COE pickup. Well that's about all the news from the "Rock", but will keep in touch

From the land of NO AIR CARE, Jack Schmidt

Ole decided to buy Lena a new car for her birthday. They shopped and shopped. Finally, Lena found one she liked. But before signing the papers, Lena looked at the car one more time. Suddenly, she bristled and walked away, saying she didn't want the car. She wouldn't even talk about it.

On the way home, Ole said, "Vell, Lena, I tot yew liked dat car. Vat changed yer mind about it? "Ole, I yust don't vant any car vit XL on it," Lena answered. "It's bad enuff having dat on my undervear."

CRUISIN' 2005

The 2005 car season started with some mods to the 38. It actually started in December 2004 when I pulled the front axle out (it has an I beam) and sent it to Marty at Mor-Drop Axle in Oakland, CA to drop it. I shipped the axle down in the middle of December and still had not heard from Marty by mid Feb. so I was starting to panic!! To make matters worse, we decided to change the front seat from the original bench to buckets. We took them to the upholsterer in March and didn't get them back until the middle of May. The axle finally came back in March and I was quite satisfied with it getting a full 2 ½" drop.

Our first trip was to the **Blossom Run** in Summerland. (We missed Poppy due to no set). We had a good trip to Summerland and also took in the **Peachland Show & Shine** on Sunday. After that we went to a number of local Show and Shines.

The next trip was a week and a half holiday in Parksville on Vancouver Island. It started with the **Coombs Roadster Blast from the Past Show and Shine** on Saturday of the long weekend in August. In the evening there was an excellent cruise starting from the A & W in Parksville through RV lots, residential areas, out to Qualicum Beach and back to the A & W. This cruise route is published in local newspapers and is a big attraction to hundreds of residents who line the streets. Sunday was **Summer Dreamin' XVI** put on by the **Ocean Idlers** from Parksville. This event was a 800 plus car show. Monday was the **Nautical Days/Filberg Festival Show & Shine** in Comox.

On August 21 we went to the **BCHRA** mystery cruise to Chilliwack.

Late in August we were up to Quesnel for the **Gold Pan Steak Out**, put on by the **Prospectors Car Club** of Quesnel.

The next Show was the **Cruise In** in Langley. I was fortunate enough to get a picture of my car on the front page of the Langley Advance with my daughter showing off her "flamed" fingernails across the hood of the car, nails painted the same color as our car – this is Linda's involvement with the **Cruise-In**.

Our next trip was to Cranbrook and then on to the **Columbia Valley Show 'n Shine** in Radium Hot Springs on Sept. 17. We holidayed for about a week and a half before returning home. On the night of **Wings and Wheels** for the **Cruise-in**, we met two fellows and their wives from Saskatoon for the weekend and then a week later we saw them again in Radium on their way home.

This year we've put on approximately 7500km. We find the long distance trips to be great to meet new people and see new cars. Through our travels we met numerous BCHRA members at the events.

Hopefully next year will be another great year for cruisin'.

Bob Humphrey

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