

BCHRA General Meeting October 4, 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 October Meeting.

75 Members and 13 guests were in attendance for a total of 88.

President Harold welcomed the following guests that were introduced: **Paul, Clair & Tiffany MacDonald, Gerry & Lynda Hegelund, and Daren Kampf.**

New Members:

President Harold was pleased to welcome and introduce the following new members:

Tom Bories – '34 2dr ford, '35 ford & '37 Banto

Ralph Norberg – '66 El Camino & a stable full of other rides

Barb Bensmiller – '48 Chevy

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Errors were noted : The correct amount of the last donation to the Langley Equestrian Therapeutic Center was \$1800.00 and the dates of the Central Valley Swap meet and the Cloverdale Old Car Jamboree were September not October. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected by **Bob Brown** and 2nd by **Lois Wilson**.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer - Keith Biddlecombe reported that all is good with his department.

Membership – **Mike Twitchell** announced that we now have 281 paid up members as of the start of the meeting. He also noted that as compared to this time last year to date we only had 265 paid members. It was also noted that **Barb Bensmiller** had joined as “new member number 500”. As a guest at our meetings for several years and contributing to each meeting, as a volunteer it is

great to see **Barb** now among the official registered members. We are thinking that this has something to do with a certain Big Block Chevy that is nearing completion....”Look out Bruce, I think we have a wild one here!!!”

Newsletter – **Darlene Driedger** announced that all is well with the production of the Headliner.

SVA – **Cliff Haller** reported that Harold Wellenbrink was away “cruising” and that the previously announced meetings with ICBC went well and the meeting with Air Care also happened as scheduled. The results of these meetings are not yet ready to be announced.

Cliff also noted that any ideas or suggestions for future meetings should be forwarded to **Harold Wellenbrink**. **Their new address for SVA is now Box 24237 – 17790 - #10 Highway, Surrey, B.C. V3S 8C4.**

Cliff also noted that there was much more work to be done by SVA and their negotiations with ICBC and Air Care and their strength comes from the membership that they represent. Annual membership dues is coming up again and it is only \$10.00 a year. **Lets all get behind this effort on YOUR BEHALF and join or renew your membership!!!**

Webmaster – **Cam Hutchins** reported that he had been to an insane amount of shows over the past few weeks. Too many to give details on but he did encourage all members to email him information and pictures to him, on any events that you have attended. He will attempt to get it all up on our web site for all to see. **Cam** also mentioned that he had produced a form, for us to use, for the details of the event you are reporting on so that it is easier for him to process the details. Cam also had, out for viewing, some great wide angle pictures from the ride display at our last **BCHRA** BBQ meeting. These were very well done and you can get a copy from Cam if you want one. **Cam Thanks !!**

President Harold announced that the new supply of tee shirts and club hats were now in inventory so see **Bruce Bensmiller** and get yours now.

Business arising from the Minutes:

50th Anniversary Planning: **President Harold** advised that there were many great volunteers who had signed up already. There was a lot of brain storming going on as well. **All those who had signed up and any who wish to get involved can come to a special meeting with the executive on October 18th. This meeting is to be held at the ABC Restaurant at 15373 Fraser Highway at 6:30 PM. This is an organizational meeting to begin the planning process. Please feel free to join in and get your ideas out on the table...this is your chance to get involved and make a contribution to this very special event. OCT 18, 6:30 PM, ABC Restaurant, 15373 Fraser Hwy, Langley.**

Coffee Break

50/50 Draw:

The McGuire Wax donated by **Bodo** was won by **Mel Scott**.

Winner of \$166.00 was won by **Garry Marshall** who generously donated \$45.00 back to the club for the coffee fund. Thank You Garry for your contribution.

New Business:

President Harold reported on the Langley Good Times Cruise In and announced that all of the proceeds from this huge event go to charities in the Langley area. There was an estimated 100,000 people out to this event and they had a record number of rides on display. Harold has been involved with the committee for several years now and advised that there is a full time 8 member committee that meet all year round planning the next years event and they are backed up by 200 volunteers. We also were advised that **Ron Miller** was the winner of the 50/50 draw at this event and that he generously donated back to the charity fund \$200.00 of his winnings. **Ron**, that was a generous gesture!!

Ken Dosen reported on the **Burn Run** – it was a great success and that \$5000.00 had been raised in donations for the Burn Camp.

Chuck Gardner reported on the **Crown Victoria Club** and their North West Show in Victoria and his “Best sedan “ award.

At the Old Car Jamboree in Aldergrove, **Pete Graw** won ‘Best Hard Top’ and **Gordy Koropchuk** ‘Best Street Rod’ & **Linda Koropchuck** won hardware for her ‘Chevy’ as well as for ‘Best 50’s costume’. **Harold Swift** won ‘Best Open Street Rod’.

Cam Hutchins reported on many events that he attended and in particular was very impressed with the **Ocean Park Ford** event. Mark this one for next year.

Rolf Norberg (new member last month) reported on the **California Hot Rod Reunion in Bakersfield** it was an awesome show and the races were spectacular!

Cliff Haller related a great summary of the many happenings while on his 3000 mile trip with his Monarch Woodie Station Wagon where he ended up in a show in Arizona. At that show he won 976 points out of a possible 1000 and got ‘Presidents Choice Award’ plus an award for traveling the farthest to the show.

Keith Biddlecombe was at the **Snohomish Show** and captured First for ‘60’s Custom’.

So Congrats to all of our winners!! It has been a very good year for BCHRA members and we are proud of you all. I apologize if I missed any one.

Don't miss the **Abbotsford Tradex** indoor show October 15 & 16th. Several BCHRA rides will be there!!

Members report:

John Moore is now home from the hospital and is on the mend.

Rick Campbell has been in for cancer treatment.

Jim de Vries is recovering nicely from his heart attack.

We did not have an update on **Frank Kish's** wife but 'Best Wishes' for a speedy recovery.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm by **Terry Biggs** and 2nd by **Tony Stoter** .

Buy & Sell

For Sale: 1) 1997 Ford Ranger XL, 3.0, V6, 5 speed, 149,000 km, air cared, standard

cab, Silver color, plus canopy and roof racks. Very good truck, had since

new. \$7,475;

2) Antique collectable gas pumps, really nicely restored. Please call for

more details Call Joe Petit (after 6:00) @ 604-583-5959.

For Sale: 1) 1929 Model A Roadster p/u, great body, fair box and tailgate, windshield,

posts, grill, shell, glass fenders included. BC registration, no chassis. \$9500.

2) 1976 13' Boler trailer, SS hardware, clean interior, 900 lbs. \$3500.

Call Dan Maxwell @ 604-590-2448.

For Sale: 1934 Chev running gear complete, brakes, shocks, springs etc. Rebuilt engine

\$1200 in shop receipts, 17" wire wheels, BF Goodrich wide whites, less than

10% worn. \$4000 obo. Call around 10 am 604-931-5199.

For Sale: 1941 Ford convertible street rod, 350/700R/9" air ride. Call Henry Tjart for

more info.@ 604-802-3351.

For Sale: Oct 14 2005:

305 IROC Camaro TPI motor complete with wiring harness but no computer compression is 110 to 125 on all cylinders. \$1000.00 Call Dave at 250-768-3862 or email roberts_dave@telus.net

For Sale: Oct 14 2005:

375 hp 350 only 500 miles complete from pan to intake. All the good stuff inside and all the pretty stuff outside. Also short shaft turbo 350 stage 2 shift kit only 500 miles as well. Contact Doug Yazlovasky at 604-816-6575 or e-mail at yazzer@telus.net \$4,500.00 for both or \$3,800 for motor \$700 for tranny. Correction on the e-mail- yazzer@telus.com

Wanted: Looking for someone to rebuild my 1968, 302, Ford engine. Call Joe Petit @ 604-583-5959.

Wanted: Powerglide transmission for 1965 Chev. Impala, 327/350. Call Bob Anderson @ 604-274-1058.

Silicone Wiper Blades Do Better Job

Wiper blades are items that get little attention—unless they’re hindering your vision.

At one time, natural rubber was the only choice for wiper blades. While it could do an acceptable job of cleaning the windshield, rubber wears and rots, limiting its lifespan.

The use of more sophisticated materials has improved both the durability and performance of wiper blades. PIAA Corp., which makes a variety of automotive products, makes use of material such as graphite and silicone to improve the performance of its windshield wipers. Another firm, Specialty Silicone Products, offers a complete line of windshield wipers featuring a patented silicone-rubber blade coated with a durable non-stick coating.

PIAA calls its blades super silicone and super graphite. The silicone blades come with a packet of silicone treatment that is applied to the windshield before the wipers are used.

The silicone blades, available with either a flat black or carbon-fibre finish, are curved to fit the aerodynamic windshields found on many of today’s vehicles. The company says the wiping action of the silicone blades makes the windshield water-repellent, so the water beads up. That, in turn, makes the task of wiping the windshield easier, allowing the blades to keep it clear. In Addition, PIA says the silicone blades have a super-smooth glide that eliminates annoying and inefficient chattering.

During a test of blades, it was found they did a better job clearing the windshield than other blades, previously used. That's a welcome and desirable result when you're confronted with sloppy winter driving conditions that require constant wiping and frequent use of windshield washers.

PIAA says the silicone blades are resistant to heat, ozone, and ultraviolet light. Speciality Silicone Products offers a five year, unconditional guarantee on the wiper blades, called SilBlade and Ultra SilBlade. The SilBlade wipers are available in a variety of colours and are inserted in heavy-duty galvanized black metal frames.

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Fifteen things it took me to learn in 50 years

1. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
2. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be "meeting."
3. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
4. People who want to share their religion views with you, almost never want you to share yours with them.
5. You should not confuse your career with your life.
6. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
7. Never lick a steak knife.
8. The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.
9. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight savings time.
10. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests that you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
11. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age eleven.
12. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside we all believe that we are above average drivers.
13. A person, who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person. (This is very important. Pay attention. It never fails.)
14. Your friend loves you anyway.

15. Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the ark. A

large group of professionals built the Titanic.

Final thought: Men are like a fine wine. They start out as grapes, and it's up to women to stomp the crap out of them until they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with.

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10 Best Car Repair Tools of All Time

There are only 10 things in this world you need to fix any car, any place, any time.

1. **Duct Tape:** Not just a tool, a veritable Swiss Army knife in stickum and plastic. It's safety wire, body material, radiator hose, upholstery, insulation, tow rope, and more - in an easy to carry package. Sure, there's prejudice surrounding duct tape in professional competitions, but in the real world, everything from LeMans-winning Porsches to Atlas rockets and attack-helicopters use it by the yard. The only thing that can get you out of more scrapes is a quarter and a phone booth.

2. **Vice Grips:** Equally adept as a wrench, hammer, pliers, baling wire twister, breaker-off of frozen bolts and wiggle-it-til-it-falls-off tool. The heavy artillery of your tool box, vice grips are the only tool designed expressly to fix things screwed up beyond repair.

3. **Spray Lubricants:** A considerably cheaper alternative to new doors, alternator, and other squeaky items. Slicker than pig phlegm, repeated soakings will allow the main hull bolts of the Andrea Doria to be removed by hand. Strangely enough, an integral part of these sprays is the infamous Little Red Tube that flies out of the nozzle if you look at it cross eyed (one of the 10 worst tools of all time).

4. **Margarine Tubs with Clear Lids:** If you spend all your time under the hood looking for a frendle pin that caromed off the pental valve when you knocked both off the air cleaner, it's because you eat butter. Real mechanics consume pounds of tasteless vegetable oil replicas just so they can use the empty tubs for parts containers afterward. (Some of course chuck the butter-colored goo altogether or use it to repack wheel bearings.) Unlike air cleaners and radiator lips, margarine tubs aren't connected by a time/space wormhole to the Parallel Universe of Lost Frendle Pins.

5. **Big Rock at the Side of the Road:** Block up a tire. Smack corroded battery terminals. Pound out a dent. Bop noisy know-it-all types on the noodle. Scientists have yet to develop a hammer that packs the raw banging power of granite or limestone. This is the only tool with which a "Made in Malaysia" emblem is not synonymous with the user being maimed.

6. **Plastic Zip Ties:** After 20 years of lashing down stray hose and wiring with old bread ties, some genius brought a slightly slicked-up version to the auto parts market. Fifteen zip ties can transform a hulking mass of amateur-quality wiring from a working model of the Brazilian Rain Forest into something remotely resembling a wiring harness. Of course it works both ways. When buying a used car, subtract \$100 for each zip tie you

find under the hood.

7. Ridiculously Large Craftsman Screwdriver: Let's admit it. There's nothing better for prying, chiseling, lifting, breaking, splitting or mutilating than a huge flatbladed screwdriver, particularly when welded with gusto and a big hammer. This is also the tool of choice for all oil filters so insanely located that they can only be removed by driving a stake in one side and out the other. If you break the screwdriver -- and you will just like Dad and your shop teacher said -- who cares, it has a lifetime guarantee.

8. Baling Wire: Commonly known as MG muffler brackets, baling wire holds anything that's too hot for tape or ties. Like duct tape, it's not recommended for NASCAR contenders, since it works so well you'll never need to replace it with the right thing again. Baling wire is a sentimental favorite in some circles, particularly with the Pinto, Gremlin, and Rambler set.

9. Bonking Stick: This monstrous tuning fork with devilish pointy ends is technically known as a tie-rod separator, but how often do you separate tie-rod ends? Once every decade if you're lucky. Other than medieval combat, its real use is the all-purpose application of undue force, not unlike that of the huge flat-bladed screwdriver. Nature doesn't know the bent metal panel or frozen exhaust pipe that can stand up to a good bonking stick. (Can also be use to separate tie-rod ends in a pinch, of course, but does a lousy job of it).

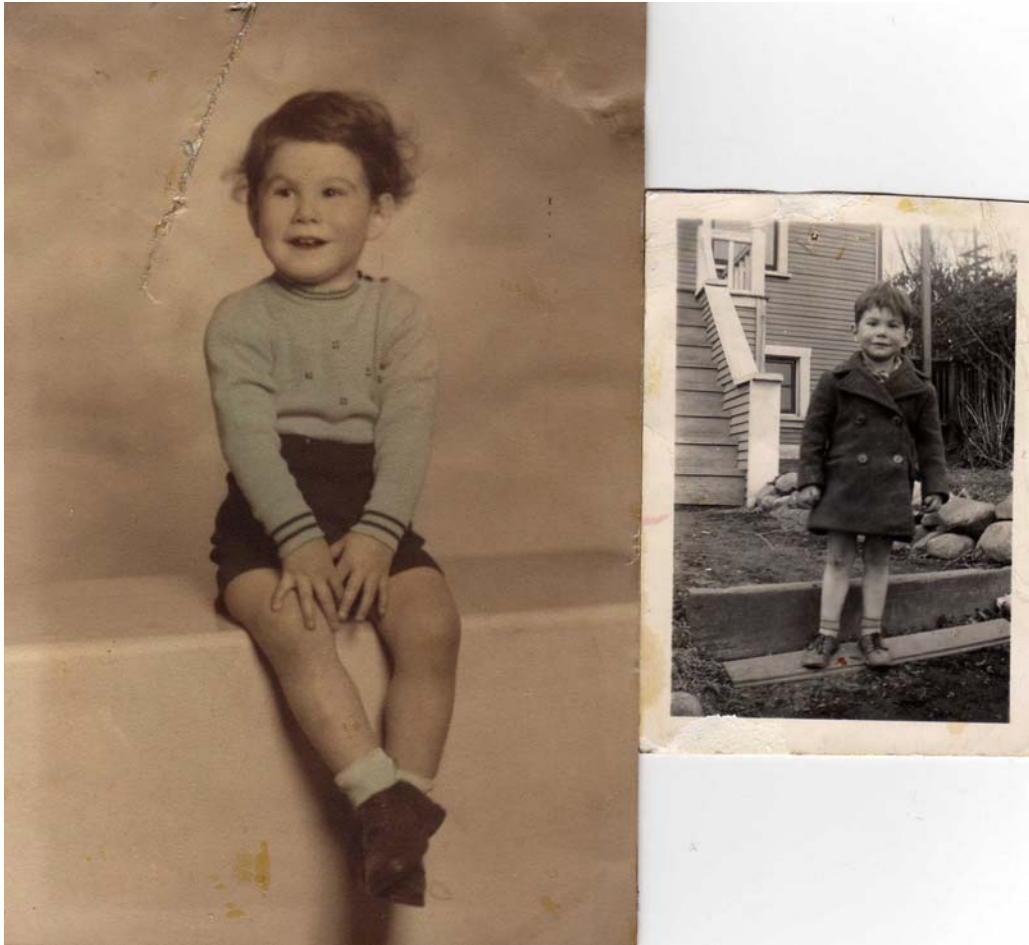
10. A Quarter and a Phone Booth: See tip #1 above.

*** If it won't go - force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway... ***

Darlene's Guess Who

Can anyone tell me who this young handsome boy is ??

Call me @ 604-530-8043 with the correct answer...



This is an article written for the Province by our very own BCHRA webmaster Cam Hutchins. Featuring our BCHRA Club cars, on the front, Linda Koropchuk's '55 who won the 'Kevin Falcon MLA's Choice'. An array of trophies were won by the club.

Custom cars jam Cloverdale for jamboree

COUNTRY FESTIVAL: Perfect way to end outdoor show season

BY CAM HUTCHINS
SPECIAL TO THE PROVINCE

As part of the 9th annual Country Festival in Cloverdale, the Old Car Jamboree and its night cruise is the perfect way to wind down the outdoor car-show season.

Last Friday night's "Cruisin' the 99" featured more than 80 cars winding their way through downtown Cloverdale and on to a route that took them to the Fraser Downs Racetrack Casino via the Pacific Highway, Fraser Highway and King George Highway.

Before the cruise, the cars assembled at the Clover Square Village Mall where more than 170 regis-

tered cars from all over B.C., Washington and Oregon showed their stuff.

The variety of cars was impressive as all types of cars were present. Linda Koropchuk's 50-year-old Chevy convertible won the Kevin Falcon MLA's Choice award.

Ric Robinson's 66 Chevy II is an "L-79 Clone."

The Corvette 327-powered car was typical of the type of car available in the '60s strictly for racing. "Buy on Friday, race on Sunday."

Jim and LaDonna from Gig Harbor, Wash., brought their 1970 Yenko Deuce. This ultra rare Nova is believed to be one of 75 or so left. Murray Zimmerman showed his



Linda Koropchuk's Chevy convertible won the Kevin Falcon MLA's Choice award. CAM HUTCHINS — FOR THE PROVINCE

1934 Oldsmobile four-door sedan with its 350-cubic-inch motor with dual quads. This car is may be the only one on the road today.

Bob and Lorraine Allen displayed their 1940 Ford, which has a flamed paint job that is stunning and hard to walk past. Power comes from a 350-h.p. 350 Chev small-block V8.

Bill Smithe brought his Shelby GT-350. An odometer reading of more than 400,000 miles (643,730 kilometres) puts it in a class of its own.

Jim Mason's '33 Ford Tudor has a small-block Chevy with a Jag independent rear end and has seen the fast end of a dragstrip with times of mid-12s at almost 110 m.p.h. (175

km). The 1946 Studebaker truck, owned by Ken Neufeld is rare and rad at the same time. The custom frame is needed to handle the power from the blown dual quad Chevy big block.

The red '33 Ford Roadster with a blue roof, driven by Harold Swift, sure stood out from the crowd.

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